

Gormley Neighborhood Notes

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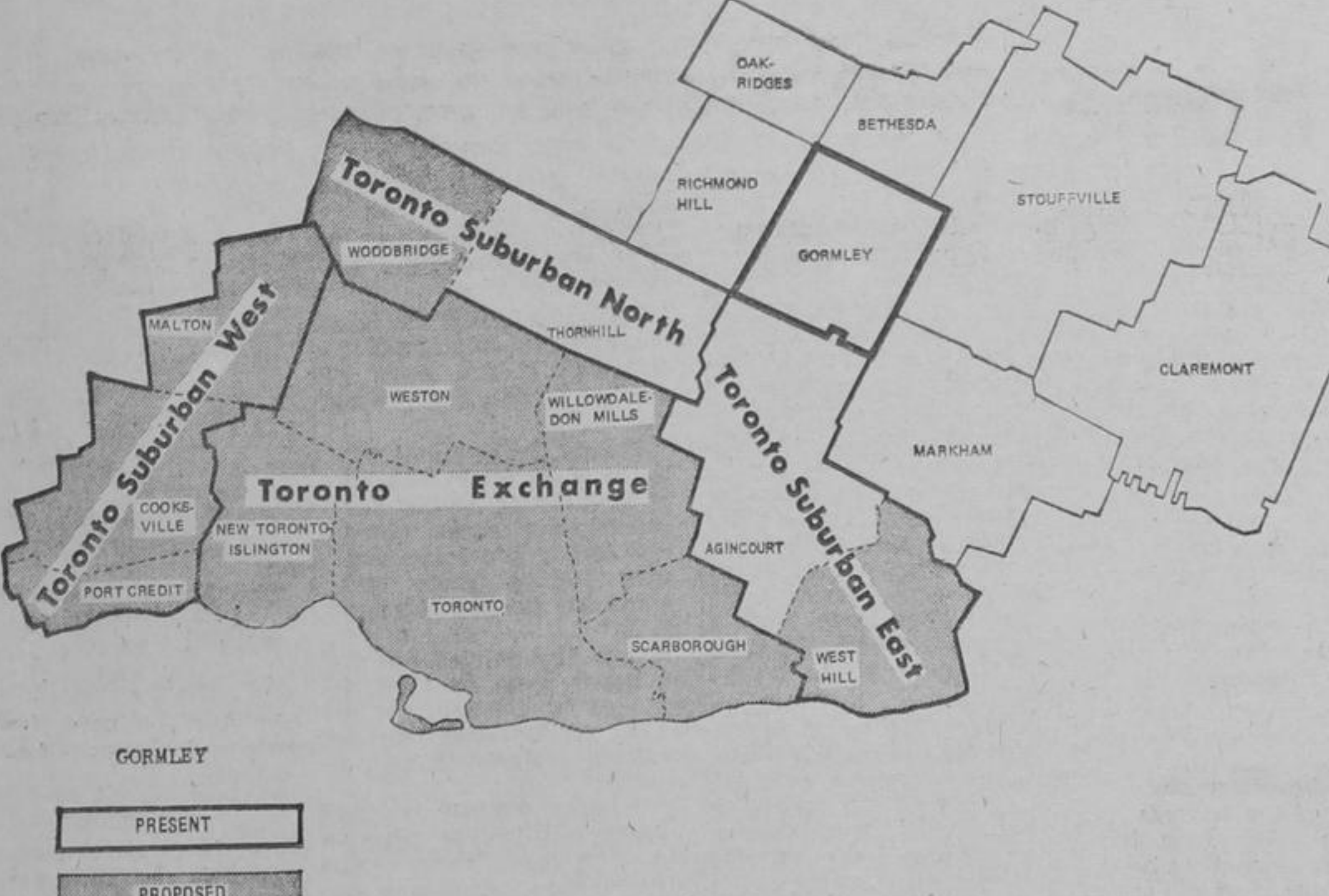
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Allan's Shell Station was broken into Thursday night at 12:30 pm. The four youths, escapees from a training school, driving a stolen car, were captured at the gas station by Whitchurch Township Police, assisted by Markham Township Police. They were caught because of the silent burglar alarm installed in the garage. Mrs. Joseph Wideman was involved in a car accident Monday morning of last week at the corner of Concession 7 and the townline, suffering a broken wrist, a bad shaking-up and other injuries. She spent the past week in York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Walter Hill and family in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Nancy Evans in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. Funeral service was held at Heise Hill Church. Mr. and Mrs. John Hall of Hagersville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heise on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Heise spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Emma Winger of Ridge-way. Miss Shirley Heise went with them to resume her studies at Niagara Christian College, Fort Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Brilling and family spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver of Cobocok and then enjoyed New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brilling. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Sibley and family of Scarborough had New Year's dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sibley and Mrs. Ross Brilling and boys. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brilling and Shirley were guests of their aunt, Mrs. Catherine Elliott of Richmond Hill on New Year's Day.

Miss Edna Haberneh of Toronto was a weekend guest of Miss Vera Brilling. Mrs. Robert Kunz and family spent the holiday season with her parents in Florida. Excellent Recovery A number of people have been inquiring about my niece, Heather Christlaw — she is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christlaw, (formerly Ruth Gooding of Gormley) of Blind River. Tom teaches in the high school there and Ruth in the public school. On December 16, the day of Heather's very critical kidney surgery, Blind River United Church, where the family are active members, remained open all day for the people to come in and pray, and the Roman Catholic Church held a special mass. Heather is only the third person to undergo this operation at Toronto's Wellesley Hospital and the other two lived only a few days after surgery. Although still very weak, Heather was allowed to leave the hospital and spend this past weekend with her aunt in Toronto. She is now on the waiting list for a kidney transplant which will be performed either at Toronto General or Toronto Western Hospitals. Heather is very optimistic about the future and her plans to resume her studies at the University of Toronto. The doctors say that Heather's optimism and determination have had a great deal to do with her excellent progress thus far in this new field of kidney discoveries. Tragic Fire On Saturday, November 29, your correspondent along with the other Gooding brothers and sisters was a guest at the wedding of my nephew, Larry Winger and Miss Linda Costante, at Albert Street United Church in Oshawa. Just six weeks later, January 10, we stood sadly watching all of Larry's hopes and possessions smoldering in the ruins of their farmhouse near Lindsay. Larry, his brother Vernon of Newmarket and Jim Doble had left a house about 10 am to go hunting on the farm. Larry, looking back, saw smoke coming out of the upstairs windows. All three rushed back, gone less than 15 minutes, to find it impossible to re-enter the house. They broke a downstairs window through which Larry gained entrance. However, he was forcefully thrown back through the window by some combustion force, from his unsuccessful search. His companions finally forced him away from the scene and admitted him at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. He had suffered some burns, but the extreme state of shock was much worse. The body of his bride of six weeks was located among the ruins that afternoon. Deepest sympathy is expressed to Larry, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Winger, both formerly of Gormley, and the Wingers' sons, of Newmarket. Larry's car and Vernon's truck were both destroyed, in addition to clothing, all the gifts and other possessions — everything lay in ashes! Larry was discharged from hospital at noon on Sunday. Funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon from the Armstrong Funeral Home in Oshawa. Sorry to have so much personal family news this week — but our family does seem to have had much more than their share of tragedy in the past few years. Church News Dr. Alvin Kelly, now practicing in Brampton, but born and raised in Gormley, eldest son of Mrs. Marian Kelly, spoke Sunday evening at Heise Hill Church. Dr. and Mrs. Kelly have just returned from spending six weeks in a hospital in Ibadan, Nigeria under the Good Shepherd Medical Team. He gave a very interesting account of the time spent there. Heise Hill senior women's sewing circle met all day Tuesday at the home of Misses Adeline and Mary Reaman. The junior ladies' sewing circle will meet Thursday evening (tonight) at the home of Miss Ruth Wideman. The WMS of the Missionary Church will meet at 8 pm Thursday (tonight) at the home of Mrs. Ron Elliott. On Sunday evening, January

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No Extension Gormley Bell Exchange This Year

Telephone subscribers in the Gormley exchange (887) will not have their calling area extended this year. In a recent letter to Markham Township Reeve Stewart Rumble and council, Bell Canada explained that a plan to expand service in the Greater Toronto Area, which would have involved an increase in rates to subscribers, was turned down by the Canadian Transport Commission in Ottawa. The submission presented to the CTC in September would have increased local calling so that all telephone users in Metro and many nearby communities would be able to call each other without long distance charges. For Gormley customers it would have extended local calling between exchanges in Woodbridge, Malton, Cooksville, Port Credit, New Toronto-Islington, Toronto, Scarborough, West Hill, Weston and Willowdale-Don Mills. Bell Canada is now reviewing its original proposal and has asked Markham Township Council to express its views on extending the local service. In a press release, a company spokesman states, "We are now studying several alternatives to see if we can arrive at a plan that will ultimately provide customers with the services they obviously want, and at the same time be acceptable to the commission." It is expected the studies will take several months to complete before the company re-submits its new proposal to the CTC.

Buttonville Community Happenings

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Another year. Another decade. May we remember that placing one's hand in the hand of God is "better than a light, and safer than the known way".
Neighborhood Notes
 There was a fair amount of illness around the neighborhood as the New Year was rung in. At the Adam Brown home both Ad and Alice were laid low by the 'flu bug, and the Buttonville post office was being managed by Mrs. Lent. On Friday morning, January 9, Mrs. Russell Boyington was hostess to the Buttonville Branch of YCHA for their first meeting of 1970. Miss Dell Stephenson is recovering from a bad fall at a Toronto department store recently. She failed to see a low display platform in the television department and tripped at the edge. Her mouth was badly cut and she was severely shaken. Friends were happy to see Mrs. Jean Cook in the neighborhood last week, when she was here on a visit with her brother and sister-in-law, Milt and Mary Sherman, Mrs. Cook is presently living in her old hometown, Owen Sound. Mrs. Morrison Sellar of Brantford was a guest at the home of her brother and sister, Jack and Mary Rodick in Markham during the holiday season. Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer spent a happy holiday with their family. Mr. Palmer is making good progress following his recent surgery. It was an exciting time at the Joe Robinson farm this season with wedding plans in the air. On Christmas Eve there was a dinner party for friends and relatives; on Christmas Day another party with relatives, and New Year's was spent with relatives in Brampton. Bill Robinson and his fiancée, Lynda Holman of Willowdale plan a Valentine's Day wedding, and on Saturday night the junior farms held a skidoo party and shower in their honor, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, RR4, Stouffville. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Boyington entertained friends and relatives on New Year's Day, including Dr. and Mrs. George Kelly of Buttonville, and Dr. and Mrs. George Kelly Jr., Scott and Susan of Newmarket. At the Edgar Fuller home there was a family party.

Study Of Regional Planning Time Wasted Says Pickering Councillor

The majority of ratepayers in Pickering Township feel they have been sold down the river by the Department of Municipal Affairs according to a recent public statement made by Pickering Councillor John Kruger. Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough has repeatedly said he would listen to the wishes of the people in regard to regional government. Mr. Kruger pointed out, and in order to determine the wishes of the local people, Pickering held a plebiscite at the time of municipal elections early in December. The result was that an overwhelming 90 percent of the ratepayers in urban sections of the township stated they wished to become part of Metro, rejecting any form of regional government that would tie them in with the Oshawa area. Less than a month later, on December 26, Mr. McKeough announced that the province will not consider expansion of Metro beyond its present boundaries, with the possible exception of the West Rouge section of Pickering Township. As representative of the West Rouge area, Mr. Kruger is pleased for his constituents, but as a councillor for the township, he considers this a gross breach of faith with the electorate. The plebiscite, he declares, was an exercise in futility, "no more than an academic exercise in clerical skill." "To be ignored is one thing," says Mr. Kruger, "but to be told you will be listened to and then ignored makes a mockery of democratic involvement." Pickering Township, he said, was prepared to spend \$1 million of taxpayers' money on a study to determine, among other things, where the boundaries for regional government should be drawn. It appears, however, that the recommendations of such a study would be ignored unless they happened to agree with conclusions already drawn by the minister. In his public statement Mr. Kruger states, "In these cir-

Asks County To Assume Concession 9 Markham

Markham Town Council has passed a resolution requesting the County of York to assume Concession 9 (between Steeles Avenue and the Bloomingdale Sideroad) and include its reconstruction in their 1970 estimates. It was agreed by all council members, that the existing system of arterial roads was of little use to the people of Markham, and that the reconstruction of Concession 9 would benefit not only the town but also the Village of Stouffville in alleviating traffic problems. It was pointed out that the town's share of the county roads' budget during the past three years was \$346,823.00 but there are no county roads in or near enough to Markham to be of any benefit. The councils of Whitchurch and Markham Townships and the Village of Stouffville will be asked to support the recommendation.

Seek 27% Wage Increase Conciliation Bd. To Rule Markham Contract Dispute Later This Month

A conciliation board was to be established last week to settle a wage dispute between Markham Township and the new union local formed by employees last year. Local 1219, Canadian Union of Public Employees, was certified in Markham last May. It has 23 members. The township and the union local have been unsuccessfully negotiating for their first contract since the certification. A provincial conciliation officer failed to settle the dispute in December and the Department of Labor authorized establishment of a conciliation board January 6. The case is not expected to be heard until late January or February. A union spokesman said salaries, union security and sick leave were among the main issues in the dispute. The union is seeking pay increases which average close to 27%. It maintains that such an increase is required to bring township rates to the level of

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