



Wins Extra \$24

Mrs. Freda Bourke, 2 Gram Street, Maple, has had an extra \$24 to spend this month because she cashed her family allowance cheque in a store at Richmond Heights Centre during September. Mrs. Bourke's entry was drawn at the end of the month, and she received from the centre's merchants' association a cheque for three times the amount of \$8.

In the above photo she is seen receiving her cheque from Les Crouch of the Seafood Corner in the Mall.

You may be the lucky winner in October, if you follow Mrs. Bourke's example. It's simple. All you have to do is cash your baby bonus cheque in a member store at Richmond Heights Centre, fill out the entry form and deposit it in the container provided. It could be well worth your while.



Queen's Park Report

William Hodgson M.L.A.
York North

Announce Tax Relief For Farmers, Pensioners, Property Owners

The October 5 regional elections witnessed the end of a very exciting few weeks in York County with the advent of many new faces to the political arena and the disappearance of some, who over the years, have contributed greatly to the progress of our county.

To those who have left, I wish every success in their new endeavors, and to those who have taken on the responsible positions in leadership of our region, I offer my sincerest congratulations and wish them every success in the new government structure of the Region of York.

HIGHWAY 400

Widening of Highway 400 to six lanes from Metro to Crown Hill has been announced by

Highways Minister George Gomme. He reports pre-engineering work is underway in preparation for reconstruction of the 52 miles.

He said that studies have shown that adding an additional traffic lane on both sides — using the existing median and separating traffic by a median barrier is the most efficient and economical way to handle the increased traffic on this super-highway.

Mr. Gomme stated he hoped to call the first contract early next year with completion in about two years' time.

HIGHWAY 11

Tenders for clearing, grubbing and fencing on Yonge Street, from Aurora to the south junction of Highway 11B,

a total of 5 miles, will be called immediately.

SESSION RECONVENES

The third session of the 28th Legislature resumed October 6 after a summer recess. On that day Premier John Roberts announced the government's intent to provide financial assistance to pensioners, farmers, property taxpayers and municipalities.

The Premier said the government had three principal objectives:

(a) To reduce the burden and regressive nature of the real property tax.

(b) To broaden the base of the real property tax.

(c) To ensure that the burden of local taxation is reasonable when combined with the total taxes being carried by the taxpayer.

He also declared the objective to strengthen the machinery of local government and to provide greater budgeting autonomy to municipalities.

PENSIONERS

Supplementary tax relief will be made available to all eligible residents of Ontario who receive the federal government income supplement. The first payment will be in the hands of the elderly by the end of this year.

All recipients of the federal income supplement will receive a basic \$50 to apply to their taxes, whether they live in

their own home or in a single room. Where both husband and wife receive the income supplement, the maximum payment of \$100 will be made automatically. If only one is eligible for the income supplement he or she may claim an additional payment of up to \$50. A single person may also receive additional benefit if his property tax liability exceeds \$50.

FARMERS

Before the end of this year the government will make a direct payment to all owners of land assessed for farming, preceding

equal to 25% of their 1970 property taxes.

Owners of less than 11 acres must have a gross income of \$2,000 from farming to be eligible.

Since it is difficult, if not impossible, to distinguish between a farmer and a speculator, the tax reduction will be paid on all land while it is being farmed. However, should the land cease to qualify as farmland, the province will require payment, with interest, of all tax reductions granted on the property for the 10 years preceding.

While the tax relief for farmers will be by cheque this year, in the future the reduction will be made at the time the tax bills are issued.

YORK and PEEL

It was also revealed that next year the government will present York and Peel Councils with suggestions on how they can achieve a more equitable tax system. Meantime, reassessment of all properties will be continued in other parts of the province. But in those of other areas, reassessment will not be reflected in the tax bills until the government is satisfied

that the new system to be developed in York and Peel is working and is suitable for application across Canada.

ISLAND LAKE — A \$100 reward has been posted by Norman Goodhead, owner of an estate home north of here in Whitechurch Township for information leading to the arrest of persons who stole two copper gatepost lanterns, September 30. They are valued at \$300. Mr. Goodhead is a former reeve of the Township of North York and owner of a sanitary landfill in Vaughan Township until the government is satisfied

POTTERY CLASSES

Response to last week's registration was so terrific we are having to put on an extra evening class.

ONLY 8 VACANCIES LEFT

JANE ROBERTS STUDIOS

8385 DON MILLS ROAD
½ Block South of Hwy. 7, East Side
(Opposite P. J. Drive-In)
PHONE 499-1861

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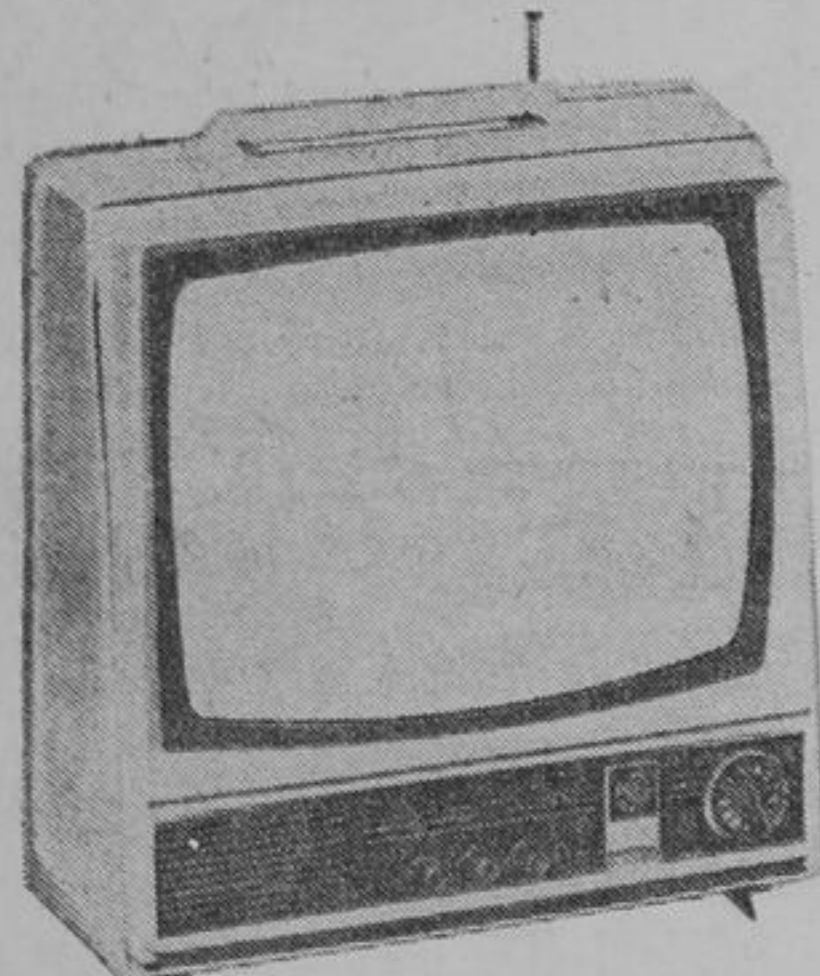
To all those who helped me in my campaign, and to all who gave me their votes, I offer my heartfelt thanks. We lost, but only by a few votes, and so I promise to run for re-election next term. With a little more effort we can win and continue with work that will benefit the ward and the town.

Eric George
Councillor Ward 1

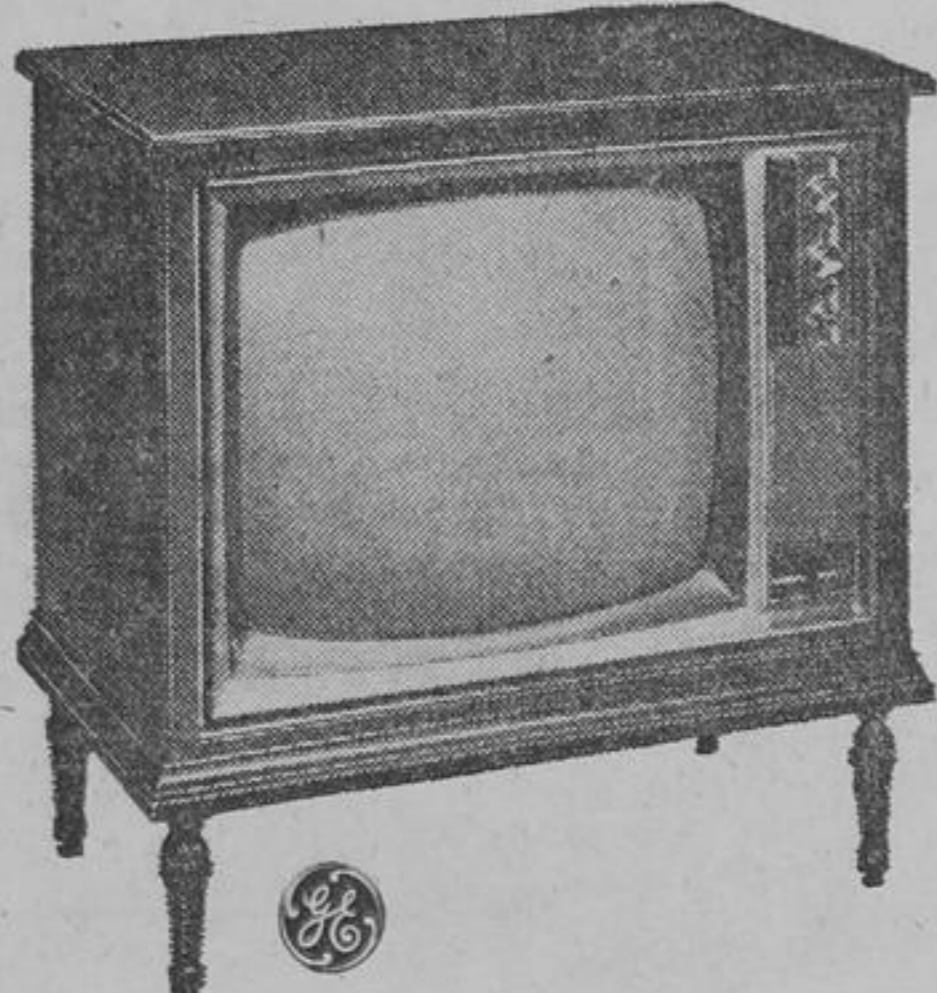


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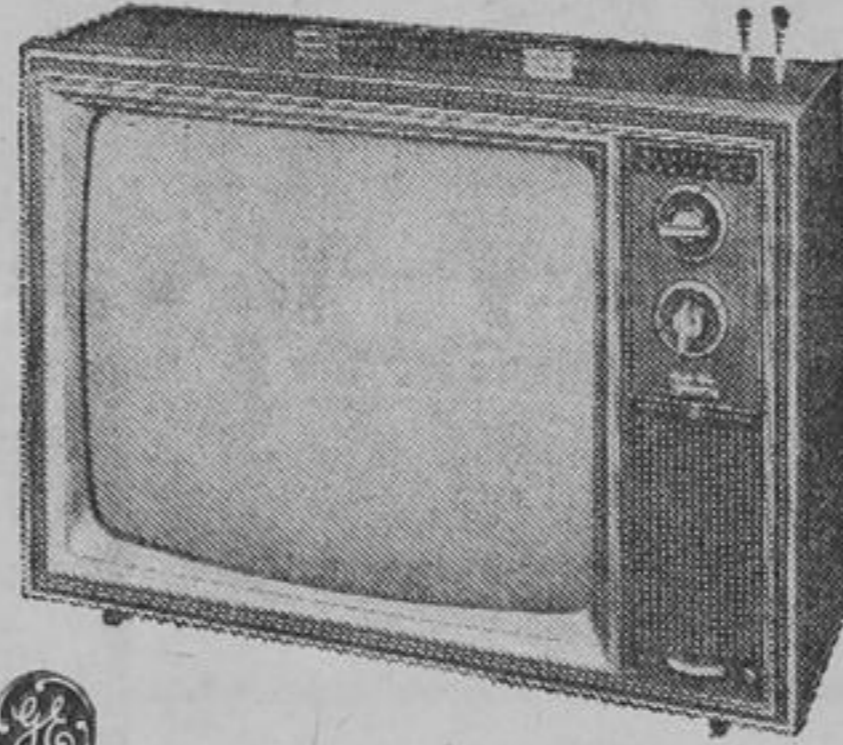
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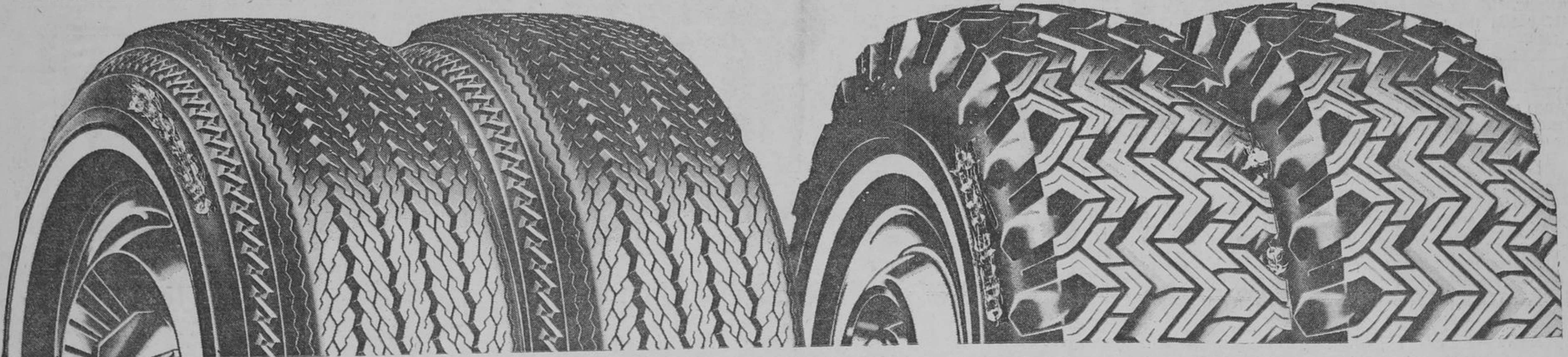
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