

INQUEST: Ask Stricter Safety Enforcement Maple Gravel Pit Following Death

A coroner's jury has recommended that the slope of a Maple gravel pit be reduced to assure safer working conditions in the wake of the August 12 death in a cave-in of 22-year-old engineering student Donald Lorne Scott of RR 1, King City.

Scott was employed as a summertime front-end loader operator at the large pit owned by Pinewood Aggregates Limited on the east side of Keele Street about a mile north of Maple.

The inquest held October 20 at the Vaughan Township Municipal Office also saw the jury comprising four men and a woman, recommend "That stricter enforcement of safety rules be observed in the operation of the front-end loaders working in the pit."

Official time of Scott's death was listed as 9:12 am on August 12. He died of suffocation as the result of being buried in gravel which cascaded down on him around 8:15 am of the same morning.

Frantic digging operations by would-be rescuers failed to uncover his body until about 9:10 am and at 9:12 he was pronounced dead by Dr. Bernard Granton at the scene.

Coroner Dr. Granton told the

coroner's jury that the sand — described as fairly wet by Vaughan Township Police Constable Brian Thurston — would have smothered the victim in less than five minutes.

"He would have had to be freed within about two minutes or any assistance would have been futile even if an inhalator had been used," stated Dr. Granton.

Evidence revealed that the incident occurred in an area of the pit being worked on by the deceased in one front-end loader and William McDonald, 38, of Orangeville, in another.

Mr. McDonald testified that Scott had gotten off his loader and had approached McDonald's loader.

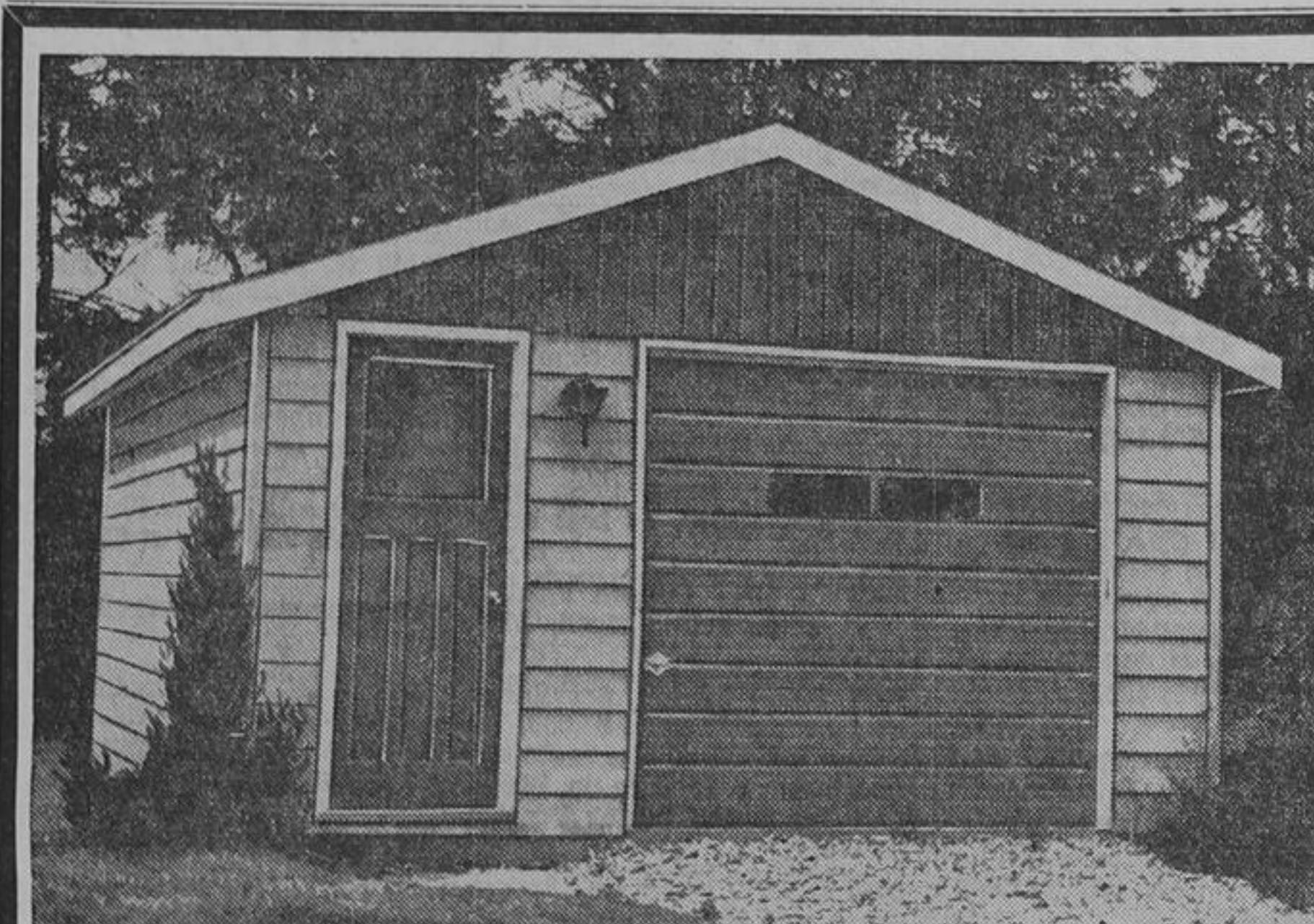
"He walked over to my loader and stood between the bank and my machine. I guess he wanted to talk to me. Just then part of the bank came down burying him to his waist. There was no warning."

"He told me not to move the machine but before I could do anything another load came down and buried him completely. He was pinned against my machine."

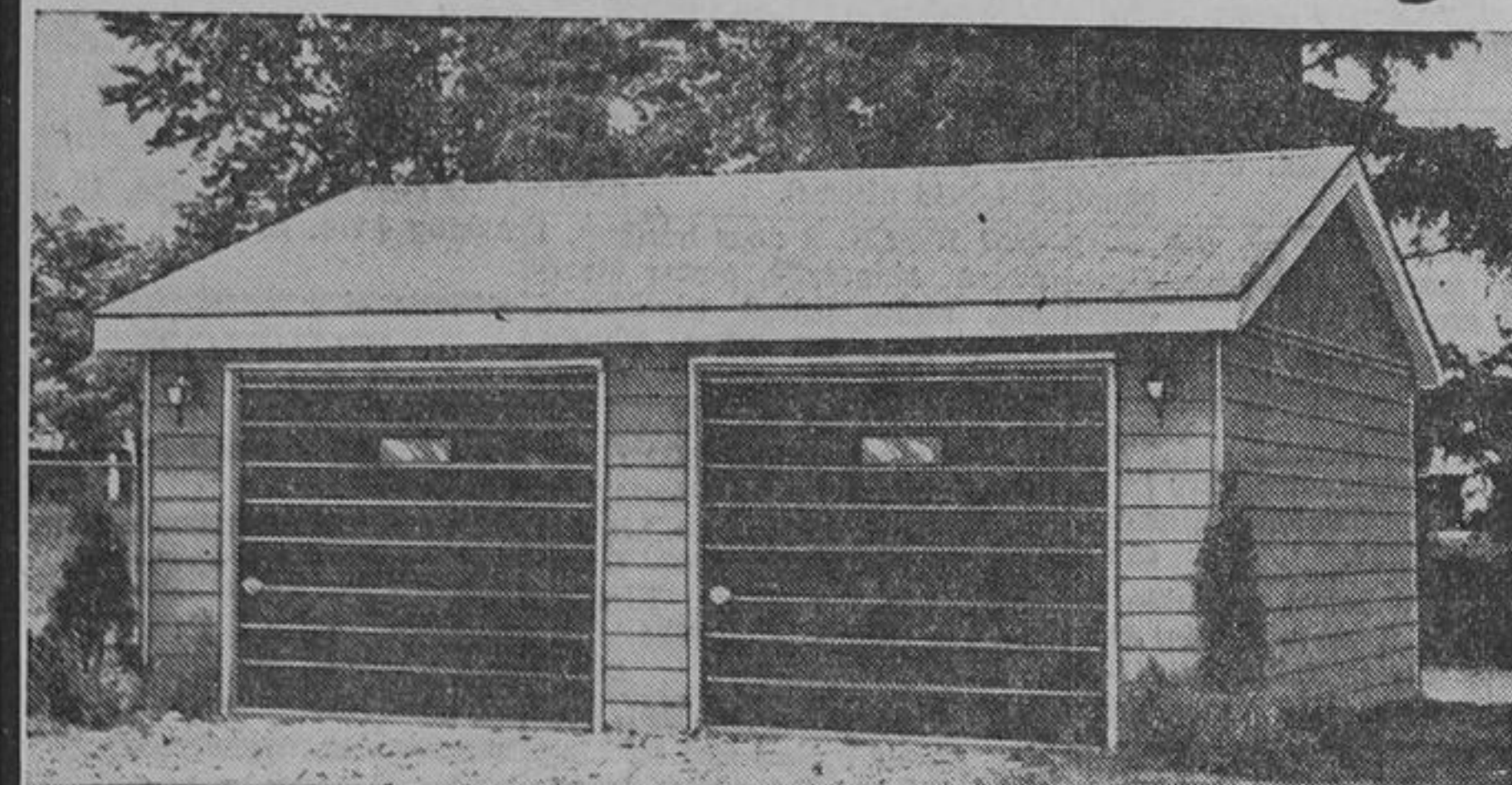
Mr. McDonald then described his initial attempts to unearth

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Meet The Councillor

Eligible voters of Richmond Hill Ward 5 (north of the Gamble Sideroad) are reminded of a meeting to be held at St. John's Parish Hall, Yonge Street North at the Jefferson Sideroad November 3 at 8 pm by Councillor-Elect Stewart Bell.

Mr. Bell hopes to see a large number of the public of this ward at the meeting, so he can gain a wider view of the needs of residents and priorities for formulating plans for the future of the area.

It is hoped that William Hodgson, M.L.A. York North; Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe and York County Board of Education Trustee Bob Houghton will be present.

It is interesting to note that the new ward line runs straight along the Gamble Sideroad. The provincial riding boundary follows the King - Vaughan - Whitchurch - Markham Townline and the federal riding boundary follows the Gamble east to Yonge Street and then north to the Markham-Whitchurch Townline and continues eastward along that road.

Community Club

Owing to the above announced meeting the monthly meeting of Jefferson Community and Recreational Association has been changed to November 2 at Jefferson School, at which time Stephen Newroth, director of "Daybreak", home for the mentally retarded on Yonge Street, will address the meeting on the work carried out there and at the Vanier Institute of L'Arche in France. Two films, one on each location, will be shown. The meeting will commence at 7:45 pm sharp. It is hoped there will be a good turnout to hear from these new neighbors.

The following week, November 10, at 7:45 pm at Jefferson School, the community club will hold a euchre and bridge night.

Church News

Services at St. John's Anglican Church Sunday will be celebration of Holy Communion at 8 am and The Litany at 10:30 am. There will also be a fire-side at 7:30 pm at St. Mark's Chapel, Oak Ridges.

Please note the change in service time (from 10 to 10:30 am). It is intended to keep this hour throughout the year in future.

A letter has been received from Captain Ray Taylor, Church Army, thanking St. John's congregation for the produce received from the Harvest Home Service in September.

Congratulations are extended to David and Liz Beadle, RR 2, Gormley, on the birth of a daughter, Christine Anne; and to Bob and Jean Doig of Aurora on the birth of a daughter, Jeannette Christine.

Several members of the parish are intending to travel through Southwestern Ontario on a two-day tour which will include the Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary on Lake Erie, November 9 and 10. The full itinerary is posted on the church notice board and further details can be obtained from Jean Lomas (884-2000). The tour is offered by Travelways of Canada and will cost \$26.50 (excluding meals).

A large number of the parish have attended the Bardsley Mission over the past 10 days. Tuesday a group of men who work in the city met for supper and then went on to the mission. Wednesday the choir attended. A pot luck supper was held Sunday afternoon prior to going down to the mission.

The committee appointed to arrange celebrations to mark the 125th anniversary of St. John's Church was scheduled to meet October 27 for its first meeting.

FLIGHT LINE 778

By LAC Walter Schmidt

Cadets Receive Promotions, Awards

Last Thursday 778 Squadron held its second annual parent and son night. The parents enjoyed a delicious meal served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 375.

After the meal came the moment almost all cadets had been awaiting — the awards and promotions. Captain Victor Vierin congratulated the cadets and handed out the promotions.

Frank Jedlicek is the new warrant officer second class. Wayne Good and Brian Snowdon were promoted to flight sergeant; Jim Francis, Gerry Topham and Wayne Neilsson to sergeant; Brian Dament, Ron Lipka and Walter Schmidt to corporal.

Jim Francis' 778's first cadet to attend a flying scholarship course, received his wings. He did all his work in London.

During the summer camp in Trenton, several cadets were on

NORTH MALL NEWS

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WHERE'S THE PANT-IN

See Ad on Page 10

Motel Decision For The Hill

An application for rezoning to permit construction of a 30-unit motel on Street North was turned down at the October 19 meeting of Vaughan Township Council.

The land, owned by Superior Sodding Company, is located on the west side of Yonge, north of Brookside Drive and the Hall Service Station and opposite the Royal True Blue and Orange Home.

The present zoning is for rural residential use and the requested zoning was C2 — highway commercial uses which cater solely to the needs of the travelling and vacationing public, including service stations, public garages, motels and restaurants.

Council based its decision not to approve the application to rezone on the fact that after January 1 the area will be in the Town of Richmond Hill. "It's a decision for Richmond Hill to make," stated Councillor David Fraser. This action has been recommended by the township's planning board.



Dick Smyth

Not all the news is bad. Dick Smyth tells you some of the good news. Mornings at 7 and 8.

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All the news

Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Chris Ratchford — 884-5260

Your Reporter Attended Leadership Seminar At Branch 116, Strathroy

During the weekend of October 16-18, your reporter had the opportunity of visiting Branch 116, Strathroy. This branch was hosting a district seminar on leadership and development.

Branch 116 exudes such an air of hospitality that you feel right at home as soon as you walk through the doors. This hall is fairly new (only nine years old and all paid for); the appointments are such that an interior decorator would drool. Soft lighting combined with the sense of welcome make it a Legion Branch not to be missed.

On Saturday evening I was lucky enough to attend the district ball. Music was provided by a wonderful little combo — four pieces. One of the musicians was the mother to another member of the group. She blew one of the sweetest trumpets heard anywhere. The group called themselves "The Twylites". As their name implies, the music was sweet and low. I could even dance. A change of pace. Swing for the younger set. Loads of fun, laughter and pleasant company.

Intermission. Tickets were sold by smiling ladies of the auxiliary. Proceeds from this draw go towards new equipment for the new hospital. After the draw, the ladies auxiliary served a tasteful buffet that was much appreciated by all those attending.

Once again dance time and the hours flew before the wings of time. The National Anthem brought the exciting evening to a close.

Bright eyed and bushy tailed we all rallied round at 0900 hours for the beginning of the seminar. Steaming coffee and fresh doughnuts were on tap through the whole day. The lectures were interesting and well presented. Any questions from the floor were well thought out and the answers were concise and clear. Everything rolled along like some well oiled piece of machinery. Lunch time. Again the ladies (bless their hard working souls) provided a dinner that found nothing wanting. Everyone had brought their appetites with them and the hot dinner soon disappeared like snow beneath a hot sun. On to the second half of the seminar. Again lectures, questions and answers that will directly help every branch.

To the wonderful members of this hard working branch; to the ladies auxiliary; please accept the sincere thanks and congratulations of all those attended. Your hospitality and that of your community will long be remembered. Thank you.

To the members of this squadron that won awards at the squadron dinner on October 15, we offer you our sincere congratulations. To those who didn't win — remember there is always another chance and you can try a little harder. Your efforts are to be commended.

Congratulations to you ladies of the auxiliary for the super job and you did filling in during the emergency. Your help was greatly appreciated.

After being away, even for

one weekend, it is amazing how much happier I am to be back with you all. The best part is going away is the return.

The social evenings are getting better. Would like to see more of the community out to share our evenings of entertainment. Our Friday nights are full of surprises; laughter abounds; friends greet one another after a long week's labor. This is how we relax. Getting recharged for another week of toil. Do let us have the pleasure of your company some Friday night soon.

Saturday night October 17 was cool and bright. The fire roared merrily shooting sparks into the sky. The reflection from flames lit up the laughing faces seated around it. This set the scene for the evening. The aroma coming from the huge pot was mouth watering. Just wait until we sink our fangs into that corn. Anyone want a hot dog? Fingers were made before forks in this instance. Jokes were flying around. Some friends were meeting again for some time. Old acquaintances were telling all the news from some time back. It was an evening of fun. Say, George, just how old is it that pot that the corn is cooking in? I would imagine it to be about 125 years of age.

To Tilly and George Diceman; to all the others that helped it make this evening a blast. Thank You.

To any and all our many friends in the community that are not up to par — please hurry and get well. We cannot afford to have you absent from the many activities going on. Besides you are all such wonderful folks that you are missed. To any that have escaped from sick-bay, glad to have you back.

Hear there are some things to shout about. To Bill Simpson: may you have many more happy birthdays. Mr. Simpson is celebrating his 75th birthday this week. To our own Bill Hughes: Bill isn't saying just how old he is but he has a long way to go to catch up to Mr. Simpson. To any of you who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, do have a happy time and make them something to remember. Cheers.

Don't forget this Friday is the big Hallowe'en Dance at the Legion. Loads of fun and prizes. From what I heard, the costumes are going to be out of this world. See you all there.

This coming weekend is the district sports dinner. Here are the prizes for a whole year's work. From the grapevine I hear there are some 96 prizes in all. Also by the same wire, it seems Branch 375 should be bringing home 35 or thereabout prizes.

Seems there is a shuffleboard tournament on the wind. Here's hoping and wishing you lads luck and bring home some more loot.

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