

Oak Ridges Teacher, Big Brother Dies 8 Days After Van Hit Tree

Death came in hospital on Wednesday night of last week to a young Stouffville man and Oak Ridges teacher who wrecked his car against a tree shortly after midnight May 25 near Brown's Corner in Markham Town.

He is Herbert Fincham, 29, of RR 4, Stouffville, who was taken to North York General Hospital eight days earlier.

Relatives have asked for a full investigation of his unexpected death in hospital.

Fincham taught special education classes at Oak Ridges Public School, Richmond Hill. He worked as a counsellor on a child study team at the school.

He also served as a Big Brother for three years, and took his students on after school skiing and camping trips.

He was to have been married July 31.

Teacher Fincham is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fincham of Peterboro, and a brother.

Fincham was treated for a compound fracture of the leg and head cuts, according to his brother, John Fincham of Deloraine Avenue, Toronto.

An autopsy showed he died from a fractured skull and meningitis.

His brother said the family was never told Herbert had a fractured skull, and he's mystified about the hospital treatment.

He said he plans to ask for a full investigation because he just hasn't been able to get answers.

John said it appeared Herbert was recovering, but he suddenly worsened and was transferred to

intensive care. A day later he died.

"We were so happy Herbert survived the crash," said John. "You wouldn't have believed it if you'd seen the truck."

"He was laughing and joking with us in his hospital room, and then he died. I just don't understand it."

The autopsy was conducted by a regional pathologist at North York General Hospital although the building is not approved as one of the centres in Metro where post mortem examinations can be performed.

The pathologist's report did not indicate treatment for the skull fracture.

Dr. Kenneth Baxter has been assigned coroner, in charge of the case.

Mr. Fincham said he's been too busy with funeral arrangements to contact officials, but he said he would ask for answers to his questions after his brother's burial.

Herbert Fincham's 1971 Fargo van was considered a \$2,000 total wreck. The accident took place on Woodbine Avenue, about 1/2-mile north of Highway 7.

The accident was investigated by York Regional Police, Markham Division, who said the vehicle apparently went out of control.

Police said the matter will be dealt with through the Metro chief coroner's office, since death occurred there, and it will be some time before it is known whether or not an inquest will be held.

AURORA: Recent vandalism which wrecked the town's truck used to move sludge from the sewage plant to nearby farms is costing \$125 a week. That's what the rental of a replacement from a construction company costs. The "honey wagon" was demolished when someone broke into the sewage plant grounds, started the truck and smashed it into the town's new \$28,000 grader, which was damaged.



HERBERT FINCHAM Dies Unexpectedly

Help-Mate Service Kept Busy, Seek Volunteers, Furniture To Meet Need

Since Help-Mate launched its volunteer service program in Richmond Hill in May, 1970, bids for help have come from all parts of the area.

"With the support of our community, not one need that has been brought to our attention has gone unanswered," reports David Porter, a member of Help-Mate's steering committee.

Homes have been located for young people in distress; clothing has been supplied to people living on limited incomes, and all manner of emergency situations have been dealt with.

At present Help-Mate is receiving requests for good used furniture as well as clothing (particularly in age 8 to 16 category). Anyone having such items is asked to call 884-4161, and if the articles offered are not needed immediately, the offer will be recorded for future use.

"There's every chance that sometime soon, a bid for that item will come through our hotline, and knowing where to get it could do much to help in an emergency situation," says Mr. Porter.

Women volunteers have kept the Help-mate telephone service going, but more such volunteers are needed. New volunteers are trained through the services of the York Central Hospital's Mental Health Services and other social work personnel in the community.

Workers are briefed on services available in the region so that they can channel calls for help to appropriate agencies and individuals. Requests come for foster home placement, emergency homemaker services, big brother care for fatherless boys, big sister care for motherless girls, babysitting service, volunteer day care centre staff, temporary living accommodation for young people, volunteers to work with the mentally ill, visitors for the aged, volunteer drivers, assistance for the physically handicapped, recreational, tutoring, manual, clerical and catering assistance for individuals and non-profit organizations.

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For detailed information on the camp program, contact the authority at the main office, 5 Shoreham Drive, Downsview; telephone 630-9780.

The authority reports that there are still a few vacancies for students who have completed grades 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10. The girls' camp is for 12 days from August 2 to 13 at Albion Hills on Highway 50 just north of Bolton.

The boys' camp is at Claremont, about seven miles north of the Village of Pickering, and there will be two five-day camps, August 2 to 6 and August 9 to 13.

The campers will live in dormitories with two to four to a room, and each centre contains a laboratory, lounge, kitchen, cafeteria, washrooms and field equipment storage areas as well as living quarters.

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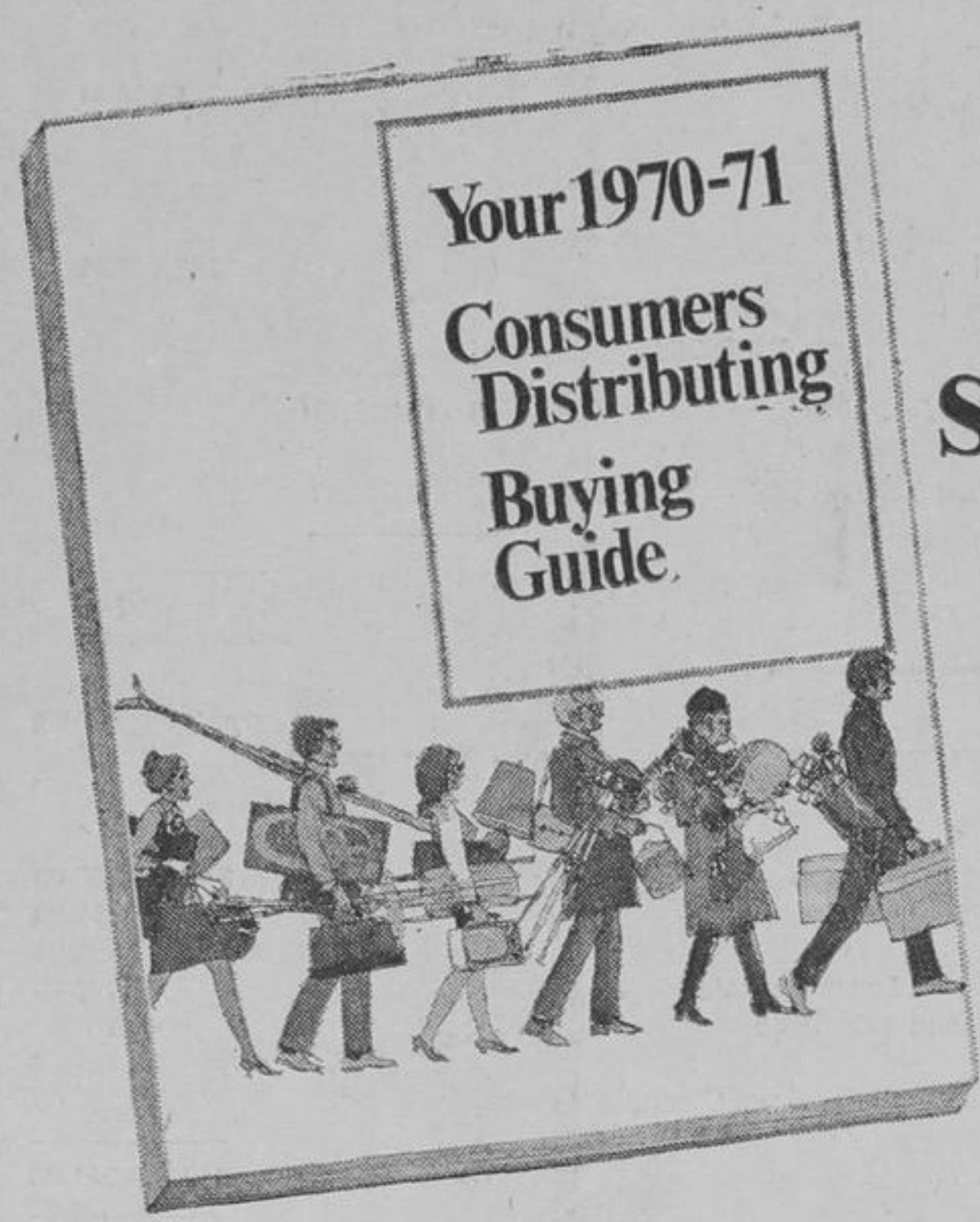
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