

From The Police Blotter

Aurora Couple Face Charges Wild Police Chase Up Yonge

Two Aurora residents face a series of charges following a run-in with York Regional Police Friday night, in which two constables were kicked and a police cruiser was damaged.

The altercation arose out of a police chase up Yonge Street from Aurora to Newmarket just after midnight, with speeds reaching 100 mph.

At Davis Drive in Newmarket, police said the car being chased made a right turn and slid across the road and then went east in the westbound lane to Wilstead Drive, where it managed to collide with the police car.

While attempting to arrest the driver, Constables Dick Wittman and Len Donner were kicked by the latter in the police cruiser, and then Donner was kicked from behind by the lone passenger in the car.

Facing charges of dangerous driving is Ricardo Blanchard, 20, while both he and his passenger, Donna May Black, 21, also face charges of assault occasioning bodily harm and resisting arrest.

Approximately 1,000 people were evacuated from Gem Store, 7171 Yonge Street, Thornhill, Sunday, after a bomb threat was received by phone.

According to police, the call was made about 2:32 pm by an unknown male to an employee in the store.

The caller said it would be

Stage I, Phase II BAIF Plan

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a design and site plan approved by the planning director.

Financial guarantees in cash, letter of credit and lands to ensure that the provisions of the agreement are carried out and on time are also written into the document.

The cash form of guarantee will total \$92,880, the land value form of guarantee will total \$1,021,680 and the total cash or letter of credit form of guarantee is \$1,610,520.

ARCHITECTURE APPROVAL

The town also has the right of architectural approval over all multiple housing, apartments and commercial development. No building permit shall be issued until the applicant has entered into an agreement with the town providing for the construction of the building only in accordance with

REZONING NEEDED

On council's approval of the agreement, a rezoning bylaw will be prepared and presented to council and then forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval. Mr. Rimon estimated the minimum time for final approval would be three to four months and it might take longer than that.

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In Newmarket Former Richmond Hill Resident Walter Smithurst Killed In Crash

A former Richmond Hill resident and a passenger in his car, were killed early Sunday morning (December 2) when they were involved in a two-car collision on Davis Drive at Prospect Street in Newmarket.

Dead are: Walter Allan Smithurst 43, and Helen Ruth Covey, 37 both of Andrew Street, Newmarket.

In York County Hospital, where he is being treated for injuries, is the driver of the other car, Melvin Thomas Nott, 43, of RR 1, Mount Albert.

According to police, Mr. Smithurst had been proceeding west on Davis and had stopped at Prospect Street to make a left-hand turn.

An east-bound vehicle, which witnesses said was travelling at a high rate of speed, collided with the Smithurst car on an angle at the intersection.

Both Mr. Smithurst and Miss Covey died within a half hour at York County Hospital.

Charges of criminal negligence causing death are pending against Mr. Nott.

While a resident of Richmond Hill, Mr. Smithurst was a member of the Curtain Club, designing numerous sets, one of which won the best design award from the Central Ontario Drama League Festival for the play, *Gioconda Smile*.

He also played a major role in the building of the clubs new theatre or Newkirk Road, designs the interior.

Mr. Smithurst is survived by his wife, Heather, of Don Mills.

Funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon in the chapel of the Lewis Funeral

To Buy Last Land Woodlane Widening

Purchase of the last strip of land needed for the widening of Woodlane from Mill Street to Rumble Avenue was approved by Richmond Hill Council at its special meeting Monday evening.

The purchase price was given as \$11,000 covering the cost of the land and the injurious effect on the remaining property. Works Commissioner Bernard Toprowski reported that the owner, B. Sabitini, 123 Woodlane, will have to move his garage because of the land sale. The strip to be purchased by the town contains 2,135 square feet.

The commissioner also noted that a subsidy is available on this purchase.

He said that work on the widening would be dependent on the development of the Mill Pond and that it is planned to put the diversion storm sewer on the Woodlane right-of-way rather than through the pond. Reconstruction of the thoroughfare would not be undertaken for two or three years, he thought.

Thornhill Man Charged Murder

York Regional Police are investigating the death of a Thornhill woman, whose body was discovered in an abandoned building in Burk's Falls, about 25 miles north of Huntsville.

Police said that the woman, Debra Hofschneider, 32, of 16 Newmark Drive, had been reported missing shortly before her discovery November 24.

Her common-law husband, George Smierciak, 32, is being charged with non-capital murder in connection with her death.

Langstaff Hydro Route

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There shouldn't be change for the sake of change just because a public inquirer was appointed and new experts brought in, said Fraser. Homes and industrial buildings would have to be moved in the Thornhill-Langstaff area.

Dr. Solandt summed up the situation before receiving further submissions at the hearing. Ontario Hydro started looking for a corridor route at least 10 years ago, he said, finally settling on the middle route. But there was such a response from people along the middle route that Premier William Davis decided to have a public inquiry. The inquiry made a preliminary report a year ago and then outside consultant Bruce Howlett made his study and recommendations.

It is possible the Parkway-Hydro combination could be a taxpayer saving overall, but not much of a saving, since additional land may have to be bought in this more expensive area.

Solandt said Hydro recently showed there would be little or no saving by using the Parkway Belt. "Really, the cost isn't a dominant factor. The difference isn't large. It's a question of what is the best route," Solandt said.

"This is a very complicated judgment... one must try to measure as well as he can... listen to as many points of view as possible. It is now possible to build short distances, that is, five miles underground at high voltage. Ten miles is more difficult, 15 miles still more difficult. A 500,000 volt underground line will take longer because it's never been done before," said Solandt.

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Ignored Hydro Alternative

Solicitor May hinted it was his suspicion 1,300 people petitioned against the corridor in King and it was Howlett's job to make sure the route went somewhere else. "Howlett gave the King route very little attention, if he didn't ignore it," said May.

May said the concern of Vaughan's citizens shown by the 300 to 350 people in the room, the many others listening in the halls and downstairs and the others who'd gone home because they couldn't get in. "The Town of Vaughan shouldn't be burdened with this hydro line at all," he said.

The property owners' solicitor said the Parkway Belt isn't established and may not be established for years, if ever. "At the moment there is no such thing as the Parkway Belt West. It's only a proposal," said May. The Legislature grants certain things in law regarding a Parkway Belt but with strings attached, including requirements for municipal consideration and public hearings which must yet be held. This process could take many months or years.

Youth Injured In Noon-Hour Accident

A six-year-old Richmond Hill youth was treated for injuries at York Central Hospital and then released following an accident on Yonge Street in Richmond Hill Monday afternoon.

Andrew Crompton, son of Mr. and Mrs. P.B. Crompton, 204 Baker Street, was injured when he was in collision with a car on Yonge Street, between Lorne and Markham Avenue, about 12 p.m.

Driver of the car was Shirley Ross, Betty Ann Drive, Willowdale. No charges will be laid.

A Gormley man, was injured in an accident while visiting the site of his new home in King Township last week.

Ronald Cole, Glen Cawthra Hill, suffered bruises and back injuries when he fell down an open starwell at his house under construction on 16th Sideroad at Concession 2 in King.

Police said he was at the bottom of the stairwell for several hours before being able to summon any help.

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Harkness Et Al Get Promotions

York Regional Police Staff Inspector Wally Harkness has been named Deputy Chief to succeed William Shimmin who retires December 9 to take a post with the Ontario Police Commission.

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\$10,000 Damage Gravel Pit Fire

A fire at Superior Sand and Gravel, Major Mackenzie Road, caused an estimated \$8,000 to \$10,000 damage Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock.

The fire broke out in a metal shed containing oil and grease supplies, plus several machines, which the Vaughan Fire Department managed to save.

They also managed to save about one-third of the building.

In Richmond Hill, an abandoned house at Yonge Street and Roosevelt Drive was burned to the ground by arsonists about 9 pm Sunday.

The local firefighters spent 7 1/2 hours at the scene.

Grease overflowing on a kitchen gas stove brought firemen on the run Monday afternoon to the home of Norman McHardy, 399 South Taylor Mills, where they managed to bring it under control before any extensive damage was done.

Developer Position

Vaughan developer Cam Milani said every acre taken from the town for the Hydro corridor would mean a reduction in the amount of land available for badly needed housing in the Metro area while the middle route would take land that'll never be needed for housing.

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Vaughan Has Garbage Problems Too Many Trucks Using Dump

The cessation of operations at the Metro-owned Thackeray Dump south of Woodbridge has caused a lot of added problems for Vaughan Town.

Garbage problems. As if they didn't have enough already.

The latest hang-up came at the last committee meeting of council when information revealed that the gradual shutting down of the Thackeray Dump due to filling-up-has resulted in an increase of 57 percent truckage of same to the town dump on Teston Sideroad north of Maple.

A staff report noted that the percentage increase had been caused mainly by the large truckers although it had not been consistent on a daily basis.

"In other words, staff, by keeping daily information, notified the companies when the quota was reached and obtained an immediate reduction or elimination of our site by that company."

"The number of trucks has varied from a high of 95 to a recent low of 65 on November 20, 1973. Generally, it is felt that it is too early to obtain a complete picture of what will happen once the truckers settle to a routine delivery point."

Council's main concern is that the smaller, private truckers in the municipality will be shut out by the larger ones now delivering to the township dump site. The smaller, private truckers service industries in the municipality and should have first priority.

A further problem is that the contractor hired to maintain the dump is having difficulty doing so due to the increased influx of garbage. The staff report goes on to say that during a meeting with the contractor maintaining the dump site it was established that "his equipment could not adequately operate the site when the number of trucks using the site was more than 80 per day. The contractor has requested additional payment for this increased volume which the town has refused to pay."

Catholic Schools Enrolment Up

Enrolment in York County Roman Catholic Schools continues to grow with passing weeks. At the end of September enrolment was 5,262, up 245 from 1972 and 143 from school closing in June. By October 31, the enrolment had increased to 5,297 (35).

Largest school in the system is Notre Dame, Newmarket, with 490 pupils in grades 1 to 8 and a special education class. St. John's Newmarket accommodates four kindergarten classes and one class each in grades 1 and 2.

A very close second is Our Lady Help of Christians in Richmond Hill which has an enrolment of 485 in Kindergarten to grade 8 with a special education class. St. Mary Immaculate, Richmond Hill, has an enrolment of 424 in kindergarten to grade 8 and St. Joseph's Richmond Hill has 237 pupils in kindergarten to grade 8.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Oak Ridges, has a total registration of 195 in kindergarten to grade 8 plus a special education class.

St. Margaret Mary, Pine Grove, where the greatest growth is occurring at the present time as a new subdivision fills up, has a total enrolment of 312.

In the Thornhill area St. Luke's has 346 pupils in kindergarten to grade 4, St. Robert's has 274 in grades 5 to 8 and St. Anthony's has 249 in kindergarten to grade 8.

A total of 318 children attend John XXIII at Unionville in all grades from kindergarten to grade 8.

High Cost Of Murder Prompts York Resolutions

The high cost of murder is one reason why York Regional Council should start working again to establish a judicial district in the region, according to Councillor Ray Twynney of Newmarket.

Speaking to a meeting of council in Newmarket last week, Mr. Twynney said it recently cost the region \$10,000 to travel to Toronto, where a regional murder case was being tried.

It was for this reason as well as others that the region should start pushing for its own judicial district.

Backing him up was Mayor Joseph Dales of Georgina Township, who said he believed in "rendering unto Caesar what is Caesar's."

In this case, the services of the registry offices, "one of the few sources of gravity" for municipal coffers.

"I feel we have a right to have registry offices in our midst," said Mr. Dales.

He said that any submissions made on behalf of the region brought the answer that setting up such a district in York would only be for the convenience of the lawyers. The feeling was that it wasn't really difficult for lawyers to make it to Toronto.

However, the climate seemed to be changing now, as Toronto was "bursting at its seams," and would probably be open to a new approach.

In fact, Mr. Dales thought Toronto would be "tickled pink" about getting some relief from its own crowded conditions.

He said the region had been given the responsibility of planning, so it could be given the responsibility of establishing a judicial district in the area as well.

Councillor Twynney said he felt council should go on record as authorizing its staff to start proceedings for just such a district immediately.

Jack Rettle, chief administrative officer, said the matter required more than staff pursuit; the administration committee of council should handle it.

Council agreed and the matter was referred to the administration committee.

Double Gas Pipeline From Maple North

A 22-mile gas pipeline construction project from Maple North to Bond Head in Simcoe County is to start in January if the National Energy Board gives approval to TransCanada Pipelines. The gas company plans to build 242 miles of line during the year.

TransCanada purchased a right-of-way through the area 15 years ago during construction of a pipeline from Alberta to Montreal. Last year work began on a second line of pipe running parallel to the first from a transforming station in Barrie to a valve link-up at Bond Head. TransCanada spokesman Dennis Brown termed the project a looping of the line.

It's part of an overall plan to get more gas to Eastern Canada but it has nothing specific to do with the immediate threat of an energy crisis. However, the plan is timely, said Brown.

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Also, many of our regular readers have called to see if they can get additional copies for friends or relatives outside of our distribution area.

For these people, we have good news. We arranged to have additional copies run off the press to meet the demand. The cookbook contains over 200 recipes sent in by readers from as far distant as Vancouver and Quebec, as well as helpful hints for the home cook.

Copies for sale at the office, 63 Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill, at 35¢ per copy, are the same as those distributed in the September 27 edition of "The Liberal". It is tabloid size printed on newsprint stock, the same as the rest of the paper, but half as big.

It is not a hard-cover book with glossy pages lavishly illustrated with color shots of mouthwatering delicacies, but it does have a wide range of interesting recipes, economical and gourmet, some simple, some very involved, but for the price, where could you find a better buy? Get your copy now, while they last.

STOUFFVILLE: There's a huge natural ice rink less than six miles north of this village but no one uses it, according to Councillor Eldred King.

He was referring to Musselman's Lake. To make it useable throughout the season regular maintenance would have to be provided by the town, he said. Other open-air rinks are contemplated for Vandorf, Ballantyne, two brackets in Souffville and at Orchard Park and Summitview Schools.

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