

From The Police Blotter

Toronto Man, Age 61, Collapses And Dies In His Car

Despite efforts of passers-by to revive him, a Toronto man died shortly after driving his car into a ditch in Richmond Hill January 8.

According to York Regional Police, Charles Schroder, 61, of 140 Forman Avenue, Toronto, was driving north on Bayview Avenue about 3:25 pm when he attempted to make a u-turn north of Highway 7.

However, his car went into the ditch and when some people nearby found him he had collapsed beside his car.

Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation was applied to no avail.

Mr. Schroder was taken to York Central Hospital, but was dead on arrival.

A Newmarket man suffered injuries when he was allegedly hit on the head by a door at Soft Spray Car Wash in Richmond Hill, January 8.

John Graham, 32, of 319 Towercrest Road, told police he had been washing his car at the coin wash when the door from the bay fell on his head.

He said he was unable to find anyone in charge around, so went to see a doctor on his own for treatment.

SHALL WE DANCE?

A dancing restaurant table as a dance floor provoked a melee at the 1867 Restaurant, Highway 400, January 12, in which police arrested three men and charged them with assault and causing a disturbance by fighting.

Police said the trio entered the restaurant about 5 am and proceeded to dance on the tables and molest the waitresses.

When Gaylon Smith of RR 2, King, intervened with one of the men, he was subsequently jumped by the other two, according to police, who arrived shortly afterward.

Facing charges are Grant Banting, 19; Harvey Boehm,

2 Young Criminals Kept In Don Jail

Two young local criminals are in Don Jail awaiting further sentences for offenses committed while they were free during the holiday season.

Dwight Duhamel, 20, formerly of Richmond Hill and now Downsview and Wayne King, 22, of 8187 Yonge Street, Thornhill are to appear in Richmond Hill Court January 22 before Provincial Judge Russell Pearce for sentence.

Duhamel was free pending an appeal of a five-year wounding conviction sentence and concurrent 18 month assault bodily harm sentence. King had five previous criminal convictions including several on which he served jail terms.

ADMITS 4 CHARGES

King admitted four charges when the pair appeared here in court January 4.

The first was a guilty plea to petty theft, a lesser offense included in the 10 pm December 29 charge of theft with threat of violence. YRP Detective Douglas Strong, the officer in charge of the case, told the court there allegedly was a threat but the complainant was content with the lesser plea.

Strong said King with two others, Duhamel and Myra Jacques, that night were at the apartment of Mazlum Sadikovic of 45 Trayborn Drive, Richmond Hill. They had a few drinks and some beer, vodka and rum were stolen. Only a third bottle of

liquor was recovered.

ADMITS STEALING

Duhamel also pleaded guilty to liquor stealing on the theft with threat of violence charge. Charges against Miss Jacques were withdrawn.

King admitted assaulting YRP Constable Alexander Ryrice at 6 pm December 30 while being taken to the cells after being booked at the Richmond Hill Division 28 station. King turned around and kicked Ryrice in the left arm. He was subdued and put in the cells. Ryrice's arm was completely numbed and he was taken to York Central Hospital for a check-up, the court was told.

STOLEN CAR CRASH

Also admitted by King was the December 29 Richmond Hill charge of taking Sadikovic's 1972 Pontiac car without consent and driving it into a car accident in Toronto. Damage in the crash totalled \$900. He hit an unmarked Metro Police cruiser.

King also admitted the 3:10 pm December 30 Richmond Hill charge of having a stolen transistor radio and clock. The items valued at \$25 were found when police stopped King in the Richmond Hill arena parking lot. They'd just been taken from a room at 18 Lorne Avenue.

Three other possession and theft charges against King were withdrawn by Crown Attorney Dennis Morris. Both King and Duhamel admitted their records as presented to the courts.

GORMLEY NEWS

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Neighborhood Notes

Russell Elias was pleasantly surprised on the occasion of his 65th birthday by his brother and sisters. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murphy and family of New Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Elias and family of Mimico and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Moore of Willowdale.

Miss Freda Henderson and Mrs. William Ash, on staff at Gormley post office and Mrs. Metro Sudeyko and Mrs. Ken Bacon, rural couriers, entertained Mrs. Charles Milsted at dinner at the Summit View Restaurant, Richmond Hill, Tuesday. Mrs. Milsted was presented with a 12-carat gold pin, suitably engraved.

Mrs. Asa Stickle, who passed away at Green Acres, Newmarket, was buried from Heise Hill Church Wednesday afternoon with interment in Heise Hill Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mackey have enjoyed a two week holiday in California.

Gormley Women's Institute will meet on the afternoon of January 23 at the home of Mrs. Fred Monroe. Home call - a brief biography of a Canadian artist. There will be a bake sale. The program will feature slides brought by various members.

Gordon Cullen is in inter-

view care at York Central Hospital suffering from a coronary attack.

Mrs. Ida Leary moved to the Cobblestone Nursing Home in Aurora for a short time.

Mrs. Benna Hoover, for many years a Gormley resident, has been a patient in Branson Hospital, Willowdale, for a couple of weeks.

The film on the earthquake in Nicaragua was shown Sunday evening in Heise Hill Church.

The Ambassadors' Trio sang at both services in the Missionary Church on Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Millen is not well at her home in Richmond Hill.

AURORA: Council has called for the resignations of all five appointed members of the town's committee of adjustment. Although appointed by council the committee is autonomous and not responsible to council. It deals with minor variances and with land severances. (The latter function will be assumed by a new regional committee). The COA recently ruled that a variance would be granted only if a prescribed procedure is adopted by the town's building inspection department.

'Take Stand On How Hill Grows' -CAC

The Citizen's Advisory Group spent an hour and a half on the evening of January 9 with the planning committee of Richmond Hill Council discussing matters of concern on which they had made submissions to the committee late last year. These matters included a controlled rate of growth, rezoning procedure, public participation and modular homes.

Mrs. Pat Bedford introduced the group recalling that in the fall of 1973 considerable citizen interest developed in planning matters and the future growth of the town and the group was organized in the hope of receiving official sanction to provide citizen input in planning matters. "In the interim a loosely knit group has been a co-ordinating wide-spread participation and we have sent you our minutes and submissions on specific concerns," she said.

GROWTH RATES

David Schiller spoke on the aspect of growth rates up to the year 2000 submitted by letter dated December 11. He quoted Planning Director Hesse Rimon as telling the council that if all subdivision proposals now on file with the town were approved the municipality's population would be in excess of 11,000, and stated that the advisory group felt there was a great need for a policy on the size of the population and the rate of growth, citing the figure of 113,000 as set by the province as the ultimate growth by the year 2000.

The group suggested an annual growth rate of 4.3%, but recognized that to implement special programs this would need to be breached occasionally, but that the population should not be allowed to grow by more than 25% in any five year period, he said. "In Canada as a whole the indigenous population increases 1% a year with another 1% added through immigration. Metro has grown from 3 to 3 1/2% per year for the past decade and there has been some slowing down in the last five years, so a 4.3% growth rate is not restrictive," he claimed.

"The opinion of the Citizens' Advisory Committee is that the municipality should take a stand on how we are to grow so we can plan for the present and the future. We realize that we will have to provide housing for the expanding areas around us as well as for our own population increase. The question is are we going to grow in an orderly manner or go like the dickens at first and then have the door slammed shut and be faced with many problems."

EXTRA 11,000 POPULATION

Warning that figures and statistics should not be taken out of context, Planning Director Rimon stated his report was that proposals which had been submitted to the town would bring added population of 11,000 if they are found suitable. "This is what might happen, but no reports or recommendations on these have been prepared. My report covered the whole town and all applications including one development of 276 lots north of Oak Ridge which by itself would bring a population of 1000."

"The point of argument is whether the municipality is going to control the growth rate at 4, 7, 10 or 12% over the next 26 years," countered Mr. Schiller. "There are ways controlling growth. We recognize that some things can not be controlled but there are controls that can be exercised to get some sort of orderly growth."

REZONING BYLAWS

Mr. Schiller went on to discuss with the committee the provision for citizen participation in rezoning bylaws.

Mr. Rimon pointed out that some misunderstanding existed about his recommendations to council. He pointed out that the procedure suggested by Mrs. Hancey that such bylaws be given two readings, circulated to the public, their comments received and considered and then the third reading will be given and the rules of the Municipal Act will be followed. However, he noted that in some cases some bylaws have to be handled in different ways and the case of the rezoning bylaw for the new police building in the civic centre was cited by Regional Councillor Rowe. He also said he didn't think rigid rules for procedure should be established by bylaw.

"It is my understanding that the planning director and I are to get together to develop a procedure for handling rezoning bylaws," stated Mrs. Hancey. "Let's leave it at that for the present and we will let you know when we have one, which is overdue."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A suggestion for enhancing useful public input in the formulation of Official Plans, calling for three or four public meetings with the purpose explained in layman's language so all may understand was discussed by Mrs. Bedford. This submission was submitted in December but was not discussed at the December 12 meeting, since it was addressed to the chairman and he did not receive it until just before that meeting.

On motion of Chairman Stephenson this recommendation was received and referred to staff for assessment and further discussion. This motion carried unanimously. The chairman then asked the help of the group in pre-

paring the newspaper advertisement for the January 17 meeting on the Yonge Street South Study.

MODULAR HOMES

Bus Vermeulen presented the group's submission on the proposed modular home development on 19th Avenue, which had been sent to the committee November 20. Their objections included the fact that the development in that location does not conform to the regional official plan or to the Richmond Hill Official Plan, that municipal services are not available and that the proposal needs careful study by the planning committee.

Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe, who was at the meeting as the mayor's alternate, reported that negotiations are going on between the Region of York and Metro for water and sewage in this area at an estimated cost of \$92 million. "I would be reluctant to cap the population figures. I want to be sure how many people are going to pay for these services. I want to know how much and how many. You can't expect a locked-in population to pay that amount."

"As an individual member I would welcome guidelines on the rate of growth. Instead of peaks and valleys I would like to see steady growth," stated Regional Councillor Lois Hancey. "Then the capital forecast could be based on reality rather than conjecture. So far as pressures are concerned, these are real right now, spilling over from Metro into York but the province has imposed limits on our growth. Whether it can maintain these limits remain to be seen. The size of the proposed pipeline was based on 113,000 population for Richmond Hill but excluded the rural areas where residential development will be on wells and septic tanks. I'm wondering if we can afford the cost of these services or whether it would be less expensive to stay as we are."

Mrs. Hancey suggested an extension to the BAIF sewage treatment plant as a less expensive alternative to the provincially proposed trunk sewer, reporting that plant is so effective that there is less stream pollution below the plant on the North Don than above it. She also pointed out that the town's treasury department has been asked to analyze each development application as it comes in to determine its financial impact on the town.

"I would be in favor of a set rate of growth but I don't know what the figure would be."

"I, too, am concerned about the rate of growth. We should keep it in step with industrial development. We are now looking at about 1000 acres north of Highway 7 for industrial use. I don't know what the proper rate of growth should be," said Councillor Graeme Bales.

Mrs. Hancey's motion that the planning committee is in favor of the principle of a controlled rate of growth and will notify the Citizens' Advisory Group when the planning committee will be discussing the staff report concerning this question, was carried.

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of the Official Plan was referred to a planning committee of the whole meeting. It is very misleading to tell these people and the press that a study is being made. That is not true."

Mr. Stephenson interrupted to express the desire to keep to the subject being discussed.

"You made a statement that a study is being made and that is inaccurate," repeated Mrs. Hancey. "I feel I have an obligation to tell it the way I see it. A report on an application has been approved - and that is not a study."

Notify Of Changes Rockwell Area Bylaw

Residents of the Rockwell Road, Doncrest Road area will receive notification of changes made in the proposed planning bylaw for that area since it was circulated and comments received, Richmond Hill Council's Planning Committee decided January 8.

The notification will be sent out when the date of the OMB hearing is determined, so those who have further objections may prepare for a presentation at the hearing and hire counsel if necessary. This decision came on the recommendation of Regional Councillor Lois Hancey who pointed out that some people who had not objected to the bylaw in its circulated form, might wish to object to the changes.

Planning Director Hesse Rimon reported that the changes entailed moving the neighborhood commercial zone boundary back to coincide with the lot line of the lots facing Highway 7 and increasing the required rear yard from 25 feet to 50 feet. "Since the commercial area has been brought closer to the residential we hope the increase in the requirements for a back yard will create a buffer zone," he said.

Reference to the flood plain as outlined by the Metro Conservation Authority was deleted since the authority hasn't completed final drawings. The flood plain lines shown on the map have been taken from the Markham bylaw, he explained. "They might change after Metro has completed its study."

The regional councillor then proposed a motion that modular homes be studied by the planning department and all applications on hand be deferred until council has approved of a policy on mobile home housing stock. "That will initiate your study," she stated.

RECORDED VOTE

On a recorded vote, Councillor Bales and Mrs. Hancey voted in favor of the motion and Stephenson and Rowe against it. This meant that the motion was automatically lost.

The chairman explained the committee of the whole meeting had not been called as yet because of the absence of members on holidays and the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Charles Stewart. "I decided to wait until a full attendance of council was possible."

Grooms Become Cell Mates

The wedding ceremony was conventional enough, but the reception for two Willowdale bridegrooms, who were married in Trinity United Church in Newmarket last week, was less than conventional.

After stepping out of the church following the double ring ceremony, Wayne Taylor, 21, of Kenneth Avenue, and Arthur Burgin, 23, of Forest Manor Avenue, were arrested by York Regional Police and charged with breaking and entering at Richmond Hill, November 30.

The men were then escorted to the Toronto jail for their wedding night.

A reception was then held for the guests, mostly members of Satan's Choice and associated clubs, after which the brides journeyed to Toronto in an effort to arrange bail for their husbands.

STOUFFVILLE: Two tennis courts are planned, paved and screened but not lighted. The site is not finalized but it will probably be in Ponderosa Park. The Lions will pay \$8,000 of the cost and the other \$2,000 will be met by a 25% provincial grant.

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