(Photo by Hogg)

"don't try to dump projects

Chairman Garfield Wright

said the road was "con-

sidered a priority this year.

We may not get it next

Said Councillor Rowe:

"This was put in as a

priority on the roads needs

study. If not it, there are

others. We have to keep the

program on, or we are just

going to get in deeper and

The time to object was

"Nobody knew about it,"

"You knew about it from

"Did not," said the mayor.

Solicitor Ted Oakes said

there had been "ample

day one," answered the

when it was first started, he

said Mayor Britnell.

chairman.

### Grapefruits or lemons?

A dwarf lemon tree, a glassed-in porch and the green thumb of Ernest Thomspon, 211 Lennox Avenue, have resulted in two grapefruit-sized lemons so far

this year with blossoms indicating there is more fruit to come. Thompson is seen above with the tree.

Mayor Schiller advises

## Decide roads on needs only

York Regional Council should decide what roads get constructed on the basis of need, not on the basis of what subsidies they will get, Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Schiller told a meeting of regional council last week.

The mayor made his remarks following a report of the engineering committee. Among its recommendations was one calling for grading, gravelling and paving of King Road from John Street in King City to Highway 400, plus south and north on Jane Street for 1,400

and 1,500 feet, respectively. The existing road would be reconstructed to a basic four-lane roadway, and Jane

Street to a basic two-lane accepting the whole there weren't priorities, roadway.

Councillor Gordon Rowe of

Also, it would be "false economy" on the part of the region not to, as there would be a saving of \$185,300 on the

Mayor Margaret Britnell of King felt council shouldn't approve it at present when it hadn't accepted any budget

"If this is tantamount to

## Estate plan premature

(Continued from Page 1)

problems", he said. "I believe it would be advantageous to the municipality since I would control the quality of housing erected there through agreement."

Unsuitable

He claimed he had been told that the land was not suitable for farming at the present time.

"Fifty acres may not be a viable farm at the present time," said Mayor David Schiller, "but in the future it may well be and in a few decades such small acreages may be a major factor in food production.

"Our municipal policy should not be making sure that everyone who has bought farmland on speculation is going to make

a profit," he cautioned. McCartney contended it was not speculation in this case since the property has been held since 1967. Asked what its intended use at that time had been, he answered that it might have been as a site for his own dwelling, but he had since built on another property he owned on 18th Avenue. "I like to

live in the country." Councillor John Birchall pointed out that the planning staff has been asked to do a study on housing as a component part of the official plan and since that study is not completed he felt the application should not be received, it being

premature at this time. Regional Councillor Lois Hancey pointed out there is no doubt the committee will be faced with other applications from the area.

"We must have a policy.

carrier service exists.

Schiller asked that the from the report.

recommendation be deleted

Richmond Hill, chairman of the engineering committee, said it was a much used road and a dangerous one, and should be completed.

\$2,000,000 cost.

estimates.

and do it. We must come to grips very soon on a definition of rural

municipality is going to permit this type of

new official plan."

residential development.

"We will be setting out

areas where it will be ac-

ceptable. This form of

development, once approval

is given, doesn't happen

land proves suitable Mr.

McCartney will renew his

application," said Chairman

Marylo Graham in con-

are not rejecting the idea but

Added the mayor: "We

clusion.

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the timing."

"I hope if this parcel of

residential and where the council should try to get the development. We will maximum subsidy. But if merely be putting our heads

#### into the sand if we do not Help fire have a policy. Farmland going "One of the things we lack victims is this type of residence to

entice our business and professional men to live in The people of Richmond our community. Our neigh-Hill responded generously to bors have taken care of it up the appeal for help for the to now," said Councillor Ronald Turner family of Andy Chateauvert. Gormley who lost everything "I am concerned about but the clothes they were disappearing farmland, but wearing when fire destroyed the only way I can see to their home April 17. Appreserve it is to go out and preciation for this generosity buy it. Financially this type

is expressed by the comof development is an admittee in charge. vantage to A trust fund has been set municipality. up for the family of mother, "I want to give the town father and five sons at the staff and the people of the Bank of Nova Scotia and community time to develop cash donations may be made

our official plan," added Mayor Schiller. "This ap-Some furniture, bedding, plication may well fall cookware and quantities of within the provisions of our clothing have come in, but the family could still use a Planning Director Hessie chesterfield and some Rimon agreed that the comfortable chairs as well proposal is premature and as some dressers. Phone the reported that staff has been fire department at 884-8101 looking into that area from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and generally for rural after that at 884-1121.

engineering budget, I can't

approve it," Mayor Britnell

Said Councillor Ray Twinney of Newmarket: "We're taking this from the needs study as something

that needs to be done, so l would move the question." The road is "essential for the safety of the motoring public," he said.

Councillor Erik Larsen of Georgina Township, agreed. He had supported it for that reason. Also, if they waited until next year to do the work, "it would probably be 12 to 15 percent higher."

Mayor Gladys Rolling of East Gwillimbury said she didn't know whether the work needed to be done or not, but she was willing to accept the recommendation

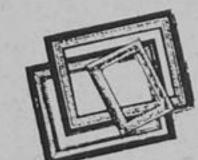
They might be "pound foolish" otherwise. Mayor Schiller said that, if there were priorities,

notice". Also, it had been approved by the minister of highways. The report was passed, with four mayors, Britnell, Schiller, Bob Forham, Newmarket, and Gordon

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This year's levy in the proposed half-million cut,

region, if the police com- will be 29.6 percent over last

mission accepts the year's, Hlynski said.

Unconditional grants from reducing taxes on properthe provincial government to York Region total In previous years, it has municipalities. \$4,772,900, Regional Treasurer John Hlynski

announced last week. The new grants are up \$1,098,900 from last year's \$3,674,000.

Per capita grants — based on increased population figures of 191,807 compared with 184,813 last year - go from \$1,663,000 to \$1,726,000.

More for police The police grant, which goes from \$7 to \$12, will mean \$2,302,000, compared with \$1,294,000 in 1974.

Density grants, which average \$2 to \$5 per capita the less population you have, the more you get - will increase slightly from \$717,600 to \$744,900.

The one other additional grant, which the region will receive, is a general support grant of \$425,000, Hlynski

Tax reducer The grant, which is up \$10,000, is based on last year's levy, without consideration of the year's expenditures, the treasurer said, and is a method of

### **Aurora** gets struck twice

Lightning never strikes twice in the same place, a saying which the Aurora Community Centre does not believe in. Why? Well, they were robbed of over \$900 in two separate raids in two

On Tuesday, last week, \$810 were stolen from a closet in the board room. And the very next day \$155 were taken from the centre.

A youth is facing charges of theft in the second raid, in which the police claim a piece of fishing line and a hook were used to lift a money bag from a chute.

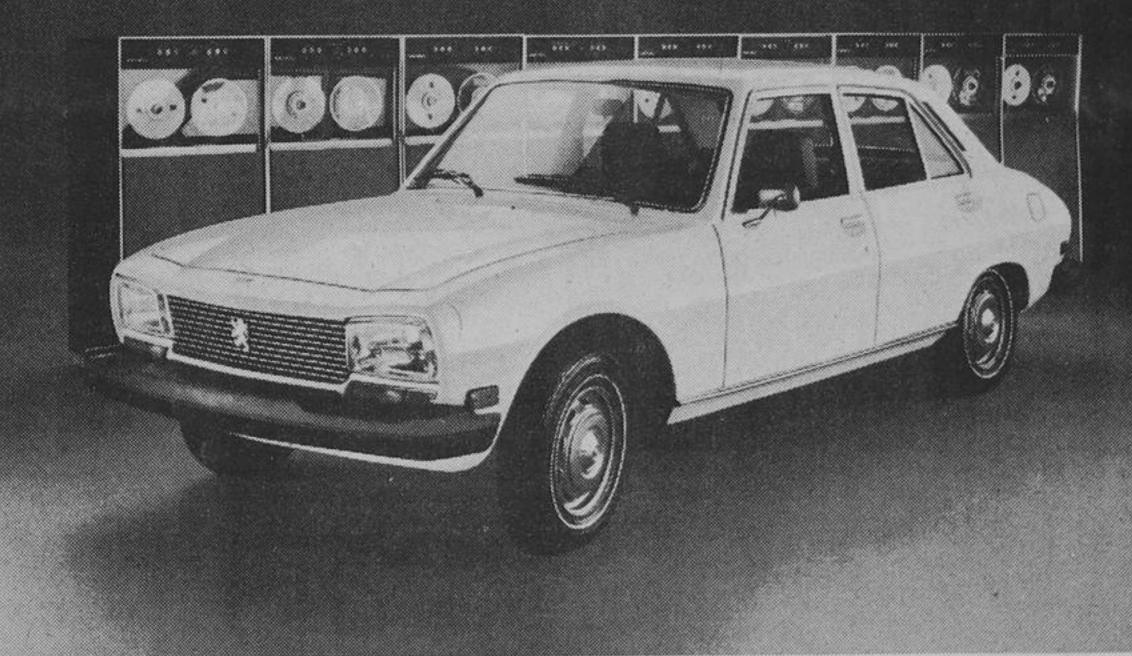
Accused of the offence is Dennis Pugh, 19, of Victoria Street, Aurora.

#### Far-Sighted Thief looks loot over

A far-sighted crook saw a car parked in a driveway in Evahill Crescent, Richmond Hill this week. His beady eye noticed the door was

unlocked. When the owner returned he found his prescription glasses had been stolen

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