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YESTERDAYS..

Gruesome farm double murder in 1843

The murder of Thomas Kinnear and his housekeeper Nancy Montgomery in 1843 created a furor in this area which is still recalled from time to time.

Kinnear, a gentleman of considerable means, lived in what was then the Township of Vaughan, about half a mile north of Elgin Mills Road.

It was reported in an article in The Liberal of August 25, 1887, that his home was of better construction than the common run of farmhouses in those days and stood about 20 rods from Yonge Street.

It was also said the gentleman farmer lived a life of careless ease and self-indulgence.

Besides the housekeeper, who dined with the master and was supreme head of domestic affairs, the household contained a man servant, James McDermott, 20 years old.

There was also a general household servant, Grace Marks, who was only 16. Both of the latter were Irish by birth and had been in Canada only a few years.

Both resented the fact they were compelled to take their meals in the kitchen and perform the drudgery and menial tasks of the establishment.

Hatred and jealousy

McDermott became careless in doing his work and, after repeated admonitions from the housekeeper, received a fortnight's notice to leave.

Grace was also to be discharged because of impertinence towards the housekeeper. This fanned their hatred and jealousy to fever height.

They decided to kill both master and housekeeper and to flee to the United States with whatever plunder they could gather.

Kinnear rode into Toronto on horseback to draw some bank dividends July 27, 1843, and was to be gone overnight.

Grace persuaded the housekeeper to share her bed and McDermott was to bash her head in with the axe.

However, he found himself unable to force himself to kill her.

Killed with axe

The next day Grace called him a coward and goaded him into a second attempt. This

time he didn't hesitate in putting the axe to work.

According to McDermott's own testimony, he then opened the trap door and hurled the housekeeper into the cellar.

When Grace, who had been in the barn milking, returned to the house, McDermott insisted she accompany him into the cellar where they discovered the housekeeper was not yet dead.

In fact she was recovering her senses and raised her clasped hands as if to implore mercy.

McDermott took the kerchief from Grace's neck and used it to garote the poor woman and held her down with his knee until he was certain that this time she was dead.

Kinnear returned from Toronto driving a light wagon the next day and was informed his housekeeper had gone to Toronto by stage.

After tea he was inveigled by McDermott into the harness-house or back kitchen, shot through the heart and his body thrown into the cellar.

The young murderers then packed all the valuables they could find into the new wagon, even going down to the cellar to take the money from the dead man's pockets.

They left the farmhouse about 11 pm and breakfasted in Toronto about 5 am before boarding a boat for Lewiston where they planned to be married.

They were arrested by the bailiff the next morning about 5 am.

They were both found guilty of murder and were sentenced to be hanged.

In the case of McDermott the penalty was carried out in November of that year, but in the case of Grace Marks her sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

She spent a short time in the Toronto Insane Asylum and after several petitions to the government was liberated. It was reported she later changed her name and married.

Forty-four years later the house still stood, the trap door leading to the cellar still existed and the property was owned and occupied by E.H. Clubine.

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General meeting is May 26

For the benefit of ALL members of Branch 375! Disregard all former dates and rumors regarding the May general meeting. The top 'gen' is it will be held May 26 at 8 pm.

With the actual arrival of spring, it is pleasant to report our hospital board has only Comrade Jack Hippell listed as a resident in sick bay.

This past weekend has been hectic.

Thursday evening we took on energy by relaxing in the lounge.

Friday evening saw ye olde hall swinging upstairs and down.

Richmond Hill Minor Soccer was host for a suc-

cessful dance with George Cowie and Ken Birch leading the music upstairs. Downstairs Peter and John led the entertainment of the weekly "free and easy".

Dorothy Fitzgerald came up with the winning number in the lucky draw at the latter.

Saturday night "Nostalgia Night", sponsored by Branch 375 Color Guard and Pipe Band. Music of the 40's and 50's brought back many memories — the grim ones eased by those moments of pleasure which are more easily recalled.

Do you remember dancing to music by Glen Miller and swinging to the tunes of the Dorsey Brothers, Charlie Barnett, Harry James, et al?

Lucky winners of the evening were: Mrs. Bray of Newmarket, a stereo radio and Mrs. Audrey Yule of Richmond Hill, a hamper of groceries.

The rest had the pleasure of watching and listening to the best pipe band in the country and seeing the color guard put on a parade of their own — with a difference.

Sunday dawned sunny, cool and clear.

The legion bus, loaded with Legionnaires, took off for the sunny climes of Markham to take part in the Markham Veterans' Association parade.

Our pipe band and color guard added to the color.

After a brief ceremony at the town cenotaph, we paraded down the main street to the Legion Hall where we met with many WWI veterans from Sunnybrook and other areas.

It was an afternoon of comradeship that will long be remembered.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the Estate of Rhona Elizabeth Ball

All persons having claims against the Estate of Rhona Elizabeth Ball, late of the Town of Richmond Hill, in the Regional Municipality of York, who died on or about the 18th day of February, 1975, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before 30th day of May, 1975, after which date the Estate will be distributed, with regard only to the claim of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable for any person of whose claim he shall not then have notice. DATED at Richmond Hill, this 18th day of April, 1975. Frank Ball and Doreen Violet Elliot Dunlop, Executors of the Estate of Rhona Elizabeth Ball, by their solicitors, Lawlor, LeClaire, Stong & Nevins, Barristers & Solicitors, 10265 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

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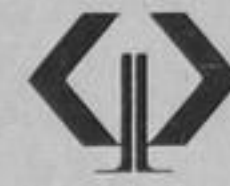
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Track	56.5"	53.1"	56.1"	52.8"	56.7"
Displacement	1971 cc	1990 cc	1875 cc	1990 cc	2300 cc
Suspension	Independent on all four wheels	Independent front rigid axle rear Rack & Pinion	Independent front rigid axle rear Rack & Pinion	Independent on all four wheels	Independent on all four wheels
Steering	Four wheel disc power assisted	Four wheel disc power assisted	Disc front, drum rear power assisted	Worm & Roller	Recirculating ball
Brakes	Four wheel disc power assisted	Four wheel disc power assisted	Disc front, drum rear power assisted	Disc front, drum rear power assisted	Four wheel disc power assisted
Tires	Michelin XAS, high speed radial W.S.W.	Goodyear radial	Radial ply	Michelin XAS high speed radial	Radial ply W.S.W.
Sunshine Roof	Standard	Not available	\$275 extra	Standard	\$365 extra
Headlights	Rectangular with quartz halogen high beam (H.I.)	Standard sealed beam	Standard sealed beam	Standard sealed beam	Standard sealed beam
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