

York Regional Police News Briefs

PURSE SNATCH RESULTS IN DEATH

On November 12 at 11 a.m., Edith Bevington, 72, had just come out of the senior citizens home on Eagle Street in Newmarket when a youth grabbed her purse and pushed her down.

She received a broken hip from the attack and her purse was later found with \$12 missing from it.

Ms. Bevington later died at York County Hospital as a result of complications arising from her injury.

York Regional Police are now treating the case as a murder and are looking for a suspect described as: male, white, 13 or 14-years-old, having light brown hair, about 5'3" tall with a light build and wearing a navy blue nylon jacket. The woman was able to give the description to the officer who came to her aid.

STASH OF CASH DASHED

Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on November 24, entrance was gained to the home of Stephen Grenier on Benson Avenue in Richmond Hill through a basement window. The house was ransacked and \$2,000 cash was stolen.

ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH

On October 20, a man was involved in an argument with two visitors in the hallway of his residence — Steven Wolfreys of Trayborn Drive, Richmond Hill and George Nelson of Morgan Avenue in Thornhill. At that time, he threw a beer bottle at Mr. Wolfreys.

Both men left the building but again became involved in an argument with the resident, who was now standing on his apartment balcony. At that point, he threw a two-wheeled bicycle at Mr. Nelson.

Charged with two counts of assault is Ali Cameel, 23, of Laverock Road, Richmond Hill. He will appear in court January 8.

NEW SCHOOL COURSE?

Between November 17 at 4 p.m. and November 20 at 8 a.m. a car belonging to Harry McNeil of May Avenue in Richmond Hill, was damaged by jumping on, and kicking at, the body.

It was parked at the \$300-worth of Secondary School and received \$300-worth of damage.

THEFT GETS A JUMP ON WINTER

Sometime between November 18 at 7 a.m. and November 20 at 7 p.m. the garage at the home of Alan Farberman on Braeburn Drive in Thornhill, was entered. Stolen was one five-horsepower Snowflight snow blower worth \$650. Police are investigating.

HILL FIREFIGHTERS IN AURORA

The most expensive fire in Aurora's history brought aid from Richmond Hill and Newmarket racing to the scene of Excel Metalcraft Limited on Cousins Drive, shortly after 7 p.m. on November 20.

An employee saw smoke coming from the warehouse area and then found flames had engulfed a quantity of cardboard cartons. Though the cause is still under investigation, damage to the building and contents mounted to \$1.5 million, according to the Fire Marshal's Office.

During the fire, at which there was danger of an explosion, two men were asked to stand back by police, but failed to do so. They struggled with police.

Arrested for obstructing police and assault with intent to resist arrest were Clifford Raymond Vokes, 19, of Brookland Drive in Aurora and Gord Thomas Vokes, 23, of the same address. The first man was released for a court

appearance on November 28 and the second was held in custody for a show cause hearing on November 21.

HUB CAP SHUFFLEBOARD

On November 17 at 1:30 a.m. two men were observed by police to be acting in a suspicious manner on the parking lot of Twin Hills Motors on Yonge Street in Richmond Hill.

When approached by an officer, the first man kicked a hub cap belonging to one of the dealership vehicles, under his own car.

Charged with theft under \$200 and possession of goods under \$200 were Ed J. Jandrisits, 22, of Donalbain Crescent in Thornhill and Douglas John Warster, 22, of Baythorne Drive, also in Thornhill.

SOMEBODY GOT THE SHAFT

Sometime between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on November 20 a car belonging to Clifford Howson of Morgan Avenue in Thornhill had the drive shaft removed while it was parked at the Double Rinks Arena in Woodbridge. The part was worth \$150.

CHURCH PROPERTY NOT SACRED

Two batteries were stolen from two buses belonging to Langdon Coach Lines of Keele Street in King City, while the vehicles were parked at the Nobleton United Church. The thefts occurred between 5 p.m. on November 20 and 7 a.m. on November 21 and the batteries were worth \$100 each.

FATHER SAVED HIS SON

On November 26 at 1 p.m. a 19-year-old King City man tried to commit suicide by jumping off the television tower at his home. He was talked down by his father. He was then arrested and taken to York Central Hospital where he was certified under the Mental Health Act.

The man was transported by ambulance and admitted to the Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital in Toronto.

SERIOUS COLLISION

On November 25 at 1 a.m. John Wyland Qua, 18, of Claridge Drive in Thornhill was operating a motorcycle southbound on Bayview Avenue north of Steele. At that time, Barry Thomas Caldwell, 20, of Abitibi Avenue in Willowdale pulled his car out of a bus loop on the west side of Bayview, thus entering the first man's lane and causing a collision.

Mr. Qua was taken to West York General Hospital, where he was treated for extensive injuries. Police have not laid charges in connection with the accident.

PLAYERS HAD NO LICENCE

Uniformed officers attended the Orange Hall at 36 Wallace Street in Woodbridge and observed that numerous betting games were going on. An investigation showed the man responsible for the activities held no licence for the use of such games.

Arrested for keeping a common gaming house, keeping a common betting house and permitting the use of games equipment was Robert Ellis Graham, 52, of Bond Crescent in Oak Ridges. He was released from 28 Division for a court appearance on December 13.

GARAGE WAS CLEANED OUT

Between November 19 at 5 p.m. and November 22 at 4 p.m. the garage of Ted Skupien on Elgin Mills Road in Richmond Hill was entered by forcing the rear door.

Taken was one 20 HP Mercury outboard motor, one Pioneer chainsaw and one Snap-on drill all worth \$1,200.

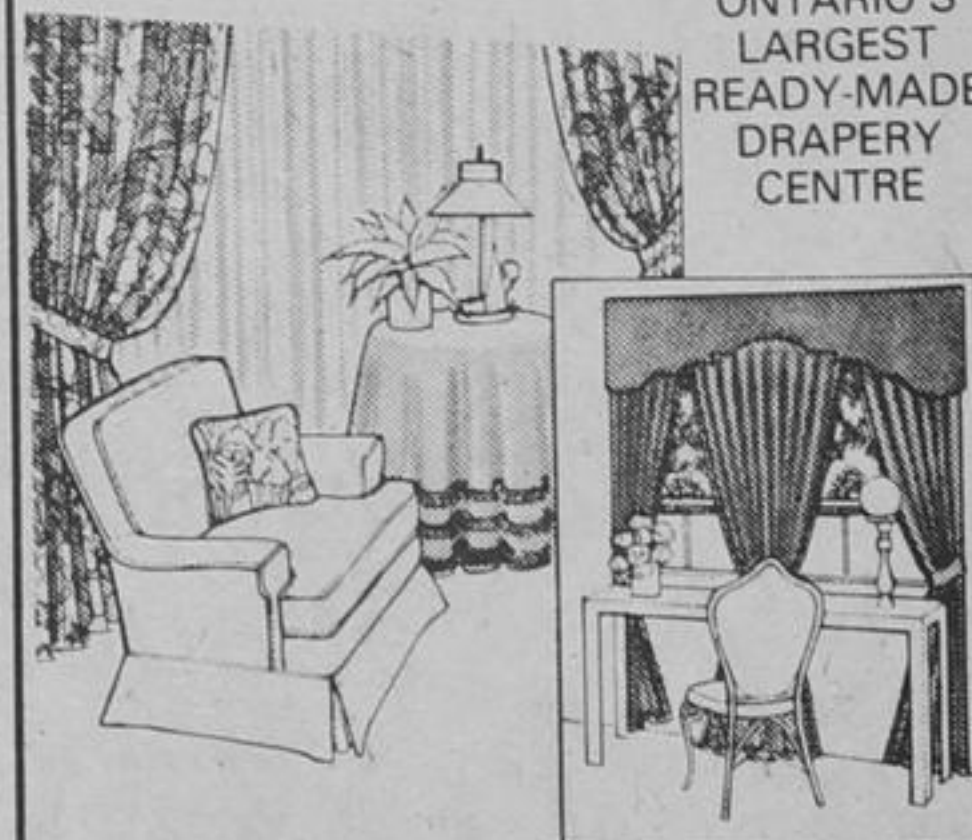


Elsie MacKay of Arnold Crescent, Richmond Hill, was presented with the Ontario Horticultural Association Trillium Pin, recognizing more than 25 years of service to the local society. Mrs. MacKay is well known for promoting horticulture in many ways, imparting her knowledge of

preserving flowers and arranging them or teaching the art of using pressed flowers for novel and practical use. The sterling silver trillium and leaf was designed and crafted by the late Doug Boyd, an internationally known silversmith from Richmond Hill. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg)

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Body found

The jean and T-shirt clad body of a Rexdale man was found by an Ontario Hydro Survey Crew at Lot 2, Concession 6, Weston Road in Vaughan last Wednesday at about 11 a.m. Wayne Charles Downey, 28, was found lying without shoes or socks. It was reported he had at least nine tattoos on various parts of his body. It was determined the man had died from exposure.

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