

# Woman murdered, dumped in field

York Regional Police are continuing their investigation and search for a suspect in the murder of 33-year-old Kathleen McLaughlin, whose body was found last Tuesday in a field near Warden Ave. and Highway 7.

before it was discovered by a survey crew.

Ms. McLaughlin was last seen alive on the night of July 27 at La Brasa Hotel on Carlton St. in Toronto.

The woman was known to police and had appeared in court in June on a charge of robbery. She had been free on bail at the time of her disappearance, but

was not reported as missing.

Ms. McLaughlin was divorced from her husband and her three children live with him. She shared an apartment at Danforth and Coxwell Avenue in Toronto with another woman.

Early in June, a man at a Dundas St. East hotel complained to Metro Police he had been lured to the rear of the premises by a woman. When they

got to the back of the building another man was waiting there. They demanded the victim's wallet and then fled.

Ms. McLaughlin was subsequently charged and would have appeared in court this fall.

York Police treated the case as murder from the time the body was discovered. It was identified by the Centre for Forensic Science through fingerprints.

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Vaughan firefighters spent more than five hours battling this blaze in Concord last week. Smoke from the fire could be seen for miles. No one was injured. Damages are estimated between \$500,000 and \$1 million. (Photo by Bruce Hogg).

## Flames destroy Concord buildings

Exploding paint cans, wafts of thick black smoke and changeable winds made it difficult for firefighters to gain control of a blaze that started early Thursday morning at a Concord paint factory.

The Denalt Paint Company on Rivermeade Dr. was gutted and an adjoining furniture warehouse belonging to Topper Artistic Products Ltd. was heavily damaged, according to its owner, Reg Gilbert.

"We just completed our year-

end inventory as of July 31 so it's tough to put a value on the goods lost at this time. I'd estimate approximately \$75,000 to \$100,000 damage."

His part of the building didn't receive the brunt of the blaze however. Heat was so intense within the paint factory, brick walls began to collapse. Vaughan firefighters wouldn't venture any closer than 50 feet because of the frequent explosion of tins of paint.

The fire broke out before 7 a.m.

but smoke wasn't noticed until a half-hour later. A worker from a neighboring plant called the incident in and it wasn't until 11 a.m. that flames were under control.

Chaim Sussman, vice-president of Denalt Paint refused to talk to The Liberal and the general manager of the Montreal-based company, Tibor Herskovits, said he was "in too much of a hurry" to discuss the damage.

Mr. Gilbert, who has an office and another factory at Bowes Rd.

and Rayette Dr. (just up the street) said he lost a quantity of furniture made out of particle board and a large number of cardboard cartons.

Vaughan Fire Chief, Jim Davidson has called the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, and they are still investigating the blaze.

Total damages are still not certain, but estimates are damages to both buildings and contents could range between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

As yet, no cause has been found for the scorcher.



Paul and Jessie Angle seem delighted with the quiet celebrations of their 70th wedding anniversary. Paul fashioned

the corsages he and his wife are wearing. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

## 70 happy years of marriage for Richmond Hill couple

By MILLIE STEWART  
Liberal Reporter

Seventy years of marriage is something to be proud of, but to Paul and Jessie Angle of Richmond Hill, it's just one more achievement in their lives.

They were married August 4, 1909 in Dunnville, Ontario, which was the bride's home town. She is the former Jessie McIvor.

Paul and Jessie moved to Richmond Hill in 1928, and before that, they lived in California.

He was the manager of the Bedford Park Floral Company, and being a graduate of Guelph University, he knew his job well.

Paul was well-liked by all the people he supervised.

Jessie was busy at home raising six

daughters; Phyllis, Pauline, Mildred, Ruth, Dorothy, and Jessie.

Paul's gardens at their home on Bedford Park were the envy of the community.

Both Paul and Jessie have been active members of Richmond Hill United Church. She was involved with the United Church Women and he was superintendent of the church choir for more than 40 years. All six daughters sang in the choir.

Jessie Angle is at present, a resident at The Villa Hospital, Richvale, where Paul spends most afternoons and evenings. He never misses a day with his wife, if he can help it.

Jessie is 97 years old and Paul is 95. As for 70 years of marriage; Mr. Angle says, "It's just great."

## York County

# Board, teachers play cat and mouse

Salary negotiations between the York County Board of Education and its high school teachers have lapsed into a cat-and-mouse, wait and see game.

Negotiating Chairman Bill Monroe was to have called a meeting of his committee today to discuss the board's position on both issues still outstanding in mediations for a secondary contract and the tentative settlement reached with the elementary teachers just over a week ago, in preparation for a public meeting on August 20.

The secondary team returned the requested Form 7 last Thursday, outlining its final position to the board, but Mr.

Monroe said nothing has changed.

"They want to take four basic issues to binding arbitration: monetary items, unassigned time, working conditions and human rights. They think somewhere along the line they've been abused and they want something in the contract to protect them. Quite frankly, I thought that item had been taken off the table — it's ridiculous to raise it at this point," he said.

The teachers' final offer is still far from acceptable, according to the chairman.

Including increments (annual increase for experience) and a

cost of living clause (COLA), the teachers' team has asked for a 12.5 per cent increase in the first year of a two-year pact. The total wage and benefits demand, again including increments, works out to 23.2 per cent for two years.

The spectre of a lock-out still looms rather large and the subject will likely come up for discussion at the August 20 board meeting. Mr. Monroe, easing up on his stance, said the board doesn't want to call a lock-out right away.

Their (the teachers) immediate response would be 'What have we done to deserve this?' And it's true, it would be hard for us to justify to the public why the teachers had been locked out. We'll just have to wait this out and see what happens in September."

He was referring to the list of forbidden activities handed to teachers for a work-to-rule the last two days of school and the extent to which they plan to comply with provincial executive when school opens next month.

If the planned work-to-rule is overly disruptive to the administration of the schools, the board will consider seriously closing the doors on the teachers.

"You know, all we've done in the last two years is give, give, give," said Mr. Monroe. "We're getting tired of it and I think the public is, too. One day, I hope there'll be a system whereby once either level has signed a contract, the other will be bound to settle for the same amount. This waiting to see what the other group gets is useless."

## Community Pulse

### Anniversary

The Richmond Hill Horticultural Society is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year.

In honor of the occasion it has invited as many of the past presidents and directors back to an evening of flowers, dancing and general entertainment next Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The location is the regular meeting place of the society, the basement of the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, on Yonge St. just north of Major Mackenzie Drive.

About 150 people are expected, and though it's mainly for members, you can join the group if you're interested in stamens and pistils.

### Soothing

Patients in the operating room holding area at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, will now be soothed with soft music before surgery.

A tape deck has been purchased for the area, and patients, who find the last minute wait hard on the nerves, may enjoy the background music.

### Tough guys needed

Strong males over 16 are needed immediately by the Student Employment Centre in Richmond Hill.

Monica Janach, supervisor at the centre, said she gets a number of requests every day for some kind of casual labor, and is having trouble finding students to fill the positions.

The Student Employment Centre also needs waitresses, preferably over 19 and able to serve liquor, said Miss Janach.

### Wyatt, where are you?

Thornhill is looking for a sheriff to lead the parade for the Village Festival, September 15.

There are no age or sex requirements, just write up to 250 words about Thornhill — historical, political or humorous, and mail them to Thornhill Historical Society, Box 224, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 3N1.

Since this will be the first sheriff, he or she has the opportunity to start a tradition for the annual festival.

## Girl beaten up after threats

Fiona Munro feared for her life the night of June 20 as she lay on the ground in Thornhill Cemetery and was repeatedly kicked in the head, she told a judge in Newmarket last week.

The 16-year-old Thornhill resident, testifying at the trial Thursday of two girls and a man accused of beating her, said the assault was the culmination of two weeks of threatening phone calls.

The trial continues tomorrow. The calls began shortly after two other youths were charged with stealing Miss Munro's purse, containing nearly \$100 cash and belongings, she testified.

Linda Johnson, 18, her brother Douglas, 20, and Victoria Murgaski, 16, all of Thornhill, originally were charged with assault causing bodily harm and with obstructing justice.

The obstruction charges were dismissed Thursday by Provincial Court Judge Fred White.

All charges against Douglas Johnson were dropped due to lack of evidence.

A fourth person, Randy Smith, 21, is awaiting trial on the same charges.

In an emotional 2½-hour testimony, Miss Munro told the court the incident which occurred near her Colborne Street home began with a phone call about 9:30 p.m. June 20.

"At 9:30 I received a call from Linda (Johnson). She said she wanted to talk to me about why I had put Dave Muir away," Miss Munro told the court. "I said I had nothing to do with it."

(David Muir and another Thornhill teen, Cliff Towers, were charged in connection with the theft of Miss Munro's purse about two weeks prior to the alleged assault. The two youths have since received suspended sentences in theft incident. Mr. Muir was sentenced to 20 days in jail for assaulting police at the

time of his arrest.)

"She asked me to meet her at McDonald's and I said maybe I would," Miss Munro testified.

"Linda called back about 10:30 p.m. and said why aren't I coming. She said she'd meet me at my house and we could talk on my street — alone."

Miss Munro said she met with the accused about 11 p.m. near Colborne and Yonge Streets.

She saw "a few other people" nearby.

"I thought I saw Vickie Murgaski getting out of a car on the other side of the street at (Highway) 7B and Yonge," she said.

When Miss Munro met with Linda, "she didn't talk anything about Dave Muir. I said let's get on with it. So I said we could take a walk toward my house."

As they were walking, "Linda said she had to go to the washroom." While Miss Munro watched for oncoming cars, "she (Linda) went into the cemetery and went to the washroom."

"I went over to her when she was finished."

They walked along into the cemetery, and "Vickie Murgaski was there," she said.

They talked about the purse theft and an argument Miss Munro had had with another girl.

"Vickie and Linda offered me \$100 if I'd call the police up and tell them it (the theft) was all a mistake," she testified.

"I went to get up and Linda and Vickie both said, 'Sit down.' I said I didn't have to, and then they jumped on me."

One attacked from the front, another from the rear, she claimed.

As she lay on the ground at least three others joined the two accused in kicking her in the head, Miss Munro told the court.

She said she "pulled out a knife," which she later described as a broken paring knife, to defend herself.

Victoria Murgaski has laid a

counter-charge of assault, alleging she was stabbed with that knife.

Under questioning by Miss Murgaski's counsel Ross Linton, Miss Munro said she couldn't recall stabbing anyone with it.

Miss Munro said she dropped the knife, which she had kept in her back pocket, during the attack.

She faked unconsciousness as she was kicked and all but two of her attackers left, Miss Munro testified.

The pair, both males, realizing she was conscious, kicked her a few more times and then "left in the same direction as the girls."

"I staggered along the path (out of the cemetery) and met an old man who had heard

screams," she continued. He walked her home.

Miss Munro said her injuries consisted of a bleeding lip, "huge bumps all over my head" and a black eye.

She received no stitches and was not kept overnight in hospital.

Her mother Marcia Munro testified it took a week for her daughter to recover from the attack.

After the attack, Miss Munro left town to stay with a cousin, the court heard.

Evidence showed Miss Murgaski and Miss Munro had been friends but had had a falling out.

Mrs. Munro admitted her daughter had a bad temper.

## Restaurant business

# Dave Barrow enters another enterprise

For David Barrow, insurance man and town councillor, "it's a dream come true."

Councillor Barrow is one of two men involved in the new management of the House of Lords Steak House on Yonge Street in Richmond Hill.

"I've always wanted to own or run a restaurant," he said.

Nevertheless, managing the House of Lords won't be David's full-time job. He plans to remain in the insurance business, and he has no intention of cutting back his position as town councillor. Councillor Barrow will team up

with Stavros Stravropoulos to manage the restaurant.

"How many times have you heard people say there are no decent restaurants in Richmond Hill?" he said. "Hopefully, this will be that 'decent' restaurant."

"I'd like it to be a place where you could go to have a good meal, enjoy some dancing in the evenings, and meet your friends," the councillor said.

One thing that won't change, he said, is the buffet, a popular attraction for many downtown businessmen. Councillor Barrow has invited

about 100 people to attend a reception at the Steak House Monday night.



DAVID BARROW