

Markham town police had busy year

MARKHAM — Markham Town Police Chief Fred White filed his annual report with council, Monday, covering occurrences for the 12-month period of 1968.

The information reveals that during the year, three persons died suddenly and eighteen others were injured, the majority in traffic accidents. There was one suicide and five attempted suicides.

The most serious crime involved a young girl. Subsequent investigation has led to the arrest of two men and the preliminary hearing is now underway. The accused are in custody.

There was one armed robbery and this incident is still under investigation.

Fraud cases, mostly involving bad cheques, showed an increase. Chief White said that his department enjoyed very close co-operation with the fraud squad of both the O.P.P. and Metro. Several bad bills were circulated with one arrest in Markham Township.

There was an increase in the number of house break-ins with entries into stores almost comparable to 1967. The losses involved were not heavy. Chief White observed that in several cases where thieves and shop-lifters were caught by store owners, the merchandise was returned and no officer called. He feels that in each case, the store operator would be well advised to notify his department. If this is not done, he said, the problem continues unchecked.

Chief White touched on the problem of drugs in the town and their use by young people. He said that there had been some increase, costly through experimentation, but noted that only a minority group were involved. He said that publicity on the subject, rather than curtail drug use, could cause an increase. "Most of our young people are not interested," he said, "there are many outlets of activity here for all of them."

Chief White admitted that a problem existed at teen dances in the fair grounds pavilion but pointed out that the organizers were doing their best to restrict trouble-makers from entering the premises. He said he hoped it would not be necessary to request the Recreation Committee to curtail this type of recreation.

Mr. White said that due to O.P.P. investigation of some accidents within the town limits, his department had fewer to handle. He agreed that speeding and heavy truck traffic had presented a problem but unless an alternate route was found, trucks would continue to use Main Street. He said that the radar speed device was used as often as possible.

Chief White said that due to the efforts of Mayor Alma Walker and members of council, meetings had been arranged with the Department of Highways and the speed limit reduced on Highway No. 7. He agreed that a provision to make Church and Joseph one-way streets would alleviate a traffic problem.



A 'Chevy' man since 1917, Henry Slack receives delivery of new model

Henry Slack (centre) of Stouffville has been buying Chev cars since 1917. His first was from Beare Bros. of Port Perry. The last eleven have been from Doug Ward at Conlin Motors, Markham. Here, he receives delivery from Mr. Ward (left) and Bill Conlin — Staff Photo

The Chief noted that James Robinson School had attained a 13-year no accident record and St. Patrick's, 10 years. He said that his department was assisting in the promotion of this program.

Mr. White said that 2,293 minor complaints had been answered by police officers and more than 500 summonses served for other forces. Premises found open or insecure at night numbered 206.

The Chief praised the co-operation his department had received from weekly newspapers serving the area and also the Police Committee who, in his words 'showed an understanding attitude towards our needs'.

Estate tax changes

By Norm Cafik, M.P., Ontario Riding

Today the new estate tax and gift tax proposals were tabled in the House of Commons by the Minister of Finance.

I was delighted to find that 3 of the 4 recommendations I had made to the Minister are contained in these new proposals.

They are as follows:
 1) Estates of less than \$50,000 will not be taxed.
 2) A provision of all estate taxes to be paid over a six year period. (I had suggested between 5 and 10 years).
 3) A six-month option

period to choose between the old estate tax legislation or the new proposed ones. (In actual fact, the Minister has proposed a choice of the exemption under the old law or the new one during this period of time).

I am disappointed that my recommendations in respect to taxation on farm properties is not contained within the Report.

I feel that all the efforts myself and others put forward in recommending changes in this legislation has really been worthwhile and I want to thank constituents for taking

their time in writing to me expressing their views on this subject. Their encouragement played a big

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role in determining the action I took on this subject. Mrs. Della Paisley, Ninth Line and Mrs. Verna Grove, Ringwood, visited Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conner, R.R. 1, Unionville.

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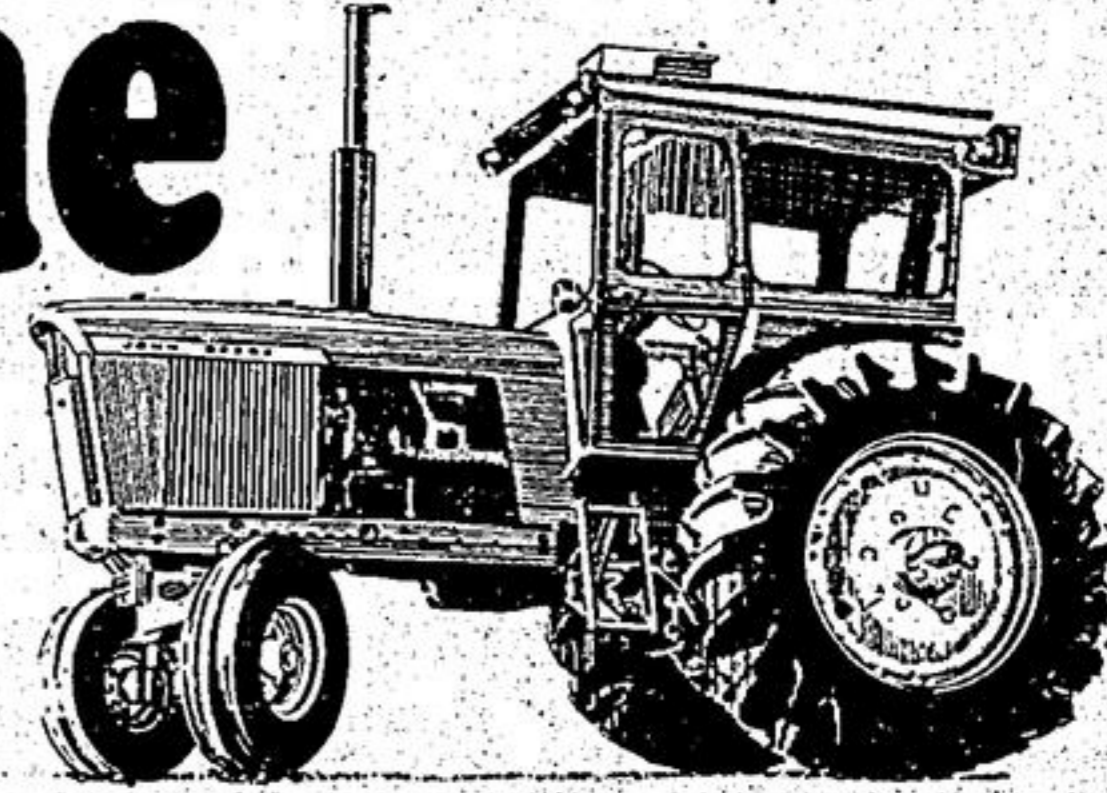
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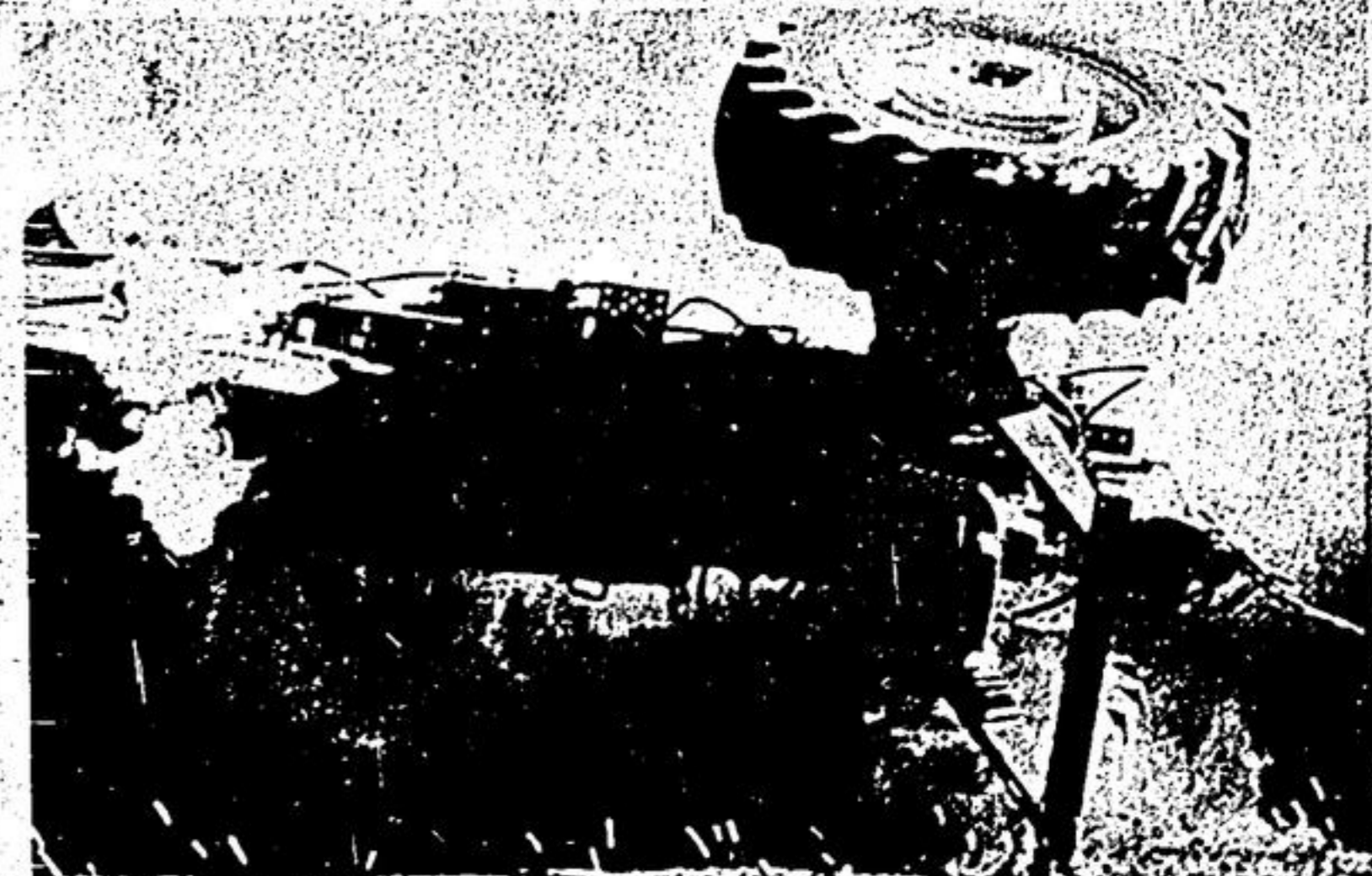
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