

Garfield Wright first chairman York regional government

24 years service

YORK CTY. — Garfield Wright, resident of East Gwillimbury, and former Warden of the county, has been named by Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough as the first chairman of York's new regional government. This initial appointment, made by the Ontario Government, is for a four-year term. His new council will be elected on Oct. 5.

Mr. Wright is a 50-year old insurance agent, and has had a total of twenty-four years in municipal politics. He was warden of the county in 1968 and had begun as a school trustee in 1944. He was reeve of East Gwillimbury from 1964 to 1969.

The new chairman and his council will conduct business for an 880-square-mile region with a population of 150,000.

While not denying the cost factor, the new chairman holds to the belief that the new regional system should bring much more efficiency. He argues that there are bound to be savings in having only nine local governments rather than fourteen.



Jack Rettie, Chief Engineer of the Toronto and York Roads Commission and Chief Engineer of York County, resigned his position with the Commission Monday morning to become the Chief Administrator of the New Region of York. He is shown above signing his letter of resignation as York North M.P.P. Bill Hodgson, left, and York Region Chairman Garfield Wright, look on. —Bob White, Newmarket Era.



Fred and Ethel — masked bandits

Fred and Ethel are two masked bandits that don't roam the streets of Stouffville unnoticed. The pair are from a litter of six born in a Dickson's-Hill barn and have

become the pets of 17 year old Judy Boettger (right) and her sister, Arlene, 13, of Mill Street. —Peter Harris.

Support tax protest

STOUFFVILLE — The municipal council went on record Thursday night by endorsing a protest against the high assessment of farm land by Whitchurch Township Council. The Whitchurch resolution urged that the government follow the recommendation of the Select Committee on Taxation which called for a range of \$15 to \$200 for farm land in

parcels over ten acres. The resolution went on to point out that the use of sale value as a means of assessment was an unfair basis.

Reeve Ken Laushway said he believed the township should be supported in their protest and deputy-reeve Jas. McKellar moved immediate endorsement.

Plowmen ask for grant

STOUFFVILLE — Messrs. Fred Steckley and Walter Winn appeared before the municipal council Thursday night to request a financial grant for the East York Plowmen's Association. The council has hitherto only given financial support to the North York Association.

Mr. Steckley admitted that the farmers in East York were having a difficult time to keep their association solvent now that Scarborough was nearly all urban and predicated that an amalgamation with North York would be a certainty within the next few years. Reeve Laushway advised that the request would be passed on to the finance committee for consideration.

The deputation said that plans were being made to hold this year's match on the border of Stouffville.

building on Winlane are underway.

A total of 27 permits were issued during 1969 for construction totalling \$712,000.

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Region administrator

NEWMARKET — Garfield Wright, Chairman of the Region of York, today announced the appointment of A.J. Rettie as Chief Administrator of the new municipality. The appointment confirms the announcement made earlier this month by Bill Hodgson, M.P.P., North York.

The announcement followed a meeting of the Toronto and York Road Commission on Monday morning.

Mr. Rettie has been Chief Engineer of Toronto and York Roads Commission since 1954. He graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Applied

Science degree in Civil Engineering. He was born in Toronto and attended elementary and secondary schools in York Township. Mr. Rettie served during World War II with the Royal Canadian Engineers.

He is past-president of the Ontario Good Roads Association, past-president of the County Engineers Association of Ontario and a member of the Professional Engineers Association.

A resident of Newmarket since 1956, Mr. Rettie served on the Newmarket District High School Board from 1956 until 1968.

He is married with one son, a daughter and a grand-daughter.

Salary negotiations are stalled until fall

YORK COUNTY — After more than six months of meetings between committees appointed by York

County Board of Education and the York County representatives of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, both groups appear to hold no hope for a contract settlement before September.

Whitchurch Trustee Arthur Starr, chairman of the board's salary negotiating committee submitted a "salary package" to the teachers through Negotiating Committee Chairman John Munro-Cape, a teacher at Richmond Hill High School.

In his memorandum Mr Starr pointed out that as a result of our meetings with your committee some significant changes have been made in our offer of June 8.

The \$500 increments (annual increases) introduced into the grid affect approximately 68 teachers and will ultimately benefit all teachers as their experiences reach these levels.

The offer included a \$400 increment for teachers in all categories up to the maximum which may be reached over a period of 12 to 15 years depending on category.

Century City still alive

UXBRIDGE TWP. — The decision of the Department of Municipal Affairs rejecting applications to rezone lands in Uxbridge Township for the proposed Century City Development has not according to the developers put the 'death sentence' on the scheme. Mr. Richard Rohmer, Q.C., informed The Tribune that he is engaged in active discussion with the Provincial Government with regard to the status of Century City as it relates to the Toronto Centred Region Report.

The report is cited as the basis for the rejection of the scheme by the Department of Municipal Affairs. Mr. Rohmer has been retained by Century City Developments Ltd. as legal counsel in the matter.

Windows broken

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Police report that five windows at the rear of Summitview Public School were broken by thrown stones, July 10 and 15.

Damage to the glass is estimated at \$100.

Motorcycle stolen

STOUFFVILLE — A motorcycle, property of Harold Crowder, Baker Avenue, was stolen from in front of his home during the night of July 15.

The machine, a 1964 BSA, is valued at \$500. P.C. Thomas Wauchope investigated.

Markham man charged with impaired driving

MARKHAM TWP. — An automobile and tractor-trailer accident occurred on July 11 on concession 10, just north of 14th Avenue. Ronald Knabb, 36 of 202 Main Street East in Stouffville has been charged with impaired driving.

He was travelling north when he collided with a tractor trailer parked at the side of the road. As another car was coming south he was unable to pass safely and after braking slid into the stopped vehicle operated by James Sinclair, 29, of 22 John Dexter Place, Markham.

Minor injuries were incurred by both drivers and property damage was estimated at \$700 to Knabb's car and \$400 to the truck.

Complete work on crosswalk

STOUFFVILLE — Workmen were busy this week installing the necessary overhead and curb signs as well as the street painting for the town's first official crosswalk. The location is at the Municipal St. corner.

Visitors injured in head-on crash

BROUGHAM — Two former Brougham girls, who had returned to the area for a vacation, were injured, July 12, in a head on crash near Lindsay.

Fifteen year old Debbie Brown is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterboro, in good condition with facial injuries.

Her sister, Patsy, 18, was released from Lindsay Hospital following observation.

The girls are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Brown, who moved from Brougham to the Bahamas a year ago. Mr. and Mrs. Brown flew to Peterboro Sunday night to be with their daughters.

Also injured were David MacArthur, 21, of Markham and also formerly of Brougham. He is confined to Civic Hospital,

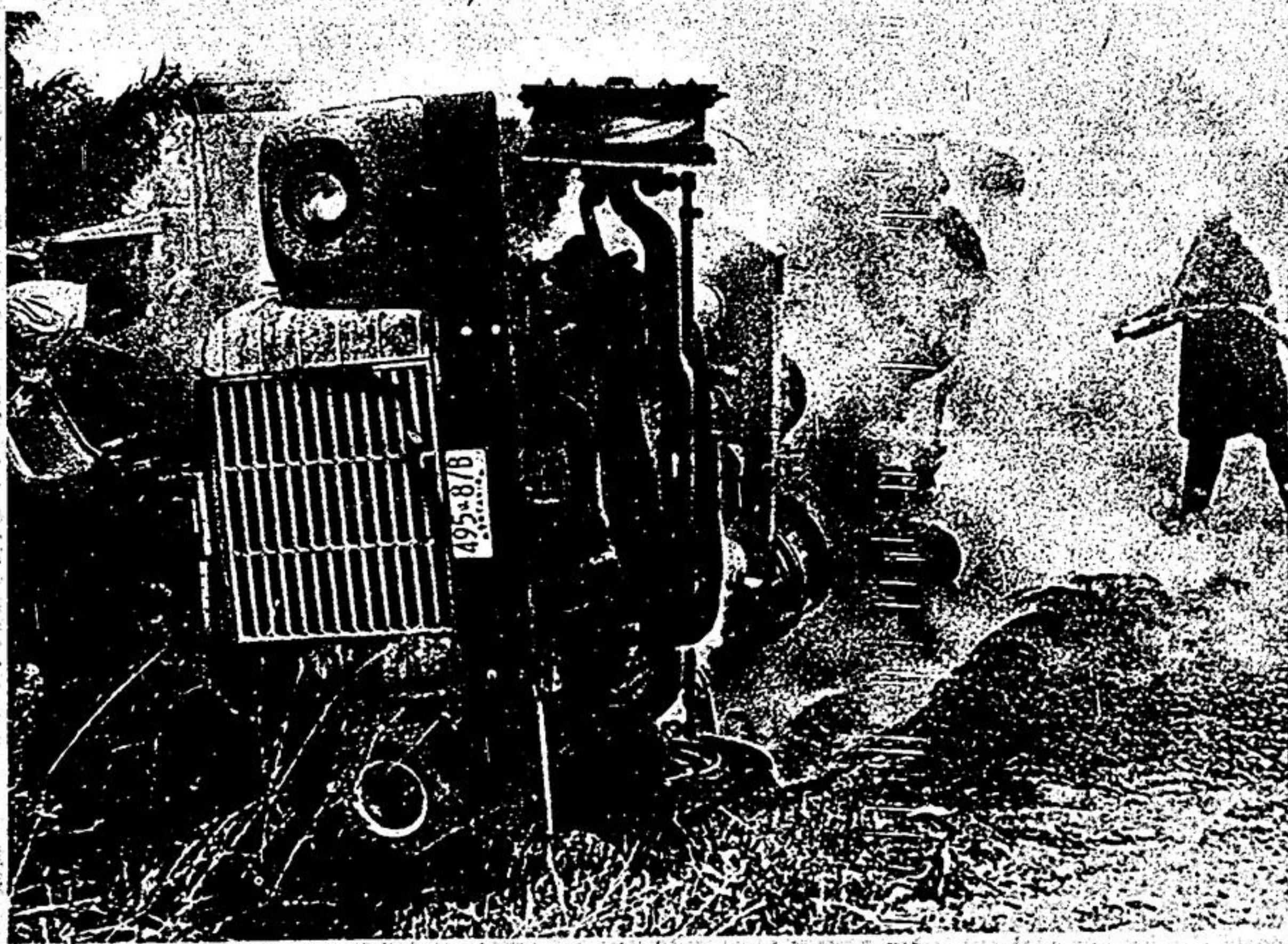
Peterboro, with facial injuries and a broken elbow.

David Howell, 17, of Brougham, was treated at Lindsay Hospital and later released.

Building at low ebb

STOUFFVILLE — Building construction in Stouffville during the past six months is at its lowest level in many years. Only a half dozen residential permits have been issued and except for two major projects, new construction of commercial buildings is virtually at a standstill.

The 22 suite Senior Citizens' home on Elm Road and a new apartment



\$20,000 damage to lumber truck

Leonard Inwood, Gormley, driver of this tandem lumber truck, estimated the damage to be \$20,000 after he rolled the big truck loaded with logs in an effort to miss hitting a dog. The truck was further damaged when

fire broke out. The truck is owned by the M.C. Slater Company of Whitchurch Twp. and the incident took place near Bowmanville.

—Photo courtesy Bowmanville Statesman.

Proper road before building permit

WHITCHURCH TWP. — The question of allowing residential building in Whitchurch Township's Ratcliff Road subdivision has come before council again.

Solicitor Donald Hindson appeared at the July 20 meeting on behalf of Mr. Charles Ratcliff and Mr. Gordon Smith to request a permit to build a home on the road.

A township bylaw forbids residential construction on all roads not assumed by the municipality.

Council stated that in order to obtain a permit,

the road must first be brought up to the Department of Highways standards, and then the township might assume it.

Councillor Gordon Ratcliff commented that the ban on building was a hardship on many owners as they were forced to pay heavy taxes on their undeveloped properties.

The lot in question is owned by Mr. Charles Ratcliff's daughter, Carol Ratcliff Crips. A solicitor appearing on her behalf attended the meeting, but discussion had ended prior to his arrival.

Ward 4 race begins

WHITCHURCH TWP. — Whitchurch Councillor, Gordon Ratcliff, has tossed his hat into the political ring again. This time his name stands for the office of councillor in Ward 4 of the new Whitchurch-Stouffville electoral system. Elections will take place on October 5.

Ward 4 includes the area between concessions 8 and 9, north of Main Street and west of the railway tracks. The northerly boundary extends between lots 13 and 14.

Mr. Ratcliff was both a member and Chairman of the Stouffville District High School Board for a period of ten years prior to his election as Councillor in Whitchurch.



He is a farmer and is married with a son Ian and a married daughter, Diane Stouffer.

Mayorality candidate

MARKHAM TWP. — Markham Township Deputy Reeve Anthony Roman announced his intention to seek the position of Mayor of the new Town of Markham



Anthony Roman

within the Region of York. The announcement was made public at the Township council meeting, held July 20.

Object to split Pickering Township

PICKERING TWP. — Strong opposition has been voiced against the latest report on planning for the Ontario County Regional government which divides Pickering Township into two municipalities.

Reeve John Williams complained that the report did not spell out what the financial impact would be as a result of splitting his township.

Not a single clause in the 600-page report on the proposals for the Oshawa-centred region was approved when it was placed before a meeting, Thursday, of the Oshawa Area Planning and Development Study executive.

This, the third in a series of reports, was strongly criticized by officials in the affected municipalities. Faced with such a torrent of opposition, the executive committee decided only to receive the report and release it for public discussion at a series of public hearings to begin in August.