This will be a familiar sight to Whitchurch-Stouffville and area residents during the holiday season. York Regional Police have declared all out war on drinking drivers, who are usually out in force during the Christmas season. Police Chief Bruce Crawford has credited spot-checks and public response to an amazing decline in traffic fatalities during 1974.

Commission backs resolution making working conditions non-negotiable

NEWMARKET — The York Regional Police Commission last week agreed to support a resolution from the City of London Police Commission which will request the Soliciter General, Hon. George Kerr Q.C. to amend a section of the Police Act.

The resolution which received the support of York seeks to make several points regarding working conditions for police officers, beyond negotiation by police, and places the prerogative in the hands of the commissioners.

The resolution asks that section 29 subsection 1 of the Police Act be amended to provide that "Working conditions" in so far as they relate to man power deployment, hours of work, promotion policy, and organization of the police force, shall not be negotiable and shall be considered the prerogative of the Board.

The City of London Police Commission urged the Board to take early consideration of the matter since Police Commissions across the province are now receiving briefs from their respective associations to amend working agreements.

The letter from the London Police Commission notes that delay in dealing with the matter would tend to thwart the purposes of the proposed Police Act Amendment.

Commissioner Ray Twinney of Newmarket told the Board he felt they should support London's resolution.

Stevens chief critic

YORK-SIMCOE — Sinclair Stevens, along with Conservative Leader Robert Stanfield, are now the chief financial critics in the House of Commons.

Mr. Stanfield has shuffled his caucus committee chairmen and promoted Mr. Stevens to the higher ranking co-chairmanship from corporate affairs.

The caucus committee chairmen are known as the "shadow Cabinet."

Chief Crawford

Complied with requests

NEWMARKET — York Regional Police Chief Bruce Crawford, was assured by Regional Police Commissioners last week, that he has done everything he can do, in order to cooperate with Newmarket businessman Peter Gorman.

Mr. Gorman in a letter to the chief last week asked him to supply extensive data to enable him to analyze the activities of the police force, the morale of the police officers and the costs of policing within the Region.

The Board was informed by Chief Crawford, that he has complied with Mr. Gormans requests in so far as it has been possible to do so.

The Newmarket businessman has begun a one man campaign to end what he terms "police harrasment" in the Region following his conviction on a speeding charge.

Mr. Gorman was fined $5 and vowed he would go to jail rather than pay it. He now says he intends to study the information supplied by the Chief, and advises he may request the opportunity of presenting his findings and recommendations to the Police Commission in future.

Mr. Gorman said that as a concerned citizen residing in the Region for over 27 years, he has become quite concerned over the form of police protection during the past four years.

"In an effort to substantiate my belief that York Regional Police are abusing their power, I would appreciate your assistance" Mr. Gorman wrote the chief.

The Newmarket man has asked for copies of police budgets from 1971 to 1974, he wants to know the number of officers on the force in each year from 1971 to 1974, the number of resignations from the force, and the names and addresses of those who resigned.

Mr. Gorman has also asked for particulars regarding the number of summonses issued, and informations laid for all violations from 1971 through to 74. He wants to know the number of guilty pleas and fines paid out of court for the same period of time. He has also requested information regarding the gross income per year to the governments of Ontario from fines and penalties assessed in the Regions courts for this period.

Mr. Gorman has also requested the number of fatalities, and other traffic accidents.

Chief Crawford told the board last Tuesday that he has supplied all the information requested by Mr. Gorman where possible.

The Chief pointed out that some of the requests are for 1975 data which of course is not available, other requests pertaining to court matters cannot be provided except through the courts themselves. The Chief also pointed to the fact that centralization of the Force and some of it's statistics, were not initiated until December of 1971.

Chief Crawford said he was pleased to cooperate with Mr. Gorman "As far as I am able to" in order to assist in the analysis.

In moving that Mr. Gorman's letter be filed, Regional Police Commissioner Ray Twinney of Newmarket commented "The Chief has done everything he could in order to accomodate Mr. Gorman."

Fatalities down 50%

Crawford tells board

NEWMARKET — Police Chief Bruce Crawford told the Regional Police Commission last week that fatalities within the Region are down this year to 22 as opposed to 52 for the same time last year.

Chief Crawford told the board he regretted having to announce that the Town of Markham had registered the first fatality of 1974 last Tuesday evening after going through almost a whole year without such incidents.

Chief Crawford told the Board that a fatality occured on the Don Mills Road at the intersection of 18th Ave. between a gravel truck and a car.

The chief also informed the board that complimentary letters to the force still outweigh letters of complaint.

Chief Crawford said that so far he has received 205 complimentary letters as opposed to 21 complaints. The chief noted that last year netted 20 letters of complaint, showing an increase of 1.

"This must be a matter of some gratification," Judge William Lyon Chairman of the Commission told the Chief in reply to the statement. Judge Lyon added he felt all members of the Board would like to see the complaints down to zero but added, "The kingdom of heaven is not of this world."

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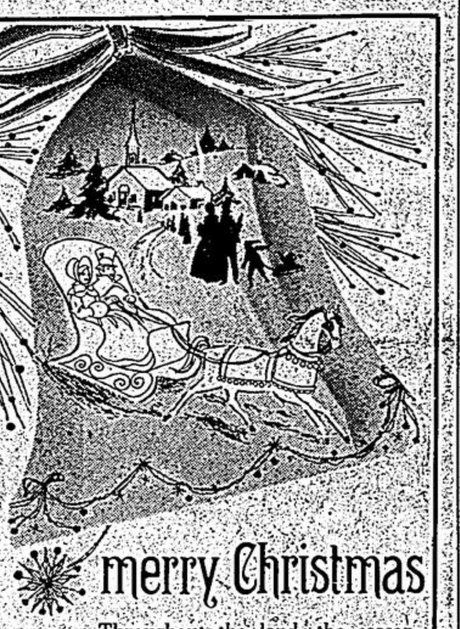

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Your Canada Pension Plan

Here's good news... for CPP contributors – their surviving spouses and dependent children

Recent changes to the Canada Pension Plan will result in substantially increased benefits for 1975 and subsequent years. There are other important changes, too. Some affect people over 65 or approaching that age. Others provide equality for the spouses and dependent children of male and female contributors. These changes may require prompt action or getting advice. So we suggest you read this message very carefully.

1. Retirement Pensions
Have you contributed to the Plan at any time since January 1, 1966?

Are you between 65 and 69?
Then you have a choice . .
Apply now and start receiving your monthly CPP retirement pension. No more need to retire to collect benefits. (Once you start receiving your pension, however, you can't make further contributions to the Plan.)
OR
Continue to contribute to the CPP and possibly build up a larger retirement pension to commence at a later date. Continuing to contribute is also a way to qualify survivors for benefits if you have not already done so. (When approaching age 70, you should consider applying for your retirement pension because after 70 you may no longer contribute to the Canada Pension Plan.)
NOTE: Before making your choice you may wish to seek advice from the nearest CPP office. The staff will be pleased to help you.

Are you approaching age 65?
If you have made your choice and want your CPP retirement pension to commence as early as possible, you should apply two or three months before your 65th birthday.
NOTE: There is no provision for retroactive payment of retirement pensions between the ages of 65 and 69. So if you're in that age group or approaching it, get advice as soon as possible.

Do you now receive a CPP retirement pension?
As of January 1st, 1975, your pension will no longer be affected by any money you earn thereafter.

2. Equal Protection for Males and Females:
This means that for female contributors, in addition to being eligible for a retirement pension and disability protection for themselves, and a death benefit payable to their estates, as has been the case in the past, their spouses and dependent children are now eligible for benefits as follows:

Benefits for Surviving Spouses
A monthly pension payable to the widower who at the time of the death of the contributor is over 35 years of age, or under 35 years of age but is disabled or has dependent children; that is, a benefit similar to that which has always existed for widows.

Benefits for Orphans
A monthly benefit payable to unmarried dependent children under 18 and to unmarried dependent children between 18 and 25 attending school or university on a full-time basis.

In order for survivors to qualify, the contributor must have died in January 1968 or later and must have contributed for the minimum contributory period, which is three years for deaths occurring before January 1, 1975.

Benefits for Children of Disabled Contributors
A monthly benefit payable to unmarried dependent children under 18 and to unmarried dependent children between 18 and 25 attending school or university on a full-time basis, where the contributor concerned is in receipt of a CPP Disability Pension.

NOTE: In all cases, it is necessary to make application for benefits. If such applications are approved, payments can only be made currently—that is, from January 1, 1975. No payment can be made for any period prior to that date.

Other Changes:
The earnings ceiling—that is, the maximum amount on which contributions can be paid and on which benefits can be calculated—is being raised to $7400 in 1975 and to $8300 in 1976. The initial amount of earnings on which you are not required to contribute, will be $700 in 1975.

MAXIMUM MONTHLY CPP BENEFITS
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Disability Pension	$139.35
Surviving Spouse's Pension—under 65	$88.31
over 65	$81.67
Orphan's Benefit	$37.27
Disabled Contributor's Child's Benefit	$37.27
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