

George W. Harris, 68, of Gormley was pronounced dead on the scene after he pulled out in front of a Greyhound GO bus and was struck broadside. Mr. Harris is reported to have been travelling westbound when he stopped at a stop sign at Don Mills and Bethesda

sidewalk, then pulled out in front of the bus. The car was pushed sideways for over 100 feet by the bus and the bus, which went off the road, through the ditch and into the middle of a field, travelled another 40 feet before coming to a stop. The bus, carrying only Harry Usher, 50, and his

son, both of Sutton, remained upright and damage was limited to \$2,500. Mr. Usher and his son were uninjured. The accident occurred just after 6 o'clock Friday evening. It was raining and very dark at the time. Mr. Harris had been an employee at Gormley Sand & Gravel.

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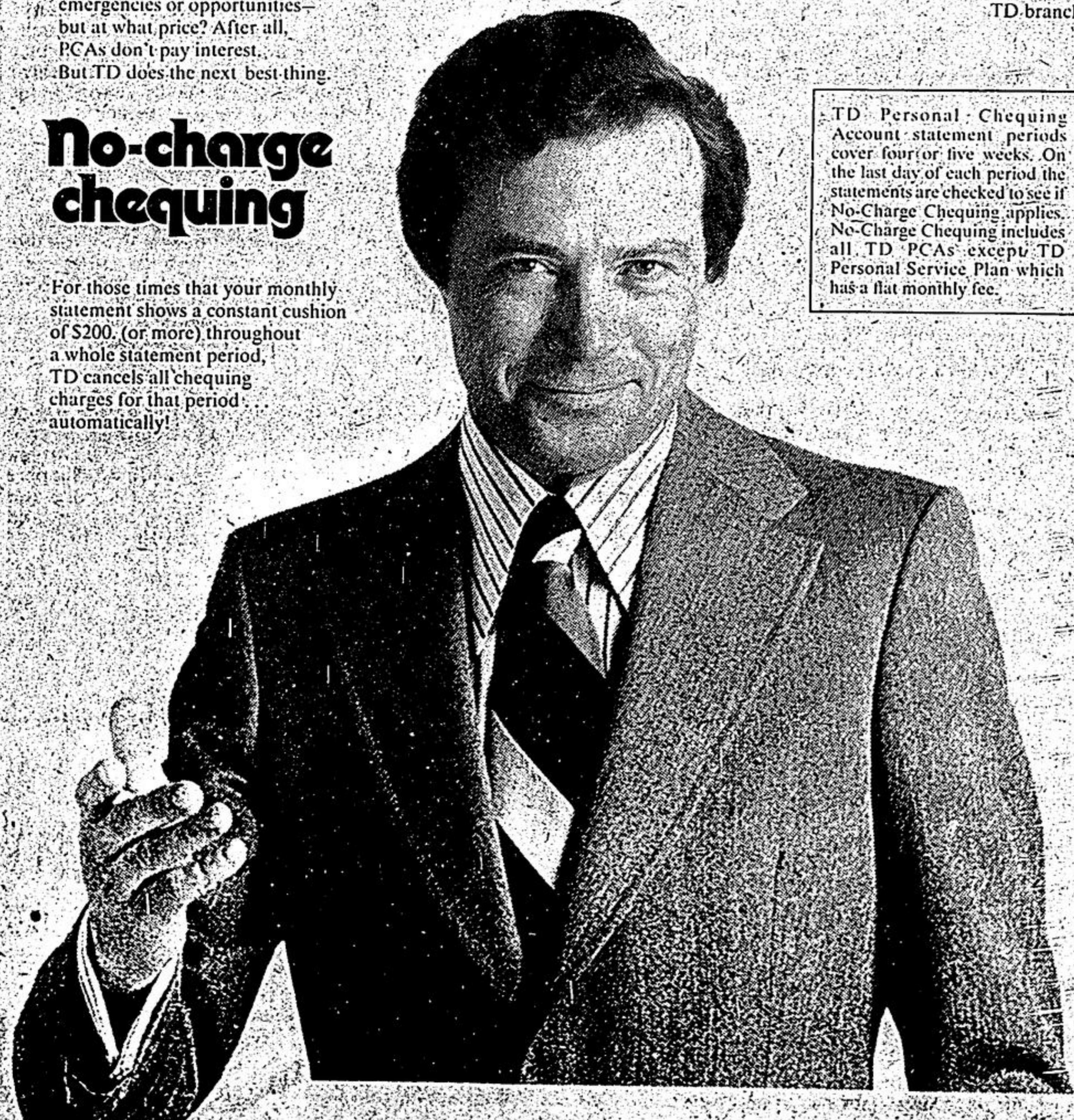
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Markham Fire Department

Has 'awful weekend'

A \$40,000 fire on Markham Main Street Thursday evening, Nov. 25, marked the beginning of what Fire Chief Myrl Smith termed "an awful weekend" for the Markham Fire Department.

At 8:52 p.m. Thursday a fire was reported at Markham Auto Trim, 316-318 Main Street N., by a neighbour, George Anderson who saw flames coming from the building which houses an auto trim and upholstery business operated by Tony Meuhleze.

Twenty-three firemen and five trucks from Markham

Unionville and Thornhill were on the scene within minutes, but were unable to save the workshop. Damage to the adjoining house at No. 316 was confined to the rear portion.

Fire Chief Smith said cause of the blaze is believed to be a smoke pipe which was too close to the studding in the shop wall. He believes it had been burning about an hour before it was discovered. The fire was

Correction

In a story which appeared in last week's Tribune (Nov. 25) it was incorrectly stated that two cars involved in a fatal collision were heading northbound.

A car driven by Thomas West, 16, was northbound and a vehicle driven by Wayne Thompson, 17, was southbound. Mr. Thompson was not northbound as previously stated.

Brenda McCleod, 18, of Perth, died as a result of the accident.

fed by supplies at the plant such as upholstery material, and firemen were at the scene more than five hours.

Luckily there were three water hydrants adjacent to the site. York Regional Police blocked off Main Street traffic from the CNR tracks to 16th Ave. for four hours.

Townhouse Fire

On Saturday night, 11:27 p.m., a call was received to a fire which gutted a townhouse condominium at 63 Village Parkway, in Unionville. Chief Smith said a neighbour smelled smoke, saw flames coming from unit 9, and called the fire department.

There was no one home at the residence owned by Reg. Burske, nor at the homes on either side at numbers 8 and 10. The Burske home was gutted, and there was smoke damage to the upper bedrooms of 8 and 10. Cause of the fire, which started in the kitchen, is unknown at this time.

Charge of negligence against youth dropped

STOUFFVILLE — Charges of criminal negligence, filed against Michael Barry, Main St. E., and a Toronto man have been dismissed.

The charges, laid after a two-car collision in which Christopher Mudge, 28, of Toronto was killed, were dismissed in Bowmanville Provincial Court.

The car Mr. Barry was driving collided with a vehicle driven by Ian Lawrence Johnson while the cars were being driven on the Mosport Park racetrack, after a June 20 race.

Judge R.B. Baxter ruled that while neither driver belonged on the track after the racing was completed, he did not feel they had deliberately disregarded the lives and safety of others.

Police commissioner succeeded by mayor

NEWMARKET — East Gwillimbury Township Mayor Gladys Rolling, who will be retiring from the office in a few weeks, took up her new duties last Wednesday night when she became a York Regional Police Commissioner.

Mrs. Rolling, who succeeds former Commissioner Stewart Rumble of Markham, has been appointed for a two-year term. Gordon Cook of King Township the other provincial appointee has been returned for another two-year term following six years on the commission.

Judge William Lyons, Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners, extended the board's congratulations to Mrs. Rolling on her new appointment and said the East Gwillimbury mayor will bring a contribution in wisdom and humour to the position.

"In my view she will be a stable member who will contribute a great deal," Judge Lyons told the board.

The commission will be honoring Mr. Rumble for his six years of service on the board at a later date.

Judge Lyons commented on the work of Mr. Rumble during that time and told the board he would be missed.

the car, hadn't completed a lap before the collision occurred.

He said at least one had passed him traveling in the opposite direction.

Mr. Barry, he said, was in the wrong lane as far as race drivers were concerned but was on the correct side as far as driving on public roads.

Man charged as nose biter opts for jury

CHARLES DRUKARSH had heard evidence from Steven L. Sawchuk and had noted the obvious disfigurement of the Markham man.

Sawchuk testified that Moran had bitten off the end of his nose during a fight at his home last June 5, he told the court that Moran had also split the side of his face along the cheekbone.

The court was told that Sawchuk had undergone an operation on his nose, and that he faces further surgery.

Moran will appear for trial January 4.

Badge thief discharged

NEWMARKET — A 19-year-old Markham youth, who was given a ride by a Metro policeman, repaid the favour by stealing his cap badge, and ended up in Newmarket Court charged with theft.

Roger L. Beamish pleaded guilty to the theft before Provincial Judge Charles Drukarski last week and was given a conditional discharge and placed on a one year term of probation.

Counsel for Beamish told the court his client felt remorse for his actions which occurred last January 21st. "If he felt such remorse, how come it took him almost a year to come and plead guilty to the charge?" asked Judge Drukarski.

Police decide to shop for vans

NEWMARKET — The York Regional Police Commission last week agreed to a recommendation from Regional Police Chief Bruce Crawford to "shop" for quotations for the purchase of two van type trucks, to cost approximately \$11,000, for use by the police department safety bureau.

Making the recommendation the chief told board members that although sufficient funds are not available in the vehicle account for the purchase, "funds" are available in other parts of the 1976 budget which may be transferred.

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