

Late Max Reesor

Fine athlete

MARKHAM — The Markham community, down through the years, has produced many excellent athletes.

But none was ever more competitive, more colorful, than the late Peter Max Reesor.

Max Reesor passed away, Aug. 11, following a heart attack while enjoying a game of euchre at his apartment residence 56 Main Street North.

While the suddenness of his death came as a shock to relatives and friends, it was the way he would have wanted. He was 74.



Max Reesor

Max Reesor was born June 30, 1897, at lot 13, conc. 7, Markham, the son of Peter H. Reesor and Lilly Ramsey. The property was originally purchased by Peter Reesor Sr., the deceased's great-grandfather in 1805. It was retained in the Reesor family name 160 years.

Max Reesor's community connections and contributions are endless. He was a member of both the Markham Public School and High School Boards. He was an active Liberal in politics, serving as president of the Markham Twp. Liberal Association and a devout supporter of W.L. McKenzie King when he became Prime Minister of Canada in 1921.

In the 1940's he formed part of what was known in Markham Main Street circles as 'The Arm Chair Club', getting together with four other close associates in the Tremont Hotel every noon-hour, to discuss important issues of the day. Of the five, only Mill Russell survives. He is a patient in Sunnyside Hospital. Others were - Peter Stewart, O.B. Heise and Jack Burns.

At the age of 17, Max Reesor joined the Canadian Army, serving overseas with the 52nd Battery. It was while stationed in France, he was awarded the Military Medal, a presentation made to him personally in 1919 by the Duke of Windsor.

Of all his interests, sports ranked number one. He signed his first O.H.A. certificate in 1911, at the age of 14. He played with Intermediate hockey teams in Markham and Uxbridge, qualifying for a tryout with the old Chicago 'Cardinals', fore-runners of the present day 'Black Hawks'. Then 33, he was ruled ineligible because of age to hold a regular position with the club.

For 18 years, Max worked as an O.H.A. referee, receiving one of the original Gold Stick Awards from 'Mr. Hockey' himself, Wm. A. Hewitt. He prized it highly.

Stouffville was to know of Max Reesor's athletic ability too. He was a catcher for many years with the hardball club, teaming up with Earl Cook on several occasions. Earl visited the parlors, Friday, to pay his respects.

As in hockey and baseball, so in football, lawn bowling and curling, Max Reesor's determination to be the best, led teams to district and Ontario championships. A plaque on the A.J.H. Eckardt Bowling Trophy, dated 1837, bears his name.



Equestrian team wins top trophy at Halton County show

The Bayview Farms equestrian team (left to right) - Tanis Johnston, 13, R.R. 4 Stouffville; Steven Weizz, 15, Downsview; Liz Wray, 13, Scarboro and Jamie Smart, 19, Willowdale, took top honors in a Halton County competition, Aug. 8. Their coach is Ben Ewen, Stouffville, R.R. 4. —Jas. Thomas.

Town's provincial grant 'plum' only \$3,200

YORK REGION Christmas came early to York Regional Council this year. On August 19 the Hon. Dalton Bales, Minister of Municipal Affairs,

Surviving is his wife, the former Rila Milroy. Two brothers Percy and Lloyd are deceased.

Hundreds of personal and family friends, many from a distance, visited the Dixon Funeral Home and attended the funeral, Saturday afternoon. The floral tributes were beautiful.

Pall bearers were Donald Reesor, John DeWitt, Dennis Pilkey, Gordon Pilkey, Stanley Milroy and John Lunau. Interment was made in the Reesor family plot, Elmwood Cemetery.

played Santa Claus and revealed special grants to the Region which will total \$850,000. During 1971, York Region will receive more than \$7,200,000 in grants over the 1970 figure.

The special grants are basically designed to help the Regional government overcome 'growing pains' - problems which have arisen as a result of regionalization. Levies can now be made on the basis of assessment rolls, avoiding a complicated procedure of apportioning levies on equalized assessment. The grants will also, according to Mr. Bales, assist the Region and its area municipalities to bring expenditures and revenue into line.

Markham, which paid 26 percent of the Region's budget under the old formula, will get grants totalling over \$420,000.

Vaughan, in a similar position, will receive \$160,000. Whitchurch-Stouffville is low man in the ratings, receiving only \$3200.

Special circumstances applied to the cases of King and East Gwillimbury where, according to the Minister, changes in boundaries resulted in a substantial amount of assessment being transferred from these two townships to other municipalities. A special grant will be made to King for the amount of \$44,000, while Gwillimbury will get \$86,000. These funds will be placed in a reserve, and spent only upon Departmental approval.

payments by municipalities on short-term borrowing. Many of this Region's municipalities have borrowed because of delays in budgets. The Department has set aside \$40,000 to pay interest on such transactions where regionalization had caused the extra borrowing.

One special grant was designed, in part, to even out differences

in assessment. According to Mr. Bales, "some taxpayers, mainly in the more developed areas, would have supported other taxpayers, mainly in the less developed areas."

Such payments, known as "transitional grants" will amount to \$572,000 over the Region.

All this money, though, has some strings attached. The

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