West Gwillimbury Boy Killed In Car-Truck Collision

The Office Window

With nominations and elections over, municipal life should be resumed with renewed vigor. When there is an election someone has to be left behind. In this case both contestants were inexperienced in so far as the local reeveship is concerned and the opinion of voters was therefore not given on past performances, therefore no one should feel badly. All will watch with interest the progressiveness of the new reeve and council . . . In this regard, the vote on Monday very clearly indicates that the voters are interested. For an election with voting for only one office the vote was exceptionally large . . . And speaking of progressiveness, in so far as these columns are concerned, the accomplishment of building that direct road from Bradford to the Marsh will mark a progressive Reeve and Council—and you won't have to mark that in your "little black book," the reminder will come from here pretty regularly. That the Marsh residents prefer to do business here is not enough when roads are bad and travelling facilities elsewhere are much better . . . Is your Christmas shopping done? Just seventeen days before Christmas! Read the Christmas advertisements in this issue and visit the local stores. There is an abundance of lovely gift material to be found right here in Bradford where each of us, as well as the merchant, is receiving the patronage which provides our livelihood . . . There was a time when a Christmas tree, complete with Santa Claus, was a feature here at the Christmas season. Surely we have not become too busy to provide some entertainment for the children. To adults, the decorated tree and distribution of small gifts by that rotund gentleman, may at times appear foolish but to the tiny child the occasion is a tremendous event. One has only to see the excitement of little folk who are taken to neighboring towns these days to visit Santa Claus to realize how very, very important such a visit is, or to recall such an occasion in the past experienced with some small child.

Six-year-old Kenneth Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Andrews, concession 11, West Gwillimbury, was instantly killed at about 8.30 o'clock Friday evening when the left side of the car in which he was riding was ripped off when in collision with a truck on Highway 27, about a mile south of Bond Head. Driver of the car, Frank Amesbury of Malton, the grandfather of the dead child, was removed to Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, suffering fractured ribs and arm, and his condition is reported to be only fair. Others in the car included the driver's wife; his daughter (mother of the dead boy), Mrs. Herb. Andrews, and three other children, Larry, 2, Donald, 5, and Shiela, 7. They all suffered minor cuts and bruises.

Lloyd Wallace, Toronto, driver of the newspaper delivery truck which was in collision, has been charged with dangerous and careless driving. He escaped injury.

The Andrews children with their mother were going from their own home to Malton to the home of their grandparents in anticipation of proceeding next morning to Toronto to see Santa Claus at a department store. The car, driven by the grandfather, is said to have been travelling south on Highway 27 and when coming over a hill about a mile south of Bond Head was in collision with the truck. Little Kenneth, who was sitting behind the driver, was thrown to the roadway.

The truck continued on, narrowly missing a tree, crossed a sideroad, went down into a field and through a snow fence before coming to a stop.

Kenneth Andrews was in his second year at Pinkerton school and was a bright, promising little boy.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon from the home of his grandfather, Mr. Joseph Andrews. The services were conducted by the rector of Pinkerton Church, Rev. Blevin Atkinson, and interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Coulson's Hill.

The pallbearers were a cousin and four neighbors, Harold Andrews, Gordon McDonnell, Earl McKinley and Robert McKinley.