Fun At Winter Recess

In spite of sub-zero temperatures and a brisk wind there aren't many children who worry about leaving the warmth of the classroom for a little fun. Examiner Photographer Peter Northcott spent recess at Hillcrest School Tuesday and found that the school yard activities haven't changed at all during the winter months.

AT LEFT: Robbie McLennan, 12, prepares to take to the slopes on one of the oldest devices for winter fun—a toboggan.

ABOVE RIGHT: Graham Buddy, 5, likes to spend his time building the traditional snowman.

BELOW RIGHT: Ball hockey is only one of the ways schoolyard kids keep warm and active. John Thompson, 11, prepares to drop the ball and get another game underway.

NDP Leader Pledges Support For Commuter Railroad Run

The issue of a GO train between Barrie and Toronto is not dead.

Jack Lennox, the Barrie member of the GO North committee, has received a letter from Ontario New Democrat leader Stephen Lewis pledging his party's support for the reinstatement of the run.

Mr. Lennox said Mr. Lewis has gone as far as proposing three or four trains at morning and again at night. Mr. Lewis said in his letter he feels the trial run was a success in view of the obstacles facing the organizers and said he feels the commuter train will help relieve the traffic congestion in north Toronto.

Mr. Lennox said the committee has also received a letter from Barney Danson, Liberal member of Parliament for York North, which said Mr. Danson has met with the federal minister of transport on several occasions and is pressing for the resumption of the commuter service to Barrie.

Mr. Danson said while he is pleased with the announcement of a commuter system to Richmond Hill, he feels the system from Barrie to Toronto is also important, particularly for the northwest area of Metro.

Mr Lennox said the group is quite pleased with the support it is receiving from the NDP which has promised to press both the provincial government and the federal government for action.

HEARINGS SLATED

Hearings into the trial run have been scheduled, but Mr. Lennox said the committee has received no word about when they will be held.

The commuter system was discontinued Dec. 23 after almost two months of service. During that time, the average number of communities was about 200 with a peak of 279 in cars with accommodation for 256.

GO north organizers protested the cost of the service and accused CN of "milking" the federal government. John Medcof of the Railway Boosters said he made a profit of more than $300 in a one-day trial run he conducted in 1969 and said there is no reason why the longer trial run should have lost money.

Meanwhile, commuter train supporters won't take much solace from the fact that during the seven weeks the train did run it had little effect on the GO Transit bus service from Barrie.

Roger Byrne, assistant manager of the Barrie Gray Coach terminal, said the train had absolutly no effect on the number of passengers who took the two morning and evening buses to and from Toronto.

About 680 people a week take the bus to Toronto in the morning and return in the evening.

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CITY NEWS

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MAN KILLED, ANOTHER HURT IN HIGHWAY 90 ACCIDENT

Ontario Provincial Police at Barrie have identified Robert Edward Chalmers, 21, of 129 Maple Ave. as the driver of an eastbound car who was killed about 8 p.m. Tuesday in a two-car accident on Highway 90 at Concession 6 of Essa Township.

Investigating officers said the Chalmers car apparently crossed the centre line, striking the west-bound vehicle, driven by George Halliday of Creemore, almost head-on.

Mr. Halliday is in fair condition today in Royal Victoria Hospital, with multiple injuries. He had to be hacked from his car.

One witness at the scene of the accident said he was about two car lengths behind a westbound car when the accident occurred. He said he had been temporarily blinded by the sun and the next moment "all I saw was metal flying."

OPP released the name of the dead man late this morning. They said they had difficulty in locating his next of kin.

GO Transit Bus Use Increases

The northern corridor of the provincially-run, GO Transit bus network showed an increase of 16.3 per cent in use in 1972, carrying an estimated 743,000 passengers.

Figures compiled at the Barrie terminal show similar increases. Roger Byrne, assistant manager of the terminal said yesterday there is an average of about 40 people who take the GO buses to Toronto and about 70 who return at night.

Monday is the heaviest day for service between Toronto and Barrie with about 75 people leaving for Toronto and 80 returning.

Since the service started in Barrie in Sept. 1970, the books show an increase of about 20 per cent over the last two years, 15 per cent during 1972.

GO Transit authorities claim the increased use of the service has resulted from a growth of the area, an increase in the bus services available and attraction of customers from areas further afield.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

$750 DAMAGE

Damage is estimated at $750 in a mishap Tuesday at 4:53 p.m. on Dunlop Street West near Ferndale Drive involving cars driven by Michael Pillar of Base Borden and Frederick Lee of Orillia.

QUEEN STREET

A collision Tuesday at 5:04 p.m. in front of 77 Queen Street did $225 damage to cars driven by Joseph Dyson of Bayview Drive and Dorothy White of Queen Street.

DUNLOP STREET

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. an accident on Dunlop Street West near the Highway 400 overpass did $115 damage to cars driven by Kenneth McNabb of Mnesing and Daniel Simmon of Frances Street.

BAYFIELD MALL

A mishap Tuesday at 12:43 p.m. on the Bayfield Mall parking lot did $250 damage to cars driven by Jane Knox of Minesing and Kenneth Laferce of Patterson Road. There were no injuries.

BASE BORDEN

Steven Robert Peaker, 21, of Angus pleaded guilty Tuesday in provincial court to a charge of impaired driving Dec. 10 at Base Borden and was fined $100. His blood alcohol count was .12 per cent.

DROVE STOLEN CAR

John Douglas McFadden, 17, of Campbell Avenue, was placed on probation for a year when he appeared Tuesday in provincial court on a charge of driving a car he knew was stolen. He pleaded guilty to driving a Volkswagen stolen from Johnston Motors on Dec. 26. When his probation is served he will be granted a conditional discharge.

Excess Blood Alcohol Charge Nets $100 Fine For Angus Man

Case Van Leeuwen, 23, of Angus, driver of a vehicle which struck and killed William George Brady, 44, also of Angus, in the early hours of Dec. 15 near the Continental Inn on Dunlop Street, was fined $100 Tuesday in provincial court by Judge C. W. Guest. He pleaded guilty to driving while his blood alcohol count was in excess of .08 per cent.

Crown Attorney John Murphy said Van Leewen was not at fault in the death of Brady who was hitchhiking on the road in a poorly lit area. Police said the dead man had a blood alcohol count of .2 per cent.

Brady was known to often stand on the road in the area to hitchhike.

Youth Remanded On Murder Counts

Barry Blackler, 17, of Angus, charged with two counts of non-capital murder, was remanded in custody in provincial court Tuesday until Jan. 16, at 2 p.m. when a preliminary hearing will be held.

Blackler was charged Aug. 13, following the deaths of his father and his girl friend's father.

Wilfred Blackler, 46, of Angus was shot while sitting in his living room.

Robert G. Knight, 36, was shot a short time later on his front lawn.

City Sidewalks Concern Aldermen

Sidewalks with or without snow, were a topic of concern for Ald. Ross Stephens and Ald. Janice Laking when city council met this week.

Ald. Stephens started the discussion when he asked if the public works department could give some thought to the possibility of starting a five-year program to repair some of the city sidewalks.

"There are many which are in bad shape," he said.

Ald Laking went one step further and asked what the public works committee could do about having the city's sidewalks cleared of snow about the same time as the streets are cleared.

She said she had learned that the sidewalks are plowed some three hous after the streets are cleared and such a practise forces school children to walk on the road, creating a hazardous situation.

The public works committee will study the requests.

TWO HURT IN INTERSECTION COLLISION

A Barrie City Police officer examines one of two vehicles involved in an accident at the corner of Clapperton and Collier streets which sent two Barrie residents to hospital Tuesday night. In fair condition in Royal Victoria Hospital today is Dorothy Shaughnessy, 28, of Dufferin St., driver of one of the cars. The driver of the other vehicle was Robert Iles, 27, of Maple Avenue, who was treated for cuts and released. Damage in the accident totalled $3,400, including $200 to the Royal Bank building on Collier Street. (Examiner Photo)

Historians Face Difficult Task Of Keeping Cundles Home On Site

The Simcoe County Historical Society has virtually abandoned the idea of moving the old Cundles House near the corner of Cundles Road on Highway 27, and has decided to make every effort to keep the house at its present site.

Miles Allison, architect, told the society Tuesday night that it would cost $100,000 to restore the home where it stands. The price tag includes rebuilding the original veranda, restoring the wood carvings inside and outside and building a proper heating system.

The society had considered buying the house from current owner Louis Koslov, who is developing the corner, and moving it to a site at the Simcoe County Museum, Sunnidale Park, or the proposed parkland in a subdivision to the west of its present site.

Mr. Koslov had told the society that he would sell the house for $1 if it were moved from its present site, because he plans to build a commercial development on that land. He said if the house were not moved it would be torn down.

However, it would cost $176,000 to move it to the Simcoe County Museum, $166,000 to move it to Sunnidale Park, and $153,000 to move it to the parkland to the west.

Doug Skelton, consulting engineer, told the society that the house weighs more than 100 tons and would have to be moved in two sections. The main part of the house is 49 feet by 38 feet, and the back section is 31 feet by 23 feet.

$286,000 IN COSTS

If the society did decide it could raise the money to move and restore the house — up to $278,000 — it would cost an additional $10,000 to build a foundation and have the necessary utilities installed, for a total cost of $288,000.

Ironically, it would cost $150,000 to build a replica of the house.

The home was built in 1870 by Thomas Cundles, owner of the largest lumber company in the Barrie area at that time.

He used the best lumber available, which accounts for the excellent condition of the house, considering its age. The brick was hauled from a brickyard at Kempenfelt Hill.

There are 14 rooms in the house: a living room, parlour, dining room, downstairs bedroom, pantry, large kitchen, five bedrooms, and three rooms in the servant quarters. There are also 10 chimneys and six fireplaces.

In its early years, there were orchards surrounding the home, and rosebushes from the front door to the road. A 110 foot well was powered by a windmill on top of the woodshed.

Mr. Allison said the home was an excellent example of regency style — simple but elegant.

The consensus of the society at its meeting Tuesday night was that the house would lose its significance if it were moved from its present site, and that it would be too difficult a task the raise the $286,000 necessary to move and restore it.

Alderman Jack MacLaren reminded the society that it would cost Mr. Koslov between $6,000 and $8,000 to demolish the house and level the ground where it stood.

Now that the society has decided to try and keep the house on its present site, and restore it for possible use by the community, Mr. Skelton said it has two alternatives.

It can approach Mr. Koslov and try to convince him to incorporate the house into his development, or approach the city and ask their help in approving Mr. Koslov's application for rezoning with the condition that the house remain on the site.

Central Student Picked For Kiwanis Club Award

Paul Reynolds, an 18-year-old Grade 13 student at Central collegiate, has been named the Kiwanis student of the month for January.

The 78-per cent student excells in science and mathematics and next year plans to attend the University of Waterloo where he will work towards his Bachelor of Mathematics.

Besides being active academically, Paul is president of the Central collegiate band and plays both defensive corner linebacker and offensive halfback on the football team. In the past he has played badminton and was a member of the Brereton Field Naturalists club.

A drummer, Paul was one of three musicians who accompanied the Georgian Theatre production of You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown and the drums heard in their production of Antigone were tapes done by Paul. Modestly, Paul said the theatre group was looking for a drummer and a teacher who is involved with the group suggested his name. From then on, he took part in the musical end of the two productions.

As president of the collegiate band, Paul said he acts as a type of liason between the parents' association and the band. He is also responsible for many of the group's social activities, including the recent Christmas dance.

A member of the band since Grade 9, Paul said he'd do it all over again, although it means two nights of practices a week. He said participation in the group helps students to learn discipline, how to meet people, and helps in the field of competition. Side benefits which are just as important, he said, include travel, learning good music, and an education.

Paul has played football for only one year. "I always wanted to play, but when you're in the junior grades, there's always somebody bigger than you and you figure you're not going to make it," he said.

He played badminton in Grade 10 but found two nights of band practice as well as a night for badminton left him little other free time. "I was in town every night," he explained.

PAUL REYNOLDS
... student of month

Paul, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reynolds, lives in Painswick. He is the second youngest of 12 children.

The honor student has not yet decided what he would like for a future career. "I hope to find out when I get into university," he said.

Paul was recommended as student of the month by the teachers at Central collegiate. He will be presented with his award at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club Monday night. Special guests at the dinner will be his parents.

Biscuit Sales Are Successful

The Kiwanis Club of Barrie's annual biscuit sale is one of the club's most successful ventures to date, according to the project organizer Jack Luke.

Mr. Luke said the club sold 75 dozen biscuits almost two weeks before Christmas, netting in just over $1,000.

The money will help support the club projects which are geared to youth.

Mr. Luke extended thanks to the people of Barrie from the club last night when he made a report to the club members.

LOCAL - GENERAL

CORRECTION

A reference to the Canada Manpower Centre in an article regarding staff hiring for a new store front community services centres, Tuesday, was incorrect. The article indicated Manpower did not have any clients who were able to do the job. In fact, any hiring for the new service must be done through Manpower and numerous applications have been received. The Examiner regrets any embarrassment the article may have caused Canada Manpower officials.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

Tuesday in provincial court Frederick P. Shapcott, 23, of Lefroy pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving on Highway 11 on Dec. 8. He was fined $150. His car went out of control and struck a culvert. His blood alcohol count at the time was .13 per cent.

FINED

John William McNeill, 23, of Gunn Street, was fined $100 after pleading guilty Tuesday in provincial court to a charge of impaired driving on Bradford Street last Dec. 9. He had a blood alcohol reading of .18 per cent.

POSSESSON

Wendy Anne Lang, 20, of Blake Street, charged with unlawful possession of 22 grams of marijuana on Nov. 23, pleaded guilty Tuesday in provincial court and was put on probation for six months after which time she will be granted a conditional discharge.