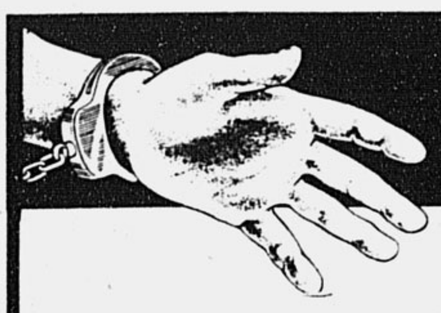

Crime Stoppers

By Const. Grant Arnold
Durham Regional Police

Crime Stoppers and Durham Regional Police are asking for the public's help in solving two robberies that occurred in Bowmanville on Feb. 12 and 13.

On Friday at 8:40 p.m., a lone male entered Jeffrey's Jug City at 83 Liberty St .S. The suspect stood in front of the cash register with his right hand down the front of his pants, indicating he may be armed.

The suspect demanded money and then ran from the store around the northwest corner of the building. The suspect ran north across Nelson St., through backyards, across the rear parking lot of the Salvation Army on Liberty St. and then onto Jane St.

The suspect is described as male, white, aged early 20s, 5-ft. 5-ins. to 5-ft. 8-ins., 150 lbs., with a slim build. He was wearing blue jeans, a long (mid-calf), black raincoat, a white bandana-type covering on his head and a grey mask over his eyes and nose.

On Saturday at 10:20 p.m., a male entered Jug City at 85 King St. E. and committed another robbery.

Police feel that the same suspect may be responsible for both robberies. The possible suspect vehicle is described as a maroon-coloured, mid-sized model.

If you have any information on these or any other serious crimes, call Crime Stoppers at 436-8477, that's 436-TIPS. Crime Stoppers will pay up to $1,000 for information leading to an arrest. Callers are never asked to identify themselves or to testify in court.

Sergeant Grant Arnold writes this article to help combat crime.

A citizens' board administers the Crime Stoppers program of which there are now over 850 in North America. The reward money is raised through tax deductible donations which may be sent to Durham Regional Crime Stoppers, P.O. Box 54, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7K8.

Please recycle this newspaper

DANIEL MATTHEWS was one of 40 outstanding Durham riding residents presented with a commemorative medal for the 125th anniversary of Confederation. The medals were presented by Durham riding MP Ross Stevenson, on behalf of the Governor General, to recognize the winners' "significant personal contributions to their fellow citizens, to their community and thus to Canada."
Photo by Mark Reesor, Whitby Free Press

'Garbage' is not a problem at Salvation Army in Whitby

By Lucie Rochette

Don't throw away old clothing, says Salvation Army Capt. Rick Sheasby.

Some ripped clothing is accepted by the Whitby Salvation Army because it can be sold to companies needing such materials to clean their machinery.

"If anybody should want to throw clothing away, tell them to give it to us," he says.

Some Salvation Army locations in the area have been burdened by items that could be considered garbage.

But that's not the case in Whitby, says Sheasby.

"Most people are very generous" he says. "We certainly appreciate the community's support."

Items donated are sold to the needy. Should someone be in desperate need for clothing and they really can't afford it, the Salvation Army can provide items.

If some items are donated and the Salvation Army cannot use them here, they are recycled.

Other items that cannot be used here are shipped to Toronto where they are sorted and sent to third world countries.

Should the Salvation Army receive items, such as broken furniture, that really can't be used anywhere, they will inform the donor and offer to take care of disposal.

'READING RABBIT'

Storytelling among Literacy Week events

Feb. 27 to March 6 has been declared as Regional Family Literacy Week. Its purpose is to highlight the value of reading and writing to people of all ages.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, Durham Folklore Society storytellers will be at the Pickering Town Centre. There will be book readings and face painting.

On Saturday, March 6, Durham Folklore Society storytellers will be at the Oshawa Centre.

'Radcliffe the Reading Rabbit' will be at all library 'story time' programs. Contact the library for details.

Readless Wednesday is March 3. The public is challenged to get through the day without reading. Call and tell us about your experiences.

Canadians are finding it more and more difficult to slip through life avoiding reading and writing.

One hundred years ago, there were lots of jobs that required little or no reading. Fifty years ago, people expected to keep one kind of job for a lifetime. Now the job market changes so fast, people are expected to make several complete career changes in their adult life.

Lifelong learning is the key to success. The writing is on the wall and thousands of adults in Durham want to be able to read it.

The Literacy Providers of Durham Region are there to help. Through the Read hotline (1-800-263-0993), adult students are given information to help them find literacy help at a time and place that suits them best. There are classrooms, individualized programs and private tutoring available.

You can help enrich the lives of others by sharing the gift of literacy with your family or by volunteering to help a new friend.

For more information, call the hotline number or the Literacy Council of Durham Region at 434-5441.

Read travel brochures

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cars or purchases made while on vacation may be different from a year ago, so check before you leave.

Clearly understand terms and conditions that apply to the travel services being arranged by the agent.

Once you've signed the contract and made a payment to the agent, you're obliged to pay for the trip in full.

Aside from a major change in price, under the act, an exception need only be made if the agent becomes aware of important changes in your travel package between the time your holiday is booked and the departure date.

Many agents use a standard contract and give you a copy as your receipt. Make sure the receipt includes:

- the names and addresses of all members of your travel party;
- the date the deposit is paid and its amount;
- any balance owing;
- the agent's business name, address and telephone number;
- the name of the travel-service supplier (frequently a wholesale company);
- your initial destination;
- the departure date;
- the name of the company providing transportation to the initial destination, if known (often the airline);
- a short description of the travel services purchased;
- whether or not cancellation insurance is being bought; and,
- a serial number.

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Depending on their verdict, there is a different ending to the play.

The audience will be part of the actual courtroom and the 11 witnesses will be seated in the audience as well.

The play is produced and directed by Dave Ellis who has been involved in community theatre for 18 years.

Deb Champion of Whitby and Karey Brignall of Port Perry are the stage managers.

The play will be performed at the Town Hall 1873, 302 Queen St., in Port Perry, Feb. 25-27 and March 4-6.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. each night.

Tickets are $10 (reserved seating) and available at Irwin Smith Music in Port Perry, 985-2635.

Answers to Whitby Trivia
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1. Whiteface, a clay hill cut through by Lynde Creek, is located by the creek near the end of Wellington St.
2. The Whiteoaks of Jalna was filmed at Inverlynn (built in 1860) at 1300 Giffard St.
3. Two muzzle-loading cannons from the Halifax Citadel were located at Whitby's courthouses from 1902 to 1989. They were returned to the Citadel in July 1989.
4. Ezra Annes, mayor of Whitby in 1857, was the only mayor to die in office.

Recycler's Report

by Larraine Roulston
Larraine Roulston is a member of the Recycling Council of Ontario, Durham Recycling Centre, Durham Environmental Network (DEN) and Pickering waste reduction committee.

WASTEWISE -- A STEP BEYOND THE BLUE BOX

In Halton Hills, a unique community resource centre called 'Wastewise' provides opportunities distinctly different from traditional waste management methods. I visited this reuse/recycling/educational warehouse and it was well worth the effort.

Basically, all kinds of clean, unwanted articles are donated, sorted into categories, then either sold by the pound or recycled. There are sections for fabrics, wallpaper rolls, books, household articles, toys and games, sports equipment, clothes and many more.

Another component of Wastewise is its repair area. With the help of seniors and other community members, items are tested and repaired, if possible. Parts are salvaged for other use or stripped for recycling.

Its community perspective of the waste issue creates local opportunities that make perfect sense, such as providing broken appliances for a high school repair course or using shredded paper from one business as packaging material for another.

Finally, Wastewise is a depot for many recyclable materials that the blue box program does not accept. These include eight grades of paper, five grades of plastics, scrap matal and textiles. It accepts small quantities from all waste generators.

For dedicated recyclers, Wastewise will collect paper, boxboard, film canisters, scrap metal, prescription bottles, corks, elastics and bread tabs, to name just a few. Cleanliness is emphasized as they need to separate materials accurately, which is the key to maximize revenue and to gain the confidence of end users.

Wastewise is a step beyond the blue box that can be incorporated into any community. If you wish to investigate setting up this type of service in your area, Wastewise will supply you with a detailed description of how its plant operates. Call (416) 873-8122 or write 36 Armstrong Ave., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 4R9.

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Faded or dried out Valentine's Day flowers can either be crushed up to make potpourri or put into the compost heap. If you haven't started to compost yet, or live in a townhouse for instance, lay them in your garden.

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The Bowmanville Zoo can use lumber, panelling and chain-link fencing. Call first, (416) 623-5655.

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Tip: Natural cotton or felt fabric scraps and bits of wool can be composted. Large pieces can be donated to a quilting group, schools for crafts or made into gift or tote bags.