

Georgetown 'Y' Forming Indian Guide Program

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Under its plan of expanding the program, the Georgetown and District YMCA - YWCA is offering a new club to the fathers and sons of this area. It is called the Father and Sons Y Indian Guides, and is designed for fathers with sons, aged six through nine.

The Y Indian Guides is a national father and son home-centred club program. Fathers and sons participate together as tribe members in groups of 6 to 8 fathers and sons, and the program is based on father and son relationships in American Indian culture.

Tribal meetings are held in rotation in the homes of the fathers twice monthly. The meetings last exactly one hour, from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. One half of the time is taken up with the Indian rituals, and the balance is used for crafts or games.

Throughout all Y Indian Guide tribal council meetings, Indian procedures are strictly followed. Both the big and little braves don their feathered headbands and shirts. Each brave has his own Indian name, such as Shooting Bow for the big brave, and Fast Arrow for the little brave. The council meeting opens with 12 beats upon the tom-tom, the tribal prayer and the Chief calling for all braves to assume the position of tribal unit. He then leads them in reciting the

pledge of the Y Indian Guides: "We father and son, through friendly services to each other, to our family, to this tribe, to our community, and to our country, seek a world pleasing to the eye of the Great Spirit."

2. The six aims: "To be clean in body and pure in heart; to be 'Pals Forever' with my dad — sons; to love the sacred circle of my family; to be attentive while others speak; to love my neighbours as myself; to seek and preserve the beauty of the Great Spirit's work in forest, field and stream."

3. The Y Indian Guide slogan — "Pals, forever, Dad/Son."

Following the tribal business, there is a craft, game or plan of an outing; a short ice cream and cookie lunch, then the council closing ceremonies begin. Some tribes use a very impressive silent sign language prayer.

Each tribe elects for its officers chief, tally keeper, medicine man, and wampum bearer. These are big braves (father) whose duties are to manage the tribe. From the little braves are elected the tom-tom beater, wampum-runner and so forth.

These councils bring big and little braves together in the business of learning to know each other, while enjoying a program that affords rich opportunities for character development.

It is planned that many small

tribes will form in the Georgetown area, each enjoying a closeness among its members found only in small groups once a month, for again exactly one hour, each of the tribes would "hanghouse" together. Longhouse gatherings are held in a large room, and in whose new tribes are inducted to full tribal status, and the promotion of inter-tribal fellowship, tribal practices and new ideas are encouraged.

The goal of this type of program seems clearly defined in the Y Indian Guide purpose, aim and slogan, but to all of this can be added a good deal of fun for dad and son.

The YMCA believes that the response to this program will be good, as this is one of the better clubs to be made available. It is immensely successful throughout the United States and is now getting a start in Canada.

When formed, Georgetown will have the fourth tribe to be formed in this country. Two very successful tribes meet regularly in Brampton and Brantford, with the third tribe meeting in the prairie provinces.

The formation meeting will be held at the home of Mr. Ken Oag, 214 Delrex Blvd., on Tuesday, April 5th, with Y personnel, and an Y Indian Guide chief in attendance, to answer all questions and then to form the tribe.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Scores Injunctions, Favour Employers Only is Opinion

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Mr. Editor:

In the March 3rd issue of your paper there appeared a letter with regards to the Oshawa Times Strike in the city of Oshawa. I would appreciate the same opportunity.

Some Comments on the Strike

I personally was in the city of Oshawa every day the strike was on and one of the many people to walk the picket lines. The strike had the support of the workers and the clergy, as well as many of the businessmen, tradesmen, small businessmen and professional people. In other words a large part of the community supported the strike. Many great men have denied the laws, when they were unjust, on moral grounds. Let us have some facts. Just what does the injunction mean?

THE INJUNCTION

Chamber's Etymological Dictionary has this meaning for 'injunction' — Act of enjoining — or commanding — an order — a precept — exhortation — a writ of prohibition granted by a court of equity. Here the key word seems to be 'equity' but what is there so equitable in the granting of injunctions, to prohibit or limit picketing in legal strikes. Labor law recognizes the right to strike, when all the legal procedures have been exhausted, and no other course is available except strike action, to treat from the employer a fair share of the fruits of his productivity.

When the strike becomes a fact, the employer who has in the meantime, coerced, intimidated, and perhaps even threatened employees; applies to this court of equity for an injunction. There is absolutely no question in anyone's mind, that it will be granted, because this man is an employer, a free entrepreneur, and therefore the economy of the country depends on him. Not so the worker, because he can be replaced from the lists of unemployed, who need jobs, irrespective of the wages, working conditions, social benefits, etc., or the cost of living, or his ability to exist on what he would have to accept, in order to get the job or hold the one he has.

The employer is not concerned with human values, only with profit by whatever means. He does not acknowledge that without labour it would be impossible for him to have a business, because that would mean that he recognizes a social responsibility for his employees. Further he will not acknowledge that the worker is also the eventual consumer who must pay the price that is asked for the product, whether it is a fair price or not. Labour alone is on the receiving end of all the abuse, the vilification, the condemnation of all the elements of our society — even his own. His family, his employer, his organization and his government are forever opposed to him; and yet, they always turn to him in the final analysis, to produce what we choose to call progress in this one-sided world of ours.

The laws of the country justifies its existence on the term — justice for all — and then without justification turns loose the injunction, and with hypocritical smugness, enjoins the will of the people, the law of the land, and the respect of law and order — to suppress by every means at its command, the lawful and justifiable activities of workers seeking a fair share of the wealth, which

Re-Elect Four to Further Terms on Hospital Board

The annual meeting of the Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital Association was held in the Cafeteria of the Hospital last Thursday evening, March 10th at 8.30 p.m.

For the first time in the brief history of the Hospital, a capacity crowd was present. This year the Board had decided to hold the meeting in the Hospital itself, in an effort to stimulate interest in the event. By the large number present, compared to meetings held in the past, the idea was an unqualified success.

The meeting began with introductory remarks by chairman John T. Armstrong. A printed report and ballot had been given each association member as they entered the hall, and the president asked for remarks on the various reports contained therein. The booklet contained the president's report, financial report, administrator's report and others.

A number of questions were asked regarding the reports and the Hospital. After the reports, the chairman asked Douglas Latimer, the Hospital lawyer to conduct the election of officers. Four of the present board members, Mr. John T. Armstrong, Mr. Denney Charles, Mrs. Elsie Hamilton, and Miss Ruth Evans were elected for a further term.

Under new business, a patient, Mr. Sam Penrice, paid tribute to the efficient way in which the hospital was being run, and to all the people involved in the operation. There being no new business of any importance, an adjournment was moved and carried.

After the meeting, a social time was enjoyed by those present, with coffee, tea and bread being served to the gathering.

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The Lords of England defied the law of the land, and showed their contempt for it. The result was, the MAGNA CARTA, which provides the foundation stone of English democracy. The French Revolution also had contempt for the law of the land, and the French Republic was born.

It is only when the law is outdated, when the sense of justice is lost, when it becomes biased, despotic, when it infringes on natural human rights of individuals, to freedom of expression, of choice, of association, of the right of determination; that problems are created. But when the law turns against the people, for whom it pretends to speak, is when the condition known as contempt for law and order rears its ugly head, and no one decries it more than those self same people, who feel they must oppose it, because it no longer represents justice, but injustice; it no longer represents equality but inequality.

It imposes itself on the consciousness, as a threat to the future hopes and aspirations of those whom it claims to protect. The only thing it appears to be protecting are the class interests of a privileged few. Let us hope that what has happened, will provide a timely and object lesson; and that justice and equality before the law will be more than just a term for the confounding of human minds.

—Bill Cumpsty



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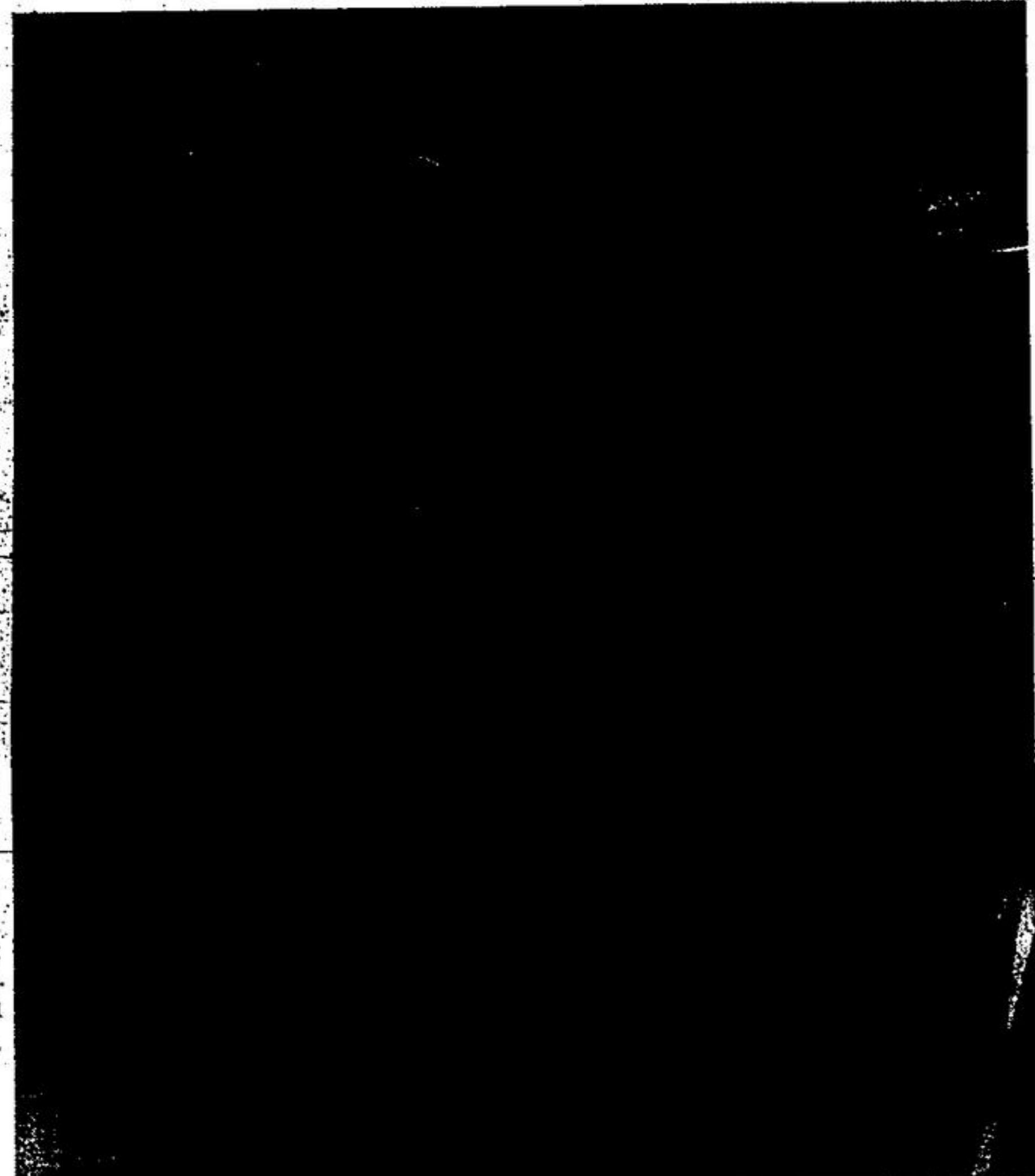
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DRUM BEATS AND INDIAN WAR DANCES make up part of the program of Indian Guides, the new program for youngsters and dads on the Georgetown YMCA - YWCA drawing board. Here a leader raises his arm and recites one of the sage sayings of the Indian Guides as the others listen intently during a meeting of a Brantford tribe.

NORVAL

Addresses Norval Institute Talks on Red Cross Work

Norval Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. E. Burk on Thursday afternoon, March 3rd, with vice president, Mrs. Vera Taylor, in the chair. It was decided to send a delegate to the Officers Conference to be held in Guelph in May.

It was decided that the Institute sponsor a Euchre Party to be held in Pinegrove School in March. The committee in charge to be Mrs. H. Collins, Mrs. S. McDonald, Mrs. G. Chester and Mrs. E. Burk.

Mrs. E. Burk and Mrs. Vera Taylor were appointed to make arrangements for the Institute to attend a show and dinner in Toronto to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Norval Institute.

Mrs. G. Chester gave the report of catering to the Jr. Farmers banquet.

Mrs. H. Collins, Health convener, was in charge of the program. She gave the motto "The Nation's Health is the Nation's Wealth" which had been prepared by Mrs. G. Casley, but due to illness she could not attend the meeting.

Mrs. Collins introduced Mrs. J. Nieuwhof of Georgetown who gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Red Cross in Georgetown and District. Mrs. Collins thanked the speaker and presented her with a gift.

The meeting closed with singing "The Queen" and lunch was

served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. W. Graham and Mrs. G. Chester.

Sympathy is extended to Miss Prairie Maguire and Mr. & Mrs. Harold Gollup on the death of their cousin, Marjorie Gollup (Mrs. Walter MacPherson) of Toronto, following a lengthy illness.

Mr. & Mrs. Murray Weir returned home from a lovely vacation in California where they visited their son and family.

The plane trip home from Chicago to Malton was very rough as they passed through a severe thunder storm and the bad weather of Friday evening, March 4th. However, they enjoyed their visit in California and sight seeing while there.

The local association for Norval Guides, Brownies and Rangers held a Euchre Party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jack May on Friday evening March 4th. There were 7 tables of players who enjoyed the social evening. Winners of the euchre were Mrs. Gordon Miller and Mrs. D. O'Connell for the ladies and Mac Alexander and John Dunlop for the men.

Lunch was served by the L.A.

Don't worry about what to do with your cat if you're going on an ocean voyage. Take her along. Cats rarely get seasick.

Mr. and Mrs. Skilling Couples' Presidents

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Skilling were elected presidents, Mr. and Mrs. William Robbins, vice-presidents; Mr. and Mrs. P. Stevens, secretaries; and Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Masini, treasurers, at a meeting of the St. Andrew's Couples Club, Feb 28.

The election of 1968 officers and other business was handled at the church manse after the membership spent the early part of the evening at the Georgetown Little Theatre presentation: Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mama's Hung You In the Closet and I'm Feeling So Sad.

The evening was concluded with coffee and refreshments.

Quotable notables: "A woman never gets a pearl necklace until her neck looks like a pickled peach." — Hector Bolitho.

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