CENTURIES-OLD TRADITION

Taking advantage of a chance to get some professional advice, Jean MacKenzie of Terra Cotta asks Hob Toolikian about oriental rugs. Mr. Tootikian, owner of Imperial Rug Galleries on Oakville's Lakeshore Hoad East, gave a talk last Wednesday night at the Library and Cultural Centre gallery on the art of oriental rug making. Born in Syria and brought up in Lebanon, he is following in the footsteps of his grandfather who established a rug gallery in the early 1900s in Cleveland, Ohlo, Mr. Tootikian sells, repairs and restores handwoven rugs from Persia, Armenia, Afghanistan, and (hina. He said in the olden days youngsters would help parents knot rugs over the winter when there wasn't much work to be done in the fields. Today, rug making is a cottage industry in these countries, with fooms found in big cities.

(Heraid photo)

User-pay controversy

Continued from page A1 once a week after that. Minor and intermediate fields are groomed once a week during

totalled \$4,592, but in order to maintain the parks for football, cricket and soccer alone, the playing season. Last year, revenue collected

it cost the town \$40,536. "We can't keep pouring out this kind of money without from teams using the ball

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getting something in return," parks and soccer pitches Mr. Shepard said last week.

Another letter from the director says the proposed changes still cover only a small percentage of the actual costs of maintaining the parks. While underlining the department's reluctance to turn to the taxpayer for a greater share of the parks' operational costs, Mr. Shepard adds, "our department realizes Its responsibility for recreation in (town)...but we are also aware of our financial responsibility to the taxpayer".

the floor of Mr. Cripps room Continued from page A: near the front wall of the seemed to have no apparent building

The worst part of the burn-Mr. Marshall said the first ing appeared to have been statement was a general over from undernearth the room view of the fire done immediaupwards, he said. He agreed tely after the incident. The with Mr. McWilliams obsersecond statement was in respvations that curtains at Mr. onse to more direct questions Cripps window directly over requiring specifies of what he the hole in the floor didn't saw. He couldn't recall whether Onlario Fire Marshal's appear singed. Const. Watson said while he office investigator Tom Dew-

could tell there had been a bar hurst had taken either of the in the room below Mr. Cripps' statements or whether they room he couldn't tell whether it had been stocked with hard liquor. The wors' of the fire

were given to a police investi-Mr. Marshall told Peter McWilliams, counsel for Mr. Cripps, that he had been CANADIAN ODEON THEATRES concerned about the possibility the natural gas serving the building could be feeding the **GEORGETOWN 3** flames. When the gas was

said. Defence lawyers spent considerable time with the witnesses elicting evidence that no one saw flames in Room 18 occupied by Mr. Cripps.

known to be shut off he saw no

difference in the flames, he

Halton Regional Police Constable Joseph Watson testified that when he photographed the fire scene in early September a hole had been burned through



damage appeared to be to the west end of the bar, he said Nor could be speculate on whether the spirits had ignited and added to the intensity of the flames, he said.

Key testimony in murder trial

Acton freelance photographer Jim Jennings identified photographs he took at the scene of the fire and said he had no memory of seeing fire at Mr. Cripps' window and no pictures of firefighters working at that window.

Walter (Red) Asseltine, dispatcher for the Halton Hills Acton) firefighters, told the court he received two calls

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reporting the hotel fire. The first was from the police at 2.30 am Aug 19 and the second followed so closely on the first he was still activiating the pager when the phone began to ring.

Background noise either from faulty telephone equipment or from noise around the caller made it impossible for him to hear the call clearly. He had no idea of the callers identity, he said. A third call from a woman at the nursing home came from across the street from the hotel.

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