

"Carlton Showband" lovers

Fan Club joins in TV show

Those who think fan clubs are limited to the "teeny bop" set, members of which swoon over their loud music-dispensing idols, buy records like hotcakes and swoon and shriek at the mere mention of a long-haired guitar player, have another think coming.

They've got a new fan club in Milton, and it's composed mainly of adults. Their heroes are more Irish than beatnik types, who deign to play audible folk-type music under the bright lights rather than shriek and wail loud nothings into the mike during a storm of psychedelia.

It's "The Carlton Showband Fan Club" — 275 members strong — and it's going over big in Milton and district. President Frank Lee, who is a personal friend of some of the boys in the Carlton Showband (being from the land of sham-rock himself), has hopes of organizing similar fan clubs in both Toronto and Hamilton in the near future.

The club is scheduling its first big dance in Oakville's Club Galaxy September 25 and after that, hopes to have regular dances where true fans of the Irish nine can come and meet their idols in person and spend a sociable evening dancing to their very dance-like style of music.

The Carlton, all but one of them as Irish as Paddy's traditional Pig, appeared in Milton in April and made a big hit at the dance and show they played in the Holy Rosary Hall. Frank Lee admits it wasn't hard rounding up fan club members after they took the town by storm. The band includes eight men and a girl, three from Brampton and the rest from Toronto.

The one who's not Irish? He's a Maritimer who fit in with the group. (They're going to let him stay in the band as long as he promises to wear green jacket and PRETEND he's from the good land.)

The band has grown in popularity both in Canada and the United States, and has released several singles and LP records that are selling like Irish whiskey. Someone once called



them "Canada's answer to the Abbey Tavern Singers" and that's quite a tribute.

Last week the fan club had its first real outing — and quite an outing it was! The Showband is starting in a new CFTO half-hour Tuesday evening show called "The Pig and Whistle" which you'll be able to catch starting September 5 on CFTO, Channel 9, Toronto. When CFTO needed 50 guests to sit in the tavern scenery Thursday night to tape a couple of up-coming shows, the fan club quickly responded.

A bus was hired and president Frank had quite a time limiting the passengers to 50 — all 275 fan clubbers were anxious to go.

Arriving at CFTO studios just before show time, they were welcomed by the producer and invited to participate as freely and noisily as they wished in the program. The half-hour show features the playing and songs by the Showband, plus six dancers, the tavern keeper and his wife who are both Irish singers, and guest artists including Billy

Meek and Good Queen Bess who appeared in the two shows taped on Thursday.

Throughout the program, the three cameras panned over the Milton audience and zoomed in for close-ups of local folks singing, clapping or dancing to the show's lively music.

For most of the fan club members, it was their first time in a TV studio and they found it hard to concentrate on their eyes off the cameras, lights, microphones and camera technicians who scurried around in the wings as the show unfolded.

All in all, they judged it a pleasant evening, full of fun and including the double thrill of seeing their favorite show band (for free) plus appearing in a TV show in person.

All eyes in Milton will be glued to Channel 9 on Tuesday evenings through September. Like all good promoters, the TV people couldn't say right away which shows the Miltonians will appear in — they just said probably among

BRIGHT LIGHTS AND BIG CAMERAS greeted 50 members of the Carlton Showband Fan Club who went to a Toronto TV station Thursday to sit in on the taping of two coming "Pig and Whistle" shows. The band is shown playing in the background while cameras record the scene, and fan clubbers sit around the tavern setting.

so the audience ratings should be good on that show in early September.

After the show, president Frank explained the club is still open for membership, at \$2 a single person or \$2 a couple. Membership gets you on the mailing list for a monthly bulletin to start in September, listing all the band's activities,

notes of new records and future appearances the band is making.

Other officers of the club are secretary-treasurer Charlie Cairns, vice-president Doug O'Connor, publicist Art Kierwin and directors Fred Leaver and Art Melanson.

Present members are mostly local but some have joined from as far away as Oakville, Clarkson and Hamilton.

Hire 26 new teachers for Esquesing schools

Twenty-six teachers have been hired to teach in Esquesing this fall, with two being principals. James Kennedy leaving the North York school system will be principal at Limehouse, replacing Eric Balkind who is now co-ordinating principal of all the Esquesing schools, while Mrs. Eleanor Hilson of Milton will be principal at Norval school replacing Jack Reed who has moved to the new Stewarttown Senior School.

At Glen Williams the five new teachers are Mrs. Katherine Newman of Georgetown, Mrs. Margaret Felce of Georgetown, Mrs. Winnifred Jackson of Port Dover, Mark Garner and James Barrett, both coming from Hamilton.

At Limehouse in addition to the new principal are Miss Carol Lawrence of Esquesing, and Thomas G. Travis of Toronto.

Speside school will have three new teachers, Miss Katherine Bowman of Thornton, Miss Vanessa Hoesin of Toronto, and the 1967 Halton Dairy Princess, Carol Swackhamer of Acton.

Pineview will see four new teachers, Mrs. Judith Bassett from Windsor, Miss Judith Rayworth of Burlington, Miss Elizabeth Belton of London and Miss Beth Buderick of Toronto.

The largest number of teachers new to Esquesing will be at Stewarttown Senior School including Miss Jackie Lince of Georgetown, Mrs. M. James, John Lenz, Bob Pinkerton and Barry Brown, all from Georgetown teaching system. Mrs. Marjorie Elliott from MacTier, Miss Joanne Macke from Bowmanville, Mrs. Judith Posthumus from Brampton and David Lawrence from Etobicoke.

With the introduction of the new system of kindergarten in Esquesing, with the children going to school all day, but on alternate days, the Board is considering hiring teachers' helpers for the long noon hour break.

Two portable classrooms are being erected at Pineview school, to accommodate the fall influx.

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Meat, tools, bell, cars among week's thefts

During the week of August 6 to 12 inclusive, personnel of Milton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, worked a total of 781½ hours and patrolled a total of 8,264 miles on area highways. As a result of patrol, 55 traffic charges were preferred, 84 traffic warnings were issued and 109 vehicles were safety checked.

There were four personal injury accidents resulting in five persons being injured; four property damage accidents investigated one of which was a hit and run accident, driver subsequently located and charged. The total property damage in the nine accidents was approximately \$2,215.

Seeks applicants for German school

Organizers of the German language school operated by the German-Canadian Club of Halton County are making plans for their fourth term which begins in the Pine St. Union Hall in Milton on September 9.

Chairman Rudy Arbeiter and assistant Fritz Schicht of Milton are in charge again this year. Classes are open to anyone five years and up, and while adults are welcome, most of the students so far have been 15 or 16 and younger. Last year, 23 students attended the classes and 26 teachers were engaged for junior and senior age groups.

Anyone requiring information on the school can contact either of the organizers.

Causes of accidents were: improper passing; blow-out; inattentive driving; did not have right of way, and speed too fast for road or traffic conditions.

Three persons were charged with infractions of the Highway Traffic Act as a result of these accidents.

There were 29 general occurrences during this period, including 3 break and enters of two private residences in one of which a quantity of meat was stolen from the freezer, and one business establishment where a quantity of tools valued at approximately \$96 were stolen; one theft of a bell from an old school house valued at approximately \$75; one indecent assault on a juvenile; one sudden death; six disturbances; two stolen vehicles were recovered with one person being apprehended as a result; one person reported as missing and presently under investigation; five Liquor Control Act occurrences, as a result of which four persons have been charged.

The remaining occurrences were all of a minor nature, including two premises found insecure at night, Cpl. K. Kingman reports.

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FAN CLUB PRESIDENT FRANK LEE (centre, in black with crest) and club publicist Art Kierwin (right) chat with three members of the Carlton Showband during a break in the taping of two September shows at CFTO in Toronto.

Stick to original schedule Recreation Committee reports

In a letter to Milton Council Monday, the Milton Recreation Committee told members the original schedule for use of ball diamonds would be adhered to until playoff time.

Chairman Chuck Gervais pointed out the schedule had been developed last spring with the agreement of the teams involved. He pointed out it gave Minor Ball the use of one diamond every night of the week and the use of a second diamond every night except Tuesday and Thursday. "The executive of Minor Ball later repudiate this schedule," the letter stated.

It was also pointed out the Parks Board and Recreation Committee had gone to great length to make other suitable arrangements for ball diamonds including the use of Martin St. Public school grounds. "However the demands for groundkeeping conditions by the Minor Ball executive were inconsistent with the wishes of the Public School

Boards at this time."

"As the executive of Minor Ball have shown an unwillingness to co-operate except under their own conditions, and since they have threatened to arbitrarily disband Minor Ball unless their demands are met, the Recreation Committee decided at their meeting of Tuesday, August 8 that the original schedule would be adhered to until playoff time."

Council filed the letter.

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