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**AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL FARMERS AND THEIR WIVES and FAMILIES IN YORK COUNTY**

As president of York County Federation of Agriculture, I would like to direct your thoughts towards a matter to which we are not giving enough attention. Our farms and equipment today represent a large investment, in most cases they may represent our life savings.

Do you realize that through no action of your own some person could come upon your property — become entangled with some power machinery — be injured by a farm animal or have a fall or accident and come upon you for damages?

Likewise when you go upon the road with your tractor or farm equipment, you may be the cause of an accident and the loss of life. Have you enough money to pay a fifty thousand dollar claim or would you have to dispose of your life savings to satisfy a judgement and maybe have to work many years to pay off the balance?

Think these things over and next week one of my neighbours will tell you how you may protect yourself and your family from such things.

Sincerely yours  
**FRANK BRUMWELL**

**Sell-out Crowd Enjoys Town Skating Carnival**

The second annual Ice Carnival is now a memory. All those many weeks of patient endeavour and hard work were rewarded on Friday and Saturday night of last week by the enthusiastic, spontaneous and sincere applause from a literally packed house. To begin to describe the Carnival is an unenviable task because it was all excellent and in mentioning a few performers by name, it is only because time and space will not allow the mention of every name — and there were over 200 of them!

The opening number appropriately named Curtain Time was most attractive with all the skaters in their bright blue costumes, giving an excellent start to the second Richmond Hill Ice Carnival. Then came the polished performance of the Skating Four, Marion Bales, Barbara Bain, Mary Gibson and Ruth Percival, skating with rhythmic precision and incidentally with obvious signs of sheer enjoyment in every movement. The younger children of the club then presented Toyland on Ice. This number was undoubtedly the star group performance of the evening and one that completely captivated the audience. Led by Ian Ross as the Toymaker, the performers were all between the ages of 4 and 7 years old and skating skill took second place to a grim determination to get to the right spot on the ice whether in upright or horizontal position. Baby Dolls started the sequence, dressed very prettily in pink and blue dresses with large bows in their hair. Then came the Teddy bears in various colours checked jumpers, followed very smartly by the Toy Soldiers. The Jack in the Boxes then came to life, getting in and out of their boxes with the able assistance of the Toymaker. One amusing incident in this dance was when one small boy didn't get down in the box quite quickly enough, and was very nearly helped down by the lid. Now for the 'tail' of the monkeys — roars of good humoured laughter greeted the unrehearsed comedy act of one small monkey losing his tail to an even smaller monkey, who appeared to be hanging on to it for dear life! Then the tail-less one managed to grab the tail of the last monkey in the line leaving his friend with a tail in his hand but no where to go!

It is incidents like this that make the carnival the success it is. Comedy was provided in the form of Walter Pryce and Keith Mackenzie, buckets of water and brooms, plus two people with a terrific sense of comedy always make for a lot of fun. Diane Hayes dressed in a delightful champagne coloured costume, then gave the first solo of the evening. It was executed in a flawless manner and received much applause from the audience. Sand Paper Ballet with all the girls dressed in blue and white was most effective, and full marks go to this group for their perfect timing. Two small boys then showed that advanced figure skating was not only for the girls, when they gave an excellent interpretation of Me and My Shadow. The lilting tune of the Strauss Waltz was the theme music for the Merry Widow Waltz. The costumes in this sequence were particularly lovely, the hooped skirts lending much to the gracefulness of the performance. Great credit

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**Town Recreation Com. Proposes \$14,000 Budget**

In a quick, concise, but informative report to Richmond Hill Council last Monday night, Ed. Butlin of the Richmond Hill Recreation Committee reviewed the activities of the Committee and presented a \$14,000 budget for council's consideration.

Mr. Eric Marsdon, Provoked a Civil Defense program and have appointed the personnel. N. Boynton was appointed Weed A considerable portion of this budget includes expenses of individual organizations which are self-supporting. While most of the groups raise their own funds, the grouping of their total expenses under the Recreation Committee entitles them to grants they would not otherwise receive.

He listed more than a dozen local organizations which have come somewhat under the wing of the committee and explained the fact that certain expenses of these groups are eligible for grants from the province. He pointed out that during 1956 the committee handled \$2790.99 without actually having any funds vested in itself and said that he felt this was an indication of the way the organization could develop and of its importance in the community. On this amount handled in 1956, there will be a grant of \$624.10.

Mr. Butlin explained that the Committee hopes to establish new tennis courts, arrange for land for two supervised playgrounds, set up a senior citizens' club and aid in the formation of the boys' club now under way. He pointed

The budget for 1957 is as follows:

Membership to Ontario Recreation Assoc. ....	\$ 20.00
Rec. Comm. supplies .....	50.00
Rec. Comm. salary for Secretary .....	100.00
Rec. Comm. O.R.A. convention St. Catharines ..	50.00
Teen Town and Circle 8 Track and Field .....	1000.00
Pee-wee Hockey .....	400.00
Lions Christmas Party ..	600.00
Curtain Club .....	110.00
Girl Guides .....	500.00
Minor Hockey .....	600.00
Evergreen Club .....	300.00
Richildaca .....	3172.50
Jr. Lawn Bowling Club ..	50.00
Midget Hardball .....	120.00
Tennis Courts .....	500.00
Supervised Playgrounds ..	1346.00
Richmond Hill Softball Association .....	4371.62
	\$13,590.72
R. Hill Boys Club .....	409.28
	\$14,000.00

**Protect Farmers Against Encroachments On Their Land**

"The interests of landowners and the welfare of the future generations of Ontario citizens need constant protection against the unplanned and prodigious use of Ontario's land resources." This comment was made by Mr. Lloyd Jasper, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture during an interview this week in answer to queries concerning how the Federation was attempting to deal with current public projects involving the extensive use of farm land. Mr. Jasper further stated that the organization he represented was by no means opposed to projects which would be of real and lasting benefit to the people of Ontario but warned that due regard should be given to the probable future land require-

**Over 2,000 Bibles Placed In County Schools In 1956**

The York County Camp of Gideons are celebrating their tenth year of service to Richmond Hill and district citizens. It has been their goal to have the Scriptures in Bible and Testament form placed in many local hospitals, schools, hotels, motels, prisons and other public institutions where the doors have been opened to them. This group of dedicated Christian business and professional men have been going about their appointed task, taking time out from their regular duties and they are pleased to report that over 2,000 Bibles and Testaments were placed in the schools of the County in 1956. Also in the spring of last year, close to 600 Hospital Testaments were dedicated and placed in the Green Acres Metro Home in Newmarket. Further evidences of their progress are witnessed in the fact that since January 1956, over 400 Bibles were dedicated

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You are advised to consult your Federation of Agriculture or get legal advice before signing easements or contracts for pipe lines, communication cables, highways or utilities.

While the Federation of Agriculture does not oppose such projects that are of real or lasting benefit to the people of Ontario, still they advise that some thought be given to future land development. And that farmers and land owners should not be put to any inconvenience or loss now or in the future for the construction of these projects.

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