

COMING EVENTS

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT — APRIL 9 — Monday, Richmond Hill Square Dancers, McConaghys School, 8 p.m. c1w40

APRIL 6 — Friday, Euchre in the Victoria Square Community Hall at 8:15 p.m. c1w40

APRIL 6 — 8:15 p.m. Euchre at Maple Community Centre, sponsored by 1st Maple Ladies' Auxiliary and Men's Group Committee. Proceeds for Boy Scouts building fund. Prizes and refreshment. Admission 75 cents. c2w39

APRIL 7 — Saturday Clothing and Rummage Sale, Thornhill School for Retarded Children, Centre Street East. Household effects included. Time 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. c2w39

APRIL 7 — Saturday at 1 p.m. Aurora High School. Badminton Tournament open to everyone. c1w40

APRIL 7 — Saturday, 10 a.m. Rummage Sale, Victoria Square Community Hall. Good used clothing, home baking, white elephant, snack bar. Sponsored by Headford - Gormley - Victoria Square Branch of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary. c2w39

APRIL 7 — Saturday, 10:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. Children's film at the Public Library. Adventure in the Hopfields and The Stow-away. 40 seats available in the afternoon, 25c. *1w40

THE RIGHT TIME TO BUY

As any automobile dealer will regretfully confirm, people don't visit used car lots when the weather is cold and snowing. They wait until it is warm and sunny and all the other buyers are out car buying too.

This is much like an investor waiting until there is a great demand for a stock — pushing its price up — before he decided to buy. As the King of Siam used to say: "Is a puzzle."

1962 car sales have been booming. Starting in November which recorded the highest one-month new car sales in history, new car buyers have been filling dealer's used car lots with many choice used models. If you wait until Spring sunshine sets the buying stage, you may have to shop from fewer offerings at higher prices.

A used car should be thoroughly reconditioned if it is going to give its new owner satisfaction. A buyer should check if a car has been in a major wreck or was a taxi. If the recorded mileage represents something close to the true amount of wear. He should check for ring and valve wear and for worn shocks.

These and other required precautions are necessary if you are to avoid purchasing a vehicle that will later turn out to be a source of grief instead of satisfaction. If you buy your used car from us, you can be assured that we checked all these points and others before we put it on our lot.

Please support the Thornhill School for Retarded Children. Centre Street East, Sale of Clothing and Rummage Sale including household effects, to be held Saturday, April 7th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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Vaughan Promoting Safety

Discharge Of Firearms Ban Coming On Apr. 16

Although it had already given two readings to a by-law prohibiting the discharge of firearms in the township, Vaughan Township Council has dropped it and substituted another with somewhat different provisions. The new by-law was given first and second readings this week and will receive third and final readings on April 16th.

The former by-law, while prohibiting the discharge of firearms, allowed farmers to shoot in order to protect their property. A permit, however, was necessary. This would have entailed a lot of "red tape" and could have made it difficult for a farmer to take immediate action when needed. Under the new by-law an owner of property on the lease thereof or a bona fide employee is exempt and may shoot in a case where it is necessary to protect property. This permits an owner to kill ver-

min such as foxes. Any gun discharged may not be larger than a .22 or a 12-gauge shotgun. Shooting may only be carried out on lands which are zoned as agricultural. Penalties under the new by-law can be heavy. In the discretion of the convicting magistrate they can run as high as \$300 for each offence, plus costs.

The by-law, when given its final reading on April 16th, will effectively stop hunting in the township except by persons protecting their own property against vermin. The move has been a contentious one, with some groups opposing a ban on hunting while residents, especially farmers, have been highly vocal about the danger caused by indiscriminate hunting, especially by city residents who have discharged firearms wildly.

Attempts To Hatch Beer Bottles Impaired Youth Gets Fined \$50.

"What were you trying to do — hatch them?" This was the question asked by Crown Attorney A. Armstrong of a 21-year old youth charged with impaired driving in Richmond Hill magistrate's court Tuesday.

The accused had been found sitting on six bottles of beer when he was stopped by Markham Township Police January 26. Bruce Marshall of Richmond Hill was convicted of the offence by Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake and fined \$50 and costs of \$17.50. The accused was picked up on Don Mills Road south of Highway 7 about 11:20 on the evening of January 26, after Sergeant R. Hood of Markham Township Police noticed him driving in an erratic manner.

Marshall admitted having "two beers" with a couple of friends before going for a drive. Sergeant Hood testified that the accused had told him that he intended turning onto Highway 7 when he reached that intersection. Apparently Marshall didn't realize he had gone through the junction some time before.

Two Markham village youths, James and Ernest Frairs, convicted in Richmond Hill Court March 27 of assaulting William Austin, also of the village, were sentenced to eight days in jail Tuesday.

The sentence was to run from the date of the conviction. Both youths had lengthy criminal records, it was pointed out, although before handing down the sentence, Magistrate Hollinrake stressed that he was not holding their previous convictions against them for the present offence.

Russell Belanger, convicted Tuesday of theft of nine ducks from James Smith of Markham Township was given a suspended sentence Tuesday. The boy, presently on probation from a Toronto Court for possession of stolen goods, has been offered a job on a farm near Oak Ridge, where he is living with his brother-in-law. In handing down the suspended sentence, Magistrate Hollinrake pointed out that the boy was fortunate to have someone take him under his wing.

Y.W.C.A. Child Guidance Sessions Present Wealth Of Information

Although the subject for the third session of the Y.W.C.A. Child Guidance Course "Getting Along With Others" referred to children, parents were put on the spot with the question, "Would you choose members of your family or work associates as personal friends?"

Since a negative answer to this question is quite possible, it was noted that with adults, personality adjustments need to be made in situations where we do not have the opportunity to choose. Adults choose friends on a basis such as reliability, similar interests or as a new interest. To keep the friendship on a continuing basis, such traits as tact, forbearance and dependability were considered to be necessary with mutual effort and understanding from both parties.

Interestingly, children choose friends who appeal to them. They have many friendships while they are growing and learning. One of the first social situations is a "push and pull" stage with toys and other children while they learn the skills of getting along. Nursery school children do receive early help in social skills. As learning to play is an important part of social development, interfering parents can limit this learning. At this point, Mrs. Hewson, who has been conducting this course, jokingly commented that possible "homicide or suicide" were the times parents should step in! Getting along within the family counts highly for outside social adaptability. With regard to the timid child, positive feelings should be stimulated. Encourage and appreciate the skills the child does possess. Spirited discussion centred around early teen parties, and it was strongly pointed out that adult supervision at this time was most essential until party etiquette was learned. This situation was applied related to one in which a person was put on stage with a violin to play a solo, without ever having lessons! Parents' guidance is genuinely needed without actually "taking over."

"Standards and Values" was the theme for the fourth session, March 22. Qualities such as pleasantness, dependability, responsibility, sympathy are all learned up to the extent of the amount of importance these qualities hold with the parents. The following factors of influence and development are to be considered:

Heredity — Controls physical growth and maturity of the nervous system.

Physical — Housing, nutrition, medical, etc.

Social — Behaviour and attitudes toward others.

An example of character development might be justice, and if you want your children to learn justice practice it! The old adage "Children should be seen and not heard" is now a compromise between children taking a back seat, and being heard in a family discussion.

The fifth and last session on

March 29, rolled around all too quickly and the interesting subject "Sex Attitudes for Children" was widely discussed. Basic needs for healthy attitudes were:

Self-discipline — habit of mind.

Creative interest — find out what the child's interests are.

Companionship — Allow mistakes in friendships.

Confidence — some children are ready for responsibilities, others not yet.

Keeping children busy with supervised activities, although at times exercising indirect control, keeps young minds active with constructive ideas.

The widely acclaimed book "Susie's Babies" by Margaret Clarke was regarded as an excellent book for parents to read to their children. It deals with a hamster and her family which was kept by a grade 4 class in Toronto. The teacher has beautifully written a story of the hamster, Susie, and her babies, and the many delightful questions asked by the children.

Walter Scott Y.W.C.A. has been proud to present this five-week course in child guidance under the direction of Mrs. G. C. V. Hewson. The parents have been most interested; and Mrs. Hewson felt that the responsiveness in discussion indicated the constructive interest of the parents. Of course, this series of articles only outlines the discussion topics, and it is hoped that the interest of Richmond Hill parents will be shown at a discussion series next year when the subject will be teen-age problems.

The following poem was very well received by the parents. Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you.

And though they are with you yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts, For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls, For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

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Vice-Principal J. Kippen Head Of Bayview H.S.

At their meeting at the board offices on March 26th, the management committee of the York Central District High School Board announced that the former vice-principal of Bayview High School, Mr. John Kippen, has been appointed principal. As vice-principal, Mr. W. A. McPhedran has been appointed. Mr. McPhedran comes from West Hill Collegiate and lives in Agincourt. Both these appointments are effective in September, 1962.

Heads of departments at Bayview High School were also announced as follows: Mr. G. Langdale to head the commercial department; Mr. H. Thompson, geography; Miss R. Kin-sella of the present staff, guidance; Mr. D. Ralings, present staff, history; Mrs. Jane Walcroft, of the present staff, home economics; Mrs. M. Farr, latin; Mr. H. Mills, of the present staff, mathematics; Mr. R. Snider, present staff, boys' physical education; Miss Pat Belt of the present staff, girls' physical education; and Mr. S. Bascalmasi, head of the science department.

One resignation was accepted from Thornhill Secondary, that of Miss P. Simpson.

Five resignations were accepted from Bayview High School, Mr. R. Chisholm, Mr. W. Dobrowski, Mrs. H. B. Dunn, Mr. S. M. Raymond and Mr. P. J. Selly. One resignation was accepted from Woodbridge High School, that of Mr. Keith Carson.

The property committee recommended an expenditure of \$442.00 to repair the sound system at Richmond Hill High School and this was approved by the board.

The board also received with regret the resignation of Trustee John Wilson from the board, due to pressure of business. Mr. Wilson was the representative on the board of the Richmond Hill Separate School Board.

A letter was read to the board from the Markham District High School Board requesting that consideration be given to the accommodating of some of their students in the vocational courses at either Bayview or Thornhill Schools. The letter was turned over to the advisory-vocational committee for study.

At Thornhill Secondary School, new heads of departments will be Mr. Ed Gillan, science, Mrs. Beverley O'Shea, physical education and Mr. E. Lazar music. These three teachers are all members of the present staff of the school.

The board formally accepted the resignations of five teachers from Richmond Hill High School. Mrs. M. Cheesborough, Mrs. M. Gibson, Mr. D. Hutchison, Miss Vera Rahozynsky and Miss J. Uren.

Yk. University Women

Describe Tan-Gau Way Teaching School French

A new twist, this one concerned not with dancing but with the teaching of French to elementary school children, was outlined to an overflow audience of members and guests of York County University Women's Club at Kingcrafts, King City, Monday evening.

Speaker for the evening was Dr. Robert Gautier, director of French instruction, Ontario Department of Education, and the founder of the Tan-Gau method of teaching a second language.

It is simply comprehension first, then expression.

In 1954, while on a UNESCO educational mission in Burma, Dr. Gautier met a Burmese teacher, Tan Gwan Leong, who gave him the idea. Said the Burmese, "A child listens for its first year or so then as if the Holy Ghost had descended upon him, the child utters 50 or 60 words. He must understand before he can express himself." Dr. Gautier developed this concept and called it the Tan-Gau method.

With Dr. Gautier at the meeting was Raymond Duplantie, in charge of the French conversational classes in the Oakville Public Schools since 1958. Mr. Duplantie has worked with Dr. Gautier in developing the Tan-Gau method, and in preparing books for more advanced students.

Two films, previously shown at the Canadian conference on education, were shown at the meeting. In them Mr. Duplantie gave some grade five pupils he had never seen before their initial introduction to French. Speaking in French only and using gestures and a few props, Mr. Duplantie in a matter of minutes had the children sit, stand, raise and lower their hands, say their names and identify animals. The delight on the faces of the children as they grasped his meaning was not feigned, they were enchanted.

In the Tan-Gau method, Mr. Duplantie stressed that no attempt is made to have the children speak, read, spell or translate French at the beginning, although he said that about 90 per cent of the children begin expressing themselves in French within the first year. Rather, he said, they are taught as a child learns its mother tongue, so that words are used in units of thoughts, they have a true sound and it never occurs to children taught this way to ponder whether table is masculine or feminine.

Mr. Duplantie is the originator of "Chez Helene", a daily TV program in French and English for pre-schoolers.

Dr. Gautier said that his method was being used in a number of schools in the province, but that its one drawback was the need of a very competent teacher. He televised hockey game with a French speaking commentator is worth a whole week's lessons in French." A discussion period followed.

Mrs. J. R. Forrest, speaking

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