



VIEW OF THE NEW CHALET

Honeypot Ski Valley Mudpot But Potentially Marvellous

Maple's Honeypot Ski Valley got off to a soggy, muddy, foggy start during Christmas week but shows the potential of THE handy-to-Toronto weekend ski spot.

Built on a rolling, partly man-made 60 acres just north of Maple Sideroad on Dufferin Street with a French chalet-style main lodge bordered by slopes with fanciful names like "The Whiskey Jack," "The Oopik," "The Cheekako" (Indian for beginner) and the "Dan McGrew," the Honeypot is the project of Maple millionaire M. K. Madsen who may have another "gold mine" in his resort.

At a press party last Wednesday, sparsely attended because of heavy fog and poor driving conditions, some of the 16 full and part-time ski instructors led by chief ski directors Nic Lehoczyk and Eva Takach put on a torchlight ski slalom down one of the longer and muddier hills eerily lighted with spotlights through the fog.

Scheduled for opening earlier in the week, the resort was to have been opened for skiing and tobogganing Boxing Day but Mr. Lehoczyk said temperatures had to be at least 30 degrees for the snow machines to work effectively.

There are six ski runs and a beginners' slope, two toboggan runs with a T-bar, three rope tows and two Poma lifts to service them and room enough in the area for around 4,000 people either by day or for night skiing under the floodlights.

Many of the hills were constructed as more than half a million cubic yards of earth was reshuffled to create the runs. The whole project was engineered to make the Honeypot over into a something-for-everyone type of ski resort.

One of its unique features is a father-saving toboggan tow to haul the youngsters up the slopes at Pine Tree Hill for a run down.

The lodge, designed by Architects Ogus and Fisher in the same style as the new Richmond Inn, is richly outfitted in deep red carpets, vivid contemporary...

Among the guests at the Honeypot party was Ontario Minister of Labor Leslie Rowntree.

Vaughan Reeve A. H. Rutherford was apparently unable to attend because of a wire-crossing which originally had set the party on December 18 until it was moved ahead to the 23rd. He wasn't notified of the change in date.

Centrepiece of a lavish buffet spread at the party was a clever silvered toboggan ridden by a small Santa.

Most of the Toronto newspaper reporters and sports figures came late and left early on a special bus which had to cope with the dismal driving conditions.

Every furniture and magnificent fieldstone fireplaces to warm both sides of a skier or a room.

A second-storey balcony runs around the building and affords and ski bunny a fine view of the slopes; there is a dining

lounge on the second floor and a snack bar and lounge planned for the main floor.

Rainbow-hued heated ski huts for the use of families for a day or a weekend on the slopes were designed by Mr. Madsen.

The Honeypot will also be renting ski equipment and offering daily rates as well as all season tickets. The daily rates include the unlimited use of the lifts and range from \$2 for adults for a half-day to \$3.50 for a full day and \$2.50 for night skiing. Juniors under 15 may ski for a dollar for a half day and \$1.50 for the rest of the time.

The season membership is \$55 for adults and \$45 for juniors and there is a family plan.

Honeypot will be open Monday through Fridays from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and for night skiing and tobogganing from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

The instructors will be offering lessons for all types of skiers in either individual or group plans; most of the part-time instructors are young students either at high school or university.

Mr. Lehoczyk and Mrs. Takach who came to Canada from Hungary are both well-known members of the Canadian Ski Instructors' Alliance.

Schools' Solar Heat "Troublesome"

(Continued from Page 1) Considerable discussion was given to the employment of a school psychologist and it was agreed to employ one at anytime a suitable person can be found. It is hoped to make an arrangement whereby his services would be available to elementary school boards also, as is now the case with the attendance officer.

Having the psychologist working with elementary boards would help identify children who needed help early and follow them into high school. It was felt that some children need a kind of help not being given and that some people were trying to work at a depth for which they are not qualified. The psychologist would also help decide which students should be admitted to occupations courses.

The board gave approval in principle to the inclusion of not more than two classes in the 1965 summer school of honor academic or exploratory survey courses.

While the bulk of the school curriculum, both during the school year and at summer school is examination oriented, explained Superintendent S. L. G. Chapman, these courses would not be. The students would be able to recapture, it is hoped, the joy of learning for its own sake, not merely to pass an examination. Courses could be given in advanced mathematics, science, literature or a second language, to grade 12 students of high achievement.

The survey courses would be at university level and could include such subjects as psychology, anthropology, etc. As well as providing an enriching experience, they would help students make an intelligent choice of subjects to be studied at university, with a consequent saving of time, effort and money.

Correspondence included a card of thanks from the board's Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. J. D. McAlister. Mrs. McAlister thanked the board for flowers sent during her illness and said she expected to be back at her post some time in January.

Start Made On New Warrendale Centre For Disturbed Children

The official start of construction of new facilities to house the operations of Warrendale, a treatment centre for emotionally disturbed children took place recently at Thistleton in the Township of Etobicoke.

Start of the building was the culmination of a campaign undertaken in 1963 by Warrendale and Boys' Village which netted \$850,000. Obtaining a suitable site resulted in the delay in going ahead with the Warrendale expansion program. Warrendale was originally established in 1916 as a custodial home for girls and sponsored by the Anglican Church. A complete reorganization of the concept of the agency took place in 1952 and since then it has been run as a non-denominational treatment centre for emotionally disturbed children.

Its initial program was carried out from a residential centre in Newmarket but as its operations expanded, Warrendale found the premises, a converted home, not only inadequate but unsuitable. Pending completion of the Thistleton project, Warrendale now operates from temporary accommodation at Oak Ridges and Newmarket.

The treatment program of Warrendale, one of the most progressive in North America has been studied by many agencies both on this continent and elsewhere. More than 85% of the children treated are able to return to a normal life, an outstanding record.

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MacKillop's Concert Excellent

"The Wizard of Oz" and "The Story of Christmas" were features of a festival of Christmas music presented by MacKillop Public School pupils and teachers on the evening of December 21. These programs of Christmas music are an annual presentation at the school to which parents and friends of the pupils look forward with anticipation.

This year's program was no exception and hearty applause was an indication of the capacity audience's appreciation of the fine effort of pupils and teachers.

Ingenuity was evident in the staging of the dramatic portions of "The Wizard of Oz" presented as a choral arrangement by the grades 5 and 6 of the school. Dorothy, her little dog, the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodsman, the Cowardly Lion, the Wicked Witch and the Wing-

ed Monkeys told the favorite children's story as they appeared and disappeared using a portion of the choir as a living screen. This was directed by Miss Phoebe Craig and accompanied by Mrs. Frances Kelly.

A carol group composed of volunteers from grades 7 and 8 entertained between the two features with the audience also joining in carol singing.

For the "Christmas Story" in song, scriptures and tableaux, the senior choir, directed by Miss Florence Thomson, took its place on stage before a scene of the little town of Bethlehem. Two large "flats" which combined to form a nativity scene opened to reveal the tableaux. This scene-shifting was skillfully handled by the pupils who controlled the flats.

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Markham Road Firm Install 30,000 Gallon Propane Storage Tank

A 30,000 gallon storage tank was installed at the premises of Altane Limited, 216 Markham Road, December 23.

The tank, 50 feet long and 10 feet high will be used to store propane gas from western Canada and will be in addition to the 15,000 gallon storage tank on the premises previously. Altane has recently built a railway spur into their property to handle the increased imports of gas. The new gas is said to be of greater purity than the refinery propane.

Bulk of Altane's users are industries. The firm is beginning a campaign for "carbonation"—the use of propane instead of gasoline for motor vehicles.

Use of propane for this purpose has been growing generally—70% of Chicago busses use it instead of gasoline. It is widely used for fork lift trucks in factories where gasoline fumes would create hazards as fumes from propane are non-poisonous and odorless.

Locally, Gormley Ready Mix Concrete use propane motors on their ready mix trucks. It is now possible to buy a Ford truck equipped to run on propane instead of gasoline.

Costs are said to be comparable but it is claimed that there is less wear and tear on motors using propane as there is no dilution of the oil, the fuel doesn't wash the cylinder walls down and there is no carbon formation.

Retarded Children's Education Authority Is Appointed By Council

A retarded children's education authority was brought into being in accordance with section 111 of the Ontario School Act, Monday evening when Richmond Hill Town Council gave three readings to By-law 1181.

This authority will assume control of the Thornhaven School for Retarded Children on January 1.

Richard Hill had sought nominations to the board from Markham and Vaughan Townships, who will contribute to the upkeep of the school. Vaughan Township had submitted the name of Dr. Charles Birkett of Maple, but no recommendation had been received from Markham Township.

Clerk Russell Lynett reported he had contacted several people in Markham but had been unable to secure a representative from that township.

The mayor asked Mr. Pat Smith, 433 Centre Street East, who was present at council meeting, if he would serve on the authority. When Mr. Smith agreed, his name was added to the by-law.

Dr. Birkett and Mr. Smith were appointed for one year and John Graham and Wentworth Dowell, both of Richmond Hill, were appointed for two years.

D. A. Brown, Markham Village and T. Jennings of Richmond Hill, have been appointed by the Thornhill and District Association for Retarded Children, to complete the six-man board.

Thornhaven School was established by the association about 10 years ago, operating for a short time in the old United Church building on Centre Street in Thornhill, and then for three years in a portable classroom on the K. J. Beamish property on Bayview Avenue.

A successful campaign for funds led to the building

of the attractive modern school on Centre Street East, Richmond Hill, which has been supported by the association aided by grants from the municipalities from which the children come. Four of these are from Vaughan Township, five from Markham Township, four from King Township, three from Whitechurch Township, eight from North York Township, three from Markham Village, two from Stouffville and 10 from Richmond Hill.

Under the new legislation, the province will extend grants to 80% of the total cost of operating the schools with the remaining 20% met by the participating municipalities on a per pupil basis. It is estimated this will cost the municipalities no more than they are now paying in free-will grants to the association.

John Graham, who has been actively connected with the association for a number of years and who has been appointed to the authority for a two year term, told "The Liberal" that this will enable the school to offer its teachers a better salary standard, provide more effective transportation and hire a full-time caretaker. Up to now the parents have been acting as part-time caretakers.

All this will help equalize the educational opportunities of those retarded children and those offered normal children Mr. Graham noted.

Crestwood Rd. News

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Neighborhood Notes

A very Happy New Year to all our readers. Mr. and Mrs. A. Fitchett and daughters Peggy and Pat are entertaining their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. Fitchett from Gravenhurst and Mrs. E. Armstrong from Peterboro and sister and family from Oshawa Mr. and Mrs. C. Bronson.

The 4th Thornhill Brownies held their Christmas party at the home of Brown Owl Mrs. Barbara Rogers with the help of Tawny Owl Mrs. I. Jacobs. The girls exchanged gifts. A happy birthday to Donna Hayes who is 13 this week.

A candlelight service at Doncaster Chapel was attended by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood and son; Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller and their son David; Mr. and Mrs. G. Appleby; Mrs. A. Wayne; Mrs. F. St. John and her daughter Bernice.

Martin Francis and Ricky Bain, both members of the Canadian Army spent Christmas here with their families.

Friends and neighbors were saddened to hear of the accident near Beaverton which claimed the lives of Norman and Ronald Westall, sons of William Westall of Willowdale, former Crestwood Road neighbors. The brothers were killed in a holiday head-on collision on Highway 12.

Four Accidents In Vaughan Twp.

Vaughan Township Police reported a remarkably accident-free holiday period with only four accidents between December 23 and December 28.

Last Wednesday, in a single car accident, Russell Jamieson, 41, of 73 Cartier Crescent, Richmond Hill, received cuts to his forehead when his car struck the northeast corner of the Maple Sideroad - Highway 400 overpass in the fog. Damage was \$100.

Also on the Maple Sideroad just west of the Sixth Concession on December 24, damage was \$1,000 in an accident involving cars driven by Edward Godman, 45, of Woodbridge and Ralph Leland Blakes, 46, of Roosevelt Drive, Thornhill. Blakes suffered a cut lip and was treated by a doctor. Accident occurred at 12:10 p.m.

On Christmas Day on Maple Sideroad just east of Bathurst Street, Alan D. Aiken, 23, of Brownlake Crescent, Richmond Hill was taken to York Centre Hospital with arm, leg and possible rib injuries following an accident in which his car went out of control, careened into ditch, struck a hydro pole and turned over. Damage to the car was \$1,500.

December 26 on Keele Street just north of Highway 7, a car driven by Glenn James Worrall, Jane Street, Downsview, wen into the ditch when its driver apparently dozed at the wheel. He was uninjured and damage totalled \$200.

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Christmas Poster In The Making

Adding figures to a 20 foot poster depicting the Christmas story are four primary Sunday school pupils of the Church of St. Gabriel, Richmond Hill East, (left to right) Brian Boyle, Kerri Snider, Jennifer Greer and Vickie Hill. As the story was narrated by Mrs. J. Arnold Price, each child placed his or her figure—Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, etc., on the poster while appropriate carols were sung. This annual event took place December 19.