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Sport Spots
 By FRED SIMPSON

You can save a person's life in dramatic fashion by jumping into a river or lake and hauling him to safety. You may lose your own in the dramatic episode.

But there's a second way which makes up in effectiveness what it lacks in drama. It's the act of implanting knowledge and caution into a person's head to enable him to avoid a situation requiring heroics from anyone.

This is the object of Syd Hunt of Richmond Hill and other members of the local branch of the Canadian Power Squadron.

What is the Canadian Power Squadron? Mr. Hunt: "It is a national and international association of boatmen working to promote safety afloat by means of a course on instruction in boating topics."

Sound like pretty dull stuff? It is to the type of person who decides suddenly one day to buy a boat, read some instructions on how to hoodwink an outboard motor into running, and then merrily sets sail. Another Captain Courageous.

He's usually lucky for awhile. Doesn't bother with life jackets, can't swim too well, and thinks a buoy is something put especially in the water for him to tie his boat to.

Rough water doesn't bother him and he'll use a shoe-horn to squeeze people in the boat. Then one day it happens and he becomes a statistic in the morning newspaper you glance at quickly while finishing your cup of coffee.

Mr. Hunt and the squadron are trying to prevent these tragedies through winter courses in boat piloting, seamanship, etc.

This is the second year of operation for the squadron in Richmond Hill after developing out of the North York unit. The first year saw 20 persons sign for the courses. That number has jumped to 40 for the present ones which started in September.

"We hold these courses at Richmond Hill High School every Tuesday at 8 pm for about 22 nights," Mr. Hunt said. "They are taught the equipment necessary for boats in government regulations, rules of the road, seamanship, safety at sea, the use of the marine compass, and aids to navigation and piloting." Courses for this year are filled due to the response but anyone interested can get a head start by signing up for next year.

Some of the hazards of boating as observed by Mr. Hunt during his own regular trips out on the water could have been avoided by simple knowledge and common sense.

"There are many things you can do wrong through lack of knowledge," he said, including going on the wrong side of buoys, forgetting to take the proper equipment with you such as a compass in case a heavy fog sets in, or not checking to see if the bilge is clear of gas fumes."

One of Mr. Hunt's pet peeves, although it is a legitimate one, is the person who uses buoys to tie his boat to. "That is definitely against the law," he said, "and besides the boat might block the view of your own and you could get into difficulty. From a distance a boat tied to a buoy could look like it was tied to something else on shore."

Mr. Hunt also feels a more strict law should be brought in to govern boating habits in an age where more and more persons are going in for the water sport.

He feels the present law allowing anyone to handle a boat without a "driving" license is pure folly.

"I think the same standards and tests should be required for boaters as for persons who apply for motor vehicle licenses," he said.

One of the other rather shocking realizations (for a non boater like myself) was the pronouncement that consideration is being given for forbidding youngsters under nine years of age to pilot a motor-boat.

How about that. Right now anyone capable of pointing a craft, no matter how old, how uninformed, or how anything, can get behind the wheel and start pointing.

"I still think a child at nine or 10 years of age," said Mr. Hunt, "is too young to give mature judgment on handling a boat. There are nine year olds who are mature enough, I suppose, but it is still a pretty young age."

So that's about it. The boating season is just about over but some 40 persons are getting ready for next summer in the best way possible. It would be stretching the point to say 40 lives might be saved next summer as a result but even one—as they say—makes it worthwhile.

Other Topics

Note from the Richmond Hill Dynes hockey club to the effect that it'll be opening its exhibition series October 26 against Thornhill at the Richmond Hill arena. Game time is 9 pm. Also, any players interested in turning out with the team are asked to contact Russ Cripps at 884-3681.

Carl Brewer

The retirement of Toronto Maple Leaf's star defenceman Carl Brewer at the age of 26 shocked the hockey world. Especially shocking was the thought that anyone gathering in about \$20 thousand a year could just give it up.

It's likely that Carl, who is a well educated personage with intelligence besides, stands to make as much or more money in another profession. But its kind of fun to speculate that maybe there are some still left who have standards and personal desires they place before \$\$\$\$\$ signs.

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Dutch Elm Disease Proves Tough On Town Trees During Past Year

Dutch Elm disease, which was recently blamed by Stouffville Parks Board for the death of seven trees there, has also cut a wide swath of destruction among the elms in Richmond Hill this year.

H. N. Van Dyke of Richmond Hill Tree Services and Forestry Co., said that his company had removed 36 diseased elms from town property during the year, and 20 from school grounds.

He said there were approximately 30 left on town property and his company would be removing some of those during the winter program. In the last five years, "at least" 100 had been removed.

Mr. Van Dyke said there were also numerous private properties with diseased elms, which had not been removed. Aurora is at present considering the Diseased Tree Act, he said, which, if passed, would allow it to remove all affected elms, both on public and private property. Under Richmond Hill's tree removal policies, trees that are partly on private and partly on public property, cannot be removed without prior agreement.

Shaun Beggs, chairman of the parks board, said the town had not used the new chemical Bidrin this year to help try and curb the disease. The chemical has had considerable success with diseased elms since its introduction last year.

"We are trying to replace where we can't," Mr. Beggs said, "but we haven't gone into a forestry program yet."

Police Accident Report

District highways were crowded during the warm weekend, and as a result, accidents were numerous.

In Markham Township, Gary Thomas Smith, 21, of Thornhill, was charged with three counts after he was in collision with a car driven by Neil Williams, 33, of Centre Street East, Richmond Hill.

The accident occurred at Proctor and Bayview Avenues in Doncaster and caused an estimated \$2,500 damage to the two cars.

Smith will face charges of criminal negligence, failing to remain and common assault.

Charges are pending in another accident in which cars driven by Sjoerd Yjenburu, 19, of Woodbridge, and Calager Campoi, 23, of Toronto, were in collision on Don Mills Road, near Highway 7.

Approximately \$420 damage was done to the two cars.

A similar amount of damage was done in another accident on Don Mills Road, north of Steeles, when Dimitrios Proseles, 36, of Toronto, rolled his truck over after slamming to a halt for sewer construction.

Mr. Proseles received head lacerations in the mishap.

Mrs. Joanne Helmer, 26, was reported in satisfactory condition in York Central Hospital, where she was taken following an accident on Concession 11, near Highway 49 in Vaughan Township Saturday night.

Mr. Helmer, who was a passenger in a car driven by her husband, Gerald O. Helmer, 36, suffered internal injuries when the Helmer vehicle allegedly went through a stop sign into the path of a car driven by John Orton Benson, 20, of Vaughan Township.

Damage to the two cars was estimated at \$1,000.

Gerald Horan, 30, RR 3, Woodbridge, punctured both right tires of his car when he struck a tree stump on Concession 8, just north of Tollgate Corner.

In an accident at Bathurst Street and Steeles Avenue, Lisa Dolgoy, 4½ month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dolgoy, 24, of Toronto, received bumps to her head when her father's car was in collision with a car driven by T. Bajic, 31, of Hamilton.

Norman R. Hart, 32, of Toronto, has been charged with careless driving by Vaughan Township Police, following an accident Sunday at Keele Street, north of Highway 7.

Thomas Natale, 15, Downsview, was taken to Humber Memorial Hospital for treatment of abrasions to his right knee and thigh, sustained in the accident.

Approximately \$100 damage was done to two cars in a collision opposite 155 Elgin Mills Sideroad West, Sunday evening.

According to police, the accident occurred when a car being backed out of the driveway at 155 by Reg Thacker of the same address, collided with a vehicle driven by Hugh Lennerville, 16, of Lake Wilcox.

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Gormley News Notes

Neighborhood Notes
 Sympathy is extended to the Misses Reaman in the passing of their mother, Mrs. William Reaman. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from Heise Hill Church.

Sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Harold Heise on the death of her mother, Mrs. Marshall Winger of St. Ann's. A number of people from this community attended the funeral services on Tuesday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Beadle on the arrival of their baby daughter, October 5.

Miss Joyce Harvey had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jones.

Two of the area's four hospital patients have returned home — Mrs. Ross Brillinger from St. John's Convalescent Home in Willowdale and Mrs. James Rice from Women's College Hospital, Toronto.

Mrs. Frank Harvey had surgery on Monday in York County Hospital, Newmarket. A number of ladies attended the fall missionary rally at the United Missionary Evangelical Church in Kitchener on Saturday.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George French were Rev. William Charlton of Stevensville, Mr. and Mrs. Ern Climenhage of Fort Erie, Elias Elliott, Mrs. Joseph Heise, Mrs. Roy Wyant of Stayner, Mrs. Bruce Vanderbent and children, Mrs. E. J. Stickley, Miss Linda Gil-

more of Welland, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Brown and girls of Welland and Keith Nigh of Fort Erie.

Mrs. Beulah Jones spent the weekend with Mrs. Mabel Hoover of Kitchener.


Max Hazel has returned after spending several months with relatives in Germany.

Mrs. John Bond was shaken up in a car accident on Wednesday in Stouffville.

Mrs. Charles Milsted and Charleen spent the weekend with Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Bolender and family of Kitchener. YCHA White Rose Ball will be held December 3 at Tam-

O'Shanter Country Club. There will be dancing from 9 to 1, entertainment, buffet dinner and a lucky draw for a silver tea service and a diamond ring. Draw tickets may be purchased any time from members. Dance tickets are available from Mrs. A. Simpson, telephone 889-4516. Dress is optional.

Mrs. Frank Weeks entertained a number of ladies at a demonstration Tuesday evening. Rev. and Mrs. K. L. Sider were among those attending the Inter-Conference Ministerial of the United Missionary Church in Faith Church, Kitchener, recently.

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