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Help Wanted

"A boy's will is the wind's will", wrote the poet Longfellow and those who can still recall their own "brisk intemperance of youth" must surely agree.

Unfortunately, it would seem that the winds that blow through the community of Richmond Hill send too many of our young people down unsavory byways leading to vandalism, physical violence - even experimentation with glue sniffing and drugs. Other young people appear completely bored and apathetic, drifting with whatever wind that blows.

Local residents have been shocked and angry at the objectionable behaviour of young people in the town arena and this certainly seems to require some corrective action.

What is the answer? More persistent policing of public places? A youth curfew? More recreation facilities? Closer supervision by parents of their children's spare time activities?

All these solutions have been suggested both here and elsewhere.

"Our Place", a Sunday drop-in centre at the Mountain YWCA in Hamilton has been holding open house for between 50 and 60 teenagers every Sunday. "It's the only place open on Sunday," a member of the executive of the Hi-Y Club which operates it explains. "If it weren't for this place, the girls would be out just walking around and the boys would be in the pool hall."

The club offers recording and dancing sessions, films, ping-pong tournaments, chess and checkers, all for a membership fee of 50c and a 25c admission charge each Sunday.

This sort of thing is certainly part of the answer. After all what is there for kids to do in Richmond Hill on a Sunday afternoon? Or on a Saturday night for that matter.

The town's recreation committee does what it can - but a modest budget keeps it barely abreast of long-standing programs of indoor sports, baseball, swimming pool, summer playgrounds. With more money it could certainly expand its program in just about every direction and involve many more young people.

But this too, is only part of the answer. Many young people are not particularly interested and some definitely do not enjoy such sports. Many of these activities too are oriented mainly to boys.

What we have to ask ourselves is, "Is Richmond Hill an exciting place to live? Does it offer young people a challenge?"

In all honesty we are forced to answer both these questions in the negative. Yet excitement and challenge are what youth is forever seeking. A community that offers only punitive measures to keep its young in check - strict policing. curfews - may well find its young people seeking and obtaining excitement and challenge in outwitting the forces arrayed against them.

One organization which has been trying to come up with answers to some of these perplexing questions is the Social Planning Council of Richmond Hill and District.

Feeling that delinquent youth are a symptom of family break up, the the SPC has endeavored to see a family counselling service set up in the area. It is also now pressing for a day care centre where children of working mothers will be assured of good, developmental care instead of being dumped with inexpert or careless babysitters.

Both these are preventive measures which should help to ensure more stable family units, better able to sustain and direct young people.

Not satisfied with this, however, the council has organized a discussion evening at Richmond Hill High School April 11 when an impressive panel of experts will try to come up with some imaginative answers to the "suburban blight" which is spreading throughout this and neighboring communities.

We wish them well and hope that concerned residents of the area will attend and contribute their own ideas.

Support Lions Easter Seals

As spring weather invites youngsters to play outdoors, most of them will be enjoying cycling, warming up on the ball diamond, or testing their energy on playground equipment.

But there will be some on the sidelines, watching from wheelchairs or on crutches.

To this latter group the Easter Seals mailed last week to Richmond Hill homes by the local Lions represent new hope that they may some day be able to trade a crutch for a bat, a wheelchair for a bicycle, a brace for roller skates.

Richmond Hill Lions have conducted the annual Easter Seal campaign locally for almost a quarter of a cenury and have set a return of \$3,500

as their target for 1968.

Half of this amount remains in Richmond Hill to help local youngsters and at present there are 15 names on the Lions' list, from the town and its surrounding community.

Help from the fund has taken concrete form in provision of artificial legs and arms, braces and other corrective appliances which are very expensive. If a child needs this type of help, the child gets it - and your returns make this possible.

Seals should be regarded as annual reminders of Easter, which heralds spring — and of those who can only watch from the sidelines. Be generous and return the pink envelope with your donation today.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

RHHS Prom Queen

Queen of the Prom for Richmond Hill High School this year was Cathy Bowman. Above, last year's queen, Signe Snary crowns her at the prom dance held February 29 at the Murray House, Steeles



By JOAN HAROLD

"I just auditioned for fun — I didn't dream I'd get the part, says Kay Turner of Thornhill, who plays the bouncy, singing barmaid in CFTO's "Pig and Whistle". Now she finds it hard to believe that she will be spending the month of May touring Canada from coast to coast, along with John Hewer who plays the publican, the Carlton Show band, and the entire cast. They have just finished taping the four final shows of the season, and will soon be rehearsing highlights from past productions to take on tour.

How did it all start?

"I used to live with a dear little Victorian aunt in post-war London, and on a whim I auditioned and won a part in Ronald Frankau's revue "Ladies Without". Well, auntie was so upset when she heard I was to be swung across the stage on a new moon, scantily clad, that I turned show business aside, I thought forever, and pursued my career as a sportswear fashion buyer."

It was quite a few years later when as a housewife, and mother in search of a hobby, that she joined the Scarboro Theatre Guild. From there she went to lunch-time theatre at the Colonnade, a summer of melodramas at the Poor Alex, the Crest, and a part in David Sectors' film "The Offering".

Mrs. Turner was already in rehearsal for the Curtain Club's production of "Pools Paradise", when she landed the part in "Pig and Whistle". thought I would be taxing my family's patience to the utmost, even then, and hated to even mention the possibility of the coast to coast tour, but my husband Alf is being terrific about it, and says it is a chance of a lifetime", she says.

Ten year old Susan is also happy with the idea of her mother's forthcoming adventure. "It will be fun cooking for Daddy, but I think we will often eat at Mario's!"

Mrs. Turner is very thankful for competent help, and will not have to worry about Susan coming Vietnam war, would the above and respect our neighbors, not home from school to an empty house.

On their return from the tour, the group will take a well earned rest, but not for long, as "Pig and Whistle" has been renewed for next season. There is now a waiting list of three thousand, many of them English people, who are eager to be a part of the "pub" atmosphere at the tapings, and wallow in nostaloja.

"When you get old pros' like Vera Lynn and David Whitfield belting out the old songs, there isn't a dry eye in the place. I used to feel I had bitten off more than I could chew, but I'm relaxing and starting to enjoy it now". There was a short pause. "I wonder what auntie would say!" reflected Kay Turner, part-time barmaid from Thornhill.

Two hundred energetic children, and their not so energetic (end of holidays) mothers, surged eagerly into the auditorium of the North York Public Library last Thursday. Ten at a time they were ushered by admirably good natured librarians, up to the large trestle table on the platform, where Mrs. Odarka Onyschuk was conducting a demonstration in the ancient art of Ukranian Egg decorating.

The children watched goggle-eyed as Mrs. Onyschuk went through the whole process, starting with clean, white, uncooked eggs, and with a fine wire instrument, drawing in bees wax the first stage of a design that has been handed down from generation to generation.

All the patterns are based on symbols taken from two main themes, Christianity, and Growth. Some of the designs derived from Spring and Migration can be traced back as far as 2,000 B.C. Mrs. Onyschuk had on display many drawings of these intricate patterns. Priceless family heirlooms.

"Did you make all these eggs?" asked little Jane Thomson, of Willowdale. Mrs. Onyschuk smilingly allowed her to cradle one gently in her hands. On she went, systematically dipping the eggs in vegetable dye, then re-waxing, and re-dipping in all the primary colors. When the designs are complete, the eggs are put in a barely warm oven to melt off the wax, then pierced and blown out. It was hard to believe that some of the very fragile Advancement for Science, just berg, Globe and Mail journalist looking eggs in the display basket were hundreds of held in New York, Dr. Athel- Charles Taylor, James M. Minvears old.

Although Mrs. Onyschuk has had formal art training, all Ukrainian children learn this from their mothers as a matter of course. They look for- Minnesota farming country. Dr. \$10. They will be held the first ward to the exchange of the goodwill Easter eggs with their families and friends.

A two week old granddaughter is the next in line to pass on the ancient designs of the Onyschuk family.

The National Theatre School will be holding auditions across Canada during the next few months. Actors applying should be between 17 and 23. There is no age limit for production candidates. Those interested should write to:

> The National Theatre School of Canada 407 St. Lawrence Boulevard Montreal. * * * *

Interested in some form of art? Do you have an absorbing hobby. Please tell me about it by phoning 223-8692.

A Garden Is A Joyous Thing

A garden is a joyous thing; A gardener always welcomes spring; So plan your garden while you wait For snow and ice to abdicate, And when the balmy days come 'round, And sunshine warms the waiting ground, You'll know just where to plant the seeds. And just the type of soil each needs So that your Marigolds and 'Mums Will indicate your greenish thumbs, And neighbors will be happy to Look over and enjoy the view.

Rome wasn't built in one short day, And growing Hollyhocks or hay Always requires work and thought; So you will find your garden plot Repaying you for all your care By spreading beauty everywhere, And in the glory days of June 'Twill set your little world in tune.

Robert D. Little



First Class Facilities For Mentally Ill

Dear Mr. Editor:

On behalf of my colleagues here at the national office of the Canadian Mental Health Association as well as on my own account I would like to express our appreciation of your editorial of February 22 and pointed way in which the case was stated as well as the deep concern for the disturbed children sion, and we sincerely hope that some positive family. action will result.

Editorials like this are perhaps the most valuable assistance and co-operation that CMHA receives as it pursues its challenging task of securing firstally disturbed.

Please do accept our thanks.

Sincerely. LEONARD CRAINFORD, Director: Information Services, CMHA.

WAR

Dear Mr. Editor: Central District High School to be a routine, and men go Europe. Board toward the York Com- about it as indentured apprenmittee to End the War in Viet- tices, the hero degenerates into nam is both absurd and alarm- a marine and the standing army ing! - What has become of our into a standing jest. When bravery is worsted, it joins the

How can a member of the peace society. What is human school board be so discourteous warfare but just this - an efas to use insulting terms to a fort to make the laws of God group of people asking to rent and nature take sides with one the high school auditorium? I party."

would like the person who I add this in continuation of called the members of the York Mrs. Roy Clifton's well-compos-Committee "crackpots" to de- ed letter, published in "The Liberal" March 14. Now that hundreds of thous- What is war anyway, but

ands of people, among them fighting and killing? I am sure eminent citizens, both of Can- God did not give life to Adam ada and the United States, have for the purpose of destroying come to realize more than one his brother. pressing need for ending the Are we not supposed to love mentioned member of the hate and ignore their lives and school board call them ALL views on living? We North Am-"erackpots" - or would he con- ericans, of all people, should be sider the people "crackpots" thankful for living and in this

who were, in his opinion, praise we should thank others, "crackpots" a few weeks ago? friends and enemies, for mak-DOROTHY HOBDAY, 709 Carrville Road,

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Richvale.

Of The

Future

Dear Mr. Editor: "I have a deep sympathy with all, to change them. war, it so apes the gait and Isn't enough of our life wastbearing of the soul. It is a pity ed; one third lost in sleep, one that we seem to require war, third lost in making the "alfrom time to time, to assure mighty dollar". Why should we us that there is any manhood take the rest or even snuff out

a whole life just for the sake left in man. "Men have made war from a of a "foreign policy" deeper instinct than they keep Life should be, agreeably, a peace. War is but the compel-struggle, with its ups and downs, but must we fight tooth and

"When the world is declared claw, blood and flesh; must we under martial law, every Esau give up thousands of young retakes his birthright and what people - let alone one, who there is in him does not fail to haven't begun to see the great- in such large quantities. appear. He wipes off all old ness that can be derived from scores and commences a new living, to the angry power menaccount. The world is interested ace of violence!

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tury world possible.

Advertiser - Guardian) As 1984 approaches with by the end of March for the alarming speed, visionary ideas York County University Woare being proposed to solve the men's Club lecture series for problem of where to put all the next fall and those interested

are urged to enrol immediately. Some of the ideas seem wild, The lecture series is arranged until you take a close look and through the University of Tofind that maybe they make ronto Extension as a public pretty good sense . . . if we can service. Six speakers will be give them a try. heard from the following list of At the annual meeting of the outstanding personalities: Lister American Association for the Sinclair, Rabbi Stuart E. Rosen-

stan Spilhaus unveiled plans, nifie, the CBC's Gordon Hawknow in study stage, for a new ins. Editor of "The Commenexperimental city to be built tator", John Gellner "from the underground up" in Price for the six lectures is Spilhaus proposes completely Monday of each night from Ocnew cities which would make tober to March in Richmond

full use of every new techniques Hill Public Library. science, systems analysis, To enrol, call Miss F. Hurst transportation, construction and at 884-4065 or Mrs. J. van den organization.

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now cities in relatively Official Road Maps ing new cities in relatively empty areas, with a population of perhaps 300,000 set amidst For '68 Now Ready

Highlights of the proposal

some 40,000 acres of surrounding farmland, parkland and for-· Elimination of noise by underground construction methods using prefabricated materials,

and by routing all vehicles to may be obtained from the Inforunderground tunnels. mation Section, Department of • Elimination of air-pollution Highways, Downsview; at all by sending air pollutants from Department of Highways' offices tunnels and from factories into throughout the province; the

an underground "fume sewer" Department of Tourism and Infor treatment at an airscrubbing formation, 185 Bloor Street East, Toronto 5; at the depart-• Elimination of water pol-ment's tourist reception centres lution by complete treatment of at border crossing points in

· Elimination of traffic con- ice centres on Highways 400 and gestion by making everything 401. above ground for pedestrians only, with efficient public "people pods" to carry a few people, via automated rail, to whatever destination they desired within the city.

In a sense it would be easy to shoot holes in such idealistic scheme. There will be plenty of problems if these ideas are translated into reality - but what human venture doesn't have problems? And if we are to accommodate double our population by 2,000 AD we need bold and perhaps brave solu-

Traill Papers To Archives

On January 10, 1862, from, Their brother, Colonel Samakefield. Ontario. Catherine uel Strickland, whose signature Parr Traill addressed a letter to appears on some of the docuher lawyers, Messrs. Cockburn ments presented, was an assoand Stanton, concerning the ciate of John Galt and "Tiger" estate of her late husband, Dunlop. He wrote a two-volume Thomas Traill. She listed the account of his experiences ennames and ages of her seven titled "Twenty-Seven Years in children and enquired about the Canada West".

appointment of a guardian for As a Traill descendant, Mrs. those considered minors. Harding has acquired a detailed Last week a representative of knowledge of the family and about our York County branch and its request for a the provincial archives, Hugh the area in which they lived. grant from the York County Council. The clear MacMillan, called at the Rich-Her interest in Canadian history mond Hill home of Mrs. Mary is, however, not confined to the

Harding to receive the letter Lakefield area. and a number of other docu- She began some years ago by cannot have failed to make a very strong impres- ments relating to the Traill investigating accounts of cholera among emigrants and has

Catharine Parr Traill's des- since enlarged her reading to criptions of early Canadian life include the history of most of and her work as a botanist have the counties of Ontario. Much won her lasting fame. One of of this reading was done in conher books, "The Backwoods of nection with genealogical reclass facilities for all the mentally ill and emotion- Canada", was recently reissued searches undertaken on behalf of interested friends. in paperback form.

She is greatly admired as "We need many more like

well for her outgoing personal-her," was the comment of Mr. ity and a courage maintained in MacMillan, whose job it is to the face of great hardship. collect items for the provincial Mrs. Traill came of a literary archives. He explained that infamily. Her sister, Susanna dividuals who take the trouble Moodie, is the author of to learn a little of Ontario's his-CRACKPOTS AND VIETNAM to know how any soul will de- "Roughing It In the Bush" and tory can be of inestimable aid in mean itself in so novel a posi- 'Life In the Clearings''. Another ensuring that documents and

tion. But when war, too, like sister, Agnes Strickland, was objects of historical value are The behaviour of the York commerce and husbandry, gets well known for her writing in preserved for generations to



What Went On In 1912

Everybody talks about the high cost of living. They did the same in 1912. The Ladies Home Journal that year ran a series of letters from a son in answer to his mother's questions concerning the important issues of the day.

In her letter, the mother writes: "I wonder if you realize, you who live in the big world of things, how little a woman like myself living quietly up here in the country really knows of the great questions that seem so vital and throbbing to our coun-

"I suppose I am like hundreds of women who would keenly like to understand these problems but newspapers are too verbose and prejudiced and who is there to tell us, simply, clearly and briefly the truth. Tell me son, what is the truth about the high cost of living?"

THE TRUTH OF THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

The son replies: "You ask me a hard question. Let's take a single item like meat because it's used

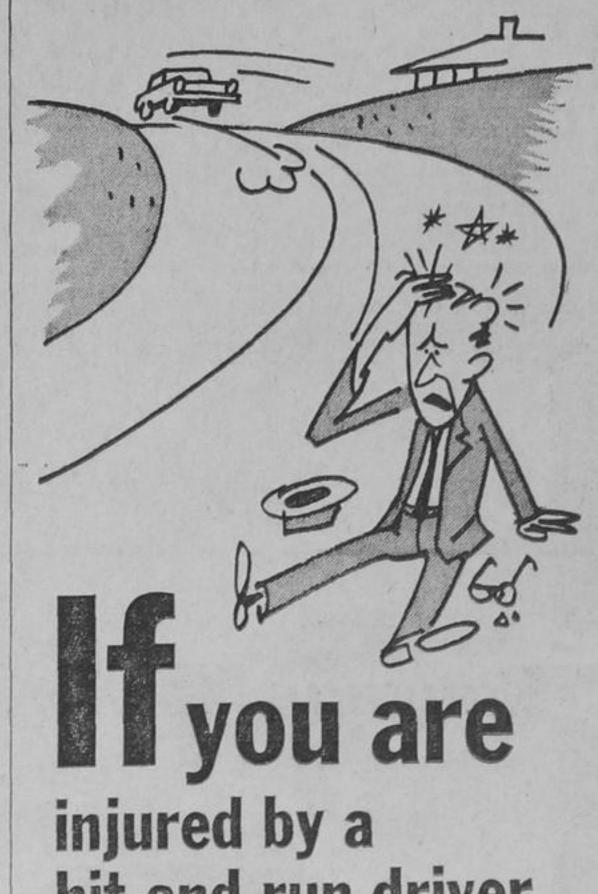
"Some years ago, the government found that out of every dollar spent for food by the ordinary economical family, more than 15c went for beef. Beef cost more than the amount of tea, coffee, sugar, molasses, rice and potatoes or for all the flour, corn meal, bread and milk bought.

"A comparison of 1910 with 1900 shows in that space of time, beef rose more than 25%. Bread rose one-third, milk one-third, potatoes and smoked

The foodstuffs which took the biggest jump were bacon and lard which just about doubled in price, and the only food that didn't rise was sugar

and it actually dropped a little. "What happened to food, happened to clothing.

Flannels went up in price about one-sixth, ginghams from one-fifth to one-third, boots and shoes, one-(Continued on Page 14)



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