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In The Spotlight

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Both boys have a real interest in drama, and I was glad to see them getting a toe in the door of CBC.
In the near future you may receive in the mail a copy of a fascinating little book on the folk medicines of Vermont. It is written by a doctor living in Barre, Vermont, who was intrigued by the number of patients in country districts who had more faith in the old folk remedies handed down for generations, than in the scientific approach of the doctor.
His investigations proved that while faith and superstition were undoubtedly present in the minds of these people, there was a good deal of commonsense in many of the prescriptions.
Art Latham, local philanthropist who grew up in Stouffville and who recently returned to take up residence in the town, is promoting the book by publishing and distributing 22,000 copies at his expense, since he affirms that while the books will be free, the recipients will not wish to part with them for \$50.00. Well, someone had to combat the rising cost of medicine.

Rambling Around

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out-of-doors, running or cycling to deliver a message of not less than 15 words and delivering it correctly.
He knows how to give simple directions, use public telephones, skip, walk a plank and give simple first aid. He must have a knowledge of natural history, be able to take care of a bicycle and understand the highway safety rules as they affect cyclists.
A further interest in books, to tell a story, and to repair books is another requirement. All this would be included in the one year of satisfactory service as a Cub before he can become a "Tenderfoot Scout".

THE WAY OF THE SCOUT
David Shearer and Robert Higgins were well nourished in the Wolf Pack and that is one reason they were eligible for the Queen's Scout distinction in 1969. The other reason is the Scout Troop which enlarges and adds to a good basic program.
"If you take being a Scout seriously," said David, "it can be a way of life. Everything you do can be based around it."
Hiking and camping is a phase much emphasized in the Scout program for it brings the boy more directly in contact with rugged outdoor living and a deeper appreciation of nature.
Four years ago, David was a "Tenderfoot" Scout. To be one, you have to know the Scout law and promise, the Scout salute, sign, handshake and badge.
The "Tenderfoot" is encouraged to pioneer and is initiated into better methods of campcraft. He has a better knowledge of applying first aid, of his natural surroundings and has some idea of public service and helping others.
Because David grew up under the old way he became a second class Scout after he passed "Tenderfoot" requirements. He augmented his knowledge by choosing pursuits in which he shows the most interest and aptitude, a deeper interest in public service and exploring the world at large. The second class Scout must give nine months of satisfactory service before he becomes a first class Scout. He has now the background to get the Queen's Scout Badge.
So it follows that a Queen's Scout is a first class Scout who has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Scoutmaster and the court of honor of his troop that he has done his best in his daily life to live up to the Scout promise and law for the period of six months following the qualifications of a first class Scout and has shown through his actions that he is fully aware of the service significance of the Queen's Scout Badge.
David Shearer is qualified to wear the first aid and Pathfinder badges. He chose fireman and public health man as two others from the possible choices of despatch rider, fireman, horseman, interpreter, pilot, public health man, radio man, rescuer or signaller.
Then it was the duty of Commissioner Douglas Toogood to interview the prospective Queen's Scout and find out about future ambitions in Scouting.

A TRIBUTE TO SCOUTING
This column was written as a tribute to all boys and leaders of the Scouting movement under the old regime and to the boys and leaders who are even now entering a new phase of Scouting with the prime emphasis on good citizenship.
The more colorful names Pioneer, Voyager, Venturer, Rover and Pathfinder will be familiar terms to Scouts of the future. But basically the aim and substance has not changed because development of the boy is the primary concern of the Scouting Movement.

Counties To Fight

Provincial Government Takeover Assessment

The counties of Ontario united last week to criticize the provincial government and demand that it drop plans to assume responsibility for property assessment.
A strongly worded, two-page policy statement was endorsed by leaders of most of the 36 three-day mid-term conference of the Association of Counties and Regions.
The association's executive will seek an immediate appointment with Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough, to present the brief.
It makes the following points:
• The assessment function should remain at the second tier level of municipal government, such as the county council, or regional council of the future;
• The province arbitrarily decided and announced the assessment takeover, when there should have been consultation and discussion between the provincial and municipal governments on such an important decision;
• A more adequate educational program and provincial legislative direction for a mandatory, province-wide assessment manual and timetable for completion of a re-assessment under the present county assessment commission system was urged;
• The province must make a frank statement of its longterm intentions and engage in meaningful consultation with the municipalities on matters of prime mutual concern to restore local government confidence in provincial authorities.
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Peel Music Festival

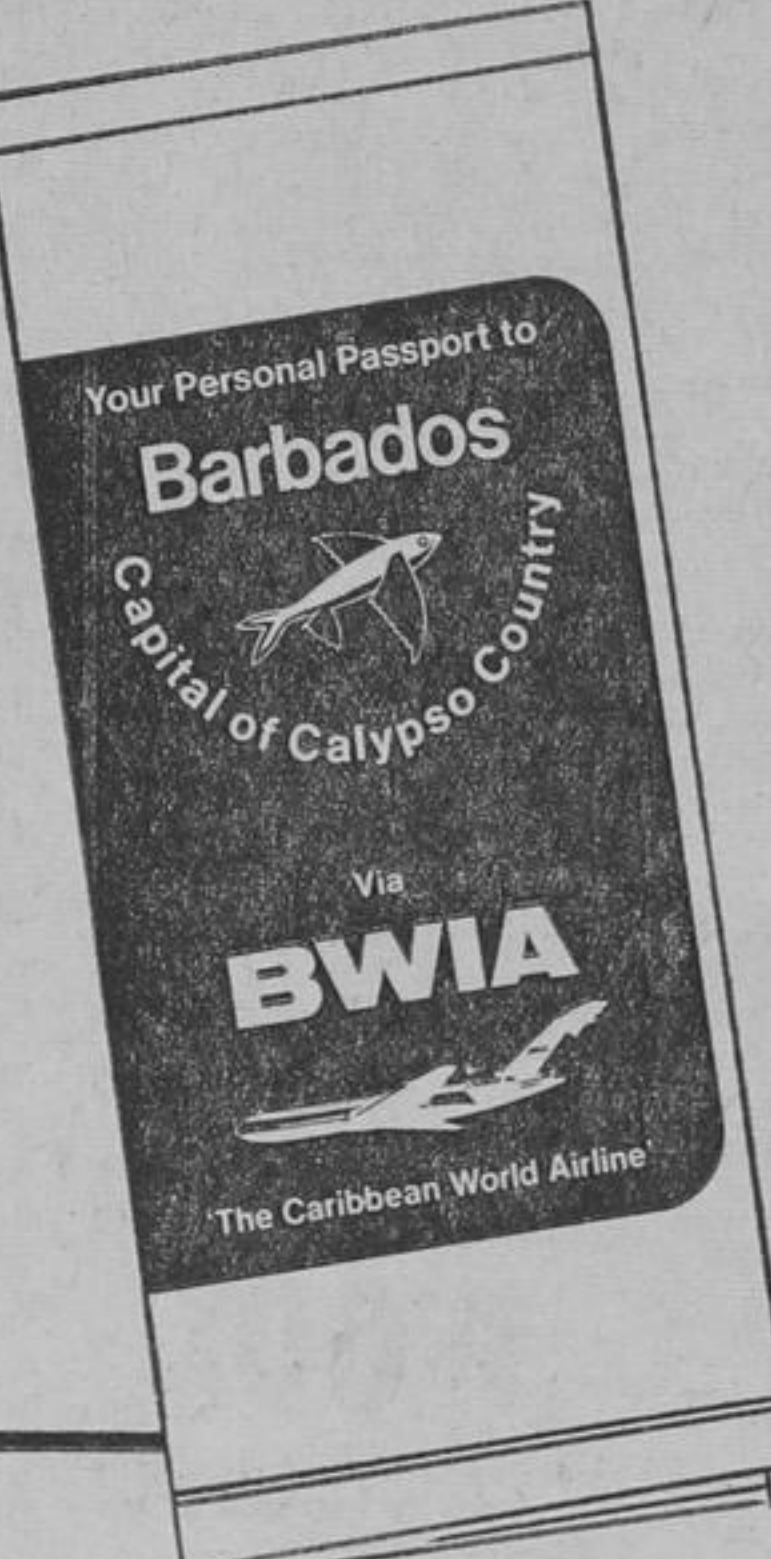
Richmond Hill area dancers tripped the light fantastic to medals in the Peel Music Festival held recently in Cooksville.
Winners were:
Modern Jazz group, 8 years and under, silver medals: Jennifer Leeyes, Maria Bacci, Nancy Browne, Irene Long, Ellen Fraser, Lisa Mallins, Lauren Rainey.
Demi-character group, 9-13, gold: Kathy Cameron, Carol Gilpin, Joanne Laidman, Susan Mallory, Janet McVean, Kelly Patten, Deborah Trotman.
Modern jazz duo or trio, gold: Janet McVean, Susan Mallory.
Modern jazz group, 9-13, gold: Ellen Fraser, Joanne Laidman, Susan Mallory, Janet McVean, Kelly Patten, Debbie Thomas.
Demi character duo or trio, 6-10, silver: Janet McVean, Susan Mallory.
Modern jazz group 10-14, bronze: Lynne Aston, Candy Darling, Cathy Beaulieu, Heather Mann, Nancy Dyson, Barbara Maxwell.
Modern Jazz solo, 11 and under, bronze: Joanne Laidman.
Modern jazz group, 8-12, gold: Ellen Fraser, Kim Hoare, Joanne Laidman, Susan Mallory, Janet McVean, Kelly Patten, Debbie Thomas.
Modern jazz solo, under 12, bronze: Joanne Laidman.
Modern jazz solo, under 6, bronze: Maria Bacci. Ethnic solo, 12 and under, bronze: Joanne Laidman.
Demi character solo, 8 and under, silver: Janet McVean.
Tap Duet, 4-8, silver: Janet McVean, Nancy Browne. Modern Jazz solo, 14 and under, bronze: Candy Darling.
Tap group, 8 - 12, silver: Nancy Browne, Debbie Fraser, Joanne Laidman, Susan Mallory, Debbie Thomas. Tap solo 10 and under, bronze: Debbie Thomas. Modern jazz duo or trio, 10-14, bronze: Lynne Aston, Cathy Darling, Anne Parcaris.
Demi character group, 8-12, silver: Kathy Cameron, Carol Gilpin, Joanne Laidman, Susan Mallory, Janet McVean, Kelly Patten.
Tap group, 6-10, silver: Nancy Browne, Susan Mallory, Janet McVean, Debbie Thomas.
Modern Jazz group, 6-10, gold: Alison Ashton, Donna Bacci, Karen Batke, Ellen Fraser, Carol Gilpin, Donna Hazel, Sandra Heilbron, Kim Hughes, Dianne Kozak, Dottie Miller, Diane Penvisge, Carol Anne Perry, Bethel Shadoff, Deborah Trotman.
Other highly awarded winners were Carolyn Lismore, 3 gold and 4 silver medals in tap, ballet and jazz events; Jacqueline Littleford, one gold in the 10 and under tap; Janice Sheridan, one bronze in the 13 and under tap; Cathy Boynton, three gold and 6 silver in jazz, ballet and tap; Patti Levi, two gold in the eight and under tap and jazz; Paul Gordon two gold in the same events in the 10 and under category.
The contestants were all pupils of either the Dennis Moore School of Dancing or the Candee Turner Studio of Dance Arts in Richmond Hill.

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ned takeover, formulated without first consulting them.
Their action was the culmination of a political tempest quickly blown up when Provincial Treasurer Charles MacNaughton announced four weeks ago that the counties would be relieved of the assessment duties next Jan. 1.
Every significant recent study or report on local government has recommended the assessment be a function of the second tier of regional government. The province has constantly agreed with this, charged the policy statement.
Although the government claims it wants to create strong, viable municipalities, important functions of local government are being constantly eroded by provincial assumption or establishment of special purpose bodies, it added.
After years of urgings by the province, most counties have established assessment commissions, although no more than 20 of the 36 are said to have seriously started re-assessing their municipalities on market values.
The province says that re-assessment is necessary to put every municipality on an equal footing to provide a base for fairer distribution of annual grants.
Acknowledging that some assessment jurisdictions have not effectively started their programs, the association claims that the progress of re-assessment has been hampered by inadequate assessment educational facilities and delayed finalization of the new provincial assessment manual first released

nearly five years ago.
Addressing conference delegates Mr. McKeough criticized their lack of progress, noting that only 83 of the 965 Ontario municipalities have so far been re-assessed.
Counties do not dispute the need for re-assessment, but feel they should be left to do it at their own speed and under local control.
Mr. McKeough said the annual provincial assessment budget will be increased from \$15 to \$20 million to get the job done by 1975 — after which it may be turned back to local administrations.
Several assessment commissions at the conference indicated that it made no difference to them who paid for their operation.
The politicians would have done better to temper their criticisms with some constructive suggestions, observed one central Ontario assessor.
Too often in the past in too many counties, assessors have been the little more than glorified census takers, he said.
Several counties have already invested more than half a million dollars on re-assessment schemes, and budgeted hundreds of thousands more in 1969. But there were mutterings from some leaders this week that they should fire county assessors and refuse to spend another cent on assessment this year.
Mr. McKeough assured delegates that any re-assessment done in recent years under the new manual will be adopted by the province when it takes over next year.

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