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BRADFORD: A Simcoe County
tradition for more than 35
years died last week when Sim-
coe County Council decided
that the annual warden's pic-
nic would not be held in future.
County councillors decided
that the tradition was too ex-
pensive and voted unanimously
to cancel the traditional event.

Rambling Around

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enlightening experience.
During the last Christmas season, the parkette was converted into a small Christmas spectacular. A huge Christmas tree dominated the centre, and it sparkled with myriads of colored lighting effects. This certainly helped to enhance the festive season, and furthermore, Lion Eric Kraemer, a landscape artist has already planted a tree in the parkette and it will be a permanent Christmas tree. It should provide interest for those who like to watch things grow.

THE LATEST PROJECT

For many years, Oakbank Pond has been a little oasis for the neighborhood. In the summer it was a wild life sanctuary and in winter a skating paradise for youngsters. The civic betterment committee is planning to improve this locality still more. The first phase of this project is already in evidence. There is now an attractive shelter for the skaters. Twenty-seven Lions were involved in the various stages of its construction.

The project is to improve the recreational opportunities offered by Oakbank Pond. The first objective is to retain and enhance the natural conditions. It won't be a play or picnic ground. It's main value as a bird sanctuary will be increased by additional deciduous and evergreen trees and berry bushes. A small island may be filled in the centre to offer fowl a refuge away from the shore. Another phase will be to install a fountain jet which will do much to reduce the effects of stagnant water and algae growth.

The other objective is to provide enjoyable family skating in wintertime. The shelter which has already proven its worth as a shelter for skaters can be used as a vantage point for bird watchers in the summer. A solid foundation and a finished roof will be completed by then.

This project which is planned and co-ordinated by the civic betterment committee has been endorsed by the village trustees and the Metro Conservation Authority has approved the overall concept and has offered to co-operate in the individual phases wherever possible.

The first opportunity for a gathering of Thornhill residents to appreciate the shelter was at the Lions Winter Carnival early in February.

IT TAKES MONEY TO HELP OTHERS

The annual Easter Seal Campaign in aid of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children will run this year from February 26 to March 29 and Thornhill District Lions will once again be sending mailings to all homes in Thornhill. Last year over 7,000 letters were sent out and these included a supply of Easter seals and a blank donation cheque which raised \$2,262. This year the objective is \$3,750. If you do not receive a mailing and wish to donate to this worthy cause, donations may be sent to the Bank of Nova Scotia, Thornhill, c/o Thornhill and District Lions Club. Chairman of Easter Seals campaign is Byron Ellis, and committee members are Tab Macdonald, Frank Engel and Don Cockburn.

The weekly bingos at the Farmers' Market on Wednesday evenings are the main source of funds which pay for many of the services and improvements in this area. Bingo Chairman is Frank Clarke, Co-Chairman Harry Lak, Committee Members are George Fisher, Charley Clifford, Reg. Smith, Art Cook, Bob Adams and Ace Clarke.

The Thornhill Lions Club will be holding their annual auction sale on June 6. This year, the club has warehouse facilities, so pickup or deliveries can be made at any time. Call 889-1169 or 889-6016. Members of the auction sale committee are: Chairman Carl Parker, Co-Chairman Tom Gibson, Lindy Brett, Herb Whyard, Eric Kraemer, Ron Briden, Reg. Smith, Tom Jackson, Doug MacMillan and John Marchiori.

And here's a personal word of thanks from the lordly Lions to their faithful hardworking Lionettes who have done so much to help make their activities rewarding and successful. Take a bow, lady Lions!

Publicity Chairman Ace Clarke wants the last word and here it is:
"It is never too soon to do a kindness, you never know how soon it will be too late."

In The Spotlight

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background music was composed and played on guitars by Ron Nigrini and Don Heard.

Though the basic idea and original script of the program was put forward by Tony some time ago, the final program was the result of several months of re-writing in collaboration with META producer Jerry Pollock. The program was made at the Ryerson Polytechnical Institute with the services of Ryerson technicians.

A footnote to the Hiseoke activities. Just to prove that Tony is not the only creative one in the household, Pussy Galore, the feline member, and her own "production" on the same day as the telecast, when "Winkum", "Blinkum" and "Nod" made their debut. (Two tabbies and a grey).

The Richmond Hill High School plays are always anticipated with pleasure by those who have become accustomed to the high standard of Roy Clifton's productions. It will take a very good show indeed to top last year's double bill of "Oedipus Rex" and "Antigone", but with Mr. Clifton's guidance and direction, this year's production of "The Importance Of Being Ernest", Oscar Wilde's famous comedy of manners, should at least come up to standard.

Last year the costumes were all designed and made by students, after considerable research, and with so large a cast became a monumental task. For the present production the costumes, with the exception of Miss Prism's, will be rented, with Lynda Sinfield in charge of wardrobe. The set is being designed by Steve Clark, and constructed under the guidance of Douglas Graham. In charge of the backstage crew will be stage manager Richard Hay.

Mr. Clifton has offered me the opportunity to observe the play in rehearsal in the near future, so hope to be able to comment further on the progress of the production before the performance dates, which will be April 1, 2, 3 and 4 at the high school.

Court Gets Tough

Stream Of Teenage Crime Continues

Faced last week with another stream of young people guilty of such things as crimes involving drugs, car theft and drinking driving, Provincial Judge Russell Pearce handed out some stiff jail sentences, large fines and tough probation terms.

Several times the judge had occasion to remark upon the great number of teenage offenders and the necessity for the court to provide a deterrent to protect embattled property owners.

A Richmond Hill Police investigation of a series of 20 car thefts yielded one successful charge, trial and conviction March 2.

Alan Newton, 17, a student at Thornlea Secondary School and resident of 104 Spruce Avenue, Richvale, was convicted of car theft after a trial. He pleaded not guilty. He was remanded on \$1,000 bail for sentence March 23.

Trial testimony was that the youth had stolen a 1964 model car owned by Kevin Simpson between 8 and 11 pm December 27 in Richmond Hill.

Thursday, March 5 three young Richmond Hill men pleaded guilty to breaking into a building at the Maple Downs Golf and Country Club last August 21.

They were Lawrence Hayes, 19, of 126 Oxford Street; Greig Whitaker, 19, of 407 Allencourt Road; and James Emanuel, 20, of 170 Bayview Avenue.

In passing sentence Judge Pearce remarked on the increased incidence of crime by persons under 21. He said the public was under pressure due to the great number of break-ins taking place, and that he didn't want it to be necessary for citizens to arm themselves to protect their property.

The police were unable to cope with the number of break-ins and this fact was becoming well known among the young. The court must provide a deterrent to aid the police, he said. And sentences such as jail, stiff fines and severe periods of surveillance must be considered.

He sentenced the three youths to \$100 fines, or the alternative of six month jail sentences. He put the three on probation for a year to keep the peace, required them to keep off the golf club property during the year, and made certain \$40 damage was paid for. He told the three they must make suitable efforts to be employed, and that they must not

associate with each other for the duration of the probation. Since the three were drinking during the offence, and had broken into a refrigerator to get some beer, they were told that for a year they must stay out of places where liquor is dispensed and refrain from drinking.

One youth was taking a criminology course and had his career plans wiped out by the conviction.

Robert Peters, 18, of 38 Fairview Avenue, Langstaff, March 2 faced four charges, but had three of them dropped when he pleaded guilty to driving while having a breathalyzer reading in excess of .08.

Judge Pearce warned the youth that this offence carried a penalty of at least \$50, and as much as \$1,000 or six months in jail.

Peters was arrested December 13 at 12:03 am at the Richmond Heights Centre when a citizen complained of his erratic driving, the court was told.

He was fined \$125 and automatically had his license to drive confiscated for three months.

John Donnelly, 22, of 358 Elm Road, Toronto pleaded guilty to a breathalyzer charge which involved a personal injury accident February 10 at 8:15 pm in Richmond Hill at Elgin Mills and Newkirk Roads.

He was fined \$125 and costs and lost his driving rights for six months because of the injury accident. He had a breathalyzer reading of 1.10 the court was told.

Driver Murray Stevenson, 39, of 9372 Yonge Street, had a breathalyzer reading of 2.00 after he was stopped by police at 1 am February 28. He was arrested on Church Street just after leaving the Richmond Inn parking lot, the court was told.

He pleaded guilty March 2 and was fined \$125 and costs, his license being automatically confiscated by the court for three months.

Edmund Aylward, 32, of Lot 6, South Road, Lake Wilcox, pleaded guilty to refusing to take a breath test and was fined \$150 and costs, with the alternative of serving 20 days in jail. His license was also automatically confiscated for three months.

Drug use to the extent the accused had large bruises from

needle marks inside both arms, was involved in the case of John Flannigan, 25, of 10 Yonge Street North on March 2.

Break-in and theft charges cost him a two year jail sentence, with a second one year sentence to run concurrently.

Judge Pearce said the problems of most alcoholics and drug addicts were self-inflicted. "These are things people do themselves and to themselves."

And when addicted they go out and steal. They could take treatment and don't. They have the ability to distinguish right from wrong and know what they are doing, but don't seek the help they need. They are not necessarily violent, the judge said, but do disturb homes and businesses. Society had to be protected.

Defence lawyer Alfred Stong said Flannigan was taking drugs at the time and a psychological report had been obtained. He admitted to Flannigan's previous record.

The story of a traffic-stopping 4 pm March 1 fight in front of the Stouffville Police Station on Main Street West was unfolded last week in the Richmond Hill Court.

The object of contention was the wife of one of the two men involved. The other man claimed the wife was seeking a separation.

Stouffville Police didn't think the traffic should be held up that way with 25 cars stopped on a Sunday afternoon. Judge Pearce decreed a separation for the two men, anyway, even though he couldn't deal with the marital problem.

Both men were fined \$50 and costs and warned to stay away from each other for a year, under pain of being given \$500 fines, six months' jail, or both.

The "other" man was warned to stay away from the wife, until and unless the marital situation was settled in court.

Thomas Mullen, 37, was given three years in penitentiary for obtaining goods and money from Metro A and P stores by false pretences. Six more months was added for jumping bail.

Judge Pearce said the Toronto man was in custody for one offence or another most of the time since 1950. He said the impression the court gets in such a case is that the offender is a recidivist. Society must be protected from such people, he said, before passing sentence.

Liberal Urges Tax On Throw-Away Bottles

Liberal Murray Gaunt urged last week that the provincial government implement a special tax on throw-away soft drink bottles to discourage their use. Gaunt (L—Huron Bruce) blamed the throw-away bottle for ruining automobile tires, cutting swimmers' feet and littering the countryside. His comments were part of his reply to the Throne Speech in the Legislature.

He suggested a tax of five or six cents per bottle be imposed on the no-deposit, no-return type of bottle to encourage consumers to buy the returnable type instead.

Gaunt said the glass industry should be working toward development of a bottle that would disintegrate when a purchaser is through with it, leaving no broken glass whatever.

Last week, the British Columbia Legislature introduced legislation that would ban the sale of beer or soft drink in the so-called "one-way" bottles.

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