

Thornhill Housewife Fights Dominion Day Changes

"People who value our heritage have to carefully watch the character of Dominion Day and speak up, or else we will lose it," says Mrs. Jean Smith of 99 John Street, Thornhill, a collector of Canadiana and popular as a lecturer.

Mrs. Smith earlier this year, during her lectures, circulated a petition against a proposal in Ottawa to change the name of Dominion Day to Canada Day or Confederation Day.

She also gets angry at any suggestion that shopping centres, industry and other non-essential commercial activity might be allowed on Dominion Day.

"One of the reasons our families are becoming so fragmented today is that the general holidays for all members of the family are being eliminated. The people suffering are the ones that have to work and have no way of defending themselves against their employers. Their families can't get together," says Mrs. Smith.

"We should conserve our national holiday. People who haven't unions have to work on holidays when ordered to do so, or else they lose their jobs. No-

body benefits. That's the point they're missing.

"There's only so much business to be done, and it can be done on the regular business days. Because working people can't say no, we all have to be concerned," says the active Thornhill housewife.

Mrs. Smith first became interested in the problems of preserving the Canadian heritage when she began collecting Canadiana. It began to appear to her that we were neglecting our heritage.

"In Canada we are heirs to a civilization that was actually wrestled from the wilderness by our ancestors. We are very lucky to have such a high level of basic freedom. Ours is not just economic advantage.

"The difference between our Canada and the United States is that they defied law and order to set up their own nation in 1776. In those days the leaders of the U.S. were all rebels.

"The American Revolution had the result that 50% of Ontario's population was made up of United Empire Loyalists who came here because they wanted to respect laws and had no faith in the revolution.



MRS. JEAN SMITH
Dominion Day Defender

had mob rule.

"Now in the 20th century people like President Richard Nixon are saying that people must respect law and order and are wondering why they can't create this respect.

"They have their problem because their whole tradition is against law and order, and their heroes are revolutionaries."

Mrs. Smith says the name Dominion was freely chosen by the Fathers of Confederation, and was taken out of the Bible. The name Dominion Day was also freely chosen at Confederation, and has been used for over 100 years.

"Recent governments have done everything they can to eliminate our traditional symbols. The main excuse for adopting our new flag was that Quebec couldn't respect the old symbols.

"But Quebec doesn't respect the flag. The fleur-de-lis is still important to them because of its royal and religious symbolism.

"So we should preserve the rest of the important symbols of our heritage. Our heritage was dearly won and is of immense value.

"If we are going to legislate away all the old symbols of our heritage, where are we going to pick it up again?" asks the Thornhill housewife.

"The monarchy is a safeguard. We are lucky to have it," she says.

Mrs. Smith was disturbed when the matter of changing the name of Dominion Day was suggested by certain groups and given consideration in the Justice Committee of the House of Commons.

She sent her petition to Prime Minister Trudeau and to Barney Danson, MP York North. Mr. Danson sent it on to Secretary of State Gerard Pelletier, she says.

Mrs. Smith says she was very happy earlier this year when the Dominion Day name change came to a vote on second reading and failed to pass.



Osaka To Charlottetown

Singer, dancer, model, Thornlea Secondary School student Deborah Millar, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Millar, 70 Crestwood Road in South Thornhill, is having a very busy summer.

A member of the cast of "Anne of Green Gables" at the O'Keefe Centre last month, Deborah travelled with the "Green Gables" company to Japan and met Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau following the opening performance of the show at Osaka.

After three weeks in Japan she spent a day with her family before journeying on to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, where she will appear in performance of "Green Gables" and other productions at the Charlottetown Centennial Centre.

Mr. and Mrs. Millar are planning to spend two weeks in Charlottetown in July, but Deborah will be there to the end of August, then on to Ottawa for two weeks to perform in a musical production there before returning to Thornlea.

A student at the Alan Lund School of Dancing in Downsview, Deborah has been making professional appearances on stage and television since she was 11. Mr. Lund was choreographer for "Anne of Green Gables."

In the course of her career she has played "Dorothy" in "The Wizard of Oz," "Wendy" in "Peter Pan," and ugly sister in "Cinderella," and has appeared in numerous shows as well as doing photo-modelling for department store catalogues. Her awards include a gold medal for a performance on educational television.

In the current production, she is understudying Pissy Andrews in the part of "Gertie Pye."

Robert Dye Heads New R. Hill Realty Firm

One of the newest additions to Richmond Hill's business community is the Robert A. Dye Limited Real Estate, located at 101 Newkirk Road (at Markham Road).

This firm deals in real estate, mortgages, appraisals and insurance, is managed by Robert Dye, broker, and has been operating locally since May 1.

Mr. Dye has been in the mortgage and real estate business in Toronto for 17 years, and came to Richmond Hill when he recognized the potential for growth and development in Southern York County. "It is already an expanding area and I believe the expansion will be greater under regional government and the Toronto-Centred Plan recently introduced by the provincial government," he told "The Liberal".

Have you heard this one

The professor was lecturing his class when he directed a question directly at a cute co-ed he suspected wasn't paying attention: "What happens Miss Jones when a body is immersed in water?"

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Wire Thieves Fined

Further Arrests Ahead For Vandals In Richvale

One arrest has been made and further arrests are pending in connection with the recent considerable amount of vandalism in the Richvale area, Vaughan Township Police Inspector Tom Shields told "The Liberal" this week.

Inspector Shields says the incidents involved a teenager who was apprehended and the investigation is being extended.

Vaughan Police also note that it is the season of the year for bicycles and that there were several bicycle thefts reported over the weekend. Parents and children are warned to take care that bicycles are kept secure.

In Markham Township last week two men were arrested, convicted and fined \$50 each for cutting down and stealing copper wire from the CN Railroad right-of-way near Concession 9, south of 18th Avenue.

In Richmond Hill Provincial Court Tuesday the two men pleaded guilty before Judge Sydney Roebuck. They were Frederick Saunders, 25, resident of the Mansion House in Stouffville and Henry Buott, 24, of 24 Spruce Street, Uxbridge.

Mr. Buott told the judge they stole the 700 feet of wire worth about \$13 as scrap, in order to get some extra pocket money.

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Both men were given 15 days to pay their fines with the alternative of five days in jail.

Markham Township Police also report one arrest in connection with the theft of 16 freight moving jack carts from Strathmos Scales Manufacturing Limited, 8 Steelcase Road, off Woodbine Avenue. The carts were valued at \$325 each.

A warrant is out for a second person believed to be now in the United States.

Vaughan Township Police report two automobiles stolen and recovered over the weekend.

One was taken June 21 from a driveway on Roosevelt Drive, Langstaff, and later found at Pearson Avenue and Roosevelt Drive.

The second car was taken June 20 from Gateway Mercury Sales Limited, 7120 Yonge Street, South Thornhill, and recovered by Metro Police.

A stereo player and tapes worth \$150, June 20 were removed from an automobile parked at the Pincrest Speedway. Two new tires were also removed that day from a locked car parked at the Speedway.

There was a break-in June 19 at the Richmond Hill Golf Club snack bar and chocolate bars and soft drinks were removed.

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Day Camp Plan

"Tween" Crowd Can Do Their Own Thing At Y

In its planning for the summer, the YWCA of Richmond Hill and District is giving particular thought to boys and girls in the 12 to 14 years group.

Jointly sponsored by the Richmond Hill Parks and Recreation Committee and the YWCA, the Park Y Day Camp for boys and girls 8 to 14 is approaching its second summer season, and once again the camp will be located in the Mill Pond Park area.

Realizing that most young people of the 12 and over age group feel that there should be a lot of opportunity to do what they want to do — to sit under a tree and talk, work on a group project, go for a walk — camp planners are encouraging this group in particular to develop their own camp schedules.

Boys, the camp leaders have found, tend to lean toward wilderness types of programs and to emphasize self-satisfaction through accomplishment.

Girls are inclined to take part in casual programs, emphasizing group interaction.

"Most young people of this age feel there should be a lot of opportunity to do what they want," declares YWCA executive director Verna Harries, "and the strength of the day camp program lies in the fact that campers in each age group enter into activities at the level suited to particular stages of development. Different activities and methods of presentation give campers new experiences each year."

Day camp, says Miss Harries, has been proven to be a happy answer to the plight of the "in between" 12 to 14 year old youngsters.

Two two-week periods are offered again this year: July 6 to 17 and July 20 to 31.

Cost to Richmond Hill youngsters is \$12 for one camp period, and \$15 for out-of-town boys and girls. Call the "Y" 884-4811 for further information.

Domik Hurls One-Hitter

Rob Domik hurled a one-hitter Tuesday night as the Richmond Hill Dines Jewellers downed Oshawa Bunnys 4-0 in an Oshawa and District Major Fastball League game played in Oshawa.

Domik had a no-hitter going for him until the last batter in the ninth inning, John Pipher, cracked a triple off him. Domik retired the next man. Domik recorded 21 strikeouts.

Derek Kinnersly got a triple for the Jewellers with one on.

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