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4 Young Men Convicted

Thirty Incidents Of Burglary And Theft

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men aged 16 to 21. Pleading guilty to charges in Richmond Hill Provincial Court August 31 were Stephen Joy, 20, of RR 1 (Lot 22 Concession 5), King Township; Roy Johnson, 16, of 22 Lake Wilcox Road, Lake Wilcox, and Graham Grayling, 17, of no fixed address.

Joy and Johnson admitted breaking into Gateway Mercury Sales Limited, 7120 Yonge Street, near Steeles Avenue, August 15 and stealing 11 sets of car keys. They then went to the car lot and stole two cars. One car was recovered in King Township and the other on Highway 400 near Barrie.

These two youths also admitted stealing a car belonging to Elwood McNamara from the premises of William Klees and Son Wholesale Meats at 69 Industrial Road, Richmond Hill, August 12. The car was later recovered in Richmond Hill.

Johnson and Joy admitted an August 14 burglary at Mac's Milk Store, 454 Markham Road. At about 3 am they used a brick and a piece of wood to break out the front door glass. Stolen was about \$170, including \$20 in coins.

Johnson admitted stealing a day in the same field near Oak Ridges.

Johnson admitted stealing a paid of cowboy boots July 24 from Levendale Shoe Repair, 40 Levendale Road. He tried on the shoes and walked out without paying when the store owner turned away to talk to another customer, the court was told.

The Lake Wilcox 16-year-old also admitted committing a burglary August 11 at the Harris Pharmacy, Yonge Street and King Sideroad, Oak Ridges.

Graham and Joy admitted stealing a car August 17 from Tompkins Chrysler Dodge Limited. The car was recovered at Oak Ridges.

Joy also pleaded guilty to committing an August 11 burglary at Harris Pharmacy in Oak Ridges. He entered at 2:30 am by breaking a rear door window. Stolen was \$140 and a quantity of cigarettes, the court was told.

removed from boats on a lake near Peterboro. All these motors were recovered, the court was told.

Bursey declined an opportunity to have psychiatric help and was remanded in custody until September 14 to allow preparation of a pre-sentence report. Bursey was convicted in 1967 in Toronto on three counts of fraud, and for theft in Parry Sound in 1966, the Crown Attorney said.

Arrested for impaired driving May 28 in Richmond Hill at 4:45 pm, Joseph Smith, 26, of 66 McGee Street, Toronto, August 31 was fined \$150 or 30 days. A charge of failing to take a breathalyzer test was withdrawn when Smith pleaded guilty.

Three Richmond Hill teenagers were fined \$50 and costs August 17 for taking a motor vehicle May 9 without the owner's consent.

Fifteen other charges were

5 burglary at the Elgin Mills home of Harry Brock, 99 Oxford Street, in which a 303 rifle, a shotgun and some coins were stolen. Joy took police to a hiding place at Bayview and 17th Avenues, Markham Township, where the rifle was recovered, along with nine live cartridges purchased at the Canadian Tire Store in Richmond Hill.

The shotgun was found in the basement of a Richmond Hill home and another youth is to be in court at a future date, Crown Attorney John Apple-gath said.

Mr. Apple-gath said Joy was caught August 20 and admitted taking part in nine offences. Joy had a conviction for theft of less than \$50 earlier in the year.

"The thing in this case that worries me is this stealing of guns. One wonders what they are up to when they commit break and entry and only steal two guns," said Provincial Judge Maurice Charles.

He asked Joy why the cartridges were purchased.

Joy said he bought the shells in order to sell them with the gun.

Judge Charles said it didn't make sense to buy shells in order to sell shells, when anybody could buy them at a store.

Johnson and Joy were released until September 14 to allow the preparation of pre-sentence reports. Johnson continues free on \$1,000 bail and Joy remained in jail.

Graham was still on probation for a previous break-in conviction in October. He admitted he knew a breach of probation could mean a jail sentence or a fine. He was allowed to continue free on bail until September 14, when Judge Charles asked him to bring one of his parents to court.

Judge Charles told Graham that if he continued smiling and laughing in court, and thought everything was funny, he would soon be taught differently.

Russell Bursey, 21, of 254 Axminster Drive, Richmond Hill, was another young man involved with a whole list of charges, including five committed outside York County.

He was jointly charged with James Bell of 36 Arnold Crescent. Bell's cases were remanded until September 8, since he wasn't prepared to plead guilty August 31.

Bursey admitted burglaries July 22 at six local service stations. Recovered was \$186 worth of tires and batteries from Garry Finn's Esso Station, Yonge Street, Thornhill.

Thefts of more than \$50 were committed at service stations operated by Joseph Madden and Robert Schwartz. Thefts of less than \$50 were committed at stations operated by Alex Nyerges, Dan Apenis and Maximilian Denis.

Bursey also admitted five charges of theft over \$50. Involved were outdoor motors

withdrawn when the three pleaded guilty.

The three were Robert Gilpin, 16, of 361 Osiris Drive; Robert Fraser, 16, of 282 Neal Avenue; Gilpin and Fraser came back and were also arrested. Some stolen batteries were recovered at the same time.

"In this area and at Newmarket, in York County generally, the courts are swamped with this kind of offence. Probation apparently hasn't worked as a deterrent. How does the court make enough of an impression upon the public to stop this?" wondered Provincial Judge Russell Pearse.

He decided to fine the youths instead of putting them only on probation for two years. He warned them they must not associate with each other. They must not own or operate a motor vehicle, except in connection with a job.

"On breach of your probation, you can be brought back to court and fined up to \$500, given up to six months in jail, or both," warned Judge Pearse.

Kenneth Morin, 20, of Willowdale, August 17 was given six months common jail when he appeared for sentence in Richmond Hill Provincial Court.

He was convicted of theft over \$50 and was jailed in spite of the fact the court was told he was planning to get married in six or eight weeks.

David Irving, 18, of Willowdale the same day was sentenced to three months in common jail. He was previously convicted of wrestling on the sidewalks and lawns along Yonge Street south of Elmwood Avenue in Richmond Hill at 1:30 am August 29, three Willowdale youths were given suspended sentences August 31 in Provincial Court.

Pleading guilty to being intoxicated in a public place were John Axelson of Bathurst Street, Brian Lunney of Kenneth Avenue and Bruce Smith of Pleasant Avenue.

A charge of having unlawful sexual intercourse with a young female May 10 in Vaughan Township was dismissed for Aubrey Davis, 17, of 136 Elgin Mills Road during a preliminary hearing held "in camera" August 31 at Richmond Hill Provincial Court.

The preliminary hearing of the same charge against Glen Davis, 17, of 136 Elgin Mills Road and Roland Parker, 16, of 54 Oxford Street, will continue September 17.

Defense attorney for the Davis Brothers is Alfred Stong and for Parker is John Lawlor.

Court News

NOTICE

to the municipal electors of the
**AREA MUNICIPALITY OF
THE TOWN OF VAUGHAN**
FOR THE YEAR 1970

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Regional Municipality of York Act, 1970 and Ontario Regulations 342/70, a meeting of the municipal electors of the said municipality will be held in the

Community Centre Hall - Maple
Monday, Sept. 21st, 1970
from 7:30 O'Clock until 8:30 O'Clock in the evening for

**NOMINATION FOR THE
OFFICES OF MAYOR,
Five Councillors (who shall serve on the town council only),**

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If more candidates are proposed for any particular office than are required to be elected the proceedings for filling said offices will be adjourned until

Monday, 5th Day of October, 1970
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The location of the polling places for each polling sub-division will be as follows - 1. 101 Crestwood Road; 2. and 4. Thornhill Public School; 3. Presbyterian Church, Centre Street, Thornhill; 5. and 6. Langstaff Public School; 19. Church of Christ, Concord; 20. Concord Public School; 21. and 22. Municipal Office, Maple; 23. E. Burns' house, Jane Street; 25. J. A. Gibson Public School; 26. Maple Public Library; 27. R. Cooper's house, Teston; 28. Woodbridge High School; 29. and 30. Pine Grove Public School; 31. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 7th Concession Road; 32. Hoover Motel, No. 27 Highway, Woodbridge; 33. Twin Elms Motel; No. 27 Highway, Kleinburg; 34. and 35. Kleinburg Public Library; 36. E. Miller's house, Nashville; WI Lions Hall, Clarence Street, Woodbridge; W2. Orange Hall, 10 Wallace Street, Woodbridge.

ADVANCE POLL
An Advance Poll for the purpose of receiving the votes of voters of the Town of Vaughan who expect to be absent from the town, or expect to be confined in hospital or for religious reasons, are prevented from voting on the day fixed for polling, will be held at the

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Friday, October 2nd, 1970 from Four to Ten o'clock p.m. and Saturday, October 3rd, 1970 from Ten o'clock a.m. to Five o'clock p.m.

Every person offering himself as a voter at the Advance Poll before being allowed to vote, shall be required by the Deputy-Returning Officer to make one of the foregoing declarations.

All persons interested are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.
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In The Spotlight

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1959, shortly after coming to Canada, the Midmers started their school in a very small way in their home on Browndale Crescent, initially as a means of teaching their daughter Linda, in company with other little girls of her own age.

Owing to a back injury, Minnie no longer dances, but is actively engaged in the management of the academy. Now married, Linda teaches the younger pupils, tots of four and five, with whom she has her father's patience.

The other teachers are also well known as dancers. Jennifer Morton, who recently danced at Expo '70 in Osaka, and Jacqueline Bierworth, who has appeared on the grandstand show at the CNE, are among those teaching at the academy. Rita Gramsch is another talented former pupil now teaching. The curriculum includes ballet, tap and baton, jazz and acrobatic, and the age of the pupils range from babies of three to young people in their twenties.

Eddie Midmer has made a considerable reputation in entertainment circles, and in 1961 was given a special award by Channel 11 for his contribution to Tiny Talent Time. Nearly 200 pupils of the Academy have appeared on the show, and two more, Karen Gramsch aged 11, and Brenda Liddle, 12, will be on the show in October.

Pupils from the school were the first to be used on the Uncle Bobby Show at Christmas Fairland, and for the past two years Eddie has arranged and choreographed the entertainment, with his own pupils, for the Miss Ontario Pageant. He has had great success with his troupe of Russian Dancers, and these were awarded first prize on the Uncle Jerry Show on Channel 4 in Buffalo. His pupils are also regular performers on the Billy O'Connor charity shows for the Orillia Hospital, a big annual event in that area.

In addition to his other activities, Eddie is often called upon to choreograph shows for local groups, one of the most recent being a Bayview High School production.

With the opening of another season, Eddie Midmer and his family will again be busy passing on to their students almost a lifetime of experience as dancers.

Susan Brown Writes

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the cars and trucks have to choose to pass through the most crowded street in town?

But enough of life outside of the home. That within the family we lived with was even more interesting. Neither the mother or the father spoke English, but after we had been there a few short weeks, we adopted them as our Japanese parents! Mrs. Okamoto was darling and if she wasn't bustling around the house or sewing the yukatas she made for us, she would be out shopping for the next meal of the day. Refrigerators here are quite small and to shop only once a week, let alone once a day, is unthinkable when the market is only a stone's throw away! Anyway, we enjoyed teaching mamasan the English names of things she bought each day (if we could recognize what they were!) and she, in turn, would say what the foods were in Japanese.

As for papa, he was priceless, especially when it came to charades and acting out what he wished to tell us. And he could even count to ten in English! A painter by trade, he is pretty sharp when it comes to making the most of his money; that is, he cheats on his taxes! By charging twelve or thirteen dollars plus material costs for a day's work, he manages to make one million yen a year or approximately three thousand dollars. However, he tells the city office that he only makes 300,000 yen and four per cent of that for income tax is a mere twelve thousand yen or thirty-six dollars. Not bad when you consider that his son makes one half as much working for a company and pays the government two times that amount!

Otherwise, though, Mr. Okamoto is as honest as the day is long which is really saying something when you get up at 5:30 each morning! He and mama make an adorable couple (she is as plump as he is skinny!) and the whole family is very closely knit. For the latter reason, I found it rather strange that Japanese parents never kiss their children or openly display affection for them as is the western custom.

Probably the most fascinating day we spent at Tadaoka was that of my girl friend's birthday. First of all, a friend of mama-san insisted on doing our hair for us free of charge. It must have been quite a sight to see us trooping to the hairdresser's shop with the entire family following, and then having them sit there and watch us as we went through the beautifying process.

And when we were still in our curlers, the owner of the salon invited us all (including papa, papa's friend, and his grandson) into the back room for something cold to drink! Then on to the comb out and the invariable picture taking!

Next on the agenda? Why on to the city office to pick up our alien registration. After we had created the usual gaijin sensation, the chief of the immigration department decided to buy my friend the biggest and most scrumptious birthday cake that could be found!

And what better way is there to finish off the afternoon than a visit to the local cemetery and crematorium? Talk about being a crowded country; the graves are so close together the stones practically hold one another up! Anyway, mama took us to the Okamoto plot so that we could place fresh flowers and incense around their monument. In particular, I was fascinated by the custom of putting a bib around the neck of a stone Buddha if someone in your family is ill. It is also very handy if the statue is sloppy when he drinks the cup of oocha (green tea) which is usually placed before him to encourage his healing powers!

But one of the best memories of all is the birthday party of that evening. The one-room-wide house was packed with friends and neighbors, and when papa's friend (the same one who went to the hairdresser with us) gave us both presents, I felt like I was turning a year older too! Seriously, though, we each received a 40 year old Japanese doll from this man's personal collection and I was deeply touched by such an irreplaceable gift. Unfortunately, all festivities must come to an end, but I shall never forget the smiling, beaming faces around us. It's good to know one is among friends and I've learned more about Japan by living with a family than one could ever hope to learn as a tourist.

Besides, only in Tadaoka could we walk by two factories, a rice paddy, an amazing variety of small stores, and a building where you can park your bicycle (just like parking your car!) - and all this in only three minutes!

Cooking In Pre-Confederation Style At The Pioneer Village

The culinary arts of pioneer homemakers will be demonstrated during weekends throughout September at the Black Creek Pioneer Village, and modern day housewives may be able to pick up a few special cooking ideas by a visit to the pre-Confederation community.

On Saturdays and Sundays this month the village staff will be showing how the housewife of 100 years ago or more prepared meals for the family in a series of demonstrations called "Country Cooking Pre-Confederation Style".

The visitor to Black Creek Pioneer Village will be able to learn something about that old-fashioned kitchen art known as "black pot cooking" whereby delicious meals were conjured up out of the old iron pot that was a mainstay of every pioneer home.

There will also be demonstrations showing how plain and fancy breads were prepared and baked; how meat and fowl were roasted, and how cakes and griddle cakes were made in the good old days. The use of herbs in cooking will be demonstrated. Incidentally, there's an herb garden in Black Creek Pioneer Village containing every conceivable type of herb - both for cooking and medicinal purposes.

In addition to the cooking demonstrations, there are more than 20 fascinating buildings of the pre-1867 period - homes, farm buildings, general store, church, school, flour mill and inn which are open for a leisurely visit daily.

By the way, an upcoming date to note is Saturday, September 26, when the annual Pennsylvania-German Festival is being held at the village. This all-day event ushering in the fall season will feature demonstrations of pioneer living by various Pennsylvania-German societies in Southern Ontario.