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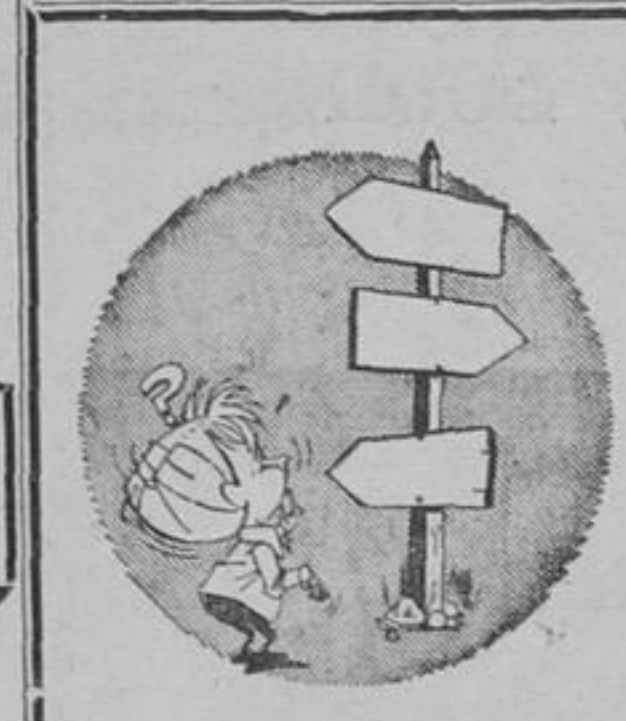
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**Don Head Secondary School
DON HEADLINES**

Don Head Secondary School is off to a good start for its first full year in the beautiful new building on Vaughan Road. Students will be contributing to this column throughout the school year.

NEW TEACHERS - By Adelina Losier & Mary Johnson
We would like to extend a hearty welcome to the following new staff at Don Head Secondary School: Mr. George Cochran, Mr. John Wheeler, Miss Marilynne Mitchell, Mr. Dennis Connor, Mr. Stan Campbell, Mrs. Gwyn Brimmer, Mr. George Shore, Mr. Anthony Toneygawa, Mr. Herbert Stevens. We hope they enjoy teaching in our new school.

OUR GARDEN - By Steve Lind
During the summer months the students from Don Head's horticulture class grew their own vegetables, which are being used in the food school classes. The vegetables were broccoli, red cabbage and cherry tomatoes.

GENERAL NEWS
By Bill Haines
The library has a lot of new, hot, contemporary music.

THE DON HEAD STORE
By Steve Gerow
The students in retail merchandise have now set up a display on gym equipment. They have everything you could possibly think of on physical education. Inside of the store they have gym outfits for boys and girls on sale. We also have a wide variety of dry goods from pencils to pens, and from combs to make-up.

NEW DRY CLEANING SHOP
By Richard Hanna
Mr. George Cochran is going to teach our new dry cleaning shop. He will teach dry cleaning, laundry and textile maintenance. This is the only school in York County that teaches this course.

UPHOLSTERY SHOP
By Bryan Rason
Mr. Joseph Morreau, upholstery teacher, is pleased to report that the first year students have started to make throw cushions. Other students

in the second year are practising interior decorating and furniture upholstery.

THE FIRST DAY'S MENU
By David Bull
The school is in its second year and the food short order really got going along with food quantity cooking. The main course for the first day was Hungarian Goulash and Mexican Vegetables.

CROSS COUNTRY
There will be a cross country meet in the near future. Three groups will be entered in the event: junior boys, senior boys and girls. The top 20 in each group will compete at Bruce's Mill later in the month. There will also be a cookout and races.

SWIM MEET
Tuesday, September 22 at Camp Richildaca, a swim meet was held. It consisted of four strokes: freestyle, backstroke, breast stroke, butterfly. There was also an assortment of races, relays, novelty events.

SOCCER
There will probably be two teams in soccer this year. Further announcements will be made later.

ACTIVITY PERIOD
This year an activity period has been instituted at the end of the school day. Activity period is a good idea because if you have some work to finish up, then you have the time. It is a good time for projects. If there is a student council meeting, then we can all go to listen.

OPTIONS
The following wide selection of options are being offered this year: outdoor education, art, acting, music appreciation, yearbook, publishing and advertising, motorcycle driver education, audio visual aids, fashion and grooming, photography, typing.

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**Nature
Notes**
**Woodland Caribou Inhabit
Hudson Bay Lowlands**

The first fall meeting of the Richmond Hill Naturalists Club featured a talk on "The Woodland Caribou." Speaking to a capacity audience in the Richmond Hill Public Library on September 18, Don Simkin, supervisor of game management for the Department of Lands and Forests, illustrated his talk with many unusual slides of the caribou in the lowland Hudson Bay Region.

Mr. Simkin, a biologist, travelled extensively in Northern Ontario in his study of the woodland caribou. He stated the barren ground caribou of the Northwest Territories is a considerably smaller animal with circular rather than flattened antlers, and the antlers are taller than on the woodland caribou.

Caribou are different from other deer in that 80% of caribou females bear antlers. Bulls shed their antlers by the end of October, while cows keep their antlers later, often into May or June of the following year.

The average life span of caribou is six to seven years, but Mr. Simkin had seen some that were estimated to be 17 years old. These had their teeth almost entirely worn down. A large bull caribou weighs about 500 pounds.

Caribou have very large feet, the hoofs being 5 to 6 inches across and of great use for travelling on snow or muskeg. They are truly animals of old, undisturbed North America and their main foods are lichens which often take 50 to 60 years to grow.

Woodland caribou used to occur as far south as Manitoulin Island but haven't been seen there since the late 1800's. Changes in the forest due to cutting or burning have caused the old lichens to greatly decrease. Moose and white-tailed deer, being browsers, on young forest, have invaded and increased. The Hudson Bay Lowlands are the main range of caribou now.

The Department of Lands and Forests flew 28,000 miles on a grid pattern to record the woodland caribou population, and estimate there are 15,000 in the province — 10,000 of them in the Hudson Bay Lowlands. Hunting has reduced woodland caribou only in local areas. There have been no open seasons since 1929, but the Indians of the area are allowed to hunt caribou. They kill 300 to 500 a year, which doesn't endanger the population.

The lichens they eat are mainly caribou moss, which grows on the ground, and tree lichens such as "Old Man's Beard." Caribou do not eat many plants when they first grow in the spring, and browse in the summer on sedges, willows and other trees. Lichens are their most important food in winter and are the key to their survival.

Fire is their worst enemy since it eliminates the lichens for 50 to 60 years.

In answers to questions after his talk, Mr. Simkin stated the woodland caribou population appears to be in good condition. He suggested that to maintain them in perpetuity throughout their present range some areas of old forest, growing lichens, should be left uncut.

The meeting opened with a 10 minute talk on three trees of the far north — black spruce, trembling aspen and white birch, presented by club member, John Griffiths.

The members endorsed a resolution from the Kitchener-Waterloo Naturalists Club seeking to preserve the Elora Gorge from encroachment by flooding and highway buildings.

The many books on natural science donated by the club to the library were on display and a letter of thanks was read from Chief Librarian Mrs. Patricia Hart.

The next meeting of the club will be October 16 at the library at 8 p.m. Don Baldwin, noted ornithologist will give an illustrated talk on "Birds of British Honduras." The meeting is open to the public.

WANT EXTRA INCOME?
A temporary job may be the answer. Read the Help Wanted Columns in "The Liberal" every week for job opportunities throughout York County.

In The Spotlight

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choice of musical for production in the coming year. The Thornhill Theatre is anxious to attract new members, and though now affiliated with the North Thornhill Recreation Association, there is still the constant need for increased financial support in order to stage a costly musical production. Jean Weiland, (225-5815) will be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining the group.

There was a time when "high school play" meant an evening of boredom and embarrassment for loyal supporters of the students, but two high school drama groups which can guarantee a high standard and competent productions are the Richmond Hill High School Drama Club, and the Bayview Secondary School Theatre Arts students.

Roy Clifton is conducting the Richmond Hill High School drama course during evening hours this year, and the group meets from 7 - 9 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. He has enlisted the help of grade 12 and 13 students with previous experience in theatre arts to assist in instructing the junior members. His instructors are Jodie Loftus, Elizabeth Bone, David Smith and Adrian Truss. Jim Clark, who played the title role in "Oedipus Rex" in 1969 at the school, and who has spent a year as a student at the National Theatre School, is also assisting Mr. Clifton.

Barry Pearson, head of the drama course at Bayview Secondary is co-operating with Ray Barton of the music department to produce a show which will include all aspects of the performing arts. Drama, dancing, singing and mime will be used in a review-type entertainment, ranging from satiric to the avant-garde, and will include the school's own rock group. Mr. Pearson plans to use a "cast of thousands", and to engage a professional choreographer.

A number of students are anxious to form a children's theatre in order to bring the pleasures and excitement of live theatre to the very young. Any adults interested in assisting in the project may contact Mr. Pearson at Bayview Secondary, phone 884-4453.

One organization which appears to be the local cultural Cinderella is the Richmond Hill Symphony Orchestra. For want of suitable premises in which to rehearse or perform, the planning of a regular series of concerts is not practical at the present time, and these fine instrumentalists should not be condemned to the bleak dreariness of a sports arena, or worse still, to pack away their instruments for lack of support. Conductor Philip Smith and his musicians deserve a break.

One final word — my thanks to all those who have kept me informed of their activities and given me such helpful co-operation. It's been fun.

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