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Alex Bissett of Etobicoke, a lawyer for 42 years, died June 23, at the age of 66. He served on Etobicoke council for six years, on planning board for 10 years and was a past president of the York County Children's Aid Society.

Specializing in corporation law, as a member of the firm of McCarthy and McCarthy, he represented Richmond Hill in an OMB hearing on the annexation of approximately 1,000 acres of land between Elgin Mills and the Dominion Store, east to Bayview Avenue, in the early 1950's.

**106 Summer Students To Aid Environment**

Metro Conservation Authority announced last week that it has filled the 106 jobs available to it through the Ontario Government's project SWEEP — Students Working in an Environmental Enhancement Program — from about 1,300 applications received in connection with the program.

Designed to provide summer employment for some 2,000 students, the project is being equally administered by the Department of Lands and Forests, and the Department of Energy and Resources Management.

Conservation authorities across the province will employ students under this program to do clean-up and maintenance work in conservation areas.

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**County Board To Sell 16 School Properties By Auction And Tender**

York County Board of Education agreed in session June 21 to sell 15 school buildings that will no longer be needed for educational purposes. Thirteen of the schools were declared surplus immediately, and two more — Eversley and Snowball in King — will be available at the end of the year when the new Devins Drive School opens in Aurora.

Five of the schools are closing their doors at the end of this school year — Pottageville, Ringwood, Vandorf, Pine Orchard and Shrubmount. All are in Area 2 — the area that serves King and Whitchurch-Stouffville — as pupils prepare to move into larger schools, facilities are better and room is available.

Mount Pleasant, Pepperlaw and Udora Schools in Georgina are already vacant as are Bloomington, Temperanceville and Lemonville in Area 2 and Melville and Hagerman Schools in Markham.

The schools will be sold by sealed tender or by auction, according to policy approved by the board earlier in June.

The municipal council of the municipalities in which the surplus schools are located will be contacted first, however, to see whether or not it is interested in purchasing the property for municipal use, and asked its preference for public auction or sealed tender method of sale.

**Your Legion Reports**  
Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion  
By Chris Ratchford — 884-5260

**Children's Picnic Saturday**

Friday nights have become a by-word with regard to fun. Some dance, some join in lively discussions of whatever subject comes to mind, some just sit listening to the music and watching the dancers. Come out some evening and join us. See what it's all about.

Big excitement in the Bill McNeillie Family these days. His uncle, John Cunningham is coming to visit them. This lad is a spry 74 years young. Don't know what your hobbies are Mr. Cunningham, but sure hope one is fishing. You'll not catch a river salmon here — but just sink your teeth into some lake trout, filleted, fried in butter over an open fire. Whoosh (now I've made myself hungry). Welcome to Canada and Richmond Hill Comrade John.

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Open letter to Comrade Tom

**Children's Aid Society Birth Control, Abortions Result In Fewer Babies For Adoption**

There is such a shortage of babies and very young children available for adoption in York Region that the Children's Aid Society of the region has applications on file that will not be filled for a year or more.

People wanting to adopt a baby directly from hospital are being advised that placement may not be effected until 12 to 14 months after approval of their application.

The waiting period is not quite so long for children up to two years — approximately ten to 12 months, and it is the same for boys from two to five, but the waiting period for girls in this age group is 12 to 15 months.

Children's Aid Executive Director Donald VanCamp attributes this dramatic change in the adoption picture to several causes.

Modern birth control methods and therapeutic abortions have cut down on the number of babies born, and more mothers are keeping their illegitimate babies.

"The work of the children's aid as we have known it for 20 years has changed dramatically in the past six to eight months," Mr. VanCamp told "The Liberal."

This is true across the province, he points out, but the impact is greatest on agencies bordering on Metro, which, in the past, have served to provide homes for Metro babies as well as for babies from their own areas.

There is no shortage of work for the agency, however. There are a few less children in care — 278 in June compared with 285 in January — but more of them are in their teens. Their problems are more deep seated, more complex.

"We are redirecting our efforts and deploying staff to work with these problems and to work with families," explained Mr. VanCamp. It is the aim and responsibility of the agency, he continued, to try to keep families together, to reunite families that may have broken up temporarily due to pressures and situations they could not cope with.

There is also still plenty of work to be done in assisting unmarried girls and women who have become pregnant. Those who intend to keep their babies need pre-natal counselling and assistance in planning for the future, as do those who intend to give up their babies for adoption.

Other who are contemplating a therapeutic abortion or have had one done also need counselling, and in this the agency works with the regional health

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**Court NEWS**

"I didn't hit him with my fist. He must have gotten a head butt," swore Misener.

Mrs. Rose Misener, who took the horse away during the altercation between the two men, took the stand and backed up her husband's testimony.

But Judge Taylor refused to believe the Miseners, pointing out that Maple is a small community where everybody knows everybody else, and it was absurd to ask him to believe the Miseners didn't know long time neighbor Howden, who had been there before with the police about animals running loose.

Howden said Misener's punch cut his lip and loosened his teeth, so that he went to a doctor and was off work the rest of that day and the next.

"He told me I'd better get out of there, get back on the tractor and get going," testified Howden.

"He said the next time we had a run in, he'd break every bone in my body," added Howden, who had refused to fight back.

Judge Taylor said he had no doubt Misener took the law into his own hands instead of taking the proper peaceful course in disputing the impounding of the horse by the farm workman.

Jailed seven days for driving while disqualified was James Miller of Twin Hills Motel, Highway 27, Woodbridge, aged 61.

Miller explained that he only drove home a girl in distress after an argument with her boyfriend at a party at another unit in the motel at 3:30 am June 24.

Judge Taylor told Miller the penalty for such an offense was usually 30 days in jail.

"I don't know why I'm being sympathetic," said the judge.

Crown Attorney Andre Dempsey told the court Miller was convicted in April for impaired driving and his license suspended for three months.

The judge didn't elect to have the car Miller was driving seized or impounded.

Jailed one day and fined \$500 or three months, with a month to pay, was a Maple CN Express motorman from Calgary who admitted the June 18 possession of \$1,800 worth of goods stolen while in transit with CN.

Former Calgary Bernard Sebring, 35, of 6171 Bathurst Street, Willowdale, a bachelor, was told he could get as much as 10 years in jail for the offense but was going to be given only a fine this time.

Duty Counsel David Fraser

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