

Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
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Warriors' Day At "Ex" August 21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY — This time of year seems to have the most birthdays. Until recently there hadn't been a rumble of one of these feast times. This week may we extend sincere birthday greetings to Sheila Adelaide Mills, Peggy Lewis, Maureen Mills. May you all celebrate many more of the same.

MEMORIES — Shades of service life! Recently heard of an event that brought to mind when in service my job was in inoculation parades. Oh the joy of getting those pay-books and finding out that the lads had been reneging on their shots. After a few days all sections were posted of the impending parade. How those lads used to try and talk their way out of it. Seems some lads just recently had to have shots for a trip overseas. Got the usual results. Just because they're big boys, the feeling is just the same now as in those times. How about it, lads?

TAKE ON THE CHAMPS — The other week some members were looking for partners for a game of euchre. Now these members play almost continuous euchre. A pair of the weaker sex took on the champs and beat them to a stand-still. A few evenings later we did the same thing. Even skunked them once. Not bad for a pair of females. Bet the same thing couldn't happen if we were playing tournament wise.

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL EVENING — This past Friday night something new was tried. The social evening was held in the ladies and escorts room with music provided by a Wurlitzer. Shades of Glenn Miller. How many times did we all, when much younger, go to the nearest malt shop and dance to music thus provided. Not all the entertainment will be provided thus. Some evenings there will be live entertainment. Why not come out some Friday night and share in the fun? Maybe we can even get some live entertainment from those attending. Do you play the spoons, rattle the bones, play the piano? Please come up and give it a try. I can assure you that your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

MYSTERY — Something is going to happen July 23. Haven't a clue. This is a Friday



Don Deacon MLA York Centre Reports

Assessment Act Amendments Quickly Dashed Homeowner Hopes

I was pleased when Municipal Affairs Minister Dalton Bales rose this week to introduce amendments to the Assessment Act.

However, my hopes were quickly dashed when I found the act failed to deal with the assessment shift problem which his York Region homeowners so severely last year.

When market value assessment was introduced in the calculation of 1970 property taxes a year ago, tax increases of 50% to 100% were not uncommon.

Incensed taxpayers jammed meetings all over the region as they protested the 20% shift in the tax burden from industrial and commercial taxpayers to homeowners.

Finally the province passed two acts which provided for a little temporary relief, but did not deal with the shift in burden from one class of assessment to another.

Former Municipal Affairs Minister Davey McKeough promised relief in the next session. That promise has been forgotten by his successor.

In reply to my question, Mr. Bales said there were a lot of unsettled appeals and also the Towns of Markham and Vaughan were appealing all assessments. So the department had decided to wait until the outcome of these cases was settled.

In my view, the municipalities should be given the right to apply a class factor to the assessment so that industrial and commercial taxpayers, as a class, having become accustomed to a certain share of the total tax burden, will not receive a major gift as they did last year in Markham and Vaughan at the expense of the homeowners.

Otherwise, Mr. Bales' new

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Thornhill Girl, 16, Ran Off With Burglar Gang His 2nd "Speed" Trafficking Arrest

A young Richmond Hill man last week was arrested a second time for possessing a controlled "speed" type drug for the purpose of trafficking.

Michael Lynn, 21, of 223 Neal Drive, was back in Richmond Hill Provincial Court on Thursday after being arrested the previous Tuesday.

Lynn is waiting for a county court trial date to be set on the trafficking possession charge that followed his first arrest December 24.

He has been free on \$500 cash bail while awaiting trial on the December 24 charge, the court was told.

Judge Robert Graham said it was difficult to grant bail when an accused faced new charges for offenses committed while already on bail.

He remanded Lynn until July 19, requiring him to put up \$1,000 cash bail if he is to get out of jail this time.

A 16-year-old girl who got involved away from home with the worst gang of thieves this area has seen for a long time, was given a suspended sentence and a chance to straighten out her life last week.

"Here's your chance to get square," Provincial Judge Robert Graham told the girl in Richmond Hill Court on Thursday morning.

Lynda Louise Porter of 60 Laverock Drive, Richmond Hill, and 5 Orion Crescent, Thornhill, pleaded guilty to four burglary charges July 6. Four other charges were withdrawn by the Crown.

She was charged along with five men at the end of May as Markham Division, York Region Police, smashed a crime wave and laid 94 charges, including 20 involving offenses in the Metro area.

Martin has pleaded guilty to six break-in charges, Orton to seven break-in charges, Newman to six break-in charges, and Harris to seven break-in charges.

In addition, Orton and Newman have admitted a May 17 break-in at Don Coffey Motors in Schomberg.

The break-ins admitted by 16-year-old Lynda Porter were at Kinneer Pontiac Buick Limited, Richmond Hill; Simplex Motor Parts Limited, Thornhill;

E. J. Sand Public School in South Thornhill, and the Good-year Service Store in Richmond Hill.

The gang's activity was between the dates April 13 and May 17.

"You're still a young girl. You may not think so now, but you are," Judge Graham told the 16-year-old.

The judge noted that she was more a bystander in the crimes,

and not a prime mover. Since she had no previous criminal record she wasn't to be sent to jail, he said.

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Arlene Marshall of 108 Church Street, Weston, admitted drinking in the park.

"I'm going to give you a break today," said Judge Graham when he heard the girl was attending summer school.

"Behave yourself, because the next time around it's going to cost you," said the judge, handing out a suspended sentence.

Also fined \$25 and costs in Richmond Hill Court on Thursday of last week was Metro Kariam, 28, of 163 Elgin Mills Road, Richmond Hill.

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June Building Permits Markham Up Over '70

Total value of building permits issued in June in the Town of Markham amounted to \$2,759,400, up to \$1,622,400 for the same month in 1970.

Accounting for the major portion of the increase was \$100,000 for the new industrial warehouse and office building of Ronald H. Winton & D. T. Hashimoto, on Denison Street at Victoria Park Avenue; the \$60,000 meter station erected by Trans Canada Pipe Lines on Don Mills Road at Concession 3; and the \$35,000 addition to Kovac Motors at Wellington Street and Milnes Lane.

Total value of building to date in Markham from January to June is \$13,513,325, compared to \$9,249,495 in 1970.

In June of this year there were 130 permits issued for new single family detached dwellings at a total value of \$2,440,800; three industrial buildings \$166,000; one addition to a commercial building at \$35,000; an addition to an industrial building \$18,000; one sign permit \$400; one underground tank installation \$1,000.

There were 153 building permit fees received totalling \$5,230 and 10 septic tank permits at \$60.

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