

SCHOOL DAZE



By John MacRae

The Winter Break

I guess everyone looks forward to holidays but the shorter they are the greater the anticipation and the greater the need for careful planning. I've seen whole families delightfully engaged parcelling out travelling chores and responsibilities. Each family member becomes equally involved emotionally and physically. A carefully planned and executed trip becomes a valued shared memory.

The winter break through is not a family holiday — it's just for students and teachers. They used to be called Easter Holidays and fell in March or April depending on the vagaries of the moon. The Department of Education is sensitive to the many religious faiths in our society and so they decided to set the holidays arbitrarily without reference to any religious holiday. After long, careful deliberation they finally selected the worst possible time. You can't ski and you can't play ball but if you stay out of the puddles you can stand on the pavement and breathe deeply. Parents would never dream of staying home — they'd just pack up and go south.

The kids, very often, just stay home and watch TV. It can be a dull dreary week unless you help them organize. Why not sit down as a family, consider your resources and help your kids plan their holiday. Here are some suggestions.

- Have you taken a trip on the subway or GO train?
- Visit the art gallery, museum or zoo. Before you go, decide what you want to see specifically.
- Visit the airport — special tours through aircraft can sometimes be arranged.
- See Toronto from the observation deck of the Toronto Dominion Centre — note what's happening to the Eastern gap.
- Visit Seneca or York Campus — you may be there soon.
- Start a new hobby — Coles or Lewiscraft have beginner sets.
- Catch up on your reading.
- Take a walking tour of the ghetto sections of Toronto and then a car tour of the York Mills - Bayview area — contrast and compare.
- Catch a performance at O'Keefe St. Lawrence Centre or one of Toronto's children's theatres.
- Take your neighbor's kids on an expedition.
- Go to a conservation area — maybe the sap will be running at Bruce's Mill.
- Get a field book from the library and learn to identify all those birds you see.
- Have a nice long visit with your grandparents.

- Make the arrangements at a god restaurant for a leisurely relaxed family meal.
- Go swimming at the Collegiate pools — many in North York are open.
- Go skiing — you may have to go north of Barrie.
- Offer your services to a senior citizen's home or a hospital — just visiting may be appreciated.
- See a good movie — there are a few showing in Toronto.
- Go bowling.
- Make a list of the chores you never seem to get around to doing — plan on completing them.
- Have the kids over for a party.
- Look this list over with your friends — do something as a group — make other suggestions.

I know that I'll be accused of organizing students to death — there should be some free time in life to nothing more than sit and contemplate one's navel. I agree completely but too often I've heard the plaintive comment, "I was going to do so many things but I just didn't get around to them." An important part of learning is learning how to organize your time.

Even if you want to do nothing, better plan on it or some adult will find you a job.

Assessment Uncertain

Region Aims For \$1 M Cut Budget Estimates

Fearful that any increase in spending would mean an increase in taxes, York Regional Council struggled valiantly last week to cut back on draft estimates submitted by its various departments.

Early indications were that gross expenditures would exceed \$24 million, \$6.3 million over 1971. Of this it was anticipated that \$6.9 million would be levied against the regional taxpayer — up \$1.6 million from a year ago.

In the absence of assessment figures, council agreed to play it safe, to act on the assumption that there would be no increase in assessment, and to aim for a break-even budget. Committees are reviewing their estimates this week and will meet again Friday with what they hope will be an acceptable budget.

Assessment figures should be available this week. Regional Treasurer John Hlynski told council at a two-day finance meeting last week.

Any increase in expenditure would affect farm assessment more than residential, predicted East Gwillimbury Mayor Gladys Rolling.

Richmond Hill Councillor

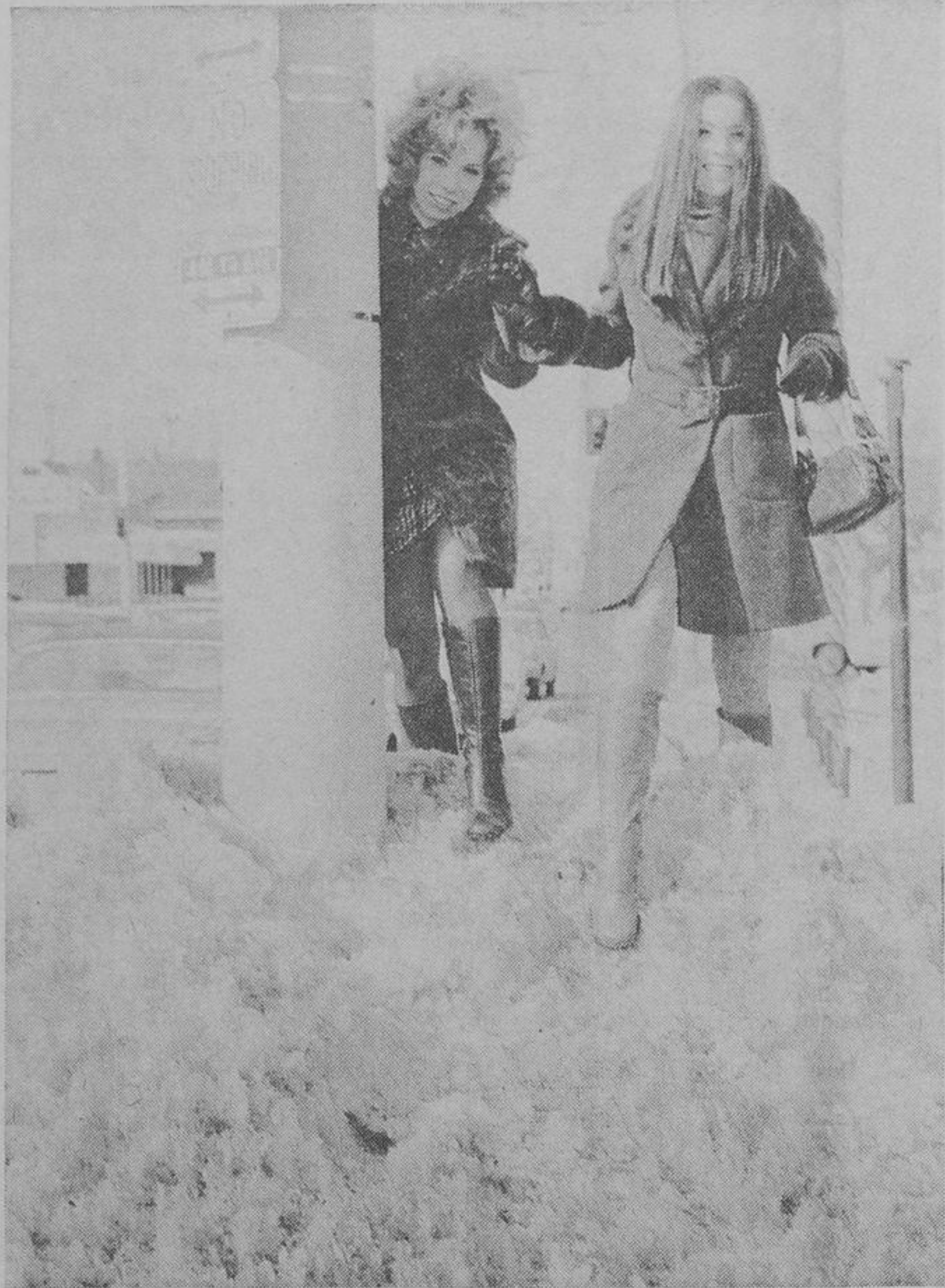
Donald Plaxton did not agree. He cited the "Clarke Decision", a test case which resulted in a court victory for farmers who objected to assessment of farm land on the basis of market value rather than productivity.

In York, Halton and Peel, farm assessments are based on a court decision resulting from the now famous Cyril Clarke appeal. Using the Clarke formula, farm properties are assessed according to productivity.

The Clarke decision, said Plaxton, has eliminated the project of increases in farm assessment placing the burden on the urban home owner. There is a ray of hope, however, said Plaxton. If there is no increase in assessment, he said, the Clarke decision would be a good base for an appeal to the province for an increase in grants.

"If they (the province) are going to restrict our growth," said Aurora Mayor Richard Illingworth, "they will have to help us."

Markham Councillor James Jongenel said there must surely be some increase in assessment in the region. "Building is booming in Markham. We issued \$2.5 million in building permits in January."



(Photo by Photique Studio)

Snow, Ice Plagues Hill Walks

Layer upon layer of sleet, snow and rain during the past month in Richmond Hill has been followed by more layers of the same thing. The repeated storms have made roadway clearing difficult and have left the sidewalks almost impassible for pedestrians. Many have complained about the situation on the sidewalks, as these two Yonge Street North medical secretaries know and demonstrate. The snowbank they are climbing completely blocks the town's main street sidewalk. At left is Mrs. Linda Epworth of Yonge Street, Thornhill, with Miss Lynn Bisset of Yonge Street, Willowdale.

This particular snowbank is located right across Yonge Street from the offices of the mayor and town officials. Still it sat there for weeks. Doctors' offices were full of patients with sprains, strains and broken bones suffered on icy and uncleared walkways. Heavy ice layers covered sidewalks in front of schools, the library, churches, banks, stores, homes and businesses. One of the few sidewalks kept relatively clear was that in front of the town municipal offices and the fire hall.

Dynes Jewellers Are '72 World's Softball Champions

(Continued from Page 1)

There were other leading lights on the Dynes victory march including Kinnersly who finished in a first place tie with Mexico's Eugene Gaire with 12 hits out of 23 times at bat for a .429 average. "He played beautiful ball," said Cripps. "We wouldn't have done it without that catch of his."

Coming in for equal praise was Jumping Joe O'Neill who accounted for at least three of the Dynes wins with his clutch bat. O'Neill missed most of the final game when he hurt his leg in the outfield.

It was O'Neill who knocked in the winning runs against New Zealand (2-1), the United States (1-0 in their first meeting); and the aforementioned 1-0 victory against New Zealand in the playoffs.

Another solid factor was Les Downing who walked three times in that final game against the United States. "They were scared of Les all the way," said Cripps. "They pitched around him all the time."

Bob Smith also came up with some key plays and scored the big runs against New Zealand and the United States. Cripps said there were some 20,000 spectators viewing that last tense wind-up against the U.S.

He also figured the Jewellers had taught Canada an important lesson.

"Canadians think there's only

one sport, hockey, but we play second fiddle to Russia in hockey. We're No. 1 in softball. We're not losing to anybody," Cripps said from his Manila room hotel shortly after the game.

"We were pretty disappointed about the complete lack of recognition we got when left to come over here," said Cripps. "Now, for Pete's sake, I'm 10,000 miles away or whatever it is, and I'm being deluged with phone calls. We've been discovered."

Cripps also touched on the \$40,000 price tag for going to Manila.

"We approached the provincial government and got absolutely nowhere. They weren't interested at all," Cripps said. "The federal government was great. They paid transportation and hotel costs for 19 people, about \$22,000 worth."

"So we aren't too happy with the Ontario government. I'll tell you another shameful thing. Our catcher, Bob Shelton, couldn't get away from his job to represent his country. Imagine that. A sporting goods company, too."

TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS
Dynes opened the tournament March 4 against Taiwan and beat that team 4-0 behind the no-hit pitching of Hames.

Dynes followed with another no-hitter in the second 7-1 game win against Guam.

Then came their 6-0 loss to Mexico ending a 17-game win-

ning streak in Ontario and Canadian championship play.

They came back with a 7-1 win over Hong Kong with Domik allowing only three hits; then a 6-2 win over Japan with Hames tossing a four-hitter.

Their initial "big" win came against New Zealand as Domik tossed another three-hitter and the Jewellers won 2-1.

This game saw Kinnersly lead off with a bunt single, steal second, and then go to third on Downing's single to left. Downing ended up on second on the throw-in. They both came home on O'Neill's single through the infield.

They bombed the Philippines 8-0 with Domik pitching a shut-out, edged by the States 1-0 and then downed Singapore 7-0 to end up in first place in the 10-team elimination round-robin.

Then came those two big playoff wins against New Zealand and the United States.

The team's line-up comprised: Pitchers Dick Hames, Bob Domik, Bill Drennan; Catchers John MacDonald, Babe Boivin (Hull Volants); First Base George Chapman; Second Base Brian Ferry; Shortstop Duane Reid; Third Base Bob Smith; Outfield Joe O'Neill, Derek Kinnersly, Les Downing; Substitutes Bob Kennedy, Don Lee, Larry Jordrell.

Manager Russ Cripps, Coach Stan Thornington, Business Manager Angus Philip, Sponsor Vern Dynes, Bat Boy Paul Philip.

Police Budget Under Attack

(Continued from Page 1)

officer in York with a child? How often do you see a man on the beat? In Aurora we are not getting service. We do not want a policeman anymore."

In his municipality, said the mayor, the people are not getting the service they used to with the old police force. "We are concerned at the lack of communication. ... I need more convincing that we need 30 additional police."

Chairman Wright pointed out that the regional force must protect a population in excess of 165,000.

Chief Crawford told council that 13,106 traffic tickets had been issued in 1971 compared with 6,706 in 1970 before the regional force was formed. There are 32 patrol areas, he said, and it is impossible to provide each area with a police officer 24 hours a day.

Richmond Hill Councillor Donald Plaxton described it as "An exercise in futility" to object to the police budget. All council can do is comment. It protests it must go to the provincial police commission. It is very frustrating to have demands from many departments for more money, but by law the region must meet the police budget.

In 1970, said Plaxton, the police department of Richmond Hill accounted for ten percent of the municipal budget. In the past two years it has increased to 20 percent. Education accounted for 58 percent of the local tax levy, leaving about 35 percent for all other needs.

Since the police are supported 100 percent by real estate taxes, said Plaxton. "I am interested in the man who can do the job with inadequate personnel at minimum expense. Anyone can do it with unlimited funds."

Mayor George Burrows of Georgina was not as concerned about cost. In the summer the population of his municipality grows to 50,000 people on weekends said Dr. Burrows. Police protection is essential. He admitted, "The personal contact is being lost, but I think it will come back."

He was concerned, however, about the school safety program. Under the regional set-up there are only two men avail-

able to visit schools. "I would like to see it doubled to four." Richmond Hill Councillor Gordon Rowe was not concerned about criticism levelled at individual officers. In a force of 160, he said, there were bound to be "a couple of bad apples." Considering the proximity to Metro, the hardened drug peddlers, knife carriers, police had many problems to contend with. On the whole, he said, York should be pleased with its police force.

East Gwillimbury Mayor Gladys Rolling agreed. "I like to feel safe. We need more police."

With an eye to costs, Markham Councillor James Jongenel objected in increases in vehicle repairs and maintenance and suggested that the department consider using some motorcycles and cutting back on the number of cars.

Councillor Plaxton suggested that the police consider phasing the staff increase, hiring in stages instead of all at once and spreading the salary increase over the year. There could also be a saving in the operational budget, he said, if the new radio communications system was de-bentured. He conceded it would cost more in the long run in interest payments, but argued that the equipment would be used for many years, that the ratepayers of the region should not be expected to cough up the whole \$161,000 in one year.

Newmarket Councillor Ray Twiney, a member of the police commission, objected to zeroing in on the police. In discussion of budget cuts the following day, Twiney told council, "I don't favor cutting the police budget if you don't cut anyone else."

He asked that guidelines be set for each committee.

All committees and departments were subject to criticism of their estimates and recommendations were made for cuts. Mayor Illingworth objected repeatedly to the "piece-meal cuts" called for by various members of council, and it was finally agreed that all estimates should go back to committee. The budget must be finalized and submitted to the province by the end of March.

Rams Trail 3-0 Dixie Beehives But Rally To Win By 4-3 Count

Richmond Hill Rams played two periods of hockey Tuesday night, but it was enough to come from behind a 3-0 deficit and down Dixie Beehives 4-3.

The win was the second in a row for the Rams in their best-of-seven Metro Junior "B" playoffs. They opened the series with a 7-3 win over Dixie Sunday in Dixie.

The third game is tomorrow night (Friday) at 8:15 in Richmond Hill Arena.

WINNING SLAP SHOT
A screened slap shot by Randy McDonald at 17:02 of the final period topped a three-goal rally by Richmond Hill and won the game for them 4-3. Steve Colp assisted.

Spearing the Rams drive from behind was that Colp line of Daryl Rice and particularly Craig Terry.

Terry, in between hitting goal posts on two occasions, scored one and assisted on another one. He was always zeroing in on the enemy twines on classic rushes.

Colp scored the other two goals.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH 20, 1972, MONDAY — Every third Monday of the month 8-11 pm Family Euchre at OLQW Parish, Bayview and Crosby. Prizes, refreshments. c1w38

MARCH 21, TUESDAY 12 noon to 10 pm — Schooner Antiques presents antique show and sale. Over 30 dealers at the Fire Fighters Club, 44 Esna Park Drive, second street north of Steeles off Woodbine. c1w38

ARABIAN HORSES, Spanish Riding School, Dressage and more at an evening of films. Sponsored by Canadian Arabian Breeders Horse Show on Thursday, March 23, 8 pm, at Victoria Square Community Centre. Admission \$1.00. c3w37

MARCH 23, 24, 25 — The Aurora Drama Workshop will present "Plaza Suite" at St. Andrew's College at 8:15 pm. Adults \$2, students \$1.25, children under 12 75c. Special good rates. For tickets, call 833-6368. c2w38

MARCH 25, SATURDAY — Rummage sale, 10 to 12 noon at Richmond Hill United Church, sponsored by the 1st Richmond Hill Ladies Auxiliary. Donations for the sale would be greatly appreciated — please call 884-4840 for pick-up. c3w37

MARCH 29, WEDNESDAY — Thornhill United Church Women are having their annual sacrificial luncheon at 1:15 pm. Guest speaker Mrs. J. Scorgie. c2w38

APRIL 8, SATURDAY — Rummage sale, 1-3 pm at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Sponsored by CWL. c5w37

RICHMOND HILL LIONS CLUB
BINGO
MONDAY, MARCH 20
LIONS HALL
106 Centre St. East
STARTING TIME — 8 P.M.
Early Birds 7:40 p.m.
20 REGULAR GAMES — 3 SPECIAL GAMES
JACKPOT \$500 - 56 No.'s

SHAKE A LEG OVER TO THE LIVELIEST PLACE IN TOWN
RICHMOND INN HOTEL
YONGE ST. SOUTH

APPEARING NIGHTLY
1 Week Only
MARCH 20th TO MARCH 25th
'FAT CHANCE'
THE ROUND TABLE ROOM
FULLY LICENCED BY L.C.B.O.

You Can Always Do Better
AT THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY
Fabric and Drapery Mill Outlet
Now 2 Warehouse Locations
Corner No. 7 Hwy. & Woodbine
TELEPHONE: 297-2392
And 2160 No. 7 Hwy. at Keele St.
TELEPHONE: 889-3701

ONCE-A-YEAR MILL CLEAROUT
45" POLYESTER & COTTON PRINTS
45" POLYESTER & COTTON BROADCLOTH
45" COTTON SEERSUCKER

Slight Mill Subs.	REGULAR VALUE \$1.29 YD.	MILL OUTLET PRICE	55¢ Yd.
-------------------	--------------------------	-------------------	----------------

POLYESTER JERSEY PRINTS
A wide selection of beautiful prints in this fine, comfortable washable dress material.
Reg. Value \$2.99 yd.

MILL OUTLET PRICE	\$1.99 Yd.
-------------------	-------------------

70" POLYESTER & COTTON KNITS
This fashionable Spring fabric in 50 designs and colors. A favourite fabric this season.
Reg. Value \$4.29 yd.

MILL OUTLET PRICE	\$2.99 Yd.
-------------------	-------------------

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
WAREHOUSE HOURS:
DAILY — 10 A.M. TO 9 P.M.
SATURDAY — 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.
— Ample Free Parking —



Haworth Art Show

Landscapes, florals, horses and still life in oils and woodburnings will feature an art show being held by Harold Haworth at his studio-residence, 10,420 Bathurst Street North, Richmond Hill, next week, March 19-26 from 2 pm to 9 pm. The studio is located half a mile north of the Maple Road stoplight on Bathurst.

Mr. Haworth's work is well and favorably known in this area and a visit to his studio can be a pleasant break in the monotony of a long winter.

CLIP THIS COUPON
SAVE 51c AND COMPARE
5 SHIRTS
BEAUTIFULLY LAUNDERED AND PROFESSIONALLY FINISHED
(REG. PRICE 30¢ EACH) **99¢**
Not valid on delivery orders
THIS COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED WITH INCOMING ORDER
Barth's CLEANING CENTRE
Yonge & Levedale Richmond Hill
271 Bay Thorn Drive Thornhill
OFFER EXPIRES MAR. 31, 1972