

Firm Owes Government \$8,000 Given \$500 Income Tax Fine

A Richmond Hill swimming pool firm owing \$8,000 to the Department of National Revenue was tried in absentia in Richmond Hill Court September 7 and fined \$500 for failing to comply with the Income Tax Act.

Provincial Judge Maurice Charles ordered that the fine should be recoverable by distress. The charge actually involved only \$933 in taxes deducted from salaries and not paid when due January 15. The minimum fine for the offense is \$200 and the maximum \$10,000, the court was told.

The firm involved is Bryan Camping Industries Limited, operator of NBC Industries, 70 Newkirk Road.

DEDUCTIONS NOT PAID
A government auditor told the court his examination of the department's books showed the amount owing had grown to \$8,000 from the sum specified in the January 16 charge. The charge involved December salary deductions not permitted to the government, he said.

William Shields, 18, of 216 Essex Avenue, Richmond Hill was convicted by Judge Charles for stealing three tape decks from parked cars and for possession of hashish. The youth was remanded to September 21 to allow time for preparation of a pre-sentence report.

MOTHER DISTRESSED
Judge Charles told the youth to be home by 11 o'clock at night. "You should keep reasonable hours at night. I hope you realize the distress you're causing your mother," he said. Several other charges against Shields were withdrawn after he admitted the two charges.

He was charged August 1 with stealing tape decks from parked cars at the rear of 216 Essex Avenue and belonging to Glenn Rogers, Ronald Mock and John Hackey. Two of the stolen items were recovered, but the Mock tape deck and also a speaker were damaged and thrown away, the court was told.

Shields was caught June 24 in Richmond Hill at 1:30 am with four cubes of hashish wrapped in silver paper and one loose piece of the marijuana product. He admitted to police he bought the hashish a few hours earlier.

James Johnston, 26, of Milliken was committed for trial by judge and jury at a future date in County Court on two May 16 charges of indecent assault and two May 16 charges of gross indecency.

Johnston elected trial by judge and jury through his lawyer waived the giving of evidence at a preliminary hearing, admitting there was sufficient evidence to commit him for trial.

James Wardrop, 25, of Lot 32, Concession 1, Oak Ridges was convicted of being drunk August 17 in a Richmond Hill public place, opposite 22 Yonge Street South at 1:20 am. Judge Charles fined him \$5 or two days in jail.

Phillip Blanchard, 45, of 8 Laurentide Avenue, Aurora admitted failing a breathalyzer test after driving July 6 at Richmond Hill. He was stopped while travelling north on Bayview Avenue at a high speed and his test reading was 1.70. Crown Attorney Frank Moscoff told the court.

Blanchard was fined \$170 or 30 days.

Paul Husbands, 28, of 125 Jameson Avenue, Apartment 606, Metro, was convicted after trial on a July 7 Metro charge of having a credit card and papers stolen from Stephen Chorney.

Husbands' trial was started while Judge Charles was sitting in a Metro Court and was adjourned to Richmond Hill Court to be concluded. Husbands had asked time to search for a friend he hoped would exonerate him, but failed to produce the friend.

CRIMINAL RECORD
Husbands had a criminal record. Another charge of theft was withdrawn. "So you resort to other things, too," remarked Judge Charles after reading Husbands' record.

"I won't send you to jail."

Probably I should, but I'll give you a chance to go straight. To look at you one would never believe you would engage in anything like this," said Judge Charles.

Husbands was fined \$200 or 60 days in jail and placed on 12 months probation with 30 days to pay his fine. One of the terms of probation was that he repay \$80 for gasoline stolen with the credit card.

"I do hope you will improve your ways," said Judge Charles.

A 16-year-old House of Concord resident, one of 12 children in a Hagersville family and whose parents don't want to take him back home, was given another chance after conviction on several Thornhill theft and possession charges.

The charges involved mostly clothing valued at under \$200 from stores in Thornhill and Metro: Miracle Mart operated by Steinberg's Limited and Sayvette Department Stores Limited, both at Towne and Country Square Shopping Centre, Yonge and Steeles Avenue and GEM Stores, 7171 Yonge Street, South Thornhill.

JUST ON PROBATION

A House of Concord Salvation Army officer told the court the boy committed the offenses in July during the first month of his probation, just after arriving at the House of Concord. "He came to us a rather disturbed lad. Now he's going to school. He was kicked out of his school for stealing money. During the past six or seven weeks we have seen some change in him, in his patterns of life and involvement in recreation. We're willing to take him back and feel progress has been made. We feel in future he'll be a candidate able to settle down," said the Salvation Army officer.

"This is going to be your last chance," Judge Charles warned the boy. "Any more and you go to reformatory for two years."

The 16-year-old was given a suspended sentence and a further term of probation.

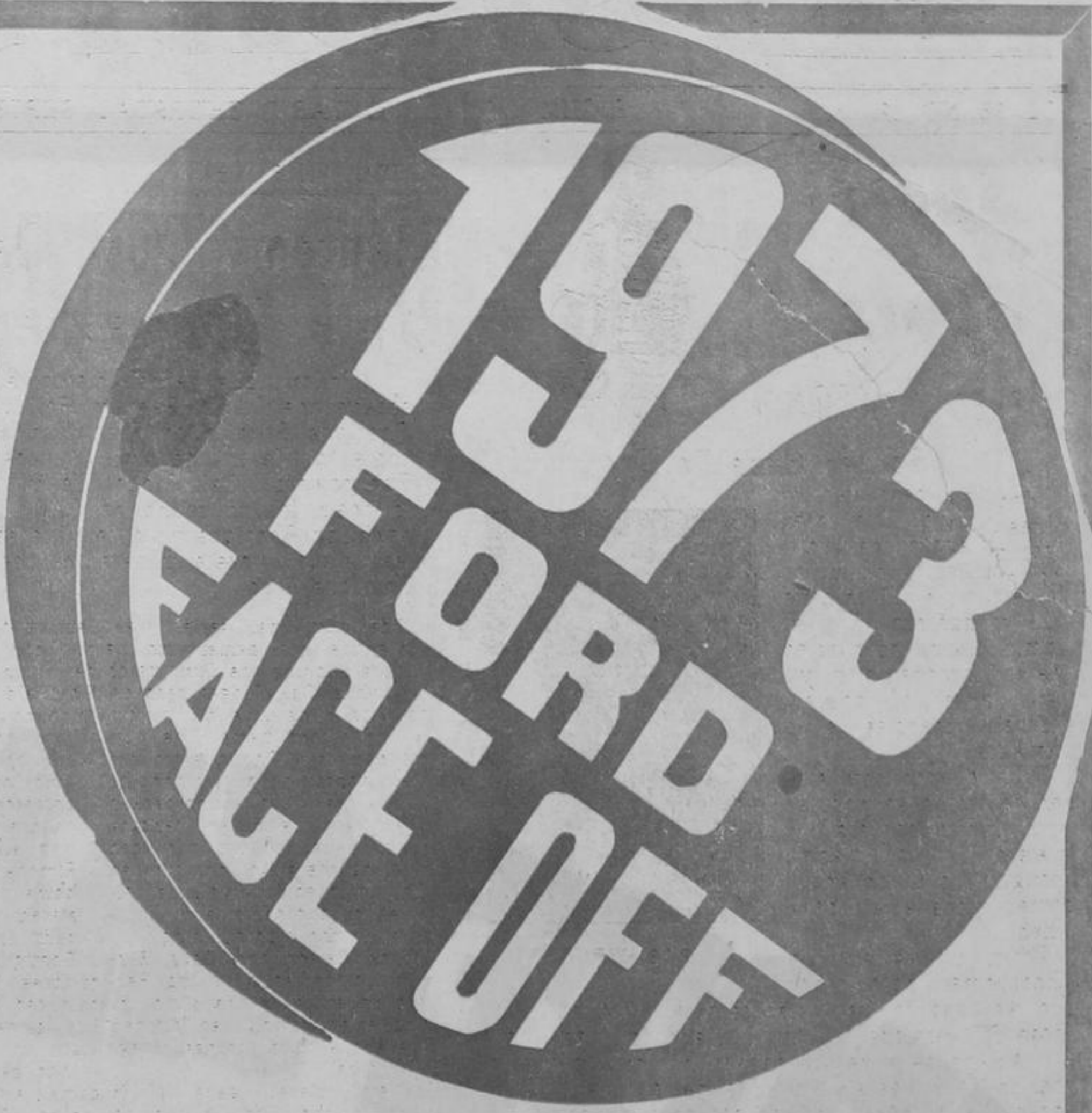
Province Stops Grant Community Centres

As of April 1 this year, the Community Centres Act is being administered by the Ministry of Community and Social Services. Donald Martyn, executive director of the community service division of that department notified Richmond Hill Council by letter, dated August 14, that it is now government policy to pay grants under the Community Centres Act only to municipalities with populations of 25,000 persons or less. This means that Richmond Hill is not eligible to receive grants under the act.

Council endorsed the City of Belleville objection to this government decision, which points out that there is nothing in the act as it is written to indicate that municipalities with populations of more than 25,000 persons are not eligible for grants. Also endorsed was the Belleville request that favorable consideration be given to applications for grants already filed by such municipalities, and those applications which will be filed on projects now underway, noting that these projects were undertaken with the assumption that grants would be available.

It is not yet known whether the directive will be retroactive and will affect the grant on the Bond Lake Arena. Since this arena was completed and in use before notice of the new ruling was given, it is hoped that it will not be affected.

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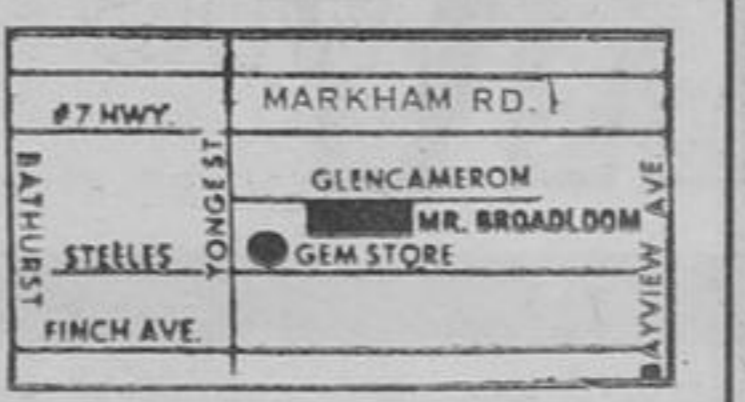
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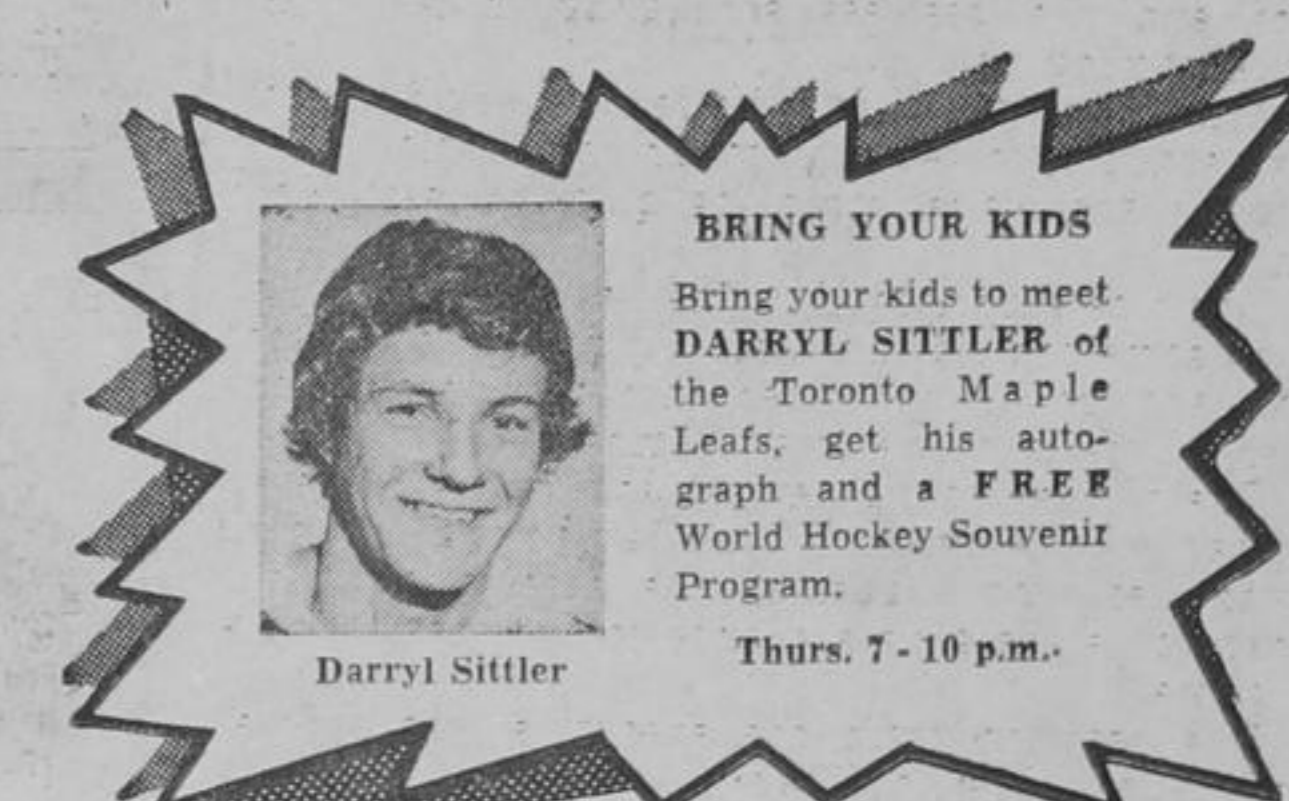
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