

#### Easter coloring contest winners

Five young artists from this area were winners in an Easter coloring contest at Hillcrest Mall. The top two took home a new bicycle. The three runnersup received two tickets to Maple Leaf Gardens and an Easter rabbit. The prizes were presented to the happy boys and girls by Richmond Hill's Acting Mayor Lois Hancey. Pictured above are (left to right) Fernandes

Craig, 95 Westwood Lane, Richmond Hill (bicycle); Suzanne Shepherd, 143 Highland Park Boulevard, Thornhill (runner-up); Sandra Tontegode, 25 Boyle Drive, Thornhill (runner-up); Gary Nurse, 386 Osiris Drive, Richmond Hill (bicycle); and Joe Apps, 13 Gentry Crescent, Richmond Hill (runner-up)

# YESTERDAYS.

## 'P' boarded ship in 1884

By Mary Dawson

The Liberal's 1884 contributor "P" boarded the ship Atlantic of the Great Northern Transit Line at Collingwood for Sault Ste. Marie and Mackinaw about the middle of July for a fare of \$15.

He left the ship at Manitowaning on Manitoulin Island for a stopover of several days. This was where the Indian Agent J.C.

Phipps was located. The east end of the island was all Indian Reserve with a population of about 2,000.

Manitoulin was almost all reserve land at one time and when the land was placed on the market, the Indians agreed the government should invest the proceeds for their benefit - the interest being distributed among them three times a year. In 1884 it amounted to \$4 per person each

The Indian agent made the payments, travelling from settlement to settlement, followed by flocks of traders.

Until a few years prior to that date trading had always been by barter and the native people had been terribly victimized by the traders.

However, they were learning the value of money and the relative worth of things and the traders were having a harder time taking advantage of them, "P" reported.

He travelled from settlement to settlement with a trader in an Indian built boat, a Mackinaw, with fore and aft sail, a 30-foot keel and 11-foot beam.

Those aboard included the trader and two guests, two Indian crew members, Dave and Andy, with their wives and families and

The cargo consisted of several large trunks filled with trade goods.

The whites took over the cabin in the bow and relegated the Indians to the stern. The boat was first into the first set-

tlement's harbor. Soon a dozen or more Indians - men, women and children - were sitting or standing on the bow.

The trader showed his goods and talked in English and Indian.

Dave sat aft, playing "Home sweet Home" with variations on a violin and the two squaws squatted on the ground beside

the campfire getting tea ready. The flotilla of boats accompanying the Indian Agent stayed only a short time at LaCloche, because there the payments were made in the Hudson Bay store - and the Indians were expected to spend their money there, either in paying up accounts

or in new purchases. "Besides, some of the traders had "skudgeon" (whiskey) along and dared not sell it there. LaCloche was described as a lovely little settlement.

"Everything is neat about the HB Post, tidy white buildings, the beautiful rushing little river, tumbling over the rocks, spanned by a neat bridge and high above the highest peaks of the LaCloche Mountains," said the report.

The next day at Sugamug the natives wanted only skudgeon.

"Old, half-dressed, wetched looking men staggered about from boat to boat in search of it, the old blind chief was led down to one of the boats and became so drunk he had to be carried away. The young chief was drunk

"And such swearing — the only English some knew were "cuss" words and they make use of them with a liberality that was shocking to hear.

#### Letters

### Humber Seneca District Scouts welcome in Solihull

Dear Editor:

not be unfamiliar to many of the residents of Maple for, you may recall, a party of 21 Scouts plus leaders visited Maple in August 1973.

Solihull then was a county borough with a population of 108,000 and in the County of Warwickshire.

But last April, under local government reform, a new County of the West Midlands was formed taking in parts of Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire.

Solihull is a part of the new county and has itself been enlarged in area and population so it now covers nearly 200,000 and includes the very heart of England at

Meriden. Scouting too has changed from the administration point of view and from the January 1975 Solihull became a Scout County with four districts, a total of 31

Groups and 2,000 members. Eighteen months ago I was Scout Leader of 6th Solihull (St. Alphege) whose troop, under my leadership,

made the visit to Maple. The exchange, which started with the Maple Scouts visiting Solihull in 1972, continues its success

Friendships were made in those two years, but friendships which are now proving to be of a lasting quality. Now I am 11th Solihull (Methodist) and Solihull

East District Scout Leader. On January 15 Keith Mason revisited Maple for a period of 31/2 weeks.

One did not have to ask him, upon his return, if he had enjoyed himself. It was written all over his face.

Keith is in the Merchant Navy but, when at home, is also a Ventur Scout with the Seneca Venture Unit and a member of the Deep Sea

Scouts. It is pleasing to hear the stories of his activities on this second visit with so

many of the people of Maple The name of Solihull will making his visit so memorable.

Further members of the Sol-Map party are planning return visits to Maple this coming summer and still more in the summer of 1976.

Another feature is the knowledge that Solihull Scouting of yesteryear is now helping Scouting in nearby Newmarket, Ontario in the form of Scouter Trevor Jones who was a Scout alongside me in the 1st

Solihull Group.

I will always be grateful to Peter Clarke, now Scout Leader of a Troop in the Solihull South District, for making the introductions for the venture.

It hardly needs saying that anyone from the Humber Seneca Scouting District will be welcome in Solihull.

DAVID WRIGHT, 58 Ladbrook Road, Solihull, West Midlands, England.

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# YRP seek 3 men after robbery, abduction

2 wanted teens arrested

York Regional Police are ducted a Toronto man while seeking three black men who on his way to work in the

allegedly robbed and ab- region last week.

The Easter Lily

'Tis said that near our Saviour's tomb A stately lily grew. Her cup-like chalice head held high, She seemed a Queenly bloom.

Yet regal state can sometimes show A proud and haughty air; Which is not nature's real intent For lilies pure and rare.

Some angels who were passing by, Wept as they flew above; And one small tear fell in the cup, And caused the bloom to sigh.

Then slowly did her head bend low Toward our Mother earth; So others followd - now they all Face down from whence came birth.

This Easter legend seems to say E'en though we shed a tear: We should raise up our heads each day To greet our Saviour dear.

LESLIE LAWRANCE, Apt. 102, Blythewood, Richmond Street, Richmond Hill, Ont.

Hector Gonzales, 25, of Dawes Road, told police he was stopped by three men in his car March 26 about 8 pm on Creditstone Road, south of Highway 7 in Concord.

One of the men produced a pistol and ordered him into the passenger seat, Mr. Gonzales told police.

The man then got into the and then north on Highway

Two youths, who at-

tempted a holdup at the

GEM Store gas bar in

Thornhill, March 26 evening,

According to police, Rick

Provan, manager, was

locking the premises about

10 pm when he was con-

fronted by two youths

wearing silk stockings over

The two asked for money

and a struggle ensued, with

didn't fare so well.

their heads.

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drivers' seat, the other two men got into the back seat and they all drove off.

When they reached Highway 401, the car was stopped and Gonzales was ordered to take over and drive them to Hamilton.

After driving to the QEW

Mr. Provan ripping the

stocking off the head of one

of the youths. The two then

One of the youths was

described as 17 or 18, five

feet, 10 to six feet, 140 to 150

pounds, black, wavy hair,

clean shaven, wearing dark

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To aid someone who has

broken through ice, lie flat

and reach toward him with a

The other one was said to

nylon jacket.

hockey jacket.

branch or pole.

#### Two Markham teen-agers,

who were being sought by regional police, were arrested in Toronto last

6, the men relieved him of

his wallet, containing \$30,

and then left, Gonzales said.

described as five feet, eight,

170 pounds, 25 to 30, wearing

The first two men were

Catherine Bond, 18, of 18 Princess Street, is to be breaking, entering and theft.

Store manager struggles charged as an elopee of the Oakville Assessment Centre. John Laidlaw, 19, of the same address, faces charges of possession of marijuana,

(2) possession of hashish and

blue denim jeans and jacket.

The third man was

described as about five feet,

six, 130 pounds, wearing

dark slacks and green knee

length coat.

## Mr. Dale Kenzie Kenzie Pharmacy

10254 Yonge Street Richmond Hill

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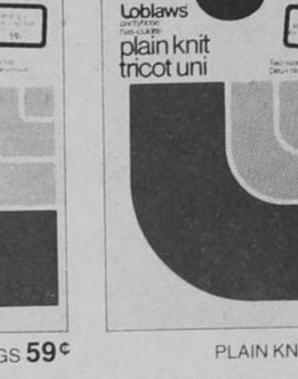




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