



"If you're look-in for us Ma, we've gone fishin"

Spring is here and the fish are biting at the Mill Pond — the two young lads pictured above can prove it. Saturday afternoon David Fayle, 17 Elizabeth Street North, (left) caught three fish and John McFee of 29 Centre Street caught four by the time our

photographer arrived on the scene. When the pond rehabilitation work has been finished later this year, the promise is that the fishing will be even better there.

Mill Pond job to start soon

Work on the rehabilitation of the Mill Pond, Richmond Hill, is expected to commence sometime in May, according to an announcement made by Parks Director Dave Hamilton this week.

Metro Conservation Authority, in a joint venture with Richmond Hill, is expected to award the tender in the near future, he said.

The work will involve construction of a clay berm at the north end of the pond to contain silt from the bottom of the pond.

Approximately four or five feet of silt is to be removed from the pond by means of a suction dredge.

The silt will be deposited within the clay berm to reclaim marshy lowland at the north end of the park and make it into usable parkland.

Hamilton assured The Liberal no changes will occur to the stream inlet or to the marshy fowl area west of the stream.

He also said the contractor expects to operate 12-hour shifts 8 am to 8 pm Monday to Friday for about 18 weeks, but that inconvenience to the public will be kept to a minimum.

The end result should be a fresher pond stocked with fish, an improved sanctuary for wildfowl, a return of the swans and more usable parkland, he said.

Generous response

Richmond Hill Fire Chief Robert Kennedy has issued a grateful and somewhat incredulous thanks to the people of the area for their "overwhelming response" to the fire department's recent plea for help for a burned-out family.

The chief and his men asked contributions for Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Turner and their five boys, of Leslie Street, near Gormley Sideroad.

The family lost everything they owned when their home was burnt to the ground in a fire of undetermined origin April 7.

Mr. Turner was unemployed at the time.

Following the appeal, the department was immediately flooded with appliances, furniture, clothing and \$700 in cash, Chief Kennedy said.

The family is now living in Toronto.

Majorettes of Richvale on parade

Senior citizens, small fry and many parents were among the approximately 150 persons who enjoyed the colorful performance put on by Richvale Majorettes Tuesday night of last week in Hillcrest Auditorium.

The girls, who range in age from three years to the late teens, have been competing for three years.

They are sponsored by Richvale Lions. The corps was formed four years ago.

On the night of the performance 47 youngsters presented nine different routines.

Most popular

The most popular one was performed by the youngest troupers to the tune of "Love Potion Number Nine".

However, every girl deserved, and was given a hearty round of applause.

Larry Rivait, Carrville Road, the Lions Club coordinator, thanked the girls who have worked so hard all year. She also thanked the parents for their support and understanding.

At the conclusion, 3-year-old Lisa Corse presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to the instructress, Kerry Jo Firth, who has been teaching the group for the past year.

In 5 parades

These girls practice every Tuesday night.

They will march in five parades before they conclude this year's term in June.

Registration for the 1975-76 season is held in September, and anyone interested in joining should watch for the ad in "The Liberal" sometime in August.



Leanne Dungey of Maryvale Crescent handles her baton with dextrous ease during last week's colorful performance by the 47 Richvale Majorettes at Hillcrest auditorium.

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Wants smaller school board

Criticism of York County Board of Education as being about 10 members too large has been voiced by one of its trustees.

Donald Cameron of Vaughan told The Liberal last week that the P.S. Ross Report on management and administrative structure of the board, had not elaborated on this theme.

But he felt paring the board down to 10 or 11 members "would help us do a better job".

The \$38,000 Ross Report suggested the 20-member board move toward a cabinet-like structure, with possibly a five-man executive.

Better debate

"If we had a board half the size, we'd have more meaningful debate," Cameron said. "Also, we'd be more sensitive to people's needs."

He said the Ross Report "was not all milk and honey". It recommended board area offices be closed down, with the associate staffs going to the head office in Aurora.

Area 3 office, for example, in Richmond Hill, should be located centrally for people in this area, and people should also be made aware of its availability.

Parents frustrated

At present, when parents attempted to go to anyone beyond the principals, they felt frustrated, Cameron said. He did not elaborate.

He said closing area offices would mean being "one step closer to the bureaucratic mishmash people had to go through."

The educational and administrative set-up in York "should be getting a higher profile than at present," he said.

York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board and its teachers have ratified a salary agreement for the 1975-76 academic year.

The agreement, replacing one which covered a two-year period, provides for a salary catchup of approximately 16 percent and a current increase of approximately 12 percent.

Other features of the new contract include a new grievance procedure and the establishment of a working conditions committee designed to make the board more directly aware of problems at the school level and more involved in finding solutions to these problems.

The agreement also identifies the desirable level of support staff towards which the system will move.

RC school board names supervisor

George Matys will become the second supervisory officer with the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board beginning August 1, it was decided at a special meeting of the board April 29.

Matys will join Frank Bobesich on that date as a supervisory officer to assist Director of Education John Zupancic.

Matys will be given the title of superintendent and the responsibility for special education and special services.

He is at present completing his course at the University of Toronto for the degree of Doctor of Education.

He already holds a B.Sc. degree in social sciences from the University of Ottawa, permanent high and elementary teaching certificates, a specialist certificate in Guidance, an MA in Education and a supervisory officers' certificate, Ontario.

Matys has been a teacher in both elementary and secondary schools and director of guidance services for a 24-school 7,000 pupil system.

He also has served as educational advisor to the government of Ghana as part of a team of British, Canadian and Ghanaian educators.



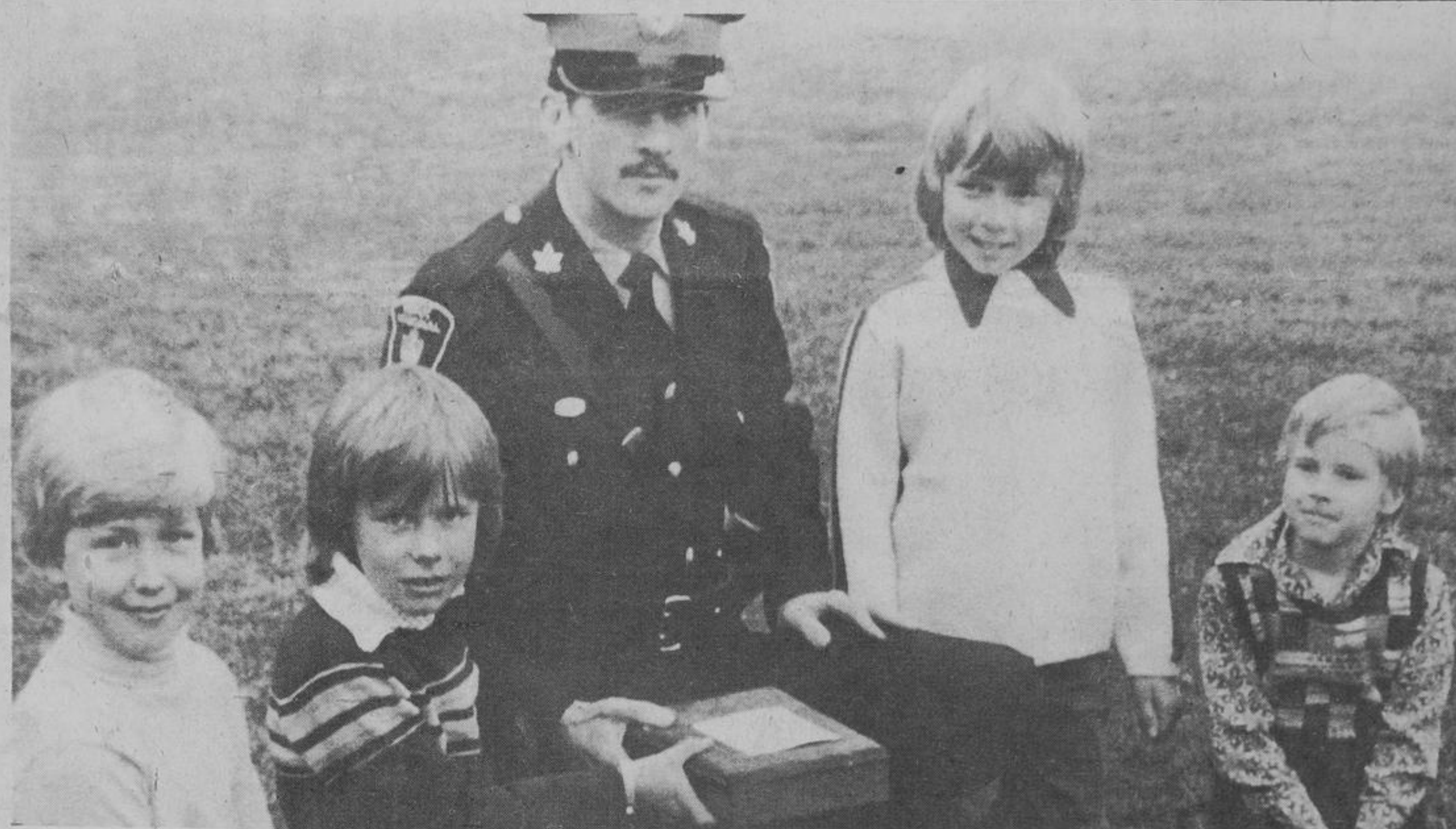
George Matys

Price of The Liberal increased

The per copy price of The Liberal increases this week from 15c to 20c. This is the result of the same inflationary pressures that are forcing the prices of almost all goods and services upwards.

Newsstand price and annual mail subscriptions will also be raised to 20c and \$9.90 respectively.

All increases are effective May 7 (today).



With York Regional Police Constable Ron Tweedy, examining a box of money they found, are (left to right) Blair Rudyk, Greg Houston, Mark Houston and Scott Houston.

4 boys find hidden box of money at Langstaff

Four young boys from south Richmond Hill maybe didn't find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

But they did find a cash box containing a large sum of money in a field north of Highway 7 near their homes one day last week.

Although they had never before seen so much money at one time, they realized someone had lost it.

And so they telephoned York Regional Police to report their find and turned it over to Police Constable Ron Tweedy.

The owner of the money had not been

determined at press time.

The boys were Blair Rudyk, 9, 28 Sunnywood Crescent; Greg Houston, 7, 30 Sunnywood Crescent; Mark Houston, 10, and Scott Houston, 6.

The three oldest boys are members of the 1st Langstaff Cubs.

\$250,000 worth of repairs under study for Hill arenas

Richmond Hill Arena Board was authorized by council Monday evening to retain the services of engineering consultants to prepare design drawings and specifications for calling tenders for repair of the roof of Arena 23 located in the Town Park.

The matter was also referred to the finance committee to be considered for debenturing.

Representing the arena board were Elgin Barrow, Tom Graham, Ed Sackfield and Pat Deciantis.

Barrow told council that in January the board received a letter from the minister of labor asking the local arenas

to be examined by competent engineers.

An examination was carried out by Zaaretsky Engineering and a report received January 12.

Feeling this report contained insufficient information, the board contacted Professor Keenan of the University of Toronto for a detailed report.

So far a written report has not been received on this inspection but a verbal report was given at the board meeting May 2 by Allen Quail.

Not snow safe
A synopsis of this verbal report indicated the roof decking was badly decayed

and must be replaced and reroofed; toe plates to be replaced with a ring; badly sagged main trusses must be raised and straightened and the bottom cord of trusses be reinforced; wind bracing reinforced; some vertical 6x6 supporting members must be reinforced; all trusses must be tied together.

The report concluded with the statement that present conditions do not pass safety code regulations to carry the snow load.

The board estimated it would cost \$100,000 to repair the present trusses and install new decking with a bonded roof.

A tentative estimate of the cost of replacement of the trusses and roof was \$200,000 including demolition.

For other arenas

To this the board would like to add \$50,000 debentures for installing all new boards in Arena 67 and installing glass above the boards on the ends and herculeite sides in Arenas 67 and 72.

Barrow said the board could handle the principal and interest payments on the \$250,000 debenture without cost to the ratepayers as has been the practise in the past.

But this would mean an increase in ice rental rates of approximately \$4 per hour

in all arenas.

The increase for a repaired roof rather than a new roof would be about \$2 per hour.

Totally rebuilt

Ed Sackfield said the roof and east wall are all that remain of the original arena erected 52 years ago.

The front has been rebuilt, as have the west and north sides, with also new pipes and a new floor laid.

At that time the concrete pads for metal trusses were incorporated in the new structure.

It was reported by Councillor John Birchall

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Inside The Liberal

Spring is time for fairs, gardens

With spring's arrival it is time for gardening. So this week there are two special Pages 10 and 11 of information and advertising for gardeners. Also there is an eight page advertising supplement for Edean Nurseries.

It's time again for the excitement, glamor, fun and competition of the Richmond Hill Spring Fair. Also Don Head Secondary School held its annual Open House last week. For pictures and details of these events, turn to Page 33 at the beginning of the Third Section.

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National skating champions presented to council

Candy Jones and Donald Fraser, Canada's 1975 Senior Pairs Skating Champions, were honored at the start of Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council.

They were introduced to Mayor David Schiller and members of council by Alfred Stong, on behalf of his cousin, Lewis Stong, a former Richmond Hillite.

Lewis Stong coached this young couple to their Canadian championship and to a very creditable showing at the World Championships in Colorado.

Top scholar

He told council that besides excelling in figure skating with its demands on her time, Candy, who lives in Willowdale, is a first year University of Toronto student majoring in languages.

She has been awarded the Lieutenant-Governor's award for scholastic achievement.

Donald is a resident of Richmond Hill. He learned his skills as a member of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club, and is employed at York Central Hospital.

"These two young people have been skating together for less than two years, and their

winning of the eastern championships and Canadian championship this year is the more remarkable because of that," said Stong.

Sweden next year

"They represented Canada very well at the world level, too. We hope they will do even better in Sweden in 1976."

The mayor then presented Candy with a pin bearing the town's crest in recognition of her accomplishment.

Because Donald already had received the traditional gift of the town-crested cufflinks, his gift this time was a clock bearing the town crest.