

# Theft charge dismissed, laid under wrong section

RICHMOND HILL — A charge of theft against a Richmond Hill man was dismissed last week in provincial court when Judge Russell Pearce ruled the charge was laid under the wrong section.

David Stabb, a security guard for Canadian Tire Store in Richmond Hill, testified he had seen the defendant remove a price tag from one article and put it on another, in this case, a role of handkerchiefs.

He then took the tape to the cashier, where he paid the price of \$69, instead of \$1.89, the required price. The man was then arrested, Stabb said.

Counsel for the defence argued the case had not been met. Judge Pearce ruled that, by paying for the article, the man could not be charged with theft and should have been charged with fraud or something comparable.

Landlord charged Judge Pearce also dismissed a case under the Landlord and Tenant Act.

Police had charged Dupuis was sleeping at

Luciano Campici of Toronto with entering the home of Rosaire Dupuis, Steeles Ave., Thornhill, without giving the tenant written notice 24 hours before.

Dupuis told the court he rented the house from Campici since last September.

On the day in question, Nov. 1, Campici had come to his house and served him written notice to vacate, as he wanted the house for himself.

He said he had not been given notice that he would be coming and asked him to leave. Witness said the defendant wanted money for September, but that he had already overpaid him.

Court was told there was nothing on the notice regarding non-payment of money, nor an increase in rent.

Vito DiGiacomo, a real estate agent, who accompanied Campici to the house, said they had gone to Dupuis' house and, after knocking at the door, had been admitted to Dupuis' wife.

Dupuis was sleeping at

the time and when he was awakened and came into the living room, he was given the notice.

He rolled up the notice and threw it on the floor, the witness said.

The defence didn't call any witnesses, and Judge Pearce ruled that the notice had been properly served.

Peter Viletti, Beech Ave., Richmond Hill, who faced 26 charges on various counts, pleaded guilty to eight, had one dismissed, another nine withdrawn and the crown dropped proceedings against the other eight.

In dismissing the first charge of careless driving, Judge Pearce said evidence against the accused — speeding through a red light on Bathurst — didn't constitute careless driving.

The crown then asked that the plea of guilty be struck and the charged was dismissed.

Viletti was convicted on a charge of driving under suspension, plus four charges of using forged documents in the amount of \$596.19, a charge of

theft under \$200, in which restitution was subsequently made; and one of fraud.

In the latter, the defendant charged \$750 worth of goods on a stolen credit card.

The charges withdrawn against the accused were as follows: operating an unsafe vehicle — no indication as to why unsafe; drove while disqualified — no proof of time; obstructed police by giving false name — improperly charged, should be creating mischief; stole four blank cheques under \$200 — related to four charges of forging already convicted on; impersonated man — information didn't disclose offence; forged document — no information; obstructed justice — gave false name again; drove while disqualified — no information.

The balance of charges were not dealt with as they were related to the ones already dealt with.

Viletti was remanded in custody until Mar. 15 for sentencing.



## 25 years for Rotary Club

Twenty-five years is a lot of ground to cover, so maybe that's why these members of Richmond Hill Rotary Club were taking a little time out to get ready for the celebrations ahead. They're all part of the club's recent 25th anniversary party at Thornhill Country Club. Left to

right, Bruce Lloyd, president; Midge Guild, Norman Guild, governor of Rotary International District 707; Isabel Butler, Ralph Butler, (25-year-member); and Eleanor Lloyd.

# York Central abortions are concern

RICHMOND HILL — Despite the fact it performs more abortions than the average Ontario hospital, York Central Hospital is very concerned about abortion and birth control, according to Board Chairman Barry Hayes.

He said the hospital offered counselling, but not all areas were responsive. However, the hospital had a responsibility to the community at large.

Statistics from the 1976 annual report show the hospital performed 186 abortions for 578 live births, compared to a provincial average of about 20 abortions for 100 live births.

Executive Director James Hepburn said the statistics should be handled with care, however, as not all hospitals in Ontario performed abortions.

He said York Central had adopted a tight policy on abortion. Its major policy was that it didn't support abortions on a demand basis.

Also, requests for them must come from doctors; consultations are mandatory with doctors who might perform them; doctors submitting applications should attend meetings of the abortion committee; pregnancies of more than 12 weeks are not considered for abortion, except in circumstances where they might be considered a threat to the mother's life.

Hospital policy also provides counselling to patients seeking abortions.

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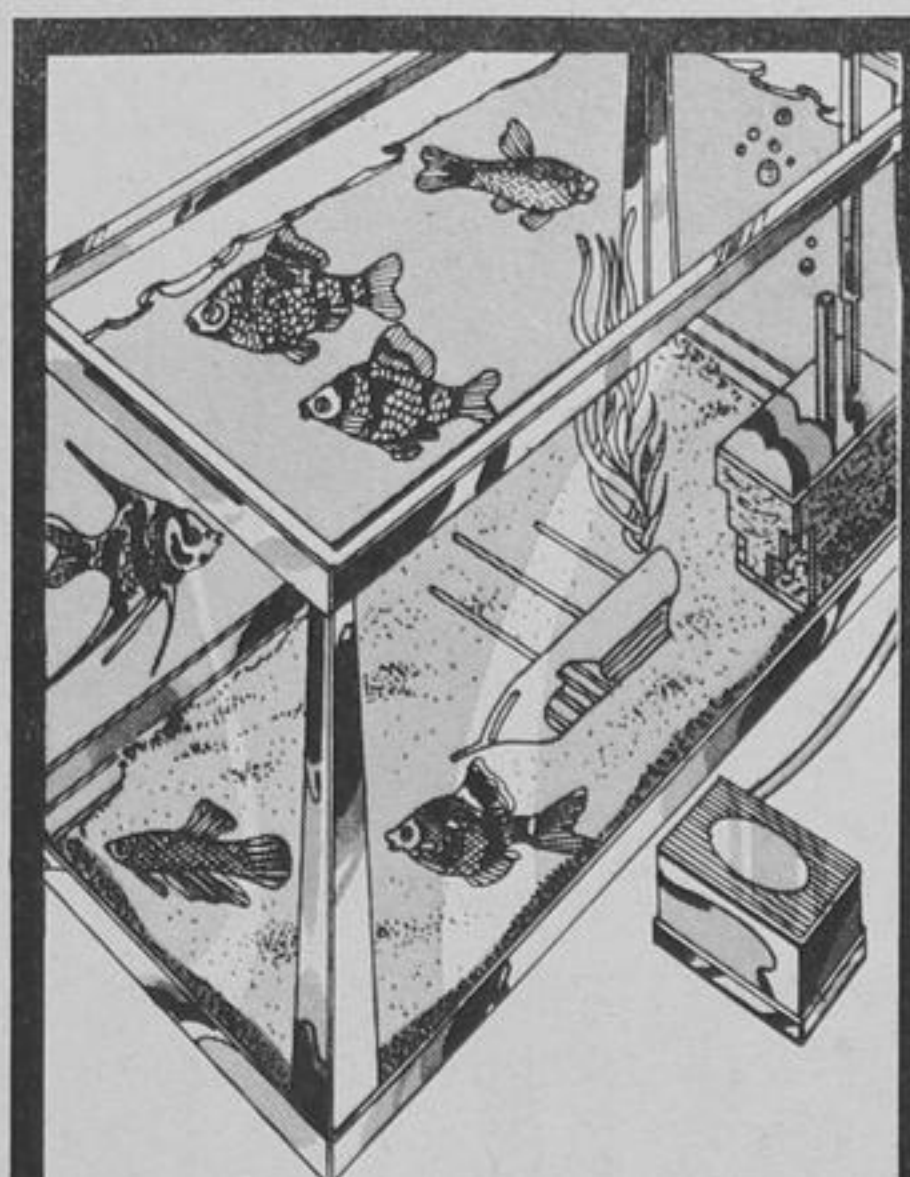
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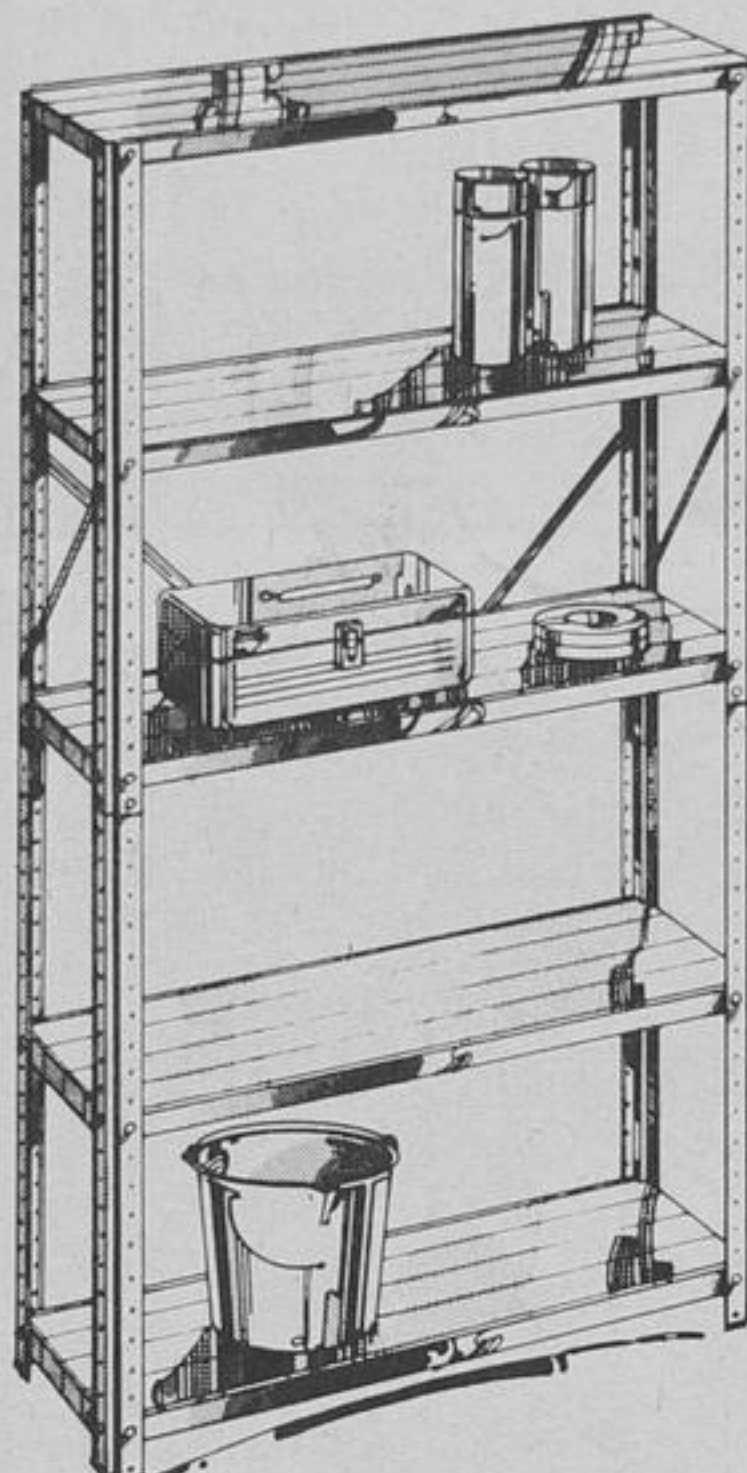


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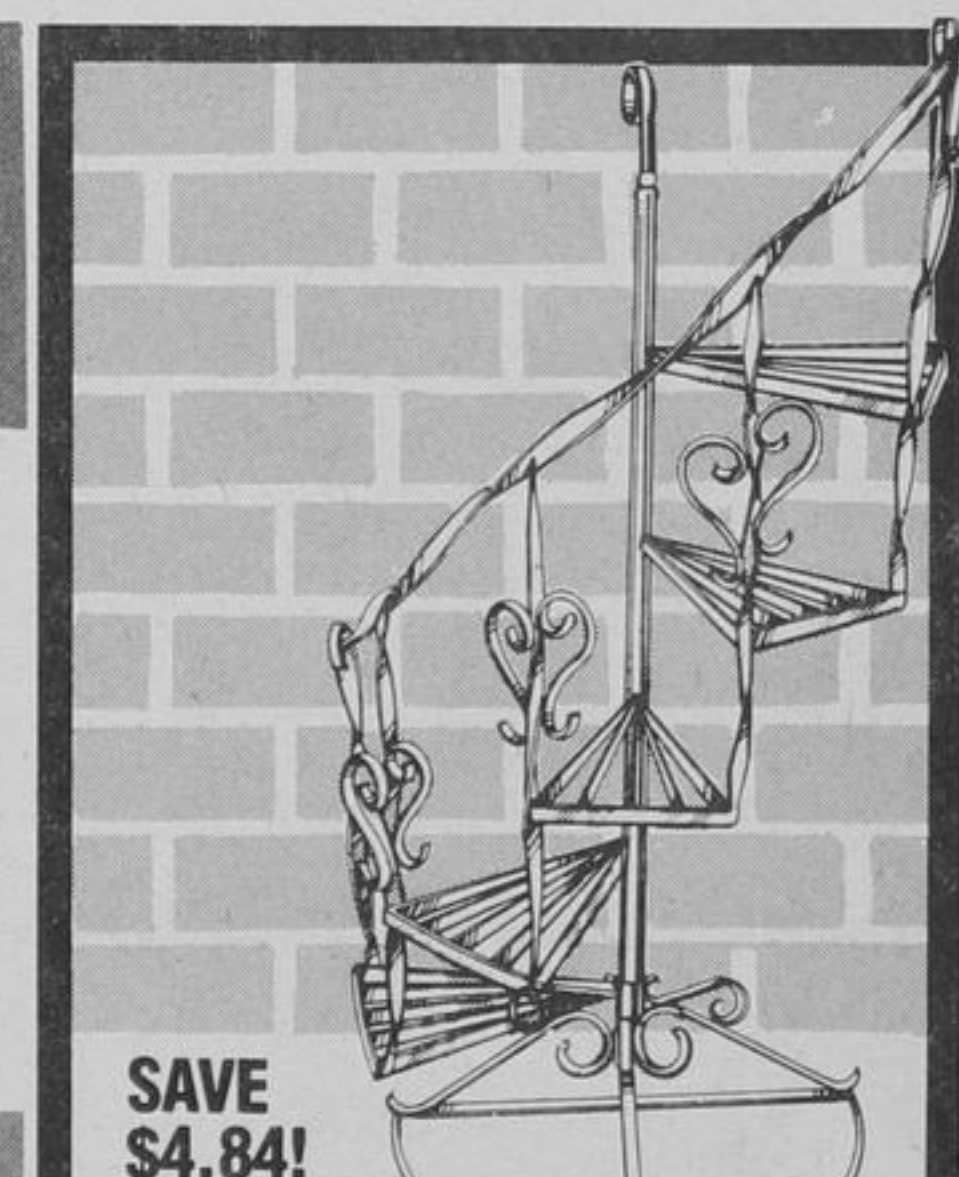


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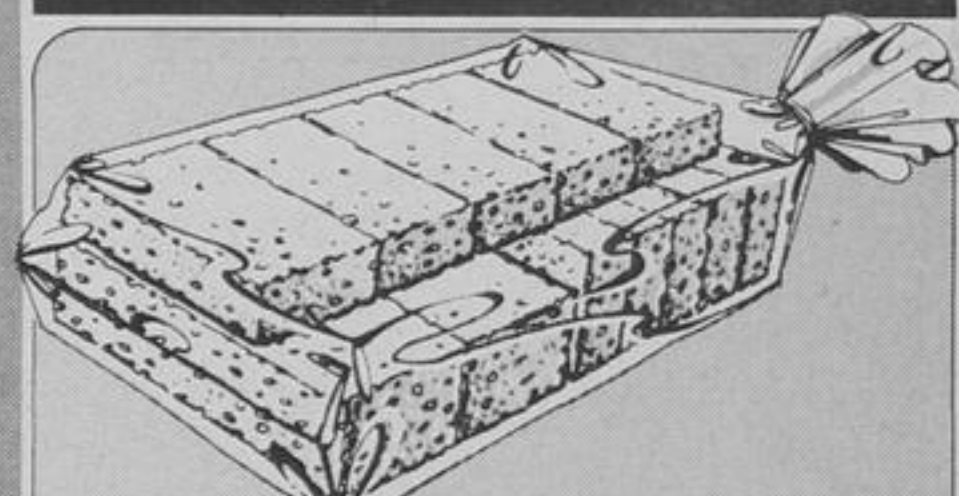
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