## Get tough with drinking drivers

By ALF STONG MPP - York Centre

vestigating highway our society - in the probably be extended safety across the away from work, of work through Metro, and Province, an all-party not done to full capacity, subsequently throughout drink and drive.

creasing.

least once a year; 13 per day there are an estimated borough of Etobicoke. 200,000 alcoholics.

be empowered to seize the and the Addiction In Toronto, keys of impaired, as well as raising the drinking age to 19, the establishment of compulsory education and treatment programs for people convicted of impaired driving, and a crackdown on advertising which depicts alcohol as a "desirable and necessary part of the good life".

The Committee's proposals would make it harder to get and keep a driver's licence and would require the police to be more vigilant and more visible in enforcing the law on highways.

Alcoholism is the number one enemy of the Canadian Armed Forces, according to the head of Canada's Defence Ministry's Drug and Alcohol Program.

Men in uniform with a drinking problem are given six months to "pull up their socks" and quit drinking, or leave the forces.

Apparently one difficulty in the campaign against heavy drinking for servicemen was to convince senior officers that over-indulging in alcohol was no longer part of the armed forces' tradition.

The military brass had to change its ideas because drinking servicemen were a security risk and "potential disasters".

In its many forms, alcohol has been around for centuries, and thousands of people use it for pleasure and relaxation, with wisdom.

However, many people misuse alcoholic beverages, and the costs to physical, mental and social health are high unacceptably high.

In excess of 600,000 Canadians are alcoholics. but no statistics can possibly give the true picture of the people who die or are injured in road accidents, the costs of administering the law and providing treatment and rehabilitation, the costs in human suffering

IN THE MATTER OF THE **ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974** S.O. CHAPTER 122 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 37 AND 39 COLBOURNE STREET, THORN HILL, IN THE TOWN OF MARK HAM, IN THE PROVINCE OF

## ONTARIO. **NOTICE OF** INTENTION **TO DESIGNATE**

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham on the 14th day of June, 1977, decided to designate the lands and buildings, known municipally as 37 and 39 Colbourne Street, Thornhill, Ontario, as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED **DESIGNATION:** 

The lands and buildings comprising 37 and 39 Colbourne Street in Thornhill, Ontario, are recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons as good examples of a type of building prevelant to the area in the middle of the 19th century. The double or semidetached house was a common sight in the early Canadian architecture especially in milling villages such as Thornhill. This particular double house was owned by Thomas Hamill Robinson a carpenter, and he most likely rented it to workers from Thornhill's mills located along the nearby

The property and dwellings are important in terms of the local streetscape as the eastermost units of a series of houses between Yonge Street and Church Lane. This area forms the best preserved and perhaps the most typical section of the old village of Thornhill,

Notice of Objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of the 5th day of October, 1977.

DATED at Markham this 5th day of October,

Diane Smith

to family, friends, the Research Foundation.

get tough with those who The results of drinking cause for gave concern. A of drivers aged 16 to 19, an with boozing", by Sidney drownings and pedestrian If parents drink un-The consumption of ticularly serious, and Foundation survey 1973.

recommends that police Ontario Motor League twice a month.

After a year of in- dustry and labour - to successful, it will drunkenness charges.

and driving are par- 1976 Addiction Research 18 per cent increase over Katz, an expert on social accidents had previously wisely - to escape from were of legal age; of the than ever before". This campaign has drinkers, more than 50

In 1973 and 1974, 3.5 per in."

for change in the outlook of 7,000 Canadians killed He felt the principal as we say.

cent of the admissions to As long ago as Sep- violence and industrial example will be the a detoxication centre tember 1974, the "Toronto absenteeism and ac- greatest single influence committee of the or payments for on-the- the Province, according were people under age 21. Star" carried an article, cidents"; "a high in our children's lives and Legislature has called job injuries caused by to the Solicitor-General. In 1974, alcohol was in- headlined "We're proportion of people who on their drinking patupon the government to alcohol-related problems. Teenage drinking is volved in 5,383 collisions heading for holocaust lost their lives in terns.

problems.

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partly the result of a for as many as half the dergarten.

and under account for drugs, and partly a accidents"; "heavy should be contained in costs to business, in- If the experiment is about 7.6 per cent of all reflection of the "current drinking plays a another educational ethos in society - booze is significant role in suicide, program which stressed

alcohol in Ontario is in- Metro police have revealed that: among Dr. Saul Levine, a The stories he told were Mr. Katz suggested, as responsibility or because launched a major crack- 1,439 high school students psychiatrist at the frightening, the facts and one measure to help bring getting drunk is equated Almost 90 per cent of all down on drunk drivers, in Ontario, 86 per cent Hospital for Sick Children statistics formidable the situation under with having a good time citizens over 15 drink at with an all-day, every- drank alcoholic has said "We're seeing testimony to the harm control, that effective - the lesson will not be program of beverages, although more younger alcoholics which is done to our educational programs lost on the young people. cent drink every day; and breathalyzer tests in the fewer than 25 per cent in the past couple of years society by heavy should be initiated on the No matter what wise subject of alcohol and words of advice may be He believes the youth For instance, "heavy drinking in all schools, given the ultimate result The Committee been endorsed by the percent drank more than alcoholism problem is drinkers are responsible beginning in kin- will be that children will

example, persons aged 18 youth in relation to other and 250,000 injured in car message to parents murder, crimes of the fact that the parents'

been drinking heavily". pressure or to avoid

do as we do rather than do

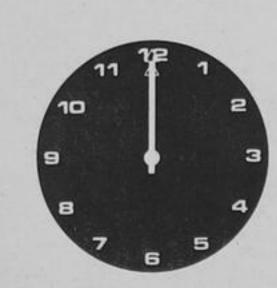
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