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Lions give away nearly \$30,000

BY GEORGIE BURKHOLDER
The Thornhill District Lions Club is to be applauded for their year-round quiet philanthropy. Just look, if you will, at this impressive record of community participation by a fairly small number of busy local merchants, business and professional men.

Does't it prove that for the Lions Club, the spirit of Christmas is constant. They did not willingly volunteer this list of accomplishments. It was coaxed from them by a pressing reporter.

The Thornhill District Lions Club maintains ongoing programs to raise funds.

They also return money and service to the benefit of the community, or residents thereof as the needs arise.

For the 1977-78 fiscal year, some of their activities include: CNIB-\$775. (sent five blind to summer camp) Thornhill Hockey-\$500; Answell Court Project -\$5,000; Wheelchair Ramp at Holy

Trinity Church-\$2,200; Village Library-\$500; Thornhill Community Band \$500; Assistance to a Mentally Retarded Child \$300; Assistance in payment for a spinal operation \$500; York Centre for Learning Disabilities Building Fund \$3,000; Operation Catch-Up (Children educational project)-\$3,200; House for Deaf-\$1,500; To provide Leader Dog and Training -\$4,000; Lion's International Fund for World Relief -\$1,500; Moving of manse to Pioneer Village -\$2,500; and to various groups, athletic and cultural -\$2,800. The whopping total for all this is a staggering \$28,775.

Some of the great things they have done in the past is worthy of passing notice, too. Help was given with development of pool, grounds, ball diamonds, tennis courts and lighting of the Thornhill Park; each year trees are planted in community parks; the Lions have sponsored teams and supported league costs for Boy Scouts for many years; The Lions have assisted educational programs for slow learners and disabled persons.

In recent years, the support of Operation Catch-Up enabled the program to become established and be taken over by York Region; made local improvements around Oakbank Pond and each winter sponsor a carnival when free hot dogs and drinks are provided; the Lions have assisted many needy families.

Providing eye, dental and medical care, the Lion's have raised \$8,000 toward medical facilities

for the House of Concord; furnished Heintzman House during restoration. The Thornhill Community Centre Library benefited by the Charles Clifford Memorial valued at \$30,000. The Thornhill District Lions have now paid off about \$200,000 of their original pledge of \$250,000 for this facility.

Vice-president Leslie Saunders from whom this information was gleaned, told The Liberal that the members feel that they are privileged to serve the community and would be interested to hear from any men who would like to share in the work and fellowship of the group.

"Our motto", said Mr. Saunders, "is we serve".



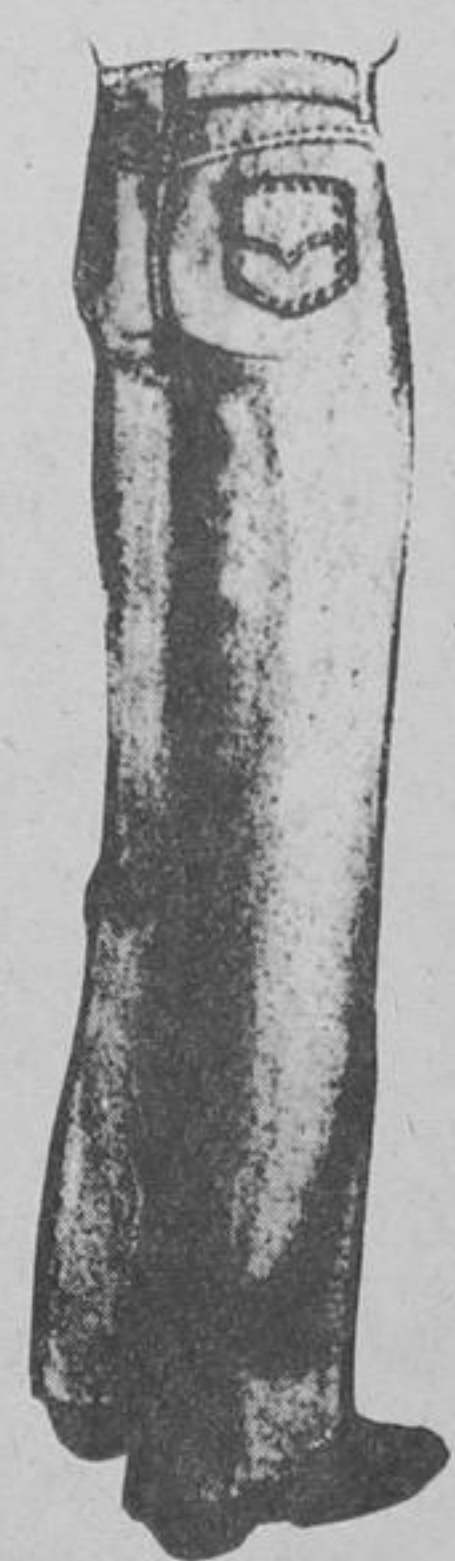
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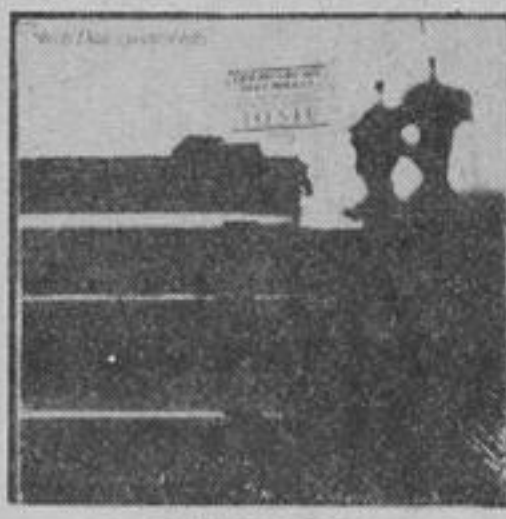
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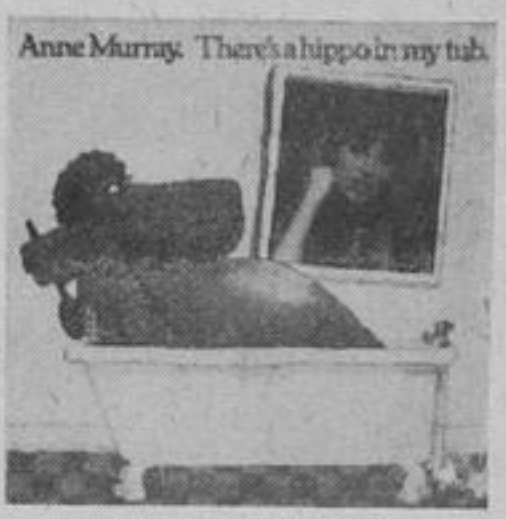
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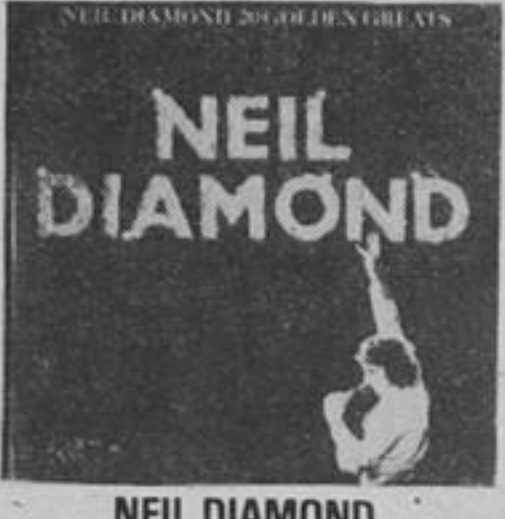
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