

Police Briefs

On January 2 at 7 p.m. a man arrested at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Greenwood on Wild Cherry Lane in Thornhill, armed with a .22 calibre semi-automatic rifle.

He pointed the gun at Mrs. Greenwood and claimed he said he was going "to get them and another woman present".

Mr. Greenwood ran to the basement where he was followed and held by the gun-wielding suspect. After three hours of negotiating (with the help of a minister) the man gave himself up about 10:30 p.m.

No shots were fired, police said. Arrested for kidnapping, pointing a firearm and weapons dangerous to the public peace was Gary Bernard Baker, 32, of Concord Avenue in Toronto.

He appeared at a show cause hearing January 3 and his case is set for court on March 2.

"BREAKING-IN" THE NEW YEAR

As a result of investigations and the arrest of a suspect on January 1, York Regional Police believe an Oak Ridges youth is responsible for the following break-ins.

Seal's Frozen Foods Inc. Richmond Hill, December 14, Cigarettes, cash; Clean-A-Car Limited, Thornhill, December 19, nothing removed; Smitty's Brake Stop, Thornhill, December 19, quantity of cash; Baron's Petroleum Inc. Gas Bar, Thornhill, December 19, quantity of cash; Clean-A-Car, December 23, keys; Baron's Petroleum, December 23, quantity of cash; Yonge Street Motors, Thornhill, December 23, keys; Clean-A-Car, Smitty's Brake Stop, December 28, nothing removed; Baron's Petroleum, December 23, cash, Wintario tickets; Supreme Auto Refinishers, Thornhill, December 28, quantity of liquor; Seal's Frozen Foods Limited, January 1, cigarettes, cash, food.

On January 1 a search warrant was executed at the youth's home and some of the property was recovered.

Charged with nine counts of break, enter and theft and four counts of break, enter with intent is Phillip John Lusk, 16, of Sunset Beach Road in Oak Ridges. He was held for a show cause hearing.

Police have also arrested another person wanted in connection with thefts from the first four victims listed above. Charged with six counts of break, enter and theft and one count of break and enter with intent is Brian David Miller, 17, of Bailey Crescent in Aurora. He appeared in court briefly on January 3.

Police are now also alleging that Phillip Lusk was involved in a number of other break-ins throughout the months of October and December, 1978.

He was charged with an additional seven counts of break, enter and theft and three counts of break and enter with intent as the result of occurrences at the following locations: Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, Aurora; Globe Travel Agency, Aurora; Sisman's of Canada Limited, Aurora; Barth's Cleaning Centre, Aurora; Aurora Greenhouse Limited, Aurora; Aurora Bear Alignment, Aurora; Paul's Auto Body, Aurora; Discount Gas Bar, Oak Ridges; Decor Glass and Paint Company, Oak Ridges; Taurin's Esso, Thornhill; and Thornhill Greenhouse, Thornhill.

JOY RIDE IN AN EXCAVATOR

Sometime between January 2 at 5:30 p.m. and January 3 at 7 a.m. an excavator belonging to Lou Savini Limited on Bowes Road in Concord, was entered and started.

The machine was driven over two light standards and fire hydrant owned by Sevenview Industrial Park of Weston.

It was then driven into a trailer owned by Ontario Paving Limited, Concord. Assaultants drove the machine into a field where it got stuck and thus damaged.

Total damage and destruction was worth \$11,000.

RESTRICTED WEAPON SEIZED

On December 18 at 12 p.m. a search warrant was carried out at a Richmond Hill resident's home. He was found in possession of a Browning 9 mm handgun having no serial number. It was confiscated.

On January 3, police arrested Ronald Keith Bodrug, 36, of Benham Drive in Richmond Hill. He was stopped on Davis Drive in Newmarket and taken to 28 Division by the Drug Squad. He will appear in court January 30.

POLLUTION GONE TOO FAR

On January 4 at 4 p.m. a small amount of chemical substance was placed in front of the apartment door of Marion Beth on Inverlochy Boulevard in Thornhill.

The chemical was then set on fire, producing a foul sulphuric odor which caused \$75-worth of damage.

PICK-UP DITCHED, YOUTHS CHARGED

On December 31 at about 1 a.m. a teen stole a pick-up belonging to William John Earl from his Newmarket home on Wilstead Drive. The youth later picked up three other suspects. The truck was put in a ditch on Highway 9 and the Fifth Concession.

Police later charged the following four Richmond Hill boys with possession of goods over \$200; the first accused was also charged with theft over \$200; Scott Charles Reid, 17, of Cartier Crescent, Craig Wooley, 17, of South Taylor Mills Drive, David Francis Tompkins, 18, of South Fernleigh Circle and Kevin Burnett, 17, of Crosby Avenue.



"Just because dogs have a fur coat, some suggestions for pet owners doesn't mean they're immune to the cold," points out Jim Ryan, Canine Control Officer for Richmond Hill. Below Mr. Ryan offers Hogg

Canine officer says

Be kind to your dog when temperature dips

Be kind to your dog in sub-zero weather is the message from Jim Ryan, canine control officer for the Richmond Hill-Thornhill area.

"Just because a dog has a fur coat doesn't mean he's immune to the cold," said Mr. Ryan.

Mr. Ryan said calls are received at his office describing dogs left tied outside, all day without adequate shelter and with short chains while their owners are at work.

In extreme cold temperatures, such as those last week, Mr. Ryan said even long haired dogs should not be left outside unless there is access to proper shelter.

Mr. Ryan made a few suggestions how best to keep your favorite pet comfortable, particularly those left outside all day.

He advised a reasonably strong dog house with an opening facing away from the prevailing wind would provide a fit shelter, especially if the floor of the house is at least four inches off the ground, and if the house is filled with clean, loose straw.

He recommends if the shelter is in an unsheltered area, burlap or an old sack should be hung from the door to cut down on any drafts.

Any further questions regarding a suitable shelter, Mr. Ryan said he would be pleased to answer.

Owners need not be too particular about drinking water for a dog outside all day — as long as there is snow.

Mr. Ryan suggests

owners attempt to make sure the dog has a good drink before he is left alone and then offer water again the moment they get back.

"It is more unpleasant for a dog to be thirsty than hungry," said Mr. Ryan.

In leaving food for the pet he reminded people that canned dog food will freeze, so dry food is best left outside.

Check leads and chains to make sure they are not iced-up or caught anywhere so dog can move well and keep warm, reminds Mr. Ryan.

Mr. Ryan also reminded dog owners it is licence time and another way to be kind to your dog is to make sure it's wearing a tag.

"It saves a lot of hard times for your dog," he said.

Not only can owners be traced immediately, but people who see a tag on a dog are more inclined to help because they know it can be traced and will not be a stray they will be stuck with.

Another point for licences is if the animal is injured clinics are not inclined to perform major surgery if there is no identification on the dog.

A tag means Mr. Ryan or one of his officers can contact the owner immediately and arrange for care.

"Dogs can be saved unnecessarily suffering over long periods of time if they have a tag on," he said.

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Lottery could solve school woes-director

Realizing that funds for capital purchases and capital projects are harder to get for his Catholic schools; Director of Education John Zupancic suggested running a lottery to raise money during last week's management committee meeting.

Mr. Zupancic admitted the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Toronto frowns on such activities, especially if they are run on a county-wide basis. But he feels that if all the details can be worked out, his plan might be acceptable if kept within the jurisdiction of one or two schools.

Because of numerous questions, one which expressly queried the board's legal right to run such a lottery, the matter was deferred to next month's committee meeting. The board's solicitor will be asked about the validity of the scheme.

Explained Mr. Zupancic:

"I come to you with this wild scheme — why? Because we have to make it go. Ed Joyce, Superintendent of Business Administration tells me the budget is going to be tight and there are many things that this board would like to get done."

The lottery proceeds would help to complete track and field facilities (possibly combined with ball diamonds and tennis courts) for both Sacred Heart School in Newmarket and St. Robert's in Thornhill.

The first year of ticket sales is projected to gross about \$52,000. One thousand tickets were planned to be sold at \$104 each, making the holder eligible for 52 draws or one for each week of the year.

There are two major problems with the proposal, aside from the fact that gambling in Catholic schools would require permission from the Chancery.

According to provincial laws, there must be a guarantor for a line of credit equal to the amount of the total winnings.

The director has suggested the board be the guarantor, making it responsible for the full sum of the winnings. That would necessitate a bank loan which would be paid off in staggered payments, since the first draw in March would be expected to raise only \$8,000.

The other touchy area is the extent of the board's responsibility for the private high school at

St. Robert's. Technically, it administers elementary schools only and the Ministry of Education does not recognize the high school for provincial grants. Costs at St. Robert's Grades 11, 12 and eventually 13 are covered by private fees.

So the question remains: how can the York Separate Board run a lottery that will benefit a school coming under the jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation.

"We do have some involvement as a representative of the Archdiocese to see that the school operates in the black..." said committee chairman Jack McDermott. "We have a connection with the school, not a commitment, though as Catholics we are committed to see all our kids get the best possible education."

Richmond Hill Trustee Con Thompson said he took exception to the fact a Separate elementary school board should establish a line of its own credit for a private school.

Mr. Zupancic said he had done all he could as director and a private citizen to get the project under way. At one time, he said, there was an

interested group of parents from St. Robert's who would have jumped at the chance to get involved with this idea. If they want to re-kindle their interest, that's fine, but the board could not urge them to do so, he said.

The director went so far as to make an application to Wintario (the deadline was Dec. 31, 1978) which could match the monies raised by the lottery, one-third the cost of the projects. He said he also has spoken to the parks and recreation directors of Newmarket and Markham, who have shown interest in a shared-use of facilities scheme.

"I like to ask, and I don't like to use the word, if we are legally entitled to do something like this," said Markham Trustee Leo Wigglesworth.

He added: "We have a solicitor. Why not get a legal opinion on some of the questions worrying us? I'm especially concerned with the term 'guarantor' and to what extent we, as individuals, could be liable if this project were to fall through... I think the whole thing is a little bit nebulous."

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