

## Roddick will reveal 10 of his mysteries

A Richmond Hill resident is soon going to teach adults and 9 to 15 year-old children applied psychology — otherwise known as magic.

Rod McLeish of Innes Crescent is a magician, professionally known as Roddick The Magician, and he will share his secrets with area residents at two eight-week courses being offered by the Family Y beginning April 9.

In both the adult and children's program Mr. McLeish will offer the truth behind about 10 simple tricks, but he said he does not intend to use the "conventional methods of showing the trick and that is all".

Mr. McLeish said he believes magic is basically applied psychology — "One doesn't deceive the eye," he said, "It is the mind that is deceived".

The effect as seen by the audience makes up about ten per cent of the trick, he said, the trick itself another ten per cent, but 80 per cent is presentation-showmanship.

It is not enough just to show how to do the trick, he said, so he will instruct how to get the utmost effect out of it.

Mr. McLeish has been a magician professionally since 1934.

"One mystery I cannot explain, is where the years went," he said.

It all began when his mother took him to see Houdini and Blackstone both in the same month.

At that time Blackstone, who became Mr. McLeish's boyhood hero included some simple tricks in a souvenir program which piqued an interest that has lasted 45 years.

Some of these same tricks will be part of the program Mr. McLeish will offer to participants in the spring course.

His students will be taught how to make a playing card vanish, on command, from a clear drinking glass covered with a handkerchief, how to stretch and squeeze a boomerang and many

more sleight of hand moves.

The tricks are guaranteed to give children and adults alike an interesting hobby they can pursue through books and will also give them the opportunity to entertain friends and relatives with what they have learned.

Each Monday evening at the Family Y centre on Dunlop Street, Mr. McLeish will show some of his disappearing rabbit and handkerchief

tricks, give a short talk on the history of magic, and spend the bulk of the time teaching the tricks.

He hopes to instill in those present an appreciation of magic from a spectator point of view as well as show how to use magic to entertain.

The Richmond Hill Magician is also available for birthday parties (in your home) as well as clubs, churches, schools, brownies, guides, cubs and scout groups. His number is 884-8224.

## New Hill disco just for teens

Teenagers in the area are about to have their very own discotheque. Robert Bradley, a Willowdale father of two young people, is setting up a disco called "Daddy's Disco", basically catering to the 14 to 18 year-old crowd.

The new disco is located in the Richmond Square Plaza, directly across from the Richmond Hill municipal buildings.

"Daddy's Disco" is being readied right now for the opening night, March 9, with rugs, mirrors, disco lights and the region's largest disco dance floor being added.

Hours are tentative at this time and Mr. Bradley said he is open to suggestions and response.

So far, Thursday, the disco will be open from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Sundays 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. — or whatever suits his young patrons.

The costs is \$3 for a whole evening of entertainment.

Evenings will be flavored with recorded, up-to-date disco and hard rock music for the young adults to dance to.

A snack bar will be included with pizza, hot dogs, chips and peanuts served as well as coffee and drinks from a soda fountain.

There will be no liquor served as this is a "strictly teenage high school crowd", said the new owner-manager.

A small pin ball room is an added attraction, said Mr. Bradley, for those who would like a break from dancing.

Mr. Bradley said he chose Richmond Hill for his new endeavor after researching the situation thoroughly.

The teenage population in the Thornhill, Richvale, Richmond Hill, King area is immense, he said.

"Eleven to twelve thousand high school kids in this area."

It is going to be a "no nonsense" place, said Mr. Bradley with a sign at the entrance saying "No liquor, No drugs, No fighting — All matters handled by the police".

Daddy's Disco will also offer

teenagers the opportunity to get dressed up, "no tattered old jeans allowed", said Mr. Bradley.

"It is going to be a respectable place".

Opening night will be "Give-away" evening.

Brown T-shirts with "Daddy's Disco" printed on them and LP records will be given to lucky ticket number holders.

To start with there will be seating for 200 people, but Mr. Bradley hopes to enlarge his disco in the future.

He also forecasts dance contests and even instructors to teach those who are unsure how to disco dance as well as all the new disco dance steps as they appear on the scene.



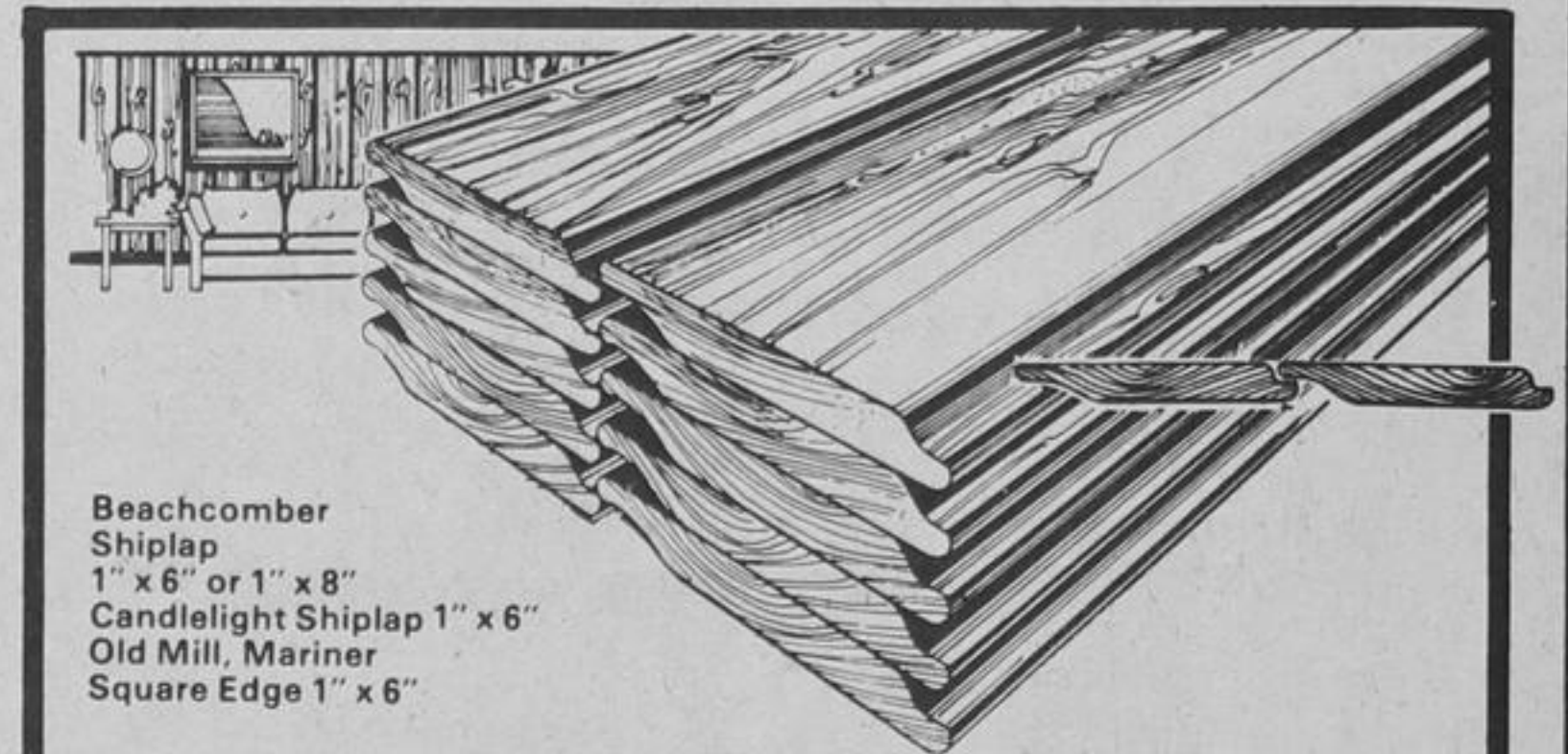
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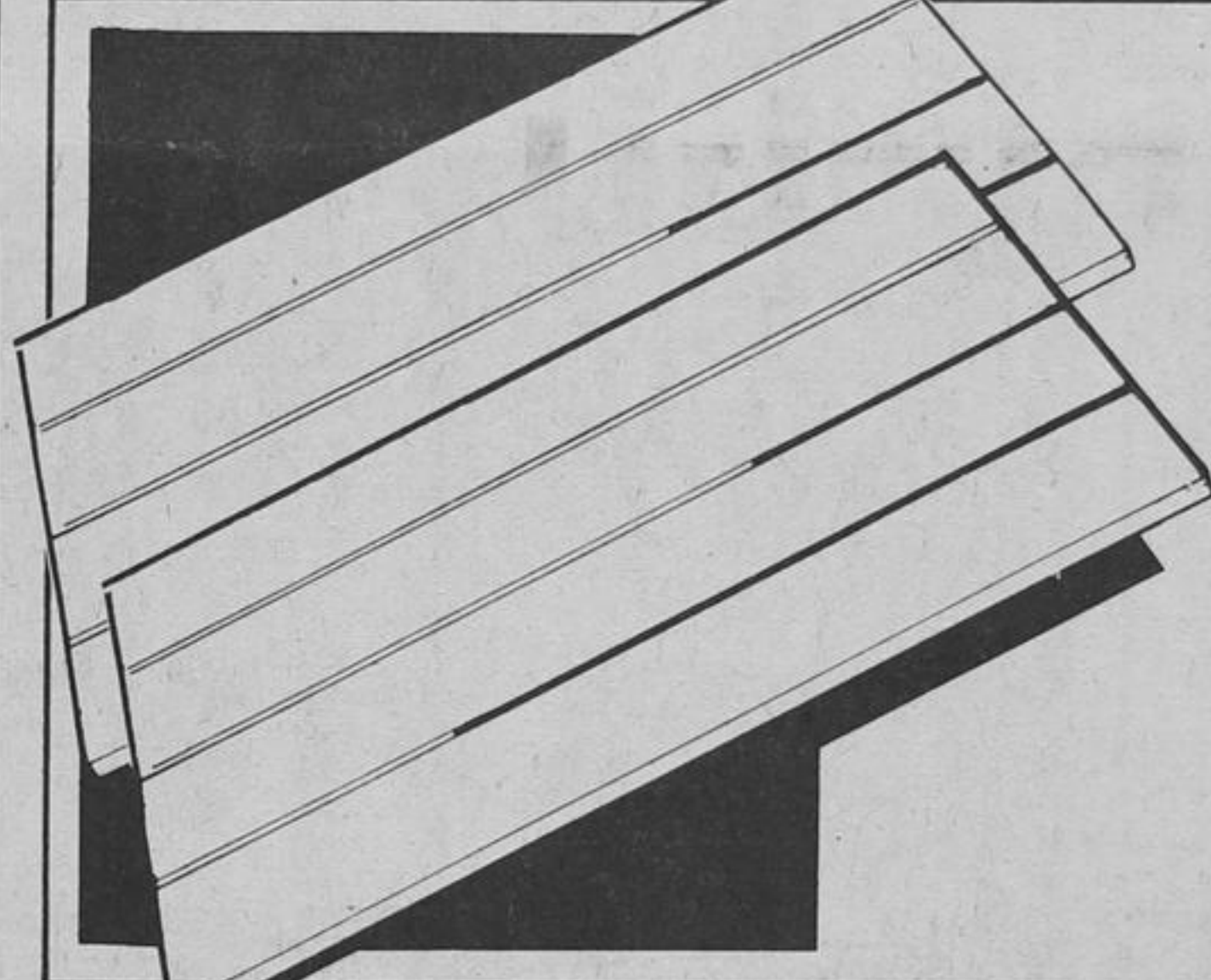
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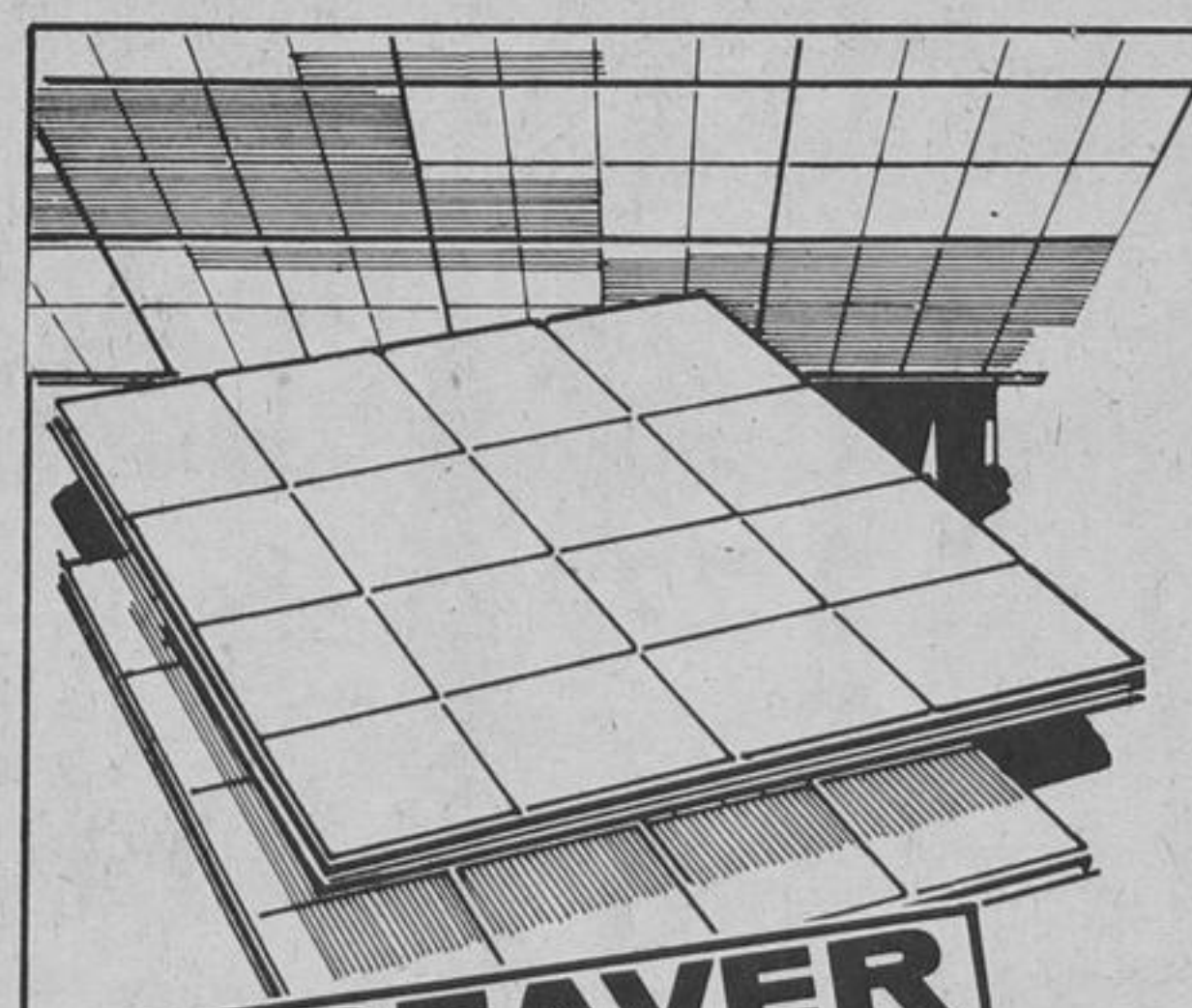
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## Memorial fund is set up for Marsha Kates

A memorial fund has been set up in honor of Marsha Kates, a former special education teacher in the York County school system, who died in July 1977.

From 1973 until 1977, she taught special education classes at Stornoway Public School in Thornhill. She previously taught at E. J. Sand in Thornhill and Roselawn Senior Public School in Richmond Hill.

The York County Board of Education will hold the "Miss Marsha Kates Memorial Fund" in trust.

The annual accrued interest is to be used at the discretion of the principal, in conjunction with the special education teachers at Stornoway.

Those who would like to make donations to the fund are asked to make cheques payable to the York County Board of Education. At the bottom of the cheque, include the wording, "Miss Marsha Kates Memorial Fund."

Contributions may be sent to: Memorial fund, Stornoway Crescent Public School, 36 Stornoway Crescent, Thornhill, Ontario, L3T 3X7.

## Correction

In last week's Liberal, the story on Bernice Lever's new book 'Excuses' mentioned the art show 'Polar Vision' featuring the work of her son, Gordon J. Fisher.

The show will be held at York University from March 13 to 17 not May 13 to 17 as written in the story.

Copies of the book 'Excuses' will be available at the showing and the author and artist will autograph the books on request.