

15 homes searched

\$Half million in goods recovered in police raids

Five more people were arrested Monday bringing to a total of eleven who have been charged with the possession of more than half a million dollars worth of stolen goods.

The property was recovered by York Regional Police in a series of raids last week.

Last Tuesday, beginning at 6 a.m., police executed 15 search warrants in southern York Region and arrested six people, following a three-month investigation into various thefts in Thornhill, Markham, King and Whitechurch-Stouffville.

The searches continued most of the day.

During the raids, clues to thefts in Metropolitan Toronto came to light and Metro Police were called in to investigate.

Some of the recovered items, mainly jewelry, are believed to have been stolen from celebrities Donald Sutherland and Wilt Chamberlain, while they were guests at a Toronto hotel.

One item, a diamond ring, is believed to be valued at more than \$60,000, and is believed to have been stolen from the hotel room of a visitor from New York.

Items believed to have been taken from homes in Kings Cross Estates and Thornhill and also from housebreakings in other areas of southern York Region are also included in the list of recovered goods.

King Township Mayor Margaret Britnell has identified some of the stolen property taken from a break-in at her King home.

Five women have been arrested. One, a 28-year-old from Richmond Hill, has been charged with possession of stolen goods valued at more than \$200 and possession under \$200.

Two other Richmond Hill women and a woman from King City have also been charged.

Another, a 19-year-old from Toronto, has been charged with theft of communication, because she made several long distance calls to Vancouver and charged them to someone else.

Four men were arrested during the raids. Two of the accused are from King Township. The first, a 31-year-old is charged with possession of marijuana and the other, a 32-year-old, is charged with possession of stolen goods

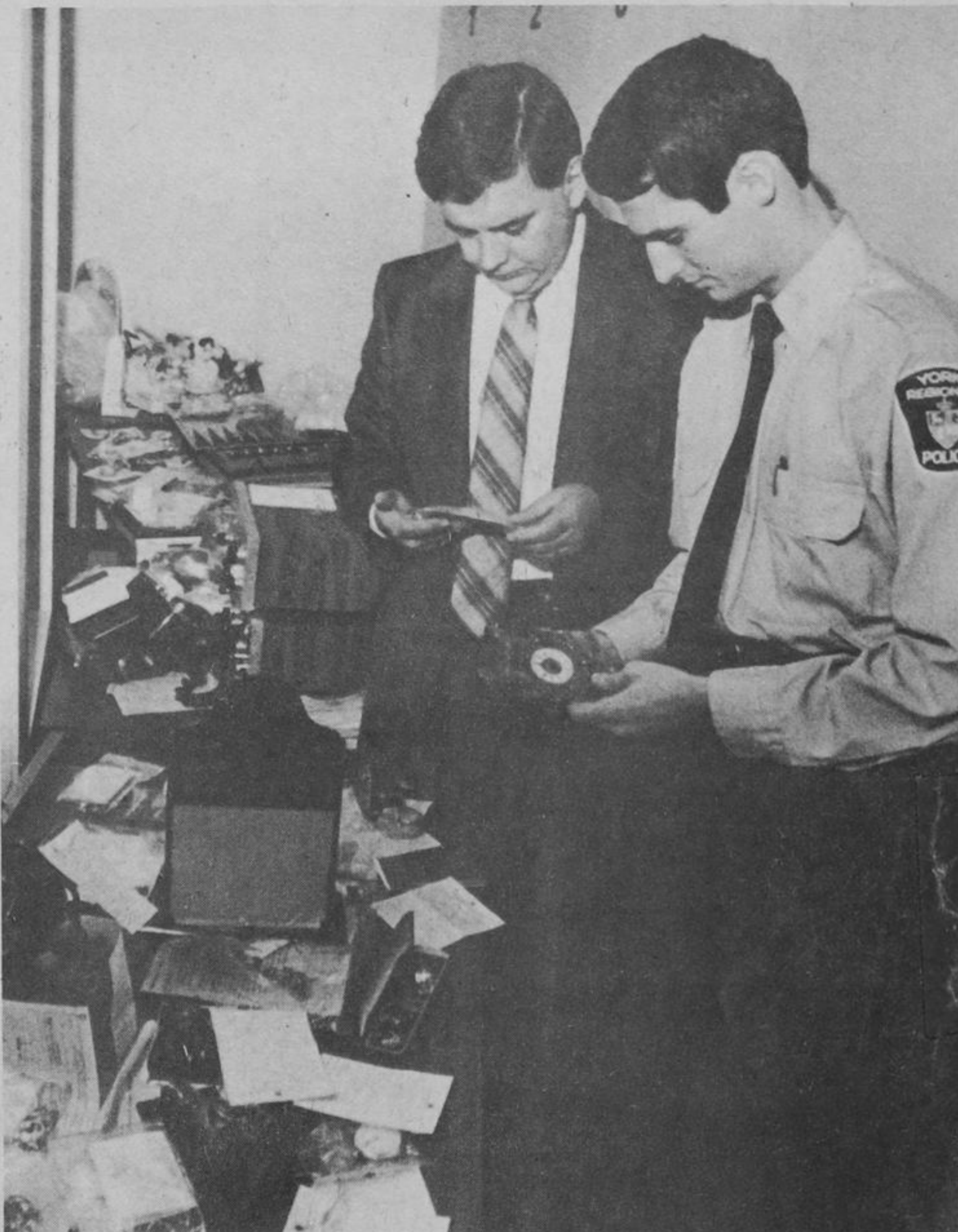
over \$200 and theft of items over \$200.

Two Toronto men are included, one is charged with two counts of possession over \$200 and the other with possession over \$200.

Monday, two Richmond Hill men were also charged with possession of stolen property.

York Regional Police expect more charges to be laid as people identify their missing items.

Metropolitan Toronto and OPP officers are also trying to match recovered items to reported thefts.



York Regional Police were instrumental in recovering stolen goods from house break-ins throughout the Region. Metropolitan Toronto Police also recovered items stolen from hotels in Toronto. Here Inspector of Detectives, Bill Hay (left) and York Regional Police Cadet

Jaime Carman examine some of the recovered merchandise. Owners still have to identify their property before more charges are laid. At present six people have been arrested and the total value of goods recovered is close to half a million dollars.

More break-ins solved by York police

York Regional Police have made a second major breakthrough in solving a series of break, enter and thefts last week.

Most break-ins took place in Unionville and Markham during the past year.

An 18-year-old Markham man has been charged with several counts of break, enter and theft as a result of investigations into items taken from the following:

March 8, quantity of liquor from Unionville House Restaurant; April 7, quantity of items-Unionville Fairways Driving Range; March 18, \$1,100 in cash and cheques from Sandy's Auto Service; December 10, 1978-motor oil valued at \$2,000 from Maynard Fuels; March 3, 1979-scales and microscopes valued at \$2,517 from Markham District High School; and May 5, 1979-a dune buggy and tools from Greenbelt Motors, valued at \$3,485.

He will appear in court November 6.

A 16-year-old Unionville man has been charged with break, enter and theft in the theft of the dune buggy and tools from

Greenbelt Motors. He will appear in Juvenile Court December 17.

Two other Unionville men, one 19 and the other 16 years of age, face multiple counts of break, enter and theft as a result of break-ins at the following locations:

Markham District High School, Maynard Fuels, Sandy's Auto Service, Unionville House Restaurant, York County Board of Education and Unionville Fairways.

They were both involved in the theft of scales and microscopes at Markham District High School on

March 3, and were each involved in some of the other break-ins listed.

The 19-year-old will appear in court November 13 and the 16-year-old will appear in Juvenile Court December 17.

A West Hill man will appear in court November 13 charged with the same offense as a result of a theft earlier this year at Markham Credit Jewellers.

An 18-year-old Unionville man will also appear in Court November 13 on charges of break, enter and theft as a result of investigations into missing golf

equipment taken from Unionville Fairways on April 7 of this year.

A 17-year-old Markham man faces the same charge on November 13 for a break-in at Markham District High School on May 4.

A 17-year-old Unionville man will appear in court the same day charged with possession under \$200 after an AM-FM car radio missing from a break-in at Greenbelt Motors was found in his possession.

Inspector of Detectives, Bill Hay says more arrests are expected within the week.

But it was close

Teachers reject board offer

York Region's Secondary School teachers have rejected the latest offer from York County Board of Education, which would give them a 12 per cent increase over two years and more if the cost of living jumps seven per

cent. The teachers of District 11 Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) met Thursday at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School in Aurora to consider the Board's

latest offer and voted 257 to 251 against.

Just over half the total number of teachers were present for the vote.

The Board's offer provides for a six per cent increase in the first year of the contract, and would equalize increments at the various salary levels.

Salaries for beginning teachers in Category 1 would be \$13,466 for 1978-79, an increase from \$12,704.

A teacher in Category 4 with 11 years experience would be earning \$28,427 instead of the present \$26,818.

In the second year of the contract, The Board is offering a six per cent increase and a cost of living allowance (COLA) if the cost of living jumps seven per cent in any month.

It appears both sides will go to an arbitration board November 19 for a settlement.

The last time the Secondary teachers went to arbitration was 1974 and the decision took six weeks.

Boy finds bomb in ravine

A nine-year-old Thornhill boy playing in a ravine Saturday found a lunch pail that turned out to be a bomb.

The young boy was playing in the ravine near the east boundary of the Ladies Golf Club in Thornhill, when he spotted the lunch pail.

He took it home to his father, who attempted to cut the wires

leading to the electrical blasting cap before he called police.

York Regional Police arrived, and called Detective John Morrison at his home.

Morrison took the lunch pail bomb to the sand pit on 17th Avenue, where he applied a shaped charge of C-4 (a putty-like substance) to the top of it.

Once the lunch pail was

opened, Detective Morrison found a battery operated oven timer, blasting cap and a white powder, which he took to the Forensic Sciences Laboratories in Toronto for analysis.

It will be a few days before the results of the tests are ready.

Police are still investigating the reason for the bomb being in that location and are looking for whoever put it there.



Lunch box blast

Detective John Morrison of York Regional Police shows a bomb found by a nine-year-old Thornhill boy Saturday in a ravine on the Ladies Golf Course property near Bayview Avenue. The bomb was in a lunch pail and Detective Morrison dismantled it with a charge of C-4, which is a putty-like explosive. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg).

Legion's activities culminate November 11

Richmond Hill Branch 375 of the Royal Canadian Legion is in the midst of a full week of activities revolving around Remembrance Day.

During the week members of the Legion will visit several Public Schools in the Thornhill area to speak about what Remembrance Day really means.

They will endeavor to explain why Remembrance Day is celebrated to today's school children, who have no concept of what war is like.

Friday, November 9 at 2:30 p.m. there will be a service of Remembrance for patients in the Continuing Care Unit at York Central Hospital. The service will be in the recreation room in the Unit.

Poppies will be sold throughout the community November 8, 9 and 10.

Proceeds from the sale of poppies are used to further veterans funds throughout the country.

The memorial service at the Richmond Hill cenotaph will be Sunday afternoon, November 11.

The parade will form up at the Richmond Heights Centre about 2:15 and will march off at 2:30 sharp.

The service will be at 3 p.m. at the cenotaph.

Guest speaker during the ceremony will be Brigadier General Stephen Frederick Andrunyk, who was appointed

Deputy Commander of Central Militia Area in 1976, and served in that appointment until his recent appointment as Commander.

The members of Branch 375 will hold an Old Sweats dinner on Saturday, November 10 at the

legion hall on Ohio Road, Richmond Hill.

Some veterans from Sunnyside Hospital will be attending.

Again Braigadier General Andrunyk will be the guest speaker.

Bond Steel finds a new location

Bond Structural Steel has taken an option on property to relocate their plant and now it's up to the Town of Richmond Hill to uphold its part of the bargain.

The town has been attempting to relocate this company now situated on Markham Road, to enable construction of a grade separation at the CNR rail tracks by the Region of York.

Bond Structural Steel has successfully negotiated for a property consisting of approximately 20 acres, located east of Leslie Street, adjoining Highway 404 and about 600 to 700 feet north of Markham Road, behind the Ministry of Transportation and Communications' Works Yard.

It is now up to the town to rezone both this parcel of land, to permit open storage and industrial use as well as rezone the present Bond Structural Steel property residential.

Leonard Prusky, president of Bond Structural Steel, said he feels optimistic the town will proceed as expeditiously as possible because of complaints by ratepayers about noise and traffic from the steel business as well as the need for the grade separation on Markham Road.

Transit chaos an "experience"

Richmond Hill council members were accused of being greedy Monday night, by a fellow council member, but they chose to write off the incident as an 'experience'.

Councillor Mike Burnie, with an "I told you so" attitude was taking his colleagues to task over the way they had handled the tender situation with National Transit Cards, the company given exclusive rights to place advertisements on Richmond Hill Transit buses.

National Transit Cards cannot

be located to honor contracts both with the town or with business people in town who contracted to place ads on the buses.

The other council members drew together to back Councillor Gord Rowe when he commended Dave Weldon, the Clerk of Richmond Hill, on his quick action,

both to collect monies owing to the town by drawing on a letter of credit filed with the town, and his attempts to satisfy the members of the business community who had either not received ads paid for or found the ads in poor

repair.

Mr. Weldon has also sent a letter to advise National Credit Cards that because the contract had been violated it was no longer in effect.

Mayor Dave Schiller defended action of the council saying tender arrangements were always difficult and there was to his knowledge no evidence the owner would operate the way he did.

Councillor Burnie wanted council to contact another

company who had tendered originally to see if they would make some sort of agreement to continue the advertising program on Richmond Hill buses, but again his fellow councillors united to agree the best policy was to wait to hear from the town solicitor what could be done to clear up the present situation.

Mr. Weldon has tried to contact all persons who contracted with National Transit Cards to review the contract to see if there is any way the town can assist them.

Community Pulse

Salt use

The town of Richmond Hill is talking about using a fifty-fifty salt and sand solution on problem locations on our roads, instead of pure salt.

Maintenance Manager for the town, Merv Perkins, pointed out, "it's just an experiment, we're trying to find out the best way of handling the salt problem."

Figures show the town has reduced the amount of salt used each winter by about one per cent since 1974, in spite of the increase in miles of road in the town.

Poppies on sale

This is Poppy Week in Richmond Hill and people are asked to purchase Poppies to support veterans and their families in the community.

The Town of Richmond Hill gave permission, as in previous years, to sell poppies at various stores in Richmond Hill during the evening of November 8, 9 and 10.

Annual meeting

Richmond Hill's plant lovers are invited to attend the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society's annual meeting and dinner, which will be held Saturday, November 10 at the Summit Golf and Country Club beginning at 7 p.m. For tickets and information, call 884-0843.

Cookbook '79

Included in your edition of The Liberal this week is 'Cookbook '79', featuring recipes for just about anything. The recipes have been compiled from our recent recipe contest and the winners will be selected soon.

YCH award

York Central Hospital has come up with another award, this one for public relations.

At the Ontario Hospital Association Convention held at the end of October in Toronto, a plaque was presented for the best internal public relations program for 1979, and YCH won it.

The award is presented by the Health Care Public Relations Association.