

Gov't. grant sought for craft-industry

MUSS LAKE. There are about 800 residents in the Musselman's Lake community. A large percentage of families living there receive welfare or other benefits because many of the adults are disadvantaged in one way or another. Unhappily, one of the most scenic areas of the municipality is also one of its most socially depressed.

A bid to change the statistics and bring the hope of self-reliance within the reach of many Lake residents is presently being made through the Department of Manpower's Local Employment Assistance Program (L.E.A.P.).

Application has been made for a grant to set up a permanent craft industry at Musselman's Lake to provide work adjustment training for unemployed men and women in the area who, for lack of experience or more personal reasons, have been unable to integrate into the normal work environment.

The craft industry based on the Lake's tourist trade and potential souvenir market is the original concept of Mrs. Margaret Gibbons, a resident concerned that something be done for the area, and Mrs. Cathy Bridges of Stouffville. Together they worked out a formal and, at the suggestion of a social worker, application was made for the L.E.A.P. grant in July.

Since then, the concept has been given strong support and momentum by Ward councillor Jim Wong, Karl Kilpert and local business people as well as the Department's Special Programs Branch.

At a meeting held in Stouffville last week, Bill Tooley, L.E.A.P. Coordinator for Ontario, met with supporters of the Lake application to assist in its refinement for official presentation to Ottawa.

The craft-souvenir project proposes to introduce skills to its work force through instruction from qualified trades and craftsmen, to promote self-reliance.

The L.E.A.P. grant would apportion eighty per cent of the funds received to wages and employee benefits, with the remainder to overhead costs. Any revenue from sales through the non-profit project, which is expected to become self-supportive, must be used to offset cost or capital expenditure.

Mr. Tooley agreed that the submission seemed to fit L.E.A.P.'s basic concept "to provide worthwhile employment projects for people who have been unemployed or receiving public assistance and who are not likely to become employed through other programs or through normal labour market activity."

It was now of primary importance, he added to hear from men and women at the Lake who wished to participate in the craft-industry project.

Anyone interested, he suggested, should contact Mrs. Gibbons (640-3160) or Mrs. Bridges (640-4465).

Hwy. 7 crash

Two injured

UNIONVILLE. Two people were injured, both from Unionville, in a two-car crash at the intersection of Hwy. 7 and the fifth concession.

Taken by ambulance to North York General Hospital, were Isabella Muss, 59, of Scarborough and her passenger, Rhoda Gilmour, 60.

The second auto was driven by Melvin Madden, 25, of Scarborough (Constable Bert Carr, O.P.P. Oak Ridges Detachment, investigated. Damage was estimated at \$1,700.



Pumpkin chariot in Main Street procession

Velma Marzinnotto, a Grade 9 student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, rode in style in season, Friday. Hers was an entry in the March of Dimes 'Chariot'. The manpower was provided by Jim and Tom West. —Jim Daw.

Armchair Chats

Startling discoveries not moon trip away

BY GEORGE W. GROSE

For the ordinary man on the street in this sophisticated and fast-moving age, a trip to the moon or men staying in space for a few weeks is old hat. The novelty and wonder of such remarkable achievements have become commonplace.

This is a pity, as is any loss of wonder and reverence for the many wonders all about us in our wonderful world.

I was reminded of the moon journeys "one day last" summer while walking in the woods and stopped to examine a common specimen of fungus growth (a

loadstool) with the aid of a magnifying glass.

The topside did indeed resemble the moon's surface, monotonous in color, deceptively smooth and featureless, but observed more closely having ridges and pock marks that suggested hills and craters as we have seen in photographs taken by astronauts on the moon's surface.

Also observable was one wonder the space scientists did not see: LIFE!

(On this loadstool I held in my hand were microscopic insects crawling about, busy with their own affairs! But what a change on turning over the fungus and looking at the other side for here was a delicate

pattern of tiny fins gravitating symmetrically from a central stem to the circumference and evenly spaced all around. An infinitely beautiful design, but most practical too, for obviously this "fin system" was a sort of air conditioner by which temperature and moisture could be controlled!

God's workmanship, whether large or small, is always wonderfully perfect suited exactly to the need.

There are many kinds of fungus growth to be found in Ontario displaying many surprising features of interest. I picked up and marvelled as I examined a few other specimens growing nearby. One was almost repulsive, black as coal and irregular in shape, another dainty little specimen was pure white with two-inch tendrils reaching up to light and air, its form rather like sponge coral. Still another was huge by contrast, roughly circular in shape, measuring 8 1/2 x 11 inches, with a cup almost two inches deep set near one side, not in the centre and growing from this cup a peculiar flower-like projection!

There were others, including tree fungus, each a marvel of design and so strong that I could not detach a sample with my fingers for further study.

All of these specimens of "lowly" creation added to my sense of wonder and reverence as I recognized in each an example of God's creation, perfectly suited to its environment and contributing to that "balance of nature" so necessary to keep our world wholesome and beautiful!

Beef dinner makes \$500

GREENWOOD. The beef dinner sponsored by the stewards of Greenwood United Church, proved very successful. The net profit was \$500.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken McTaggart, Lisa and Michael, accompanied by Mrs. Charles McTaggart, have returned from a trip to Florida.

Michelle Baun is a patient in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto. Edward Pegg is still in Scarborough Centenary.

Rosalie Brooks has been ill and Carol Goodwin is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Perkins have returned home from their cottage in Lochlin.

The Good Neighbors Club held a birthday party in Whitevale Church. Milton Pegg provided the program that included slides and music.

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For further information contact G. A. Ford, Superintendent of Business at 727-3141.

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Chairman Acting Director of Education

Must plant bush again

STOUFFVILLE. As a condition of a rezoning application from Consolidated Sand and Gravel for the west half of Lot 13 on Concession 9, which church Stouffville Planning Committee will ask that they reforest a 15-acre bush to replace seven acres to be destroyed in excavation. Originally the committee had requested that the mature hard wood bush be left standing but the company pointed out the bush would be left high and dry on a pedestal of land after excavation and they would have to give up about 40 acres of gravel around the bush.

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