

Suspect loses his shirt

YORK REGION — A suspect lost his shirt recently in an encounter with York Regional Police constable Miller. The officer had been investigating reports of youths breaking beer bottles in the Milne Conservation Area and was questioning a person, when two youths ap-

proached and began harassing the constable.

The pair grabbed beer bottles and flung them into the bushes, then pushed the policeman and tried to attack him. One suspect grabbed Const. Miller by the arm and threw him to the ground. The officer landed on his back, grabbed the suspect firmly by the shirt front and informed him he was under arrest.

The accused promptly slipped out of his shirt and ran away.

Constable Miller was subsequently taken to York County hospital for treatment of muscle and internal injuries.

One of the suspects was later apprehended. Charles R. Adams, 16, of Markham has been

charged with obstructing police and assault.

Indecent assault
Angelo Apa, 57, was charged with indecent assault when he was pointed out walking in Sherwood plaza by his alleged victim.

She had been grabbed and indecently assaulted by a man in the same plaza a few days previously.

Extra long extension
A thief spirited away

more than a quarter of a mile of extension cord last week.

Cable Tech of Main St. Stouffville is missing an 1,800 foot spool of the wire. It was valued at \$200.

Golf course attacked
Someone must have had a grudge against the 16th hole of the I.B.M. Golf and Country Club in Markham.

Four metal signs were pulled out and used

to make holes and tear up the turf at the 16th hole.

Douglas J. Watt of R.R. 1, Markham was later charged in connection with the offence.

Rooms searched
When Markham resident Vernon Ward returned home last weekend he found someone had broken the glass in the kitchen door to gain access to his house. All the rooms had been ransacked and some household articles taken.



No matter how many interesting programs are provided, some children still prefer to play in the mud. Darcy Campbell and Steven Toninger are intent on building a canal connecting two large mud puddles in Vandorf Park, despite efforts of counsellors to entice them away. The two are enrolled in a playground program sponsored by Stouffville Parks and Recreation.

Letter to the Editor

Playground is badly equipped

Dear Sir,
I am so incensed by the caption under the front page photograph of July 15's Tribune that I am moved to write about something that has annoyed me for years.

How can anyone in his right mind consider our town park to be "well-equipped"? With my two preschoolers I have visited a good number of parks and I regret to say that ours ranks at the bottom in terms of equipment.

A far more appropriate description would be "pitiful playground." How about some swings that are safe for preschoolers, some riding toys, some

crawling toys, a sand box, even a wading pool that doesn't charge 50 cents admission for a mere two hours use? And how about washrooms that are fit for human use?

I'm in favor of more informed and investigative reporting, thank you.

Sincerely,
Lynn Taylor,
Church St.

Ed. note: We would like to go on record that we've never made any claims to being in our right mind. We would be interested to hear how many other readers agree that the park is a "pitiful playground."

Not much residents can do about Claremont ammonia tank storage

CLAREMONT — There isn't much council can do about hydrous

ammonia storage tanks in Claremont, according to Pickering councillor Jack Anderson.

The only possible basis for action is the dangerous yards-by-law, the councillor said. Involving this law would necessitate proving in court that the yard is "dangerous or obnoxious to the public welfare," he said.

Residents petitioned council recently to have the tanks removed following an incident in which ammonia leaked from them, requiring several Claremont homes to be evacuated.

Mr. Anderson said the United Co-op company owning the tanks had applied for and received permission to install the tanks in 1970. Local property owners were notified at the time, but no objections were received.

OK Claremont study

CLAREMONT — A secondary plan study for the Claremont area was approved by the Pickering planning committee last week.

The study, which will be funded by major area land owners and potential developers, would determine how far the village boundaries should

be expanded, as well as looking into whether servicing of the village will become necessary through a communal water system. Sewage problems will also be examined.

It is anticipated the study will take two to three months.

Centre of Town decided

PICKERING — Pickering council decided on a site for the future downtown core area of Pickering recently.

Councillor Jack Anderson said the reason for the core designation was to give Pickering a focal centre which the spread-out town is lacking at present.

Planned is an expansion of Sheridan Mall to encompass two major stores (possibly the Bay and Simpsons), libraries, a new municipal building, a senior citizens complex, commercial offices and some housing.

The area to be developed would extend from Liverpool Rd. on the west, to the hydro lines on the east, and from Highway 2 on the north to 401 on the south.

Building of the first phase is slated to start in 1977.



Warren Mucci (centre) tries his hand at the "marble shoot" at a backyard carnival held last week on Booth Drive to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Keeping an eye on the time was Jimmy Vaughan (left) as Andrew Philliskirk looks on.



Great concentration was displayed by these participants in the recreation program at the Whitchurch Centennial Centre in Ballantrae. Working on crafts, are, left to right: Shannon Murneghan, Adrienne Rubbens and Lisa Windsor. About 42 are signed up at the Ballantrae



High spirits are evident in this group as the children attempt to draw the year 2600 as part of a craft program. The youngsters are participants in a playground program at Vandorf sponsored by Whitchurch-Stouffville Parks and



Games such as this are a regular part of the recreation program at Ballantrae. Here, Joanne Wedley leads the children through a rendition of "Snail, snail". Starting at the girl nearly out of the picture at right and going clockwise are: Adrienne Rubbens, Lisa Windsor, Leanna Hope, Doug Graham, Glen Graham, Mark Watling, Todd Watling and Geoffrey Kirby. Also in the picture are Nicky Zwier and Penny Holt. The other leader of the children is Holly Leitch.