

Resident sent to jail for 5 years

Twenty-two-year-old Terence James Duffy of Mississauga was sentenced to five years in penitentiary Monday when he appeared in Toronto provincial court.

Duffy had pleaded guilty to charges of conspiring to traffic in methamphetamine (speed) and possession of the same drug for trafficking.

A Toronto man, Iain Scott Henderson, was sentenced to two years on the conspiracy clause.

Liberal Association elections

Former Peel South Liberal Association President Irene Robinson has been elected vice-president of the Toronto and District Liberal Association.

Mrs. Robinson, who was a campaign manager for Bill Kent in the Oct. 30 federal election, was elected to the position at a weekend meeting of the association at the Sutton Place Hotel.



Riding Report

Don Blenkarn, MP

On May 8, 1968 Edgar Benson, then Minister of Finance under the Trudeau administration, told a Smith Falls, Ontario audience that "the importance of social security programs must be de-emphasized in Canada and top priority given to reshaping confederation."

On July 19, 1972 Pierre Trudeau told the press in Ottawa "... we have dealt in the past four years with the very important and urgent areas of helping the poor ... and in the future I think there will be a less pressing need to act in those directions."

On Jan. 4, 1973 in the Speech from the Throne opening the first session of Canada's 29th Parliament, the Trudeau government told Canadians that "... Canada's total social security system ... must be reconsidered and reorganized and made more sensitive to the needs of people in different parts of the country" and that "a fair and just relationship must be maintained between the incomes of people who are working at or near the minimum wage, the guaranteed incomes assured to people who cannot work and the allowances paid to those who can work but are unemployed."

This represents the fastest reversal in Trudeau government policy since the Prime Minister's recognition of the Queen, and represents about as much sincerity.

It seems that the Trudeau government has finally realized that people—the needs, desires and expectations of people—must be considered top priority by any legislative body. People, after all, were very much in evidence on Oct. 30 last year. And the lesson learned by the government on that day must have been a bitter one, indeed.

One must credit the government for finally recognizing

that something must be done to assist Canadians who are less fortunate than the majority—the elderly, those who are unemployed, those on welfare, those who are living with conditions that are less than satisfactory, usually through no fault of their own.

However, it is questionable whether this government has, in any real sense, come to grips with the problems these people experience. It is questionable, because although the Speech from the Throne sounds promising, it provides no real fundamental changes in the programs being advocated as solutions by this government. The Throne Speech demonstrates clearly that the government has noticed that there are problems in need of solution. It does not, however, provide any assurance that the government is prepared to undertake innovative measures to accomplish its stated objectives.

Certainly the government cannot be criticized for inconsistency in the area of social reform. Anything but. Virtually everyone of its policies in this area—poverty, taxation, manpower, training, regional development, agriculture reforms—have discriminated against the unemployed, the "working" poor, the low income groups who might have benefited if government policies and programs had been designed to help, rather than hinder. The government has been consistent all right—in bungling every piece of legislation that might have made our society truly just. The irony of the Throne Speech is that the government has chosen to perpetuate the same old programs.

It is essential that the government take new innovative approaches to Canada's social problems, that people be involved in their solution, and that people benefit from the legislation that is introduced and passed in the House.

We cannot continue to forget that section of our population which has been so blatantly disregarded by this government over the past four and a half years. We obviously cannot trust the New Democratic Party either, in its stated commitment to people.

As Robert Stanfield said in the House of Commons, on Jan. 8, 1973, the Liberals and the New Democrats in this Parliament represent "a marriage of convenience ... a union achieved by cynicism on the one hand and by sheer fright on the other."



This week's Times girl is 20-year-old Teresa Giudice who works as a receptionist with a Mississauga real estate company. (Times photo by Ray Saitz)

Man found asphyxiated in car

A 34-year-old Port Credit man was found dead in his car early Saturday morning.

The body of Joseph Zanth, 34, was discovered in the garage of his Lakeshore Road West apartment. Police describe the death as accidental, caused by asphyxiation.

Zanth's car was found running and it is believed he may have fallen asleep in the vehicle.

The dead man was employed as a salesman at Brian Phillips Chev-Olds Limited in Port Credit.

Cutbacks won't affect residence

Provincial cutbacks in university capital spending will not affect the construction of a 250-student residence for Erindale College, Peel South MPP Doug Kennedy has been advised.

The Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation will fund 90 percent of the cost and the University of Toronto will assume the remainder.

Mississauga fatality first of year

Mississauga recorded its first traffic fatality of the year Friday.

Hermann Haehn, 47 of Stanley Court in Brampton died in a collision at 1:22 p.m. at the corner of Derry Road and the Second Line East.

Haehn was westbound on Derry Road. His car struck another driven by Graham Wilkinson, 20 of Strath Avenue in Mississauga.

Wilkinson was northbound on the Second Line East. There are stop signs at the intersection facing vehicles on the Second Line.

ACLD may get board help

The Mississauga Association for Children with Learning Disabilities may be able to stage its unique summer school program this year if the board of education can find funds in its 1973 budget.

In a letter to the board received at its first meeting, ACLD president Doug Duncan asked for the board's monetary support of a Summer Skills Development Program.

Such a program was successfully operated two

summers ago for children with learning disabilities at Havenwood Public School. Funding for the lay teenage assistants used in the school came from federal Opportunities For Youth grants.

Last year the same federal funding was turned down. The youthful assistants were absolutely necessary for the operation of the school and without them the successes of 1971 could not be repeated.

This year Duncan foresees a Summer Skills Development

Program for up to 100 children suffering from a host of learning disabilities.

The association wants the board to contribute \$12,500 towards the program to cover salaries and expenses.

After reading the letter and accompanying brief trustee Doug Paton suggested to the administration that the ACLD's request be incorporated in budget estimates for consideration by the finance and budget committee.

Sheridan to offer evening course

Sheridan College, in cooperation with the Peel County Board of Education, will offer 32 evening courses beginning Jan. 22 at Cawthra Park Secondary School.

The program of credit and interest courses includes pollution control, theatre, swimming pool servicing, herbicides and insecticides.

Most courses run 10 weeks, from Monday to Thursday, at an average cost of \$26.

"We've found there is a definite need for extension programs in Mississauga," said Bill Brydon, community services program co-

Railway crossing study

Council's general committee has approved in principle an engineering recommendation to conduct planning studies of grade separations for five railway crossings.

Two engineer Bill Anderson advised that crossings on Cliff Road, Goreway Drive, Mavis Road, Eglinton Avenue and

ordinator for Cawthra Park. Brydon added that the programs developed at Cawthra will not conflict with those offered by the Peel County Board of Education.

Registrations will be held at the school Jan. 22 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Advance registrations are now being accepted at the Sheridan Oakville South campus, 216 Lakeshore Rd., Oakville (845-4924); Oakville Main campus, Trafalgar Rd. North (823-2110) and at the Brampton campus, 98 Church St. E. (459-7533).

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