



There's always a bad side

There are two sides to the German Christmas tradition and this dramatic photo represents Knecht Ruprecht, or Black Peter, who traditionally punishes bad children on the eve of Dec. 6 which is Christmas in some Scandinavian countries. St. Lucia represents the good and she is on display together with Black Peter at the Peel County Museum.

Co-operation top resolution

By DIANNE RINEHART
Co-operation among councillors leads the first in priorities city representatives listed for their New Year's resolutions, perhaps reflecting a general feeling that there was a lack of it last year.

This is what you can hope for if you believe in the traditional promises. Councillor-elect Terry Butt,

Ward 7, promises "to serve the people of Mississauga to the best of my ability in 1977."

Ward 5 Councillor Frank McKechnie says "I would wish for every family in Mississauga that their sewer and water bill will be cut in half for 1977."

Frank Bean, newly-elected councillor for Ward 3, promises, "to learn as much as I can about my new job and

to do my best to see the new councillors and staff work together as a team for the benefit of the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel."

Fred Hooper, Ward 6 councillor-elect, says, "I lost 12 pounds in the campaign and I'd like to keep it off. This, however will be difficult since there's a lot of sitting down and talking to be done.

I'd like to keep the weight off so I can work harder for the city."

Councillor-elect in Ward 6 Larry Taylor says bluntly, "I never make promises that I can't keep."

Frank Leavers, elected to represent Ward 8, says "I've resolved to work with my fellow councillors and the city staff in a spirit of co-operation

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Residents tell hearing Firm impairing quality of life

By JOHN STEWART
A parade of witnesses told a two-day hearing of the Environmental Hearing Board at city hall this week that odors from Tricil Limited in Clarkson are impairing their quality of life.

The residents, most of them from the Meadowood-Hatray area, were testifying at an appeal hearing resulting

from Tricil's reluctance to meet a control order issued by the ministry of the environment on August 27.

The control order requires Tricil to make many improvements in its operation. The order resulted from several inspections by ministry staff prompted by residents' complaints.

Tricil is not disputing most of the regulations requested in the order but believes it has an alternative, less expensive method of meeting the ministry's standards. The hearing was adjourned until February after this week's testimony. In the meantime, Tricil is going to make a proposal to the ministry which it hopes will be acceptable.

The Control Order would require Tricil, which burns liquid industrial wastes, to control odor emissions, install equipment to monitor incineration temperatures, construct dikes to prevent contamination of surface water run-off, clean up existing spills and analyze all material before it is incinerated, among a host of other things.

William Kent, president of Meadowood-Hatray Residents Association, said the area of some 320 homes he represents is most directly affected by smells emanating from Tricil. He gave some historical background to explain the "intensity of feeling" about Tricil's operation.

"When public meetings were held about 1970 concerning the construction of Tricil, residents were promised that there would be no pollution, explained Kent. Over the strong objections of residents, the disposal plant was approved, being described as a "modern facility, virtually free of pollution problems."

"We were told we were wrong — that there would be

no significant problems," remarked Kent. The people who made the application were wrong he claimed. When Tricil bought the operation "they went into it with their eyes wide open."

"They have failed quite miserably to live up to the undertaking they gave to the ministry," continued Kent. A pollution committee of the residents' association which actually gets in motor vehicles and follows industrial odors has traced several to Tricil's operation.

The ratepayer president, who was recently elected as a board of education trustee, urged that the three-man board panel give first consideration to the safety, comfort, welfare and health of the community and secondary consideration to the economic circumstances of Tricil.

Kent charged that Tricil did not always know exactly what it was burning. "We don't know what's coming out. We're just concerned with some of the stuff that we can't smell but which may be there."

A lawyer for Tricil, E. Hovet concurred with the sentiment of Kent's remarks. "I want to assure the board that the company orders the priorities the same as Mr. Kent does. The comfort and health of the community is our first consideration too."

Wendy Davies, a resident of Bob-o-Link Road, testified that there is often a smell from Tricil at her home. Her "sketchy" record showed that from April to the end of November, there were 11 days when the odor was particularly strong. On July 19 a tremendously bad skunk odor from Tricil was experienced, and the family had to come into the house from swimming.

Yvonne Bendell of Apple Lane has also experienced the

effects of the odors. It causes stomach cramps, makes throats dry and affects her children's eyes. It can also affect the appetite, she said.

"It's aggravating. It makes you feel annoyed that you can't just go out in your garden and enjoy it," the woman

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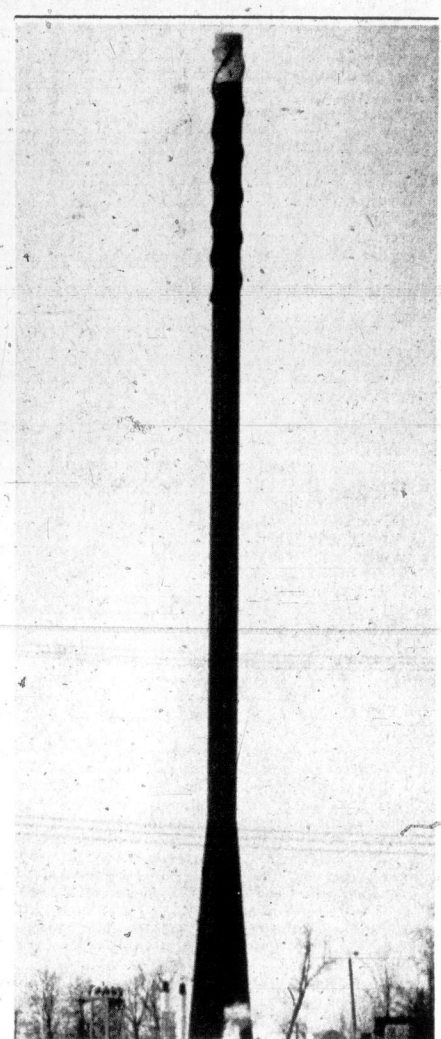


Photo shows the smoke stack of Tricil Limited in Clarkson which has been named as the source of skunk odor earlier this year. The company was also blamed by area residents at a hearing this week for impairing the quality of their lives.

Skunk odor was from Tricil stack

That mysterious skunky smell which descended on Mississauga and Metropolitan Toronto on July 19 was caused by incineration of materials at Tricil Limited in Clarkson.

The firm was described as the source of the odor by several residents in the area at an Environmental Hearing Board session this week at city hall. Two of the citizens who spoke also criticized the fact that the material which caused the smell was trucked to the liquid industrial wastes incineration plant from Michigan.

Wendy Davies of 474 Bob-o-Link Road said the skunk smell was the worst odor she had ever experienced in her home, which also gets odors on occasion from the Gulf Refinery.

Mrs. Davies said her children and some of their friends were swimming in the backyard pool when she first smelled the "dreadful odor."

"My first reaction was that it was a skunk but after we walked around a bit, we realized it was more widespread than that," she told the board. After a few minutes "the house just reek-

ed of the odor — downstairs and everywhere."

For the first time in 10 years, the family could not use the pool because of the smell. The smell was "tremendously intense and affected our eyes," Mrs. Davies explained.

By the next morning, the smell was much less intense. Mrs. Davies was particularly concerned about the odor because she has an asthmatic son and "it makes him cough and wheeze."

Yvonne Bendell and her husband Dr. James Bendell both testified before the board that the smell definitely came from Tricil. They said they knew because they were so disturbed by the smell that they got in their car and traced the source to the Tricil plant on Avonhead Road.

The same skunky smell was coming from two tanks which were being cleaned by workmen wearing gas masks, Mrs. Bendell said.

At the time of the skunk incident there was much speculation in the Toronto media about where it originated.

Ken Wilk of Tricil said after

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JANUARY 7
Streetsville Councillor Hazel McCallion was ousted from membership in the Credit Valley Conservation Authority by a vote of her fellow city councillors. She was absent when the vote was taken. McCallion said there were "obviously political reasons" behind the decision not to reappoint her to the authority. She had been chairman of the authority's pivotal water management advisory board for the previous two years.

Further investigations were clearly warranted, Judge Hay Stortim of York County Court told city lawyers at a meeting that he was no longer inquiry commissioner because of a Divisional Court ruling which found the inquiry was illegal and would make no further comment about the proceedings.

Lou Murphy, president of the Mississauga local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, said members who returned to work during the recent 43-day postal strike might face possible fines of up to \$200 or more. Murphy said there was strong pressure from within the local to impose some penalty against

those who returned to work before the strike was over.

JANUARY 14
An Ontario Supreme Court justice ruled that convicted rapist-murderer Henry Williams, 26, of Streetsville, could not be sentenced to indefinite detention as a dangerous sexual offender, although he had admitted to committing two murders, one attempted murder, four rapes and one attempted rape. Mr. Justice Edson Haines noted that Williams had been convicted of the murders of Neda Novak, 18, Constance Dickey, 19, and the attempted murder of Julia Sheldon, 16, but had not been convicted of a sexual

offence, although all three crimes had been preceded by rapes. Haines said the Criminal Code section on sex offenders did not include murder, and described the situation as an oversight by Parliament.

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed suggested in a letter to Leo Bernier, provincial minister of natural resources, that the Ontario government look into staff problems at the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Reed said he was concerned that the dismissal of project coordinator Stephen Shawcross and environmental planner Michael McCartney on Dec.

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The Christmas spirit is alive in Mississauga

By DIANNE RINEHART
Goodwill is contagious and a whole series of events that sprung from one telephone call last week demonstrated the concern that neighbors still feel for neighbors.

Two weeks ago a mother of a Times carrier phoned the circulation department to ask for information about the Mississauga News Christmas Bureau. She had just discovered she had acute leukemia. She has four children and is separated from her husband.

Unfortunately, because she had been in hospital during the application period for The News Bureau, she was too late to receive Christmas benefits.

Publisher Richard Desrochers heard of her plight and donated \$50 to the family's Christmas on behalf of The Times.

Members of the circulation staff decided to do some grocery shopping for the family as their own contribution.

When they explained what they were doing to the manager of IGA Southdown, he donated almost \$70 worth of groceries.

The story spread to other Times staff members who wanted to buy presents for the children.

Money was quietly slipped into an open envelope left in the circulation department. The staff then spent their spare time over the next two days buying gifts for the family with the \$270 they had collected in only a few hours.

The spirit of Christmas continued to prevail at

the Westdale Mall on Dundas Street. First, Marlene's Fashions knocked 35% off the prices, then store managers in every single store gave discounts on the other gifts.

Circulation staff members continued on to Lawrence Emporium on Dundas Street, where two clerks spent hours helping them choose almost \$100 worth of clothing for the family.

The store gave a discount on the merchandise and the individual staff members gave contributions of their own as a gift for the family.

While Emporium staff members were wrapping the presents, a store next to the shop heard about the plan and gave toys as gifts for the family.

One Times staff member said "it added that much more to my own Christmas."

The mother of the family said she didn't want anything for Christmas except to be with her children.

She was released for the holiday but returned to hospital yesterday for tests and treatment, after a celebration cheered by other's concern.

Our purpose in passing along the story is not because anyone wanted to take a bow for showing a little human concern. Not one single shopkeeper or individual asked if we were going to write a story.

Our only reason was to say, once more, that most people are decent and concerned and we suspect that over this holiday season there has been an epidemic of unreported stories just like this. News is sometimes good news, too.

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Women are sent for treatment where none of its kind exists

The Vanier Centre for Women in Brampton has no drug or alcohol programs, even though many judges refer convicted women to the centre for such treatment programs.

That information was contained in a report to regional council from the Public Institutions Inspection Panel which recently visited a

number of jail facilities in the region.

In its report, the panel said it had been informed by the head staff at the centre that a program for drug therapy is being considered. "It was also explained that the centre is not equipped to be a treatment centre, but is a penal institution," stated the report.

Another concern expressed by women inmates is the

waiting period for appeals to other courts. "The staff explained that while an appeal is pending no proper program can be applied to the resident nor do they qualify for parole privileges."

Councillor Jim Yarrow of Brampton told the recent council meeting which received the report that it "doesn't solve the problem."

Peel chairman Lou Parsons assured Yarrow that the information would be forwarded to the ministry of corrections for its information.

"These comments are all very well and good but they're not solving a very basic wrong in the system," he remarked. "This is not an adequate answer unless we refer this to the proper people."



Man is killed
A 65-year-old Downsview man was killed early Thursday morning when his car (foreground) was struck broadside by a second car on Dixie Road north of Britannia Road. James MacArthur was pronounced dead at the scene. Lynda Haines, 29, of Bramalea, the driver of the second car was taken to Peel Memorial Hospital with a concussion and later released. Police said MacArthur's car was travelling north on Dixie Road when it crossed the centre line, went out of control and was struck broadside by the Haines' car. Investigators had not yet determined why MacArthur's vehicle went into the oncoming lane. Road conditions were wet at the time of the accident.