

Who May Take Lunch To School Still Undecided

York County Board of Education ran into heavy water when trustees discussed school lunch policy at a board meeting August 25.

While rural representatives were shocked at the suggestion that many elementary school children would not be allowed to take their lunches to school, urban trustees were concerned about the added burden on the teacher and the board.

The hour and one half lunch period was too long for children to fill in at school at noon, argued Richmond Hill Trustee Deena Simpson.

"It is a matter of basic philosophy," she declared. "Is the board to be responsible for children from nine to four?"

Trustee Les Burrows of Sutton, on the other hand, commented, "It is a shock to think a child cannot take his lunch to school. They should be permitted to do so if they so desire. A number of parents leave home at 7 am and commute to work. The children are on their own."

Trustee Merna Colbourne of the Town of Markham asked that the staff policy be amended to permit children of mothers who were the sole support of families to take their lunches, and that it also make provision for family emergencies in which case the principal could use his

discretion about letting the child remain for lunch.

She objected strongly, however, to the idea of the board supplying "babysitting service" from 7 am to 6 pm because the parents were at work.

"I would fire a principal who did not use discretion in considering a family emergency," Director Sam Chapman assured her.

The policy would permit all children who travel to school by bus to stay for lunch, except kindergarten children.

All children who live more than a mile from school will be allowed to stay at school for lunch, also children in grades 1 to 3 who live more than three-quarters of a mile from the school.

During the winter — December to March, all students living more than three-quarters of a mile from school may take their lunch, and children with health problems may take their lunch, although they will require a doctor's certificate if the condition extends beyond three days.

"We may be asking children to walk home on roads their parents may not want them to walk on, and I cannot accept this," protested Trustee Marvin Hunter of King Township. "There may be traffic problems in rural areas. We had no problems in the past when children

remained at school for lunch."

"It is standard procedure in rural areas for children to take their lunch to school," agreed Whitechurch Trustee Arthur Starr. "A mile and a half is too far for a small child to walk on a highway like Don Mills Road."

King Trustee David Bachley suggested the staff review school lunch policy to differentiate between regulations for schools in rural and urban areas. In some rural schools, he pointed out, ten pupils might be obliged to go home for lunch while 300 stayed at school, and this could be considered discriminatory.

Most trustees agreed that policies of the former area boards had worked very well for them and questioned the need for a change.

"We had no trouble in the spring. Are we being flooded with children who want to take their lunches?" asked Aurora Trustee Keith Nisbet.

As a county board, said Chairman John MacKay, they had to adopt a uniform policy. Everyone is paying the same school tax, and suddenly they discover that children in one school may take their lunch, but in another they cannot.

Most mothers, said Mr. MacKay, enjoy having the

children home for lunch.

Mr. Chapman agreed, "It is better for elementary school children to go home if it is at all possible, to tell mother what happened and who pinched who."

He agreed there are parents who prefer to have their children remain at school for no good reason, but he pointed out this adds to the supervisory load of the teacher who has a right to some free time to eat his own lunch.

The policy requires that the lunch room be supervised by a teacher or other member of staff or a volunteer, and that in planning future schools a lunch room be included if there will be more than 25 students remaining at school for lunch.

The board agreed to delete a staff recommendation that teachers be encouraged to arrange for recreational activities at noon such as sports, games, music, drama, library use, home economics or industrial arts clubs.

This could mean bringing in extra help, said Vaughan Trustee Ross Jolliffe, and in a large school it would involve considerable cost to the board.

"We are not ready for this yet," said Mr. Jolliffe.

His proposal that staff review the policy and bring it back to the next meeting of the board on September 8

met with strong opposition from Mr. Chapman and Associate Director Gordon McIntyre.

"Many children will go home for lunch," said Mr. McIntyre, "but many will take advantage of no policy and this will be a problem for the principals."

"If you want different policies in rural and urban areas you will have to decide what is rural and what is urban, or we will have principals doing different things and you will have no choice but to support me and to support the principal in whatever he does," declared Mr. Chapman. To have no policy, he said, would be to invite confusion.

Mrs. Nisbet commented that there were inconsistencies in lunch hour policy. In secondary schools, he said, students who live only a block from the school have to get parental signatures before they are allowed to go home for lunch.

No one spoke against a clause requiring that arrangements to purchase milk be made for students who stay at school for lunch every day.

Mrs. Colbourne moved that the board adopt the policy to avoid confusion when school opens and review it again in April.

The motion was defeated and the policy returned to staff for further study.

ELGIN MILLS AND JEFFERSON NEWS

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Neighborhood Notes
Birthday greetings are extended to Cory Knipe, September 5 and to Carol Hallgren on September 10.

Mrs. Jean Holden of Glasgow, Scotland spent three weeks, August 1 to 24, with her niece Mrs. Janet Harper of Drynoch Farm, whom she had not seen for 20 years.

Eva Joy Henke and Julia Lomas spent a very enjoyable week at Arrowhead Ranch, Collingwood.

Church News
The service on Sunday at St. John's Anglican Church will be the Litany.
Rev. Earl Gerber and his family have now returned from their vacation at Camp Koinonia.

Lewis Wants Whitechurch Set Taxi Rates

Whitechurch Township Council still can't make up its mind if it wants to get involved in setting taxi rates.

The 40-clause taxi bylaw was referred back to committee, August 26, after Councillor Robert Lewis warned that by not controlling the rates council was leaving residents to the whims of the township's one cab company.



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Gormley Neighborhood Notes

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Late Charles Hoover

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Charles Hoover and family and to Allan Hoover, brother of Charles, in the sudden passing of Charles Hoover on August 20. Mr. Hoover farmed for many years on the farm now owned by Alfred Hohl and served in various offices in Markham Township over 35 years. Funeral service held August 23 in Heise Hill Church was largely attended and a silent tribute to the life of service given by Mr. Hoover.

Neighborhood Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hoover and children of New Dundee spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Elliott.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sider and family of Fenelon Falls and Mrs. Henry Koop of Willowdale were at the Missionary Church Sunday morning. Harold and Mrs. Koop (Velma Cober) were both raised in this community.
Garth Hunking of Kitchener spent last week with his cousin, Douglas Elliott.
Mrs. Marjorie Dunster of Surrey, England was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Leary for a week recently.
Joseph Jones was a guest at the wedding of his granddaughter, Miss Bonnie Jones of Markham at an Anglican Church in

Willowdale on Saturday last.

Miss Charleen Milsted spent several days with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Paxton and family at Fairport Beach near Ajax.
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jones of Elk Lake visited their aunt Mrs. Beula Jones on Sunday.
Misses Jan and Joyce Loewen of North Bay were weekend guests at the home of E. W. Jones.
Congratulations to Brent Moorby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Moorby, who celebrated his first birthday recently.
Miss Sharon Vallee of Ottawa was a guest of her friend, Miss Brenda Chapman for a week's holiday.
Miss Nancy Dart of Oshawa holidayed with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mohl.
Mrs. Alex McTaggart of Toronto spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Stockley.
Ben Boulton of Montreal enjoyed a two-week visit with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dodd.
A number of our travellers have returned from very interesting trips — Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Empringham and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Empringham and Bradley of Queensville spent two weeks in the Canadian West.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stickley

spent two and one-half weeks away, going as far west as Banff.
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Heise, Shirley and Lucille, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. David Heise of Virginiatown holidayed in the western provinces for almost three weeks.
Miss Sarah Gibson has returned from a six-week trip to Europe. Sarah flew to Vienna, visited Rhodes and Greece, toured Austria by car and spent three weeks in Yugoslavia.
Miss Sherri Leary and Miss Barbara McCutcheon spent two months touring in Europe. They went to Paris by boat, toured the continent and flew home from London via Air Canada.
Miss Ann Duncan spent her entire holiday visiting many places in Europe, and Miss Betty Arhuckle spent six weeks in the British Isles.
Mr. and Mrs. William Ash, Connie and John visited relatives in Saskatchewan.
Mr. and Mrs. Metro Sudeyko and Miss Ivadelle Sudeyko attended the annual banquet of the Child Evangelism Fellowship on Saturday at Cook's Presbyterian Church in Toronto.
A miscellaneous shower was held Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce

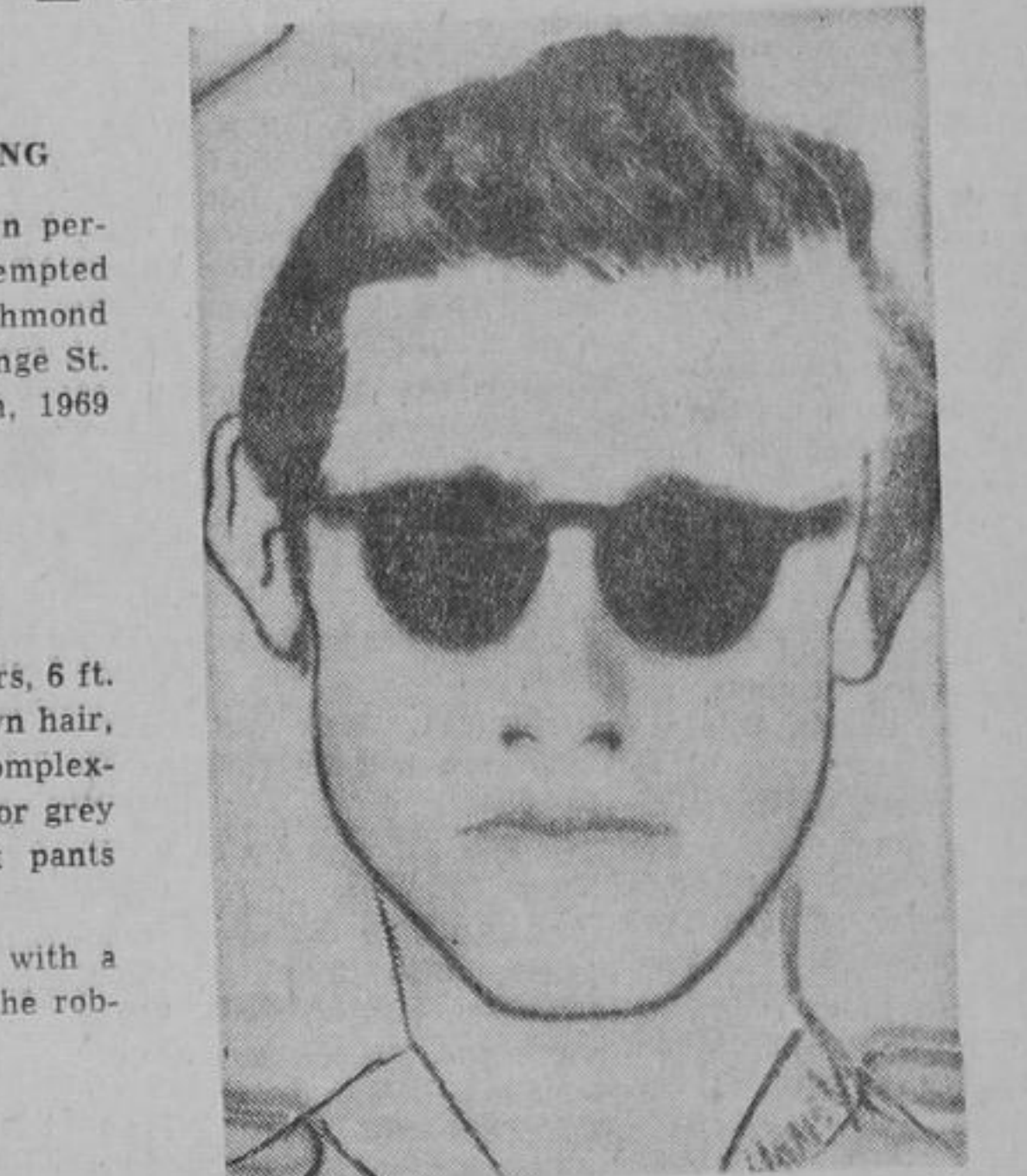
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brother and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Stickley of Saskatchewan.
Mrs. Claire Zonnekeyn was seriously injured in a car accident on Don Mills Road, August 27. Mrs. Zonnekeyn was taken to York County Hospital, Newmarket, but then moved to Toronto General Hospital. Her youngest son, Khimo is in York County Hospital with a broken leg.
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Evans attended the funeral of their friend, Robert Bottomley of Scarborough on Tuesday last.
Miss Sarah Gibson has resumed her teaching duties at Nopen High School in Ottawa.
Mrs. J. Allan Pope returned from a tour of several countries in Western Europe. She spent the last week visiting relatives in Devon, Cornwall and Lancashire, England.
Rev. Andrew McNiven, Mrs. McNiven and family of Fenwick moved into the parsonage at Heise Hill Church on Friday last. Mr. McNiven is the new pastor of this church.
A miscellaneous shower will be held Friday evening for Donald Sproxtion and Miss Joan Branch at Victoria Square Hall. This notice is your invitation to attend and ladies will provide refreshments.
Miss Marlene Williams of Ottawa spent the weekend with her uncle and aunt, Major and Mrs. Fred Lewis.
Friends in the community were sorry to learn of the sudden passing of Orval Glausser of Toronto at his home, Wednesday evening of last week.
Gormley WI met August 27 at the home of Mrs. Roy Smith. Mrs. Russ Elias presided over the meeting and the roll call. "Uses of Ice" was answered by nine members and three visitors. Mrs. Harry Smith gave the Gazette and Mrs. Norman Brown gave an interesting paper on "Noise".
Church News
Bishop Roy Sider of Sherketon was in charge of the August 24 morning worship service at Heise Hill Church for the installation of the new pastor Rev. Andrew McNiven. The evening service was conducted by Wilbur Cadell of the People's Church, Willowdale, representing the Gideons.
Guest speaker at August 24 services at the Missionary Church was Mr. Pettigrew who came from India last January and is working with World Vision in Toronto.
A number of local families are attending the annual Brethren in Christ camp meeting convening this week at the Niagara Christian College Campus at Fort Erie.

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COMPOSITE DRAWING

Composite of an unknown person wanted for the attempted armed robbery of the Richmond Hill Credit Union, 66 Yonge St. S., Monday, August 18th, 1969 at 4:55 p.m.



DESCRIPTION

Male, white, 28 to 35 years, 6 ft. 160 to 175 lbs. Dark brown hair, Med. build, clear light complexion, wearing a light tan or grey short sleeve shirt, dark pants and shoes, sunglasses.
This person was armed with a revolver at the time of the robbery.

Any person having knowledge of the person described or of the robbery is asked to contact the Chief of Police, Town of Richmond Hill.

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