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## County Board, Teachers Stalemate On Salary Talks - Meet Again Saturday

Secondary school teachers' demands for an increase of \$1,100 or more over what they now receive have resulted in a breakdown in negotiations between committees of York County Board of Education and teacher representatives.

A spokesman for the teachers says the latest offers of the board, (which range from \$400) to \$1,000 in addition to the \$400 annual increment built into last year's contract), would give teachers with the least qualifications an increase of 9.03 percent and only 6.93 percent increase to those with the highest academic qualifications.

They are asking for an increase of about 17 percent for teachers at all levels, plus an increment of \$460 for every year of teaching experience up to the maxima for each cate-

After nine meetings of teachers and trustees, nebroken off February 21 and the decision of their committee was upheld at a mass meeting of the 728 secondary school teaching membership at Dr. G. W Williams Secondary School in Aurora on February 23.

On the same night at a meeting of the board, Whitchurch Trustee Arthur Starr, chairman of the board's negotiating committee, reported that there will be further meetings of the joint committee again on Saturday.

Beginning teachers are now getting \$6,800 a year. The board is offering them \$7,200. They want \$7,820. Teachers who remain in the first category - a pass arts degree plus a year of teacher training can now work up to a maximum salary of \$11,200. The board has offered to increase this to \$11,700. The teachers are asking for \$12,420.

Those with an honors degree now start at \$7.200. The board is offering \$7,600. They want \$8,280. With experience they can work up to \$12,000. Free Rabies Clinic The board committee has reommended this be raised to \$12,500. The teachers commit-

tee is demanding \$13,340. Teachers with higher qualifi- of Agriculture will estabcations come in category three blish free rabies clinics in and have a starting salary of York County at the request \$8,000. The increase recom- of county council, Richmended would give them \$8,400 for the 1970-71 school year, but was informed at its Monthey are asking for \$9,200. day night meeting. Maximum in this category is \$13,500 and the board is pre- clinic for domestic animpared to raise it to \$14,000. als, in an effort to control The teachers are holding out the increase in the incid-

ers in secondary schools begin 25 from 1-7 pm. Counat \$8,600 a year. They are be- cil granted the use of the ing offered \$9,000. The top town's works building on salary in this category is Pugsley Avenue for the \$14,400 and the board is offer- clinic. This was the site ing \$14,900, but the teachers of a similar clinic in 1966. are asking for \$15,640.

Originally, said Mr. Starr, the recalled that at that time committee had agreed to nego- he had had to stand in line tiate and not to report to the with his family's pet dog public until an agreement had for the free service. "A



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

### Honor Eleven Staff Members

Eleven members of the nursing, housekeeping and dietary departments of York Central Hospital were honored with the presentation of their five year pins at the annual meeting of the association held February 24.

Making the presentation on behalf of the board of directors was Vice-Chairman John Griffin. Seen above with Mr. Griffin are Mrs. Margaret Steadman RN (left) and Miss Mary Weddel RN, two of the recipients. The presentations were made following a dinner held in their honor in the hospital cafeteria.

Other staff members receiving the pins included Mrs. Evelyn Shier RN, Mrs. Margaret Pearson RN, Mrs. Pauline Morse RN, Mrs. Mary Lou Diceman RN, Mrs. Ursula Lewandowski RN, Mrs. Mary Flanigan, Mrs. Violet Lawrie, Mrs. Ethel Bartlett and Mrs. Clara Munro.

## March 25

The Federal Department mond Hill Town Council

A free rabies vaccination ence of rabies, will be held Most highly qualified teach- in Richmond Hill March

# Councillor Eric George

#### been reached, but at the meetlot of people took advanting February 20 it was agreed age of it", he reported. that the teachers' negotiating "Otherwise the immunizatgroup would inform all teachers ion would cost \$5." (Continued on Page 15) Council Turns Down Name Change

No Decision Yet On Arnold St. A street name is a street request was backed by a petitname until someone attempts ion signed by more than 50% to change it and then it be- of the residents on both seccomes a headache, Richmond tions of the street Hill Town Council is learning Major Mackenzie Drive

Council decided to take no Last Monday a bylaw chang- action on a request from these vehicles blazing their own ing the name of Arnold Street Vaughan Township that Markto Arnold Crescent was heard ham Road and Vaughan Road before a judge in Toronto. At be renamed Major Mackenzie that night's meeting of town Drive in honor of Lex Mackencouncil, Clerk Russell Lynett zie who represented York reported that the judge had re- North in the Legislature for 22 served his decision in answer years.

to a question by Councillor Clerk Lynett again explained that to change the name of a The clerk also reported that road a township need only pass two persons had appeared in a bylaw. The regulations for a objection to the plan and writ-town require that after the first ten objections had also been two readings of the bylaw a possible to concentrate and a received and were considered. hearing before a judge must be neighbor with emphysema has the legislation. One of those making a per-held.

sonal appearance had suggested | Council felt that the expense that the problem of confusion to individuals caused by the its beginning on Yonge Street Reynolds Road

and develops into Arnold Cres- Another name change request cent as it curves around to was received at Monday night's Vaughan Road, was simple, the council meeting. From Reyclerk reported. It would mean nolds Extrusion Company Limonly installation of a signpost ited came a request to have the at the juncture with the names town change the name of the

road in the industrial area, on "Even if the judge's decision which its large new plant is is favorable to the change," the nearing completion, from Edclerk pointed out, "council does wards Avenue to Reynolds not have to give the bylaw the Avenue. Decision on this

third reading which would im- was deferred for a couple of weeks to determine the react- County Board of Education The clerk also pointed out ion of the only other landown- asking for an amendment to ing in Newmarket on Febthat council had no control ov- er fronting on the road, Rich- the Income Tax Act to per-

er the location of the hearing, mond Hill Acres. Mayor William Lazenby re- "When we are getting that trustees to deduct one-third called that the bylaw had been kind of tax money from the of their \$3,000 a year honorrequested last year by Rev. Dav- applicant I can see only one aria as expense allowance id McGuire of St. Mary's An-possible decision," commented for income tax exemptions. glican Church, who lives in the Reeve Donald Plaxton. "I think "I think this exemption rectory at 100 Arnold Crescent. the change is justifiable," add- for councillors is wrong," Mr. McGuire told council he ed Deputy-reeve Ivan Mans- said Mr. Jolliffe. "Why was concerned when his friends bridge. 'This firm is the first should we ask to be treated had difficulty locating him be- to establish itself in the area, any differently than other of council or committee atcause of the confusion of it has set a pattern and is a people?" names on the one street. His good, reputable company." | Mr. Jolliffe's motion that received \$3,500 a year, and

## Delegation Asks Snowmobile Ban In Mill Pond Park Area

"Something has to be done found it impossible to go out-proach them in a cruiser and about the nuisance of snowmo-side this winter because of the they take off across the fields biles in the Mill Pond and pollution of the air." Mr. Mc- to the golf course." Polish Park areas," James Mc- Crae said as he marshalled his Richmond Hill is operat-Crae of Sugar Maple Lane told evidence.

Richmond Hill Town Council He reported phoning the force, Mayor William Laz-Monday night. Mr. McCrae police department who stated was spokesman for a group of there was no governing byratepayers in the Mill Pond law in the town, so there was holidays, etc., this means nothing they could do. He outlined their complaints. The spokesman then express-

stating, "Many of the operators ed concern about the conver- erence to the police departof these vehicles have no sion kits now being turned out thought for the privacy of which will make these vehicles people living in the neighbor- usable in the summer months. hood and continue tearing "If you allow them, you will not criticizing the police force, around in their roaring mach-have to allow motorcycles and in fact we found them quite ines until one or two in the the pond area would make an sympathetic. We are here to morning." He recalled that on ideal spot for a gang headquar- see if we can't have a bylaw one occasion a man parked his ters," he charged.

car in front of the McCrae Police Chief Robert Robbins "I understood that the parks home, unloaded his snowmobile admitted that motorized snow bylaw does give us that proand drove it at a 45 degree vehicles are causing him prob- tection. Has anyone been angle across the property to the lems. "But I am not alone in charged? Has any snowmobile "We are supported by the naturallsts in our ap-

peal," Mr. McCrae reported. "They are concerned that the wildlife is being driven out of the park area. Normally I put out about three bags of feed for the birds during a winter. This year I have not used up one bag, an indication that the wildlife is not around.'

"The naturalists are also conpaths through tender underorush," he stated. "They are not only using the designated trails, but are driving around the pond and even on the ice

"It is almost impossible to watch TV because of the interference from these machines streaking across the screen. The noise is so bad it is im-

ing with a 28 man police enby pointed out. "With a 40 hour week, days off, there is an average of 3.2 officers on a shift. In defment it doesn't have the necessary manpower."

Mr. McCrae agreed. "We are which will give us protection."

this and my men are coming up operator been taken to court with other problems. One of to see if the bylaw will stand the big things they have point-up?" he asked. The answer ed out is that trails have been was "No." set up in certain areas. How "Our bylaw says motor ve-

do we police them? We ap-hicles are allowed in parks only where roadways are marked," stated Councillor Shaun Beggs, chairman of the parks and recreation committee. was against banning snowmobiles from parks in Richmond Federal Finance Minist- Hill because I felt the place for them was in the parks, but parks board did not agree with me. I have two vehicles but I don't allow a child under 16 to operate them on the road, I pay insurance, I pay for a license and I feel I have the right to use the sides of the road. I agree that 2 am is

much too late." Mr. Beggs pointed out that most of the thoughtless operators are not residents of the town, but come from outside. Chief Robbins felt that the present bylaw could be made (Continued on Page 3)

#### Blue Hills, Union Villa When York County Council brought in its \$5.76 | Mr. Plaxton agreed, "Blue with hands out looking for Hills may reflect in a reduced million budget on February 20, controversy centred \$10,000 grants. police budget, and that would Whitchurch Reeve Stewart around allocations for welfare services, to the Childbe a welcome relief. We should Burnett declared that in dis-

County Budget Rejects

ren's Aid Society, The York-Oshawa Health Unit, be concerned." Unionville Home For The Aged Society, and Blue Hills Academy For Emotionally Disturbed Children.

There were emotional protests from members of council when the finance committee struck \$17,600 from the Children's Aid Society budget, then council turned down recommendations from the committee for grants of \$10,000 each to the Unionville Society and the Blue Hills Academy.

Objecting to the proposed of programs shared by senior

\$10,000 grant to the Union Villa, government bodies, and her mowhich is now under construction that the grant to Unionville tion, Reeve Stewart Rumble of Society be deleted was approv Markham Township protested ed by a majority of council. that the Unionville Home for Finance Committee Chairman the Aged is a private society, Reeve Sam Nasello of Sutton that it has canvassed every who was opposed to the motion. home in his township and is said his committee would look now asking the county to tax into the validity of such grants. When King Township Dep-

The county is already in the uty-reeve Kenneth Mactaggart "homes for the aged" business moved that the grant to Blue declared Richmond Hill Reeve Hills Academy also be deleted. Donald Plaxton. In December Reeve Plaxton bitterly suggestit approved debentures of \$340,- ed that grants to the Victorian 000 as York County's share of Order of Nurses, parks and the cost for an addition to York other areas of public service Manor Home for the Aged at also be deleted. Newmarket. "We don't want to break

"If a group of private citizens any new ground. We want make an effort," said Mr. Plaxton, "they are entitled to our support. We should issue a debenture for the Unionville home the same as for York Manor. We would get more value for

Parents To Learn

About Drugs

Sunday

For adults only. The

third in a series of four

meetings dealing with the

use and abuse of drugs, be-

ginning at 8 pm Sunday at

Wrixon Hall, St. Mary's

Anglican Church, will be

directed at parents, and

the speaker will be Alfred

Fowlie, executive director

of the North Metro Branch

of the Addiction Research

Foundation which has of-

series of four took place

on January 11 and was op-

en to people of all ages.

There will be a fourth

meeting on March 15 which

will be open to people of

all ages and will feature

films and discussion deal-

ing with the problems of

Mr. Fowlie will attempt to

answer the question, "What

Can We Do?" There will

also be a display of drugs

that may be illegal, addict-

Coffee and discussion

ive or habit forming

adults are welcome.

At the meeting Sunday,

drug abuse.

The second meeting

for young people only.

The first meeting in the

fices in Thornhill.

Referring to a request from The home, which will cost the board of directors of Blue about \$2.2 million, is seeking Hills Academy for a grant of \$300,000 from individuals and \$209,000 to be spread over municipalities in York County three year period, Mr. Plaxton Grants have been approved by said it would be better for the provincial and federal authori-county to debenture the cost ties, \$765,000 from the province of the entire project and \$1,141,000 from Central He pointed out that the prov

Mortgage and Housing Corpora ince has agreed to bear total operating costs of the project The home, said Mr. Plaxton, once it is in operation, adding would serve all senior citizens that the county council, in rein the southern part of the fusing to support the projects county as York Manor serves will justify the condemnation of

other levels of government. Aurora Reeve Evelyn Buck "We are asking for more legargued that the grants to Union islative power in regional gov-

Villa and Blue Hills Academy ernment, but we don't use the would be a "departure from the powers we have." custom" of the council in pay- Reeve Clare Salisbury of Newing up to 25 percent of the cost market supported Mr. Plaxton

have been told Blue Hills wil serve the county, that 250 childthe provincial government has

to stick with the things we

are familiar with. . . . We

will sweep the problems of

the aged and the disturbed

children under the rug and

pretend they don't exist."

reeve Wallace Connell pointed reeves. of the area canvassed the com- partment of Municipal Affairs, Councillors protested that that is second to none."

already have the support of the With property assessed at province, he declared. "Would market value, said Mr. McLean, it be cheaper to put indigents industrial taxes will drop by 18 into secondary homes than in percent. To make up the difour own?" he asked. "I would ference in his municipality hate to see anything taken out there will be a 9.4 percent inof the budget that shows we crease in residential taxes. are prepared to share responsi- A sampling in Woodbridge, bility toward the aged and he told council, showed that his children with problems. own taxes will be up by \$78.

Mrs. Buck, although opposed He advised that other muni- \$1,038,515.50. to Union Villa, rallied to the cipalities also calculate a few. The total budget for 1970 is support of Blue Hills.

Vaughan Township Reeve Garnet Williams argued that the whole approach was wrong, that the county should develop a policy on grants and debentures for projects such as homes for the aged and the emotionally disturbed, that they look into it further." should not have to come

cussing Blue Hills Academy, "We should be talking in terms of \$209,000, not \$10,000." He pointed out that the Blue Hills brief had been presented at the February meeting of council, that the finance committee had not had time to consider it in a

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#### Asks Half Developer Million For School Site

Catholic School Board is reeling over the prices it is being asked to pay for land for school sites.

The board is looking for land for a school to serve new housing developments on Concession 3 in the Township of Markham, and the developer is asking \$578,600 for an eight-acre

The board has been quoted a price of \$68,100 an acre plus \$33,800 for services. Business Administrator Percy Laframboise points out this would average out at \$72,325 an acre.

York County Board of Education is looking for a 25 acre site in the same area for a complex which would include a junior and senior public school and a secondary school.

\$13,200 an acre for the land, which cost the developer \$7,000 an acre, but the developer is asking

taking place in the area will include a number of town house and apartment county.

York County Roman units, both boards are anticipating a large influx of

The board has offered

school-age children. "The price quoted the

public schools is staggering enough," declared Mr. Laframboise. "The price quoted the separate school is out of this world. Why the difference? Why the big prices to either board in the first instance?" Sufficient pressure should

be brought to bear upon vested interests to force them to sell land to school boards at reasonable cost. Because the developer

is creating the need for schools, he should be prepared to bear a larger portion of the cost involved." The board of education

has repeatedly urged that a per-unit levy be charged to developers for schools, just as they are forced to pay for sewers, roads and Trustees of both boards

are unanimously agreed that the people who create the need should pay for the Since the developments cost of new schools, Under the present system the cost is spread over the entire

## "We have been told Union Villa will help the whole county. We Residential Taxes Will Soar, New ren a year get psychiatric help at York County Hospital, that Assessment — Woodbridge Reeve

seen fit to assist them. We are At the annual budget meet-the council's finance committee asking for more responsibility ing of York County Council on estimates it will need \$3,018,221 in regional government. Now we February 20, Woodbridge Reeve in 1970 compared with John McLean issued a warning \$2,822,190 in 1969. The mill North Gwillimbury Deputy- to his fellow reeves and deputy- rate for county operations will increase from 12.207 mills to out that when York County The shift in assessment in- 12.273 mills on an equalized Hospital was started the people troduced this year by the De-assessment of \$245,920,859.

munity and got the support of he said, will result in dramatic they were obliged to operate on the churches. Now it has the increases in property taxes on assessments for 1968 in calcufull financial support of the residential and farm land if lating their budget, whereas county, "and we have a service municipalities are to bring in the board of education will be the money they will need for using the assessments for 1969 Union Villa and Blue Hills the year. as a basis for taxation in 1970. Largest items on the county

budget are \$1,323,592 for public works, with a road levy of \$1,132,400 plus road debenture levy of \$191,192; social and family services, including hospitals and homes for the aged account for \$2,220,100 and education costs are estimated at

\$5,761,791. It was \$5,558,291 "There is much public wail- "If your experience is the in 1969. Many projects, such ing about vandalism and drugs, same as ours, I advise you to as roads, hospitals, homes for It would be much better to deal phone and to write to the Min-the aged, health services, are with these children early and ister (Minister of Municipal subsidized by provincial and/or perhaps we would not have the Affairs Darcy McKeough) to federal governments, and Metro problems we now have in our tell him that it is not politics to bears a share of road work unhigh schools and jails. We are have this kind of a tax shift," dertaken by Toronto and York not ahead of ourselves. We are To operate services to the Roads Commission. This brings

#### will follow the meeting. All late. For God's sake, let us try county, public works, welfare York County's share for the and health service, roads, etc., budget to \$3,018,221.

#### that the problem of confusion to individuals caused by the on the thoroughfare, which suggested name change was a lesignated Arnold Street at not justified. Trustees Reject Tax Free Expenses, County Councillors Get Raise for each additional absence tion to the five-day penaltybution. If you are not here dition to the normal three-

the stand of Vaughan Township Trustee Ross Jolliffe at a recent meeting of Yerk County Board of Education, and after some discussion the board agreed to support

The question arose when the board was asked to support a brief from Carleton mit elected school board

endorsed was seconded Trustee Morley Kinnee, also of Vaughan Township, and was carried with only one dissenting vote.

Danson's Stand

On White Paper

er Edgar Benson's White

ject of many debates by

Canadians in every walk

North (Liberal) is a mem-

ber of the finance commit-

tee of the House of Com-

mons which is studying the

proposals. In a feature ar-

ticle found on Page 17 of

this issue Mr. Danson ex-

Barney Danson MP, York

York County Council, on the other hand, accepted the one-third exemption when it agreed to an annual increment of \$1,500 for each member of council. At a special budget meet-

ruary 20 the council, which is made up of reeves and deputy-reeves of the 14 municipalities in York County, agreed to change their policy of reimbursement of its members. In the past, members have

received a per diem allow-

ance of \$20 for each meeting

tended. The county warden

deductible for expenses. In 1970, the warden will

receive \$5,000, commissioners will get \$3,000 and members of council \$1,500 with one-third exemption as provided in the Income Tax Act.

In addition they will be receiving honoraria from their local municipalities. These vary widely, with the reeve of Vaughan Township Garnet Williams receiving \$7,500 a year, and the reeve of Richmond Hill, Donald Plaxton getting the same allowance as a councillor, \$3,000 a year.

\* \* \* \* County council will, however, penalize absentees who miss more than five meetings of council and committee meetings, deducting \$35

Members of council and commissioners will also receive 10 cents a mile for travelling to and from meetings of council and committees. Committee chairman will get \$2,000 a year plus mileage and the warden will

get a flat \$2,500 for travel

and other expenses.

If, however, a member of council happens to be member of two committees which meet on the same day, absence from one of these meetings will not be penal-

Board of education trustees received the same travel allowance — 10 cents a mile as decreed by provincial legislation, for travelling on board business.

East Gwillimbury Reeve Gladys Rolling took excep-

free exemption, although she agreed that the allowance was "more dignified" than the per diem rate.

Most reeves and deputyreeves, she said, are self employed or have independent means, but the \$20 per diem rate was so low that it automatically eliminated the man who would lose wages because of absence from a salaried job. She suggested that the penalty should apply after two days ab-

agreed, stating that the allowance would, on the average, give members of council an honoraria of \$25 a day which is "a very good raise in salary."

you contribute nothing.

Deputy-reeve Ray Twinney of East Gwillimbury gained the support of Richmond Hill Reeve Donald Plaxton when he pointed out that there can be legitimate reasons for absence from five meetings - illness, business, vacation.

"We are all reasonable people. We are here because we want to be here," declared Mr. Twinney.

"Five days is reasonable." agreed Mr. Plaxton. He ad-Warden Gordon Cook ded that, in some circumstances a member could end up owing the county money and facetiously suggested that a truant officer be em-

He added, "If you are at a ber of committee meetings meeting you make a contri- and special meetings, in ad-

day monthly sessions of council, Mr. Plaxton commented, "If a person misses only five meetings in a year,

he is working pretty hard." He predicted "drastic changes' in salary when regional government comes into effect and the honoraria could rise to \$4,000 or \$5,000 a year to compare with remuneration now received by elected representatives in Metro municipali-

Mr. Plaxton (a lawyer) added, "I come here for fun. I enjoy it, although while I am here my 'independent means' are shrinking."

The majority of council approved the five-day exemption from penalty, and Commenting on the num- no one spoke out against the one-third exemption for income tax purposes.