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# Plan To Close Six Small Schools York County Effective September 1

At a meeting on March 23, York County Board of Education agreed to defer decision on a staff recommendation that six small schools in the county be closed.

The recommendation was included in a 24 page report on school enrolments across the county, with a projection of anticipated enrolment in September in each school.

In accepting the report, the trustees agreed to defer decision on the school closings until meetings have been held with parents of the children who would be affected.

Trustee Ross Jolliffe of Vaughan Township questioned the proposal to close Powell Road School in South Thornhill, asking that the parents be informed of reasons for the recommendation.

The report showed that enrolment at the school has gone down from 119 in 1964 to 77 this year, and enrolment for September is estimated at 71.

It pointed out that kindergarten children from the area already begin their schooling at Thornhill Public School, which has better facilities, including a library and a general purpose room.

John Kippen, superintendent for the area, recommended that the students be transferred to

Thornhill and/or Roselawn Schools effective September 1.

There would be added costs in bussing pupils, but the time of a teacher and a half would be saved. Grade 7 and 8 children from the area now attend Roselawn School, and it was suggested that grade 6 pupils could also be accommodated there.

The report recommended that Black River School with 31 pupils, Pefferlaw with 55 and Udora with 31 be closed when the addition to Morning Glory School in Georgina Township is completed.

It also recommended closing of Bloomington School in Whitchurch Township and transfer of the 29 students to Orchard Park School in Stouffville. The sixth school to be closed is Strange School in King Township (51 pupils).

Various boundary changes at several schools were also included in the report, which recommended the hiring of 1,212 teachers for 30,298 elementary school pupils expected by next September.

This would produce a ratio of 25 pupils to one teacher, with 14 teachers held as a "county reserve" to be allocated in areas of special need.

In addition, 16.5 teachers will be engaged to care for the 152 students in schools for the retarded — a pupil-teacher ratio of 9.2 to one.

## Scuttlebutt

RSCCC PATRIOT

Lt. David Ellison Phone 884-7513

Welcome aboard RSCCC Patriot, flagship of Richmond Hill's navy, once again. I would like you to meet my officers. Patriot's first lieutenant is Lieut. Jim Doige from Willowdale. Jim has been associated with the navy and sea cadets since 1953, and his experience and knowledge of things nautical are of great value to the ship.

Sub. Lieut. Bruce Burgess of Bruce is the manager of a painter's store, as well as an ardent yachtsman. He also teaches seamanship and practical sailing aboard his sloop Moonraker. My gunnery officer is Sub. Lieut. Allan Collins of Aurora. Allan was a sea cadet in England before coming to Canada. He is a graduate of Whale Island Gunners School, and is the backbone of our parade square.

These men devote hours of their time working with your sons, and administering the corps. I feel that our efforts are really paying big dividends. Did you notice the ushers at last week's midget hockey tournament?

Again this year Patriot had the privilege to be requested to provide ushers at the town arena for the hockey tournament. Working in six hour shifts, the cadets of the Patriot did an excellent job. In charge of the operation were Able Cadets Bill Bradley and Randy Diddams, both of Richmond Hill.

I have just been advised by Ontario region headquarters that 25 percent of our ship's company will be sent to Canadian Forces Base Cornwallis at Digby, Nova Scotia, for two weeks' training this summer. Cadets will be selected on the basis of their academic standing, attendance, dress, and behaviour.

Qualifying examinations were held last week. Promoted from able cadet to leading cadet were Bill Bradley, Douglas Condy, Randy Diddams, Allan Henderson, Eugene McDonald and Graham Thorpe. Highest marks were attained by Douglas Condy. Well done Doug.

Promoted from ordinary cadet to able cadet were Robert Boggs, Robin Browsers, Nicholas Cardwell, Daryl Condy, Gary Doucette, Jonathan Evans, Peter Franey, Kevin Keyes and Donald Kerr.

Did you know that 60 years ago the Naval Service Act was written into law. The Royal

# Municipalities Are Studying The New Lottery Licensing Bylaws

More than 250 Ontario municipalities are licensing charitable and religious lotteries. Financial and Commercial Affairs Minister Bert Lawrence announced last week. Mr. Lawrence represents the Eastern Ontario riding of Russell in the Legislature.

Lotteries for religious or charitable purposes were permitted on a provincial option basis in Criminal Code amendments adopted by the federal government last year. The Ontario Government agreed to allow church or charity lotteries but decided against a provincial lottery. It also ruled out the possibility of municipalities operating lotteries for community purposes, such as community centres or a hospital.

Under the Ontario regulations local councils are empowered to license lotteries with prizes worth up to \$3,500, provided the proceeds are for bona fide religious or charitable use. Lotteries with prizes totalling more than that amount must be licensed by the financial and commercial affairs development and must have prior approval by the municipality in which the lottery is to be held.

Included in the 250 municipalities to have already passed the necessary bylaws to license such lotteries in Aurora, our northern neighbor.

The question has been raised in Richmond Hill Council meetings on at least three occasions and council has promised to give a bylaw consideration after budget approval. The budget was approved Monday of this week and the mill rate was set.

Implementing bylaws are being considered by both Markham and Vaughan Township councils also.

Mr. Lawrence has reported that Ontario's system of lottery administration is far from completed. Lottery policy is scheduled for cabinet discussion in the near future, and the Minister is expected to announce policy decisions shortly. Indications are that the Minister will lay down much more stringent restrictions than have been expected. It is also considered unlikely that sweepstakes, either Canadian based or foreign will be permitted.

It is known that Mr. Lawrence is concerned that organized crime will move in on the lotteries and games of chance.

Retiring Metro Police Chief James Mackey has also expressed concern that the new regulations may open the door to criminals. "As there are no legal requirements in municipalities for the police to check the authenticity of a lottery before issuing a license, the criminal element may become involved," he noted. "They could make a real racket out of lotteries." He suggested criminals could muscle into the lottery business "by using legitimate organizations as fronts by simply paying a token fee for use of a 'name'."

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## Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion  
By Bill Hughes

With the promise of spring in the air, we commence this column in a mellow mood. We have used this column to express our fears, our doubts and our criticisms of problem areas as we see them. We are in favor of a few things (contrary to popular belief), and herewith list a few — motherhood (controlled), law and order and solid government; fair taxation and the equitable distribution of same; good books, both text and fiction; pretty girls

and active membership participation; springtime, birds, bees, sunshine, goli, swimming and all good, healthy pursuits where we find rest and relaxation from the job.

Most of all we favor peace, freedom of speech, worship and thought and the right to walk among our fellow men with dignity. Given these, we ask very little more of life.

This past weekend saw the District "E" Convention held in town as our branch was host this year. Due to a cry for help from "the lake" I was unable to attend any of the scheduled events for this convention, much to my consternation. However, my lines of communication (grapevine to you) tell me that this convention was a very great success.

Many people contributed to this success not the least of which was our District Commander Alex Reese to whom we extend a heartfelt thanks. Honorable mention to people like Bob Jeffries, 2nd vice-president of provincial command, George Woods, deputy district commander and a big special thank-you to Ernie Roberts our district secretary (the district's hardest working man with the least recognition). Also a vote of thanks to District Chairman Jack Hackett.

Of course, as evidenced by other functions connected with this branch, the complete success was made possible by the attendance of our great allies, namely, the pipe band from Newmarket, they were outstanding, thanks a lot comrades.

Coming events include two events on the same day. On April 11 a hard times dance will be held at the court with music by Roy Grant and his orchestra. A cribbage tournament will also be held Saturday at Orillia.

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Neighborhood Notes  
Birthday greetings are extended to Albert Futo, April 9, Nancy Browne, April 10 and Dana Ruston on April 15.  
The Caribbean dance held Friday evening was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.  
Registration of children beginning public school in kindergarten or grade 1 in September, 1970 will take place at Jefferson Public School in the afternoons of April 14, 15, 16 and 17.  
First Jefferson's Scout and Cub father and son banquet will be held tonight (Thursday) at 6:50 pm in the lower hall at St. John's Anglican Church.  
Brownies resumed their meetings following a two-week break due to the mid-winter school vacation.  
Church News  
The service at St. John's Anglican at 11 am Sunday will be a celebration of Holy Communion.  
At the service on Sunday last the Sacrament of Baptism was administered during the main service, when James Edwin Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Clark of Oak Ridges was baptized.  
Flowers on the altar were in memory of Miss Susan Wright given by Keith and Bernice Marsh and family.  
At the fireside held at St. Mark's a team of three laymen

gave a summary of their experiences in the Christian life.  
The married couples' meeting planned for April 10 has been postponed until April 17.  
The advisory board of St. John's will meet on April 14.  
On Saturday a Deaneer prayer conference will be held at St. John's from 10 am to 4 pm in connection with the renewal mission to be held in Toronto in October and conducted by the Bishop of Coventry, England, Rt. Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley.  
AURORA — Checkerboard Farms has submitted a revised plan for treatment of waste from Yonge Street North processing plant. The new plant, more compact than the first plan, will cost another \$50,000. The plan now goes for detailed study by town and provincial officials.  
MISSISSAUGA — Not everyone pays their taxes; not everyone has to.  
Nearly \$8,000 of business and property taxes have been declared uncollectible and should be struck from assessment rolls, Mississauga general committee recommended last week.  
Committee acted on an earlier suggestion by the court of revision that \$7,800 in taxes should be written off as a bad debt.

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