

Younger Pupils Go To Roman Catholic Kindergartens - A New Board Policy

Four-year-old children will be admitted to kindergartens in some separate schools in York County next fall.

At its meeting on April 7, the York County Roman Catholic School Board agreed to revise its policy on admittance to kindergarten.

Policy approved last April specified that a child must be five years old on or before December 31 in order to be enrolled in a kindergarten on or after September 1, adding the proviso that the policy be reconsidered at the end of a year.

Pointing out that spaces may be available in kindergarten classes in some of the board's 19 schools in the fall, and some younger children are mature enough to benefit from kindergarten, board staff has recommended that the superintendent may authorize a principal to admit children whose fifth birthday falls between January 1 and March 21 of the following year.

This will apply only where the number of children enrolled in an established kindergarten class on September 15 is fewer than 20 and where the number of children enrolled on October 1 is fewer than 25.

Admissions will be made from a list of children pre-registered in the school by parents or

guardians, with the admissions to be made on the basis of age, starting with the eldest on the list.

This will not apply, however, if there is firm indication that the vacant pupil space will be needed for new residents in the area before the end of the school year, for example areas where new subdivisions are being completed and new families moving in.

There is a clause in the new policy specifying "that the pupils so enrolled can profit from instruction."

It was pointed out that the board does not intend to provide a babysitting service for four-year-olds, and that it can have a traumatic affect on a child if he "fails kindergarten".

Children mature at different levels, said Woodbridge Trustee Noreen Lee. "We have to recognize that chronological age and maturity do not always go hand in hand."

It does not take long, replied Superintendent Joe Hodge, for teacher and parents to determine whether or not the child is ready for kindergarten. The law requires that six-year-olds be admitted to grade 1, but there is no law stating that children must attend kindergarten.

Elgin Mills - Jefferson News

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Neighborhood Notes

The next community club meeting is scheduled for April 28, and will be followed by a brief meeting of grade 6 parents concerned with the Jamaica visit, which is now scheduled for May 17 to 23, with the return visit of Jamaican children set for June 14 to 20.

Birthday greetings are extended to Cindy Davis, April 22. A special meeting of Elgin Mills-Jefferson branch of YCHA will be held in the upper room of St. John's Anglican Church April 21 at 8 pm to discuss the continuation of the auxiliary for this area. All persons interested in this very important community project are urged to be present.

Church News

The services at St. John's Anglican on Sunday will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9 am and morning prayer at 1 am when the preacher will be Murray Farquharson, of

Buttonville representing Gideons International. The married couples meeting on Friday evening will commence at 8:15 sharp. Two travelogues, one of Scotland, the other of England will be shown in addition to "Breaking Aurora: Dana Boyd Hough 19, of Keswick, died when his car veered out of control recently on the Don Mills Road. No other vehicle was involved and road conditions were reported as good. Linda Brooker, 18, of Mimico, his passenger, suffered a broken collar bone and is a patient in York County Hospital, Newmarket.

NEWMARKET: Recently residents of Eagle Street, Park Avenue and Avenue Road were a bit surprised to see a deer wandering along the road. It came into town from the south end and disappeared into the bushland at the rear of Avenue Murray Farquharson, of

Point" and "Through Gates of Splendor". Twelve of the 15 parishes of the deanery were represented at the conference held at St. John's on Saturday. About 50 attended under the chairmanship of David Rhind of Emmanuel, Richvale and the rural dean, Rev. Canon Reginald Howden, Thornhill.

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Township of King Official Plan

To enable the Planning Board to outline and explain the proposed Official Plan of Development to the general public, and to receive the comments and suggestions of all interested persons, a number of Public Meetings have been arranged in the Township of King.


Wednesday, April 22, 1970 — King City Secondary School
Wednesday, April 29, 1970 — Schomberg Agricultural Hall
Wednesday, May 6th, 1970 — Christian Reformed Church, Ansonsveld
Wednesday, May 13th, 1970 — Nobleton Sr. Public School
Wednesday, May 20th, 1970 — Oak Ridges Public School

All meetings to commence at 8:00 p.m.

Copies of the draft Official Plan may be acquired for study at King Township Public Library in King City — or — copies of the Official Plan may be obtained for a nominal fee at King Township Municipal Offices.

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Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Bill Hughes

Aftermath of a very successful hockey tournament — the following are only two examples of letters which have been received by either Tournaments Inc. or the Legion direct — they speak for themselves:

Dear Doug:

At my request a motion of council March 31, congratulated Frank Murphy, president of Tournaments Incorporated, and the Royal Canadian Legion, Richmond Hill, Branch 375, sponsors, for the goodwill and good public relations which the midget hockey tournament created for our municipality. Council was impressed by the attendance and income figures. I officially presented the Drummondville Plaque at this meeting and this I am sure, emphasized the bonds which hockey is capable of producing between communities.

Would you please express my personal congratulations in putting on the 3rd annual Legion International Midget Hockey Tournament, may we extend our congratulations for a very big job well done. It was a wonderful production. You provided an eventful week for over 650 young hockey players and their supporters, and we are sure they will remember their stay "On the Hill" in 1970.

As one of the thousands of hockey enthusiasts who took in the games we also enjoyed visiting you, and want to take this opportunity to wish Branch 375 of the Royal Canadian Legion continued success in their work with the youth of the community.

Yours sincerely,
LLOYD GAIR.

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York County Roman Catholic Separate School Board Kindergarten Registration

Registration of Kindergarten pupils for enrolment commencing September 8, 1970 will take place at the following schools on the dates and at the times specified for each school.

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| St. Joseph School Roney Avenue Richmond Hill, Ont. | Wednesday, April 22, 1970, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon |
| St. Mary Immaculate School Trayborn Drive Richmond Hill, Ont. | Thursday, April 23, 1970, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon |
| Our Lady Help of Christians School 266 Bayview Avenue Richmond Hill, Ont. | Thursday, April 30, 1970, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. |

Children must be 5 years of age on or before the 31st day of December, 1970 in order to be enrolled in Kindergarten for September, 1970. Proof of age will be required.

F. J. Hodge, Superintendent of Schools
York County Roman Catholic Separate School Board
75 Yonge Street North
Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Cribbage tournament — sent a team up to Orillia but to no avail — we lost. Tournament was won by the host branch.

Hard Times Dance — must be hard times — not too many out for this well planned and publicized event. Remember — at any of these events at our branch, there are no strangers, only friends you haven't met. So the next time we are holding one of these dances, come on out and enjoy yourselves.

Future events include the bowling banquet dance on April 25 and on May 2 the annual awards and honors banquet and dance.

778 Squadron Air Cadets

By Ft. Sgt. Frank Jedlicsek

Squadron 778 Royal Canadian Air Cadets is divided into seniors, juniors and recruits. Thursday April 2 the seniors and juniors enjoyed a very interesting class on radio and the recruits learned of the squadron's activities.

Afterwards, the entire squadron saw a film on the air force, "Ramrod to Emden".

Pictures were taken for identification cards. Those cadets that haven't had their pictures taken are asked to contact Frank Jedlicsek.

Eight members of the squadron went flying at Maple Airport Sunday. Participating were LAC Lyons, WO2 Hewitt, LAC Ascott, LAC Allan, LAC Celsie, LAC Parke and LAC Wade.

LAC Cooper received his first year badge.

The squadron extends congratulations to Jim Francie and Rob Purves who have been promoted from LAC to corporal and Ed Hewitt, promoted from flight sergeant to warrant officer second class.

Telephone book covers are being sold by cadets at \$1. Hey lads! Would you like to see how the squadron operates? Just drop by any Thursday evening at 7:30.

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