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Schools Needed For Summer Youth Programs Board Told

As drop-in centres, the majority of youth in York County consider schools a rather poor second best.

This was the message presented by young people from various county municipalities who attended a meeting on youth in Aurora Community Centre on Sunday afternoon.

The meeting was called by a citizens' committee concerned about the possible explosion of a drug problem in the county this summer and was attended by members of municipal councils, trustees, clergy, representatives of various social agencies and a number of young people from youth centres in the area.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. John Denison of Newmarket who had previously appeared before York County Board of Education asking that the schools be open to youth through the summer, predicting that if young people are left with nowhere to go and nothing to do when schools close in June, the abuse of drugs will triple.

Reporting to a meeting on Monday, Newmarket Trustee Jack Hadfield told the trustees the young people would like a centre of their own where they can have a snack bar, record players, plan their own programs and police the centres themselves.

Ideally, said Mr. Hadfield, the centres would be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, "But the ideal is not possible in schools."

The board agreed with Mr. Hadfield, however, that the schools should be open for some type of recreational pro-

grams under supervision of municipal recreation committees during the summer.

Lack of jobs seemed to be one of the major problems and concerns of students, said Mr. Hadfield, and he presented a motion that the board of education and municipal governments consider the feasibility of contracting with youth groups for clearing-up and casual labor during the summer.

In this way, he said, youth centres, whether they were located in schools or elsewhere, could be self-supporting.

He told the board that the young people would prefer an old house or other building rather than a school as a drop-in centre because of association of schools to "the establishment", but that schools should be made available to youth in the summer, and it was agreed that staff should work with municipal recreation committees to see what could be done in providing facilities.

Some of the young people who had attended the Sunday meeting agreed with Dr. Denison's contention that the schools were a logical starting place, and representatives were present at the Monday meeting of the board to discuss their plans with trustees.

Although they were not able to make a public presentation, they did speak with individual

trustees and declared they intended to make a formal presentation with specific requests as soon as plans can be formulated.

At the conclusion of the meeting Sunday, the 125 people present broke up into groups according to municipalities and discussed setting up community action committees to study the needs of their own areas and facilities available.

Vaughan Trustee Morley Kinne pointed out to the board meeting that if the board contracted with youth groups for summer work, they would have to consider the implications — agreement with the employees' union, workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, etc.

Richmond Hill Trustee Deena Simpson wanted reassurance that municipal recreation committees would be responsible for overall supervision of youth programs if schools were made available during the summer.

One suggestion presented by the young people was that portable classrooms be set up on vacant land, but a board official commented later that the building alone costs \$9,000 and services, such as hydro and water would have to be provided.

Municipal councils and board of education are meeting with youth and other community workers to formulate plans.

Judith Uren, Bruce Langstaff Were Wed In Metropolitan United

Metropolitan United Church, Toronto, was the scene of the April 10 marriage of Judith Nancy Uren and John Bruce Langstaff, both of Toronto. Dr. Clifford Elliott officiated at the candlelight ceremony and was assisted by Rev. Robert Smith of Richmond Hill United Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Uren and the groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James Langstaff, all of Richmond Hill.

Organist Dr. Melville Cook played "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" as the wedding march and the carillon was played by James Slater.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an original gown of champagne French crepe, floor-length, simply styled with long sleeves and fitted bodice. The skirt, falling from an empire waistline, softly sashed, had two deep pleats front and back. She carried a bouquet of white sweetheart roses, freesia and marigold daisies.

For travelling she chose a navy

suit and carried a small multi-colored nosegay.

Mrs. John Whalen was her sister's only attendant. She wore an azure blue French crepe dress and carried a bouquet of pink roses, freesia and daisies.

Mr. Miles Langstaff was his brother's best man and John Whalen of Thornhill, Michael Bennett of London and David Gordon of Toronto were the ushers.

The 125 guests were received in the Quebec Room of the Royal York Hotel, which looked gay and springlike with bouquets of daffodils, pussy willows and bowls of sweet peas. Mrs. Uren received wearing a silver grey Indian silk dress with a corsage of pink roses. She was assisted by Mrs. Langstaff in a soft green ensemble with a corsage of cymbidium orchids.

Following a wedding trip to the Eastern United States, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Langstaff will take up residence in Montreal.

To Improve Physical Education Library Programs In R.C. Schools

Additional staff and equipment will be added to Roman Catholic schools in the county in the fall to improve services in speech correction, remedial reading, libraries and physical education programs.

At its regular meeting on April 21, York County Roman Catholic School Board agreed to hire a second speech specialist, a primary consultant and a physical education consultant.

It was pointed out that this does not mean there are more children in the system with speech problems, but the vast distance between schools make it impossible for the present speech therapist to give adequate service to all students needing it.

Assistance Superintendent John Zupanic showed films of classes in action and told the trustees that the physical education in some schools suffers because equipment is inadequate and teachers are not qualified to develop a well-rounded program in this area.

Board Chairman Eugene Jacobs agreed that physical fitness is an important phase of child development, that a physical education consultant should be

available to assist and draw up programs where necessary. The board also decided that the physical education equipment in all schools be brought to a minimum standard.

The physical education consultant will work with principals deciding priorities in equipment for the various schools.

Five additional remedial teachers will be hired so that remedial teaching will be available in all schools in the system in York County. In addition, special education classes will be maintained in Richmond Hill, Oak Ridges and Newmarket.

Five additional teacher librarians will also be added to staff, bringing the total to 11 teacher-librarians. Mr. Zupanic explained that a teacher-librarian is a fully qualified teacher with library training — that some will serve full time in one school, while others will be half time in one school, and some will serve smaller schools, going from school to school on a part-time basis in each.

The board has budgeted this year for books to bring the basic resources up to 1,200 books in each of the schools that did not receive this number in 1969.

Accident Roundup

2 Injured, 1 Charged Vaughan, Whitchurch

Two accidents involving minor injuries to two people are the only mishaps reported on local roads this past week.

One driver was charged with making an illegal left turn.

This was in a 6.25 pm April 25, \$1,300 two-car crash at the Aurora Sideroad and Don Mills Road.

Charged is Nellie Mearby of 151 Burkholder Street, Stouffville, whose car was northbound on Don Mills and had \$500 damage.

A passenger in the other car, Susan Lindner of RR2, Bradford, suffered forehead bruises. The second driver was Miss Carol Good, 17, of 41 Glenlake Avenue, Toronto. Her car was southbound on Don Mills and had \$800 damage.

In Vaughan Township April 25 pedestrian Betty Pearson of Don Head Farms suffered slight injuries. She was hit by a vehicle driven by Richard Agar of Woodbridge while he was in the process of passing another automobile on the Maple Sideroad.

There were three minor vehicle accidents on private property in Vaughan Township last week.

King Education Tax Bill Debated, Unapproved

The getting-more-controversial-by-the-minute King Township 1970 school tax bill continues to be that way.

And as of Monday night's scheduled meeting — it was cancelled at the last minute — the entire matter remains way up in the air.

The township has still to give final approval on its 1970 \$2,522,895.26 tax levy of which the York County Board of Education's desired \$230,805.33 increase is the proverbial thorn.

Just prior to Monday night's meeting a terse memo was released under the names of Reeve Gordon Cook and Deputy-Reeve Ken MacTaggart.

The memo read: "Due to the great discussion on county assessment and resolutions on industrial assessment in other municipalities, the township and deputy-reeve of King Township feel the meeting should be cancelled until the assessment problem is settled in other municipalities."

The meeting — the fourth in a series of such get-togethers dealing with the passing of the budget — was called after Councillor Gordon Rowe rebelled against just automatically going along with what the York County Board of Education wanted it to do. (See earlier story on Page 4).

Mr. Rowe suggested at that time that the council go ahead and pass the 1969 request by the board of education of \$1,350,999 and withhold the \$230,805.33 increase until later in the year.

He said the council could then levy a further tax bill for the remaining \$230,805.33 at the later date.

"This would let all the taxpayers know," he said, "just how much of an increase they are being faced with. It would have a greater impact."

King councillors considered, hesitated, and then called for another meeting later in the week to get the opinion of the township's solicitor T. E. Evans.

It was at this meeting that a letter from Mr. Evans concerning the legality of holding back the education increase was read.

It was Mr. Evans' opinion that "the effect of those provisions is that the township council must include in its estimates and levy the amounts properly required by the county board of education for public school purposes and for secondary school purposes."

"Council would be acting beyond its powers to attempt to levy either greater or lesser amounts than those required."

"It is possible to make the taxes payable by instalments as you know and perhaps this might be an appropriate solution to the problem."

Mr. Evans referred for his opinions to the Secondary Schools and Boards of Education Act as amended in 1968, and the Municipal Act.

It was earlier pointed out by Clerk-Treasurer Harold Rose that withholding a portion of the tax bill would cost the township additional expenses amounting to \$7,769.05.

This would involve \$3,778.53 interest on the first instalment of \$115,306 and \$1,235.12 on \$115,305 of the second instalment for a total of \$5,013.65.

Other costs involved additional costs re tax bills of \$1,048.40; programming \$1,000; envelopes and mailing \$362; estimated commission on tax collection \$200; and extra filing equipment for ledger cards \$145.

Reeve Cook was unable to participate in this meeting due to a previous commitment elsewhere on township business.

It was finally agreed to call a further meeting for Monday evening which was subsequently cancelled.

Councillor Rowe declined any comment on the cancellation except to say he had intended to produce figures at the meeting which show that "the cost of education in King Township has increased at a rate of 155.04 percent since 1965."

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Mr. Morison of Bernina Sewing Centre made a statement. For one week he would give away Edge Stitches FREE. He also stated that not twenty people would take him up on his offer. Ed Leeds of the Sports Store said he would take the bet. Les of Sea Food Corner jumped in with a side bet with Bunny Snow of the TV Repair Shop. He'd put his shirt on Ed Leeds to win. Mr. Solomon of Bond Clothes, Discount Cleaners said he would wash the shirt. Mr. Pless of Bennett's Textiles would supply the material to repair the shirt. Mr. Steingart of Atlas Photo Supplies said he would take pictures of the action and Beneficial Finance said they would supply the finances if needed.

ISN'T IT TIME THE POLICE TOOK ACTION?