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BAIF Gets Approval, With 23 Requirements

The draft plan of subdivision for BAIF, a 400-acre development reaching from Carrville Road to Weldrick Road and from Yonge Street to Bathurst Street has been approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs, Richmond Hill Town Council was informed at its November 23 meeting. The approval is subject to 23 requirements, which will have to be included in the final plan.

Included in the department's requirements are: dedication as public highway sufficient land to widen Yonge Street to 70 feet from the centre line; to widen Weldrick Road by 34 feet, to widen Bathurst Street by 10 feet, and to widen Carrville Road by 54 feet; indicated corner roundings at street intersections shall be dedicated as public highway together with 50 foot triangles at all four corners; that the streets be named to the satisfaction of the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board; that arrangements for water and sewer services shall have been con-

cluded to the satisfaction of the OWRG; that one-foot reserves adjoining the widened limit of Yonge Street shall be conveyed to the province; that the Department of Highways be provided with a drainage plan.

All flood control and conservation works will have to be designed and carried out to the satisfaction of the municipality and Metro Conservation Authority; a one-foot reserve on Bathurst Street, Weldrick and Carrville Roads and at the terminus of a dead-end street must be dedicated to the municipality; that 5% of the land is to be conveyed to the municipality for public purposes; necessary easements for utility and drainage be granted; that four blocks of land be set aside (as indicated) for acquisition by the appropriate school board; that all requirements, financial and otherwise of the municipality re surfacing of roads, installation of services and drainage is agreed to in writing.

Drug Education, Personality Clashes Concern Crosby Parents

A panel of trustees and officials of York County Board of Education faced a small but very keen audience of parents and teachers at a meeting of Crosby Heights Home and School Association on November 25.

They expressed concern about the declining birth rate and its effect on the school population, the education of disturbed children and those with other learning disabilities, teacher-pupil relations, drug education in the schools and teachers' salaries.

Home and School President William Harris introduced Board Chairman John MacKay, who briefly outlined advantages and disadvantages of a county board over an area board.

A major achievement of the larger board, which came into being with the amalgamation of 24 area boards and authorities two years ago, said Mr. MacKay, has been in providing greater equality of education throughout the county.

He spoke of expansion of the kindergarten and Oral French programs to all schools, introduction of industrial arts and home economics into areas that did not have it two years ago, improved special services such as psychological services, guidance counselling, special education classes for children with a variety of learning disorders, as well as greater economy in purchasing, pupil transportation and administration.

The chief disadvantage, said Mr. MacKay, is that it is harder for a trustee to remain close to the people and to the community. "But this can be overcome with your assistance. It would be very helpful if more parents would come out to talk like this."

The cost of education is a concern for everyone, the chairman continued. Many of the reasons for the increase in cost are forgotten, such as the population explosion that followed World War II. Children of this era are now in the secondary schools, universities and community colleges. More of them are staying in school longer. Whereas a generation ago it was common for young people to leave school at grade 9, most are now staying to at least

grade 12. As a result the province has less money to spend on elementary and secondary schools.

Richmond Hill Trustee Deena Simpson, formerly chairman of the Richmond Hill Public School Board, spoke of developments on the local scene.

It had been a challenge, said Mrs. Simpson for local trustees to relate local problems to the whole county structure, to acquire an objective view, to think beyond the problems of a tightly knit town to understanding the problems of the rural areas.

Richmond Hill schools have prospered under the county board, declared Mrs. Simpson. In some areas the schools have marked time, but in no area has

there been a regression in education.

There have been forward steps in providing audio-visual services, master teachers, curriculum committees and special services in local schools.

With regional government, she continued, Richmond Hill trustees will be responsible for the welfare of 18 schools, whereas for the past two years they have been answerable for only eight.

Thanks to the county board structures, however, trustees who have been with the board since its inception are acquainted with the entire area. It will pose no serious problem to consider the wellbeing of 8,800 pupils instead of the present 5,400.

"The only disadvantage is in getting to know the people — it is an almost impossible task. We used to know all the principals, teachers, and most of the parents in our schools. I feel very badly about this."

Russell MacDonald, superintendent of Area 4 agreed that there are far too few opportunities to talk informally with parents. He spoke of the close liaison, the teamwork between administration, staff and trustees. Staff is encouraged in experimentation and innovation. Curriculum development is carried out through voluntary committees of teachers, and there is an extensive in-service training program.

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Claims Stewart Bell Not Eligible For Town's Ward 5 Council Seat

Charges that Stewart Bell, who was elected to the 1971-1972 Richmond Hill Town Council to represent Ward 5, did not meet two qualifications as indicated in the Ontario Municipal Act, will be heard in York County Court, Toronto, December 7. The complaint was sworn by Earl Lowe, a Ward 5 resident, who claims that Mr. Bell's name did not appear on the latest voters list nor in the revised assessment roll.

For further comment see Letters to the Editors on Page 2.

Mr. Bell, who lives in the Lake Wilcox area, won the council seat on October 5 with a 31 vote majority over David Smith, a resident of Oak Ridges.

Monday evening Mr. Bell told "The Liberal," "I feel I was qualified to run or I would not have allowed my name to stand. I believe the majority of voters in Ward 5 have expressed their confidence in my ability to represent them and so I will do everything I can to retain my seat. It's up to the judge to decide on December 7 if the public's decision will stand or not."

It is understood that Mr. Smith is still anxious to serve the people of Ward 5 at the council table.



STEWART BELL Not Eligible?

Council's Chain Of Command

A chain of command, the first in the history of Richmond Hill, was outlined by Mayor-Elect William Lazebny, to become effective for one year January 1 on the advent of regional government.

In the event of the mayor's illness or absence for other reasons, his position will be filled by Regional Councillor Donald Plaxton, Councillor Lois Hancey, Councillor Gordon Rowe, Councillor Lou Wainwright, Councillor Shaun Beggs and Councillor Dave Schiller, in that order.

Mayor Lazebny explained he had given priority to length of service and seniority and had omitted the two newcomers, Andy Chateauver and Stewart Bell until they have had some council experience.

The mayor also reported that if he and/or the two regional councillors are ill or going on holidays for a month or more, a substitute may be named for them on regional council.

He named Councillors Hancey, Wainwright, Beggs and Schiller, again in order of seniority, as these substitutes.

Edward Oakes, a native of Ottawa and senior solicitor with Toronto, was appointed November 26 to the new position of solicitor for the Regional Municipality of York for the York Region Police Commission.

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Applications were received from eight candidates for the position, although two later withdrew.

After interviewing the six remaining applicants, the region council's personnel committee recommended Mr. Oakes. Their recommendation was endorsed by council.

Mr. Oakes will start his new job January 1 at a salary of \$25,000 per year. He will receive an annual increase of \$1,000 until his salary reaches \$29,000.

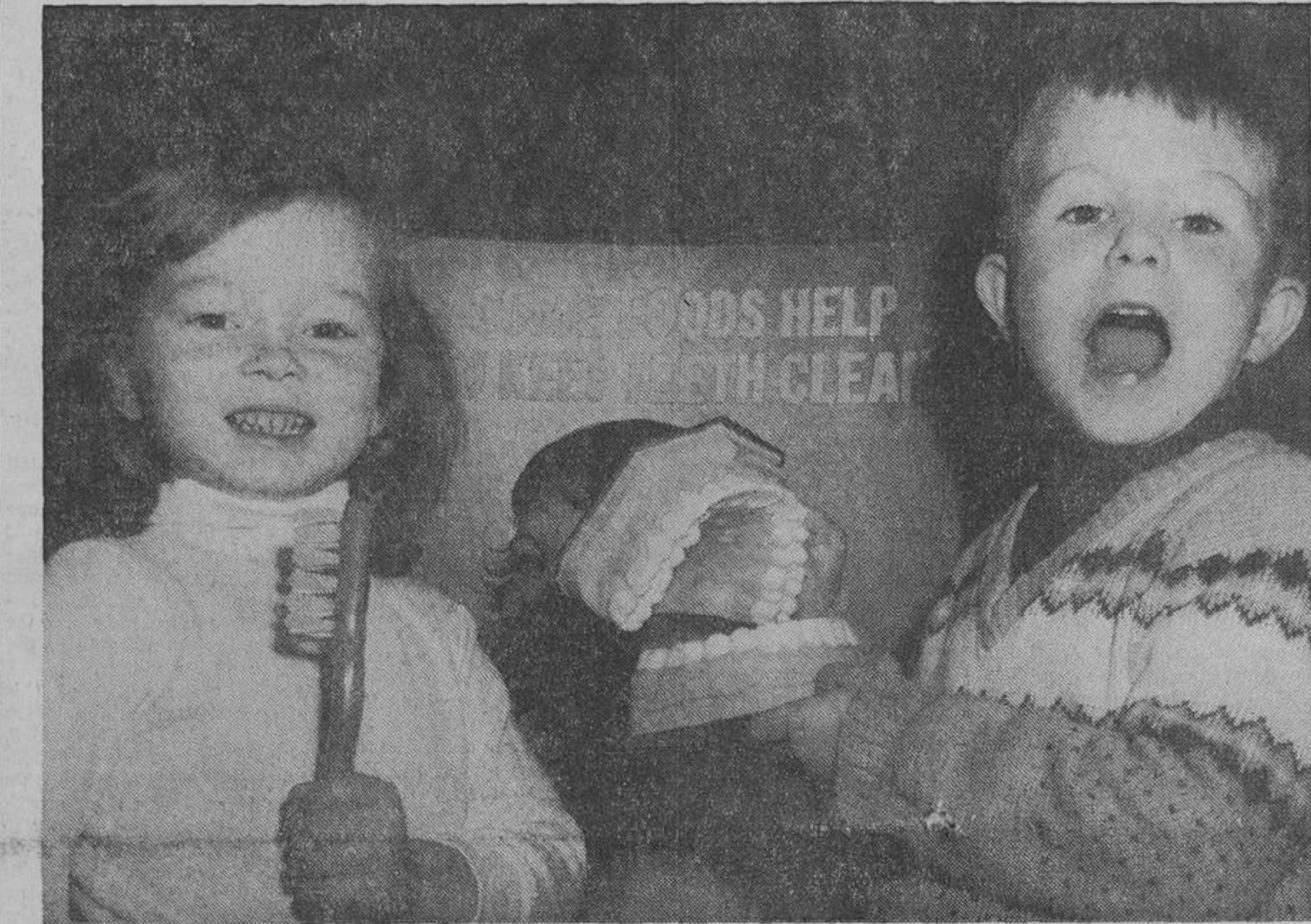
The job was advertised. Councillor James Jongseneel, personnel committee chairman, told council Mr. Oakes has the best type of all-around background among those available for the job of regional solicitor.

He is very well grounded in municipal affairs, and has experience both with Ontario Municipal Board affairs and police matters, said Councillor Jongseneel.

In Ottawa Mr. Oakes attended Hopewell Avenue Public School and Glebe Collegiate. He went on to Carleton University and then came to Toronto's Osgoode Hall to study law.

He is studied for two years with Kenneth Forgarty, Ottawa's present mayor. He then came back to Toronto to join the Metro legal staff in 1957.

Mr. Oakes is married to the former Jocelyn Strong of Alberta, and they have one daughter Nancy. They now live at 44 Hemford Crescent, Don Mills.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Grandma! What Big Teeth You Have!

Fifteen children from Richvale Co-operative Nursery School learned last week that a visit to a dentist's office is not really a terrifying experience. Accompanied by Supervisor Mrs. Dorothea Shipley, her Assistant Mrs. Nancy Bone, and a mother, Mrs. Muriel Bowen, the youngsters were instructed in dental health at the York County Health Unit's Dental Clinic, 129 Church Street South, Richmond Hill.

First they were shown a film, "The Beaver's Tale" in which a busy beaver tells a very small rabbit all about a visit to the dentist and how to maintain healthy teeth, then Dental Hygienists Mrs. Charlotte Munro and Mrs. Hindy Singer talked about foods that help to build sound teeth. Dental Assistants Mrs. Linda Walker and Miss Sherrine Mortimer helped to demonstrate dental procedures and gave the tots a ride in the chair used by York County Dental Director Dr. Edwin Shaunnessy and the hygienists in examining and treating children's teeth.

The children were introduced to "Murphy the Molar" who gives colorful pin-on buttons to children who have learned the rules of dental health, and each received a brand new toothbrush for the benefit of the photographer.

Honor Former Mayor Broadhurst, Awards Given To Fifteen Citizens

Richmond Hill's seventh annual dinner and social evening, at which the town council entertains those citizens who voluntarily serve on appointed committees of the town and those who have made outstanding contributions to life in the community in many ways, was held at Summit Golf and Country Club, Thursday evening of last week.

Specially honored this year was Thomas Broadhurst who served as mayor from 1964 to 1969, deputy-reeve in 1962 and councillor in 1960 and 1961. During the festivities Mr. and Mrs. Broadhurst were presented with a silver tea and coffee service with suitably engraved tray by Mayor William Lazebny.

Presented with cufflinks for the mayor for outstanding service to the community were Robert Little, former councillor, described by Mayor Lazebny as Richmond Hill's Poet Laureate; Doug Boyd, silversmith, who created the mayor's chain of office; William Wagner who has served for 13 consecutive years on the Richmond Hill Hydro Commission and Howard Jackson, who served on the town's committee of adjustment since its inception.

Robert Ross, who has served the municipality on school boards and council for a total of 17 years; John LeClaire, who has served on separate school boards for 10 continuous years; and Margaret Southwell, first woman to serve on the town council, and who has also served on school boards and on the library board; John MacDiarmid a former town councillor.

Harry Savers, whose service to his home town has included 19 years on the planning board, library board, high school board and committee of adjustment.

Canada a gold medal at this year's Commonwealth Games held in Edinburgh. Present also were the three new members-elect of 1970-71 council — Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe of Oak Ridges, Councillor Stewart Bell of Lake Wilcox and Councillor Louis Wainwright of Richvale.

In paying tribute to former Mayor Broadhurst, Reeve Donald Plaxton said he was "a good chairman and a firm chairman. The office of mayor is one which it is very easy to criticize and to second guess. He has fulfilled that office with dignity and a capacity of which we can all be proud. He has the capacity to understand both sides of a question and the ability to make a decision which may be unpopular but which he believes is right. We have been exceedingly fortunate to have had his services from 1960 to 1969."

The former mayor reported he is finding retirement "wonderful, with no withdrawal pains."

The evening concluded with dancing to "The Jacques" under the direction of Cecil Denney. Everyone went home with mementoes of the occasion provided by local businesses. The ladies' corsages and table flowers were provided by Barrow Insurance Agencies and H. J. Mills Ltd., florists; maple leaf pins were provided for the men by Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd., the ladies received vials of perfume from Eryan Perfumes (Canada) Ltd. and all received packages of aluminum wrap from Reynolds Aluminum Co. of Canada Ltd., the town's newest industry.

Up To Council Now Markham Road: Industrial Or No?

An application to rezone industrial land on Markham Road to residential has afforded Richmond Hill Planning Board with a migraine headache in its last days of existence in its present form before regional government sends it into limbo January 1.

The headache was killed November 24 by an aspirin-motion that saw the board laying the problem in the laps of Richmond Hill Town Council due to the little time left for the present board to come up with any answers.

Key figure in the matter is Leonard Prusky who is owner of the Bond Structural Steel plant on Markham Road which has been drawing outcries of protests from nearby residents due to the noise of its operations.

Mr. Prusky has been urging the board to fly in the face of its Official Plan and designate his property as residential instead of industrial as it is at the present time and will be in future.

He is proposing a high-rise apartment complex consisting of three 19-story buildings each containing 228 dwelling units. The proposal would involve a development phasing program divided into three stages. Mr. Prusky first proposed the project over a year ago but planning board termed it premature at the time.

The board, after receiving

some negative comments from town department heads and school board officials over the proposed rezoning decided to leave the matter with council.

A motion was approved which stated that a recommendation be made to council that as "a planning board in our present existing form we do not feel we have sufficient time to duly consider this application."

"In an effort to avoid undue delay to the developer we submit this application to council with the comment that we feel

No School Year Book Ads From County Bd.

York County Board of Education has agreed not to advertise in school year books in 1971.

The question was brought to the attention of the trustees at a meeting of the board on November 9 after two students of Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School in Aurora had approached Associate Director Gordon McIntyre to discuss the possibility of the board placing an advertisement in their school's year book. They were attempting to sell a \$90 full page advertisement.

Mr. McIntyre described the young men as keen, pleasant, ambitious, and very interesting to talk to, but with 14 secondary schools in the county, the trustees felt the expenditure was not justified.

Markham Township Trustee John Honsberger felt this would really mean a contribution or donation to the school, suggesting it would be better to give each school \$100 and let the school spend it as it chose rather than donating it to the school year book.

There was a time when a school year book was sufficiently diversified in its content that it presented opportunities for many students to express their talents and creativity, he said, but in recent years they seem to be made up of "pages and pages of photographs" which he considered of doubtful value.

Vaughan Township Trustee Ross Jolliffe felt that, while selling advertising for the books was probably a good training for some students, it was not appropriate to ask the board for money.

"People of the county are already supporting the schools in pretty fine style," he declared.

North Gwillimbury Trustee Tom Johnston commented that some schools are putting out newspapers and magazines at the grade 6 level. He suggested that the demand could be endless.

"We would never be finished sorting them out," he declared.

the project has merit subject to comments from the various town departments, school boards, as well as our planning consultant, Max Bacon."

Mr. Bacon in a letter reminded the board that its Official Plan had indicated that "in the foreseeable future the land now occupied by Bond Structural Steel should remain for industrial use."

"It would appear that all the studies conducted by the board to date indicate that the land should remain with an industrial designation."

Mr. Bacon suggested that if the board decided to change the rezoning to residential it take a good look at a wider area.

"The relationship of this site to surrounding properties and traffic patterns should be carefully reviewed before any change to its designation."

Mr. Bacon noted the Bond proposal would constitute a massive change "to anything

Richvale Library Remains Open

Rumors in the Richvale area that the Richvale Public Library, located on Ward 6 Councilor-Elect Lou Wainwright, who lives in the area served by the Richvale Library. He reported a membership there of 3,100 and a book circulation last year of 31,000.

The local board had discussed the Richvale Library, which will come under its jurisdiction on January 1, and had expressed concern about the additional costs involved in its maintenance, but no motion to close it has ever been presented, Mrs. Hancey reported. "Closing it will only be considered if the necessary money is not forthcoming," she concluded.

tee John Honsberger was not convinced. He is associated with two publishing houses, he told the board, and there was great difficulty in finding Canadian authors.

The writer of a textbook cannot take an outline to the publisher, he must produce a complete book first and this is a very serious problem, said Mr. Honsberger.

"How can we encourage our teachers to write books?" he asked.

If a book is good, he continued, it will find a publisher in Canada, even though the firm may not be Canadian owned.

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John Roberts Wed In Ottawa Saturday

John Roberts MP York Simcoe had more important things on his mind than Grey Cup on Saturday.

While his party leader was enjoying the game, the Liberal member celebrated his 37th birthday by getting married.

His bride was Toronto Photographer Beverly Rockett and the quiet ceremony took place in the Speaker's Chambers of the House of Commons. Officiating clergyman was Rev. David MacDonald, a United Church Minister who represents a PEI riding in the House. Best man was James Couits of Toronto, who was appointments secretary to Lester Pearson when he was Prime Minister.

Maid of honor was Joyce Susskind, wife of TV and film producer David Susskind who both came from New York for the wedding.

Among other guests were Unicorn owner John Brooks, super-model Samantha Jones, Clerk of the House of Commons Alistair Fraser and Defence Minister Donald MacDonald MP, Rosedale and his wife Ruth.

Actor-singer Tom Kneebone sang Noel Coward songs at the party which followed dinner in the Speaker's Chambers.

Mr. Roberts' Ottawa office does not know where the newlyweds are spending their week's honeymoon. They will be living in King City where Mr. Roberts recently purchased a home.

Board Not Willing To Protest Publishing Company Sales

Roman Catholic Trustee Conrad Thompson got little support when he attempted to persuade York County Board of Education to speak out in opposition to the sale of Canadian publishing companies to foreign interests.

Two of the companies that have recently changed hands, said Mr. Thompson, at a meeting of the board on November 23 are publishers of textbooks, and the board should concern itself about the prospect of losing the Canadian identity in texts used in county schools.

There already are too many American texts in the schools, he declared. He referred specifically to an American physics text which

uses American spelling, confusing students who are taught in the English class down the hall to use the Canadian spelling.

The bibliography and photo sources in the book were also American, he said, and the electron microscope developed at the University of Toronto, the first of its kind in the world, was not shown.

He referred specifically to Ryerson Press which has recently made an agreement to sell to the American firm of McGraw-Hill, and told the board that a Canadian firm was prepared to buy the company at less money. He urged the trustees to appeal to the provincial gov-

ernment to subsidize the Canadian company so that control of the firm could be kept in Canada.

Aurora Trustee Keith Nisbet commented, "If we had supported this publishing house, they would not be selling out. We cannot expect them to continue publishing at a loss."

Ryerson Press, owned by the United Church of Canada, has about 800,000 books in its basement by Canadian authors which are collecting dust, declared Mr. Thompson.

"I sympathize with the United Church's position, but I think we should show our concern," Mr. Thompson declared. "If we do not

keep it in Canada, we are in trouble. These books are valuable. They have Canadian content, and we should encourage our teachers to use them."

Sutton Trustee Les Burrows asked if it would be feasible to have a policy that a certain percentage of texts used in York County schools should be of Canadian origin. There is value, he added, in having some books from other countries in the schools, but there should be an effort made to encourage the use of books with Canadian content written by Canadian authors and published by Canadian companies.

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