

Here Are Scheduled Events In Southern York This Week

Many things are happening in and around the Region of York that are of interest to the general public.

Those interested in the culture of other lands as well as that of their own forebears can learn Ukrainian dancing which is being taught each Saturday at the Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall, Church Lane, Thornhill, at 1:15 pm. On Sunday at 7 pm the church's cultural committee will present a display of icons, explaining the icons as objects of special devotion in the Eastern Churches. Admission: adults \$1, young people 50¢. Refreshments will be served.

CRAFT SHOW FOR HEART FUND

The women's committee of the Ontario Heart Foundation is having an Arts and Crafts Show at the Civic Garden Centre, Edwards Garden, Lawrence Avenue at Leslie Street from 10 am to 9 pm Thursday of next week. There will be a box lunch, coffee and donuts, and, beginning at noon, bar service. Admission is \$1 for adults and 25¢ for children under 12. Free parking.

SCOUTS AND GUIDES SPONSOR DANCE

The 1st Concord Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts are having their annual dance February 15 at 8:30 pm and there will be a buffet. Tickets at \$10 per couple can be bought from Molly Kerr-Taylor, 669-9508 (home) or 889-2976 (business). The event takes place in Maple Community Hall.

WIZARD OF OZ

The original film version of "The Wizard of Oz", starring Judy Garland is being presented Sunday at 1 pm and again at 3:30 pm in the Minkler Auditorium at Seneca College, 1750 Finch Avenue East near Woodbine Avenue. It is being sponsored by Naomi Chapter B'Nai B'Rith. Admission is 75¢ for children and \$1 for adults. For tickets and information call 449-7418 or 493-9958.

"BACK TO NATURE" CAMPING SHOW

Local campers and hikers will find many things to interest them at the Toronto Camping Show beginning Tuesday at the Four Season Sheraton Hotel and continuing to

February 17. A number of organizations such as the Bruce Trail Association, Alpine Club, and Canadian Family Camping Federation will exhibit following the "Back to Nature" theme. Exhibits will range from camping trailers, vacation areas, trailer sites, fishing equipment, sporting goods, marine products, tents and canoes. There will also be entertainment with country dancing, country and western music and popular evening and camping activity. The show will be open daily from 12 noon to 10:30 pm except Sunday when the show will open at 10:30 am and close at 8 pm. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for students. Children under 12 admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

OAK RIDGES LIONS DANCE

The Lions of Oak Ridges are having a Valentine Dance Saturday in the Lions Den in Bond Lake Arena. Music will be provided by a disc jockey and there will be a buffet supper. Admission is \$15 per couple.

VALENTINE EUCHRE

The Temperanceville United UCW is having a Valentine Euchre in the Sunday School at 8 pm Wednesday next. Admission is \$1.

LOCAL ARTIST AT GIBSON HOUSE

A show of paintings of landmarks across Canada and in the Region of York will be on display at the Gibson House Museum lower gallery from Sunday to March 3. The artist is Jim Smith of Beaverton Road, Richmond Hill. The paintings, ranging from ghost towns of British Columbia to fishing villages of the Maritimes, have been selected from works created by Rev. Smith in his Driftwood Mill Gallery. Gibson House is at 5168 Yonge Street, behind Willowdale Post Office. Hours are 9:30 am to 5 pm weekdays and 12 noon to 5 pm Sundays. Admission is 50¢ for adults, 25¢ for children.

Non-profit organizations planning programs of interest to readers in Southern York Region are invited to contact Social Editor Margaret Lade at "The Liberal", 63 Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill, 884-1105 or 884-8177. Deadline for items for this column is noon on Tuesday.

Stricken At Blaze Vaughan Fireman Dies

Funeral services for Donald Leslie (Chic) Milne, 42, of 15 Clemson Crescent, Maple, a member of Vaughan Fire Department, who died shortly after attending a fire February 2, were held Wednesday afternoon in Maple United Church. Interment was in Maple Cemetery.

Besides representatives of the Vaughan department, firefighters from York Region and various other areas



DONALD MILNE
Fought Thornhill Fire

attended the funeral in full dress uniform.

According to Fire Chief James Davidson, Mr. Milne, a pump operator, attended a house fire at 24 Crestwood Road, February 2, arriving at 10:57 pm.

Milne was laying hose lines for search and rescue procedure, as it was anticipated the building was occupied. It was totally engulfed in flames. Milne complained of pains in his chest at 11 pm, Chief Davidson said.

The chief assisted him to a police cruiser and he was taken to York Central Hospital, where he died early the next morning.

Mr. Milne joined the Township of Vaughan Fire Department as a volunteer in 1963, and entered the service full time, July 6, 1966.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie; two children, Charlene and Mark; and a sister, Gale, (Mrs. Ross Brethour) of Aurora.

Check Moraine Plans

All applications in the Oak Ridges moraine for rural residential development will be examined against the interim policy on development and in the light of possible detrimental effects to the environment, it was decided at a meeting of York Regional Council last week.

Council recently approved 133 acres of the 89,300 acre tract for rural residential development at Gormley Sideroad and Bayview Avenue.

At present, 3,000 acres of the moraine are already built on, or are involved in applications for development.

CALLS IT FREEZE

Last week, Councillor Gordon Rowe of Richmond Hill, said he was "very displeased" to see the planning committee recommendation before council.

"To my way of thinking, it's a freeze on this area," he said.

Mr. Rowe, who asked for a recorded vote, said he couldn't support the recommendation, "with the housing situation the way it is."

Said Mayor William Lazenby of Richmond Hill: "What else are we going to use it for, other than to put houses on?"

BIG MAJORITY VOTE
Voting against the recommendation were Richmond Hill Councillors Lazenby, Rowe and Lois Hancey, and Councillor Jack Gilbert of Vaughan.

Voting for it were the following mayors: Garnet Williams, Vaughan; Margaret Britnell, King; Anthony Roman, Markham; Gladys Rolling, East Gwillimbury.

chairman of the planning committee; Gordon Ratcliff, Whitchurch-Stouffville; Robert Forhan, Newmarket; Evelyn Buck, Aurora; and Joseph Dales, Georgina Township; plus councillors Ray Twinnery, Newmarket; Harry Crisp, Markham.

Hill Council In Dark As Lights Go Out

Richmond Hill Council was in the dark Monday night for a half hour. The regular council meeting had begun at 7:30, the minutes of previous meetings had been approved and a delegation heard when the lights went out. Council and the score of citizens present were plunged into darkness while the street lights on Yonge continued to send forth their illumination undimmed.

Treasurer William Rice made a hurried trip to the fire hall and came back with two battery-powered trouble lights which gave enough illumination for the correspondence to be dealt with.

Mayor William Lazenby had just adjourned the meeting until 8 pm Tuesday evening and councillors were busy picking up their papers when hydro service was restored and council reconvened.

Richmond Hill Hydro reported most of the west side of town suffered from the blackout which was started when a connector shorted at Trench and Mill Street. This caused trouble to develop at the Chamney Substation on Trench Street.

Indefinite Strike As School Talks Falter

(Continued from Page 1) night in a session that lasted until 4 am in an effort to settle the walk-out. The schools emptied Friday of last week with the mass resignation of some 667 secondary school teachers.

Although a complete news blackout was ordered on the talks, Board Chairman Colbourne said the two sides had still not reached an agreement. However, the talks were scheduled to continue Tuesday afternoon after the two parties had got some rest.

When asked at the press conference if she had since heard from Mr. Wells, Mrs. Colbourne said she had, and that he now claimed to have been misquoted and his remarks taken out of context.

Mrs. Colbourne said too there had been some confusion over remarks she made to a trustee conference in Toronto Sunday. The conference was held to discuss Bill 275, the proposed legislation dealing with working conditions in the schools.

She said she stressed the bill needed to be completely revised and received an ovation from the trustees. This was somehow construed in several news reports later as endorsement of the teachers' action by the trustees.

BACKS NEGOTIATORS

When asked by one questioner if negotiations wouldn't go better "if certain people were removed" from the discussions, as had been suggested by some of the teachers, Mrs. Colbourne said the board wasn't negotiating "morale or friendliness."

As for dropping certain people — a reference to Education Director Sam Chapman, at present on leave with Ontario Institute of

lengthening the school year, he said it would be up to the ministry.

Mr. Kippen suggested an alternative would be to lengthen the school day. When asked if there was anything to prohibit the board from hiring new teachers to replace those who had resigned, Mrs. Colbourne said any teachers hired that way would be "pinklisted" by the OSSTF, depriving them of any backing from that group.

MONEY BEING LOST
Nor was the board able to catch up on its ceiling restrictions during the walk-out, as the maximum money it could spend was reduced considerably when the teachers weren't being paid.

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PUPIL-TEACHER RATIO
It was also pointed out at the conference that the present pupil-teacher ratio is 17.7-1, contrary to the claim of Al Farquharson, president of District 11 of the OSSTF, that it is 20-1, and should be reduced to the 1972 level of 17-8-1.

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Day Care Protest

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says Mrs. Kuntze. "Teachers' children should be with their parents. It is very good, too, for grandparents to take a child, and visiting relatives is a good experience."

She supports Mrs. Fleming's statement that positions of children on vacation are filled with children on the waiting list. The centre has 76 children enrolled and 160 on the waiting list.

FILL VACANT PLACES

In April the staff starts checking with parents to find out what their holiday plans are, how long they will be on vacation so that children from the waiting list may be admitted in June, July or August, instead of waiting until September when most vacations are over. Some children, Mrs. Kuntze said, have been on the waiting list for two years.

She feels many politicians do not appreciate the importance of day care provided by qualified and experienced professionals and is distressed that some actively oppose any extension of the service. Another and larger centre is badly needed in the community, said Mrs. Kuntze. Money spent to provide proper care for the very young can save the government money later, she said, when a child reaches the teens, confused and unmanageable because of neglect in the early years.

"Maybe those politicians will see this some day," Mrs. Kuntze, "I can understand the region's point of view. The money has to come in. We have to have it to operate."

Richmond Hill Mayor William Lazenby, chairman of the regional health and social services committee, and a firm supporter of day care centres, had not seen Mrs. Fleming's letter, but told "The Liberal" he was not sure that the fears of the parents are totally justified.

POLICY FLEXIBLE

"We have to leave some

things to the discretion of the administrator (of a day care centre), and if Mrs. Kuntze can fill the places of children on vacation without loss of revenue, more power to her. There has to be some flexibility."

Before day care centres became the responsibility of the region in 1971, the local centre, the only one in York at the time, was subsidized by the town.

If plans for a civic centre in the new BAIF subdivision go through, said Lazenby, a new day care centre will be included. He hopes that it will be a reality "within a couple of years."

The committee report on day care recommended that admission preferences be given to single parent families and to families whose children require day care due to an emotional, physical or behavioral problems. "This may be the parent or child's problem. A medical certificate is required as proof of need."

NOT ALL NEEDY CASES

Not all parents who apply for day care are in need, Lazenby pointed out. Many two-parent families do not need two incomes in order to live comfortably and if they want an extended holiday for their child they should pay to keep their place open at the centre. Parents in need can always be assured of a sympathetic hearing from the commissioner, Dr. Slingerland, and from the committee, said the mayor.

The centre takes children from age 2 up. Children of elementary school age are dropped off by their parents and remain at the centre until it is time to go to school. They return to the centre for lunch, and again at the end of the school day.

The Richmond Hill centre is in St. Mary's Anglican Church, the one in Aurora is also in a church, and Newmarket has its own building, constructed in 1972 under a provincial program which was part of a plan to stimulate expansion of day care in Ontario and to provide work through the winter months. Full cost of construction was paid by the province. The province usually pays 80 per cent of cost.

RETARDED CHILDREN

The Newmarket centre accommodates infants and retarded children in their own areas in the building on the York Manor property as well as older children and normal children. In Richmond Hill the retarded children's centre is in St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The recommendation regarding holidays does not include children in this category because volunteers necessary to operate this section during holiday periods are not available, says the health and social services report.

One of the greatest costs involved in operating the centres, says the mayor, is food. The children get nutritious morning snacks (some have had no breakfast), a hot lunch and an afternoon snack in accordance with schedules and menus required and provided by the province's Ministry of Social Services, which sets standards for all nursery schools and day care centres.

Hancey Charges Stephenson With Conflict Of Interest

Charging that a recent decision of the Richmond Hill Committee of Adjustments which approved severance of three lots on Naughton Drive was contrary to the applicable zoning bylaw and discriminatory, Regional Councillor Lois Hancey failed Monday night in an effort to have council appeal the decision on two of these lots. The last day of appeal on the third (January 31) had already passed.

Mrs. Hancey pointed out other applications for severances with much less variance had been refused by the committee. She charged Councillor David Stephenson,

chairman of council's planning committee, appeared before the C of A in support of the applications.

HANCEY SHOCKED

"We all took an oath of office to uphold the laws of this municipality. I suggest Councillor Stephenson was acting in conflict of interest as an agent for the applicant. I am absolutely shocked and appalled by the decision of the committee," she said.

On a recorded vote Councillors Andy Chateauvert and Lou Wainwright, plus Mayor William Lazenby, supported Mrs. Hancey's motion to appeal. Voting against the appeal were Councillors Graeme Bales, Jack Major, William Corcoran, Stephenson and Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe.

PRIVATE CITIZEN ONLY

Councillor Stephenson told "The Liberal" Tuesday morning he attended the C of A meeting as a private citizen. "The applicant was represented by legal counsel who made the application. When the question was asked if anyone was present to support or oppose the application I stood up and said I supported it," said Stephenson.

Cite Bramalea Man

In Bond Theft Maple

Negotiable bonds worth \$25,000, and believed to be part of \$200,000 worth of Western Realty Projects Limited bonds taken from the Canadian National Railway yards in Maple last December, have been recovered in Bramalea.

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