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There is some possibility a major community housing project for 30,000 ing boards at Queen's Park for a large farm site on Steeles Avenue between Concessions 7 and 8 in Markham Town, "The Lib-

usually reliable source. It is possible some announcement could be forthcoming Friday at an expected news conference of Ontario's new Housing Minister Sidney Handleman as the province attempts to solve a mounting housing crisis shortage. Such a plan would suddenly almost double the Markham Town population in a municipality already suffering from a decade of exploding growth.

The announcement, if it comes, is expected to inin the town where local community services are already heavily loaded.

Ron Hall, acting education In an interview afterwards, School Board, OSSTF Dispute Development Days Each Other's Ratio Figures

By JIM IRVING

pupil-teacher ratio was something he as a mem-

ber of York County Board of Education would

never do, Trustee Ross Jolliffe of Vaughan, told

a brief from WEB, (Watchers of Educational

Bureaucracy) read by Toronto lawyer, Barry

WEB, which is made up of independent groups

of citizens, was that it was "absolutely vital"

a meeting of the board Monday night.

that pupil-teacher ratio be negotiated.

named as replacements, with be eliminated.

the present trustee negoti- member.

Negotiating with teachers on the question of

Mr. Jolliffe made his comments in reply to

One of the main points of the brief from

When asked at a press | board spent 66% percent on rents write to the school conference Monday as to salaries. superintendents in their why there was always a dis- Monday night, at a regular areas with suggestions for crepancy in pupil-teacher meeting of the board, the teachers on their professio- ratio figures released by latter released its own set of York County Board of Edu- figures on the pupil-teacher Mrs. Marion Hohener, 216 cation and the Ontario Se- ratio. Duncan Road, said that a re- condary School Teachers Fe- The board said that the cent article in the York deration, Vince Mathewson, York ratio as of September County Board of Education chief negotiator for the 30, 1973 was 17.9:1 and not publication, "Contact," had OSSTF, said the trustees 18.4 as claimed by OSSTF. first put forth the idea that padded the figures by in- Also, with dropouts, the parents contribute their cluding people who were not figure was 17.2:1 as of Decertified teachers, but who cember 31, 1973, while the Mrs. Hohener said she had assisted in some other in- secondary staffing complesubsequently read of abuses structional capacity, such as ment was 827.13.

held political meetings, and York ratio was 18.5, while used an incorrect enrolment she was concerned lest the the teachers wanted a 17.4:1 figure as the basis of calcuratio, the provincial average. lations."

and exchanges with teachers tenac County, which includes ment as 15,821, instead of in different cities could be Kingston, where 71 percent 14,824. The difference is acof the budget is spent on counted for by the 997 grade She said there was so classroom teachers, the ratio eight students "who, while

win, was found in Maple Leaf Gardens, and through Doug it all, that she hoped the percent of its operating bud- instructed by teachers whose Moore was presented to Richmond Hill represented by Mayor teachers would take advant- get on teachers' salaries. At time is a charge against the age of the professional de- a meeting in Richmond Hill elementary staff complement velopment days to abosrb Friday night, however. Trus- and not the secondary com-Since only 11 players were named in the report of the all they could that would tee Douglas Allan said the plement."

greatest discrepancy lies in Mr. Mathewson said the the fact that OSSTF has

For example, the OSSTF He said, too, that in Fron- listed York secondary enrolaccommodated in certain

all of those appearing in the picture with full first names if possible. In an earlier story three other players, Powell, Derry and Brown are named and in another story Mr. Redditt is reported as attending the notional least story and assist in the progress of their students. Area superintendents can be contacted at the area of fices, 59 Yonge Street North in Richmond Hill

Trustee Craig Cribar of about the same items," Mr Newmarket, at a meeting of Cribar said. York County Board of Edu- NOT ENOUGH TIME cation Monday night, res- Trustee Margaret Coburn titions with 3,800 signatures ponded to a motion by Trus- of King, although agreeing urging the board to end the tee Douglas Allen of Rich- that Mr. Cribar had a "valid dispute. mond Hill to press for vo- idea," felt there wasn't time striking York County secon- handle negotiations. a suggestion of his own that of Richmond Hill felt a

the board make a change in couple of changes might be the present trustee negotiat- in order, while Trustee John WEB go before the OSSTF ing committee. have had the two sides re- be made they should be fair. sume negotiations immediate- made on both sides. ly and then go to arbitration, Trustee Don Sim of Mark- Markham said the board ac-

ers was set as March 1. ers will respond to this as are prepared to do that," he soon as possible," said Mr. said, "If they're prepared to,

Allen. "I know arbitration they'll call us." isn't the best solution, but He said the board had to we must try. The main pur- offer the teachers something pose is to get the teachers new, or else soften its position on some points of dif-

"The full panel of items ference. in dispute will be arbitra-

In making his suggestion, six-hour meeting the day Mr. Cribar said he wasn't before, had "beat the motion

"It has to be more than the best," he said. just a call to go back Mr. Allen's motion was 16 parents, has been sent off with the same people to talk carried.

would lose control of its budget if it let the teachers decide the ratio. He said it wasn't a matter

Mr. Jolliffe said the board

of having so many teachers per pupil, but hiring a specified number of teachers and having to stick to that number, no matter what kind of a drop in students there

might subsequently be. He said the OSSTF was anxious to have that aspect decided, as it gave them a certain number of guaran-

teed members. MISLEADING TERM If not, the brief went on, director, as consulting staff

Mr. Jolliffe said that puating committee should be Pupil-teacher ratio was the pil-teacher ratio had nothing changed, and Trustees Craig most misleading term there to do with the number of Cribar, Newmarket; Norm was, Mr. Jolliffe said. It had students in a classroom, Weller, Aurora; and Warren nothing to do with what the which is why the term was Bailie, Richmond Hill; be delegation felt, and should misleading. Pupil-teacher ratio was

obtained by taking the total number of students -14,824 divided by the number of teachers - 827.13, which came out to 17.9. Having a pupil-teacher

ratio of 17.9 or 18.5 as claimed by the OSSTF didn't prevent having some classes with 37 or more pupils in them. Mr. Jolliffe said that the OSSTF's charge that the

board included teacher aids in its total was true. There were 13.2 teacher aids, but these only amounted to 6.6 fulltime teachers. Trustee Douglas Allen of

Richmond Hill said that negotiating the ratio would take away from the board support in setting its own budget, and would give more power to the ministry.

The brief from WEB said the board had mislead the public in numerous ways since the strike began: saying it would submit to voluntary arbitration, but didn't include pupil-teacher ratio; saying all teachers could be replaced, but it wasn't an easy matter to; saying night classes would be held for grades 12 and 13, which only stalled plans of OSSTF to establish tutorial

The brief urged the board to reduce the size and power of the senior administration. The morale of the teachers was low and the board was urged to take immediate ac-

The brief also took a swipe at the board's proposed "multi-million" dollar (tentative cost, \$1,300,000) administration building, with the query: "Wouldn't it be a higher priority to get the

teachers back?" Mr. Swadron presented pe-

Said Trustee John MacKay luntary arbitration with the to train a new group to of Markham: "It's intimated because we make statements dary school teachers, with Trustee Robert Houghton in facts, we're misleading the public"

Trustee Jolliffe suggested MacKay of Markham felt with a similar kind of brief Mr. Allen's motion would that, if any changes were to it its intention was to be

Trustee Donald Sim of if no agreement could be re- ham said he would be very cepted some responsibility ached by February 27; re- much surprised if the teach- for the low morale of the turn to school for the teach- ers accepted the idea of vo- teachers and its main concern was to get them back in "We hope that the teach- "The teachers know we the schools and restore their

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2 Telegrams

It all depends on whose

said the board, at a special side you're on. A telegram of support for negating the work of the out" and it should be presen- the York County Board of Education has been sent after 10 months, a minor Trustee Warren Bailie of from the Markham area, change might bring about an Richmond Hill, agreed. "We with the backing of 20 parshould proceed and hope for ents, while another one from Thornhill, backed by

> in support of the teachers. Margaret Lucas, who helped organize the first telegram, said it was to urge the board "not to be intimidated by unjustified demands of the teachers who we feel are most unreasonable and

unrealistic." Specifically she pointed out the teachers' demand for tenure and agreement on a pupil-teacher ratio at the

1972-73 levels. The second telegram was organized by Mrs. A. H. Richmond, 22 Almond Avenue, Thornhill, and has been sent to the board, the Ministry of Education and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers

Federation. Mrs. Richmond said she had called 14 parents in the area, including one in Richmond Hill, asking for their support and hadn't been re-

fused by one of them. She said the teachers worked under appalling conditions. These included poor electrical switches in the

The telegram was also signed by her husband, Dr.

RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1974

30,000 More For Markham?

people may be on the draweral" has learned from a

voke considerable concern

Seeks Suggestions

A Thornhill women would like to see York County panal development days.

of the professional days pro- at Don Head Secondary The board said that, "the gram in North York, where School teachers went skiing and same thing happen here.

She said new teaching techniques could be studied

much for children to learn was 16.1. The above picture, taken to commemorate the great and so little time to cover He said York spent only 57 secondary schools, are in fact championship game and the picture contains 12 players and make both their teaching

Near Miss At **Blood** Clinic

But they're just a

"We weren't quite at the 300 target, but were very close to it," said Telephone Committee Chairman Mrs. Marion Hohener of Duncan Road. "Many thanks are due to everyone who made the clinic a success. We're hoping to hit the 300 target at the next clinic in the fourth week

in May."



and New Leslie Street. It operation, A joint committee Sim alleged Markham includes one acre of Mark- of the three local governham Town land, 10 acres of ment bodies was set up. Pubto put in day care centres as separate school board land, lic School Board Architect encouraged by provincial le- and the rest is owned by the Ross King was commissioned

PHOTOGRAPHER

"Because the block is all "The first meeting I at-

sidents of the area

(Continued on Page 7)

A record high number of blood donors attended the Richmond Hill Red Cross blood donor clinic Thursday of last week at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Hall. Local Red Cross committee workers are extremely pleased

smidgen short of jubilant. That's just how far short they were from reaching their target of 300 donors. Altogether 295 donors turned out and 277 units of blood were collected. A few couldn't donate because of colds.

TRUSTEE SIM Blames Markham Council

to do a school plan study for all three authorities.

as an experiment in co- disposed of was the agreement on siting of the school buildings, and particularly the public (elementary) school already needed by re-

"At that moment there were 10 portables (classrooms) at the Bayview Fairways Public School and all the children from New Leslie Street (German Mills Community) were being transported by bus to Bayview Fairways. The Bayview Fairways people are complaining bitterly and in my opinion have a good reason to complain because their school was planned on the (one room) open plan. Now they see their children

by the attendance.

The largest number of units collected previously here at a single clinic was 238 in May of last year, while the largest number of previous donors was 270 in August of 1972.

back at once. ted." Mr. Allen said.

negotiating committee, but ted end to the impasse.

Trustee Marvin Hunter

luntary arbitration.

\$3,000,000 Submarine Includes Batteries

By JIM IRVING

York Region may be a long way from the sea, but it's starting to get its sea legs - at least its underwater ones in a most convincing fashion. First it was the filmmakers

use in the movie, "The Neptune Factor", with Ernest Borgnine and Yvette Mimieux. That was like something out of a science fiction comic book, sleek and powerful and right at home with all the other un-

derwater denizens once it de-

at Kleinburg, who built an ex-

cided to stray into their midst. And, of course, it wasn't real. Now, however, there's another sleek and powerful submersible being constructed in the area; and as they say in a certain soft drink ad: it's the

real thing. It's not for any movie, either. In this case, it's being con-

panies and the federal government, who are anxious to see if there's anything at the bottom of the sea besides all those fish and sunken pirate cargo.

Putting it in order for them is Access, a manufacturing and service company, which does under-ice and geological work, and Dominion Engineering and Pipe Limited, both of Maple. Dominion will construct the

do the outfitting and all other appointments. The submarine, when completed in April, 1975, will be shipped to the Arctic, where it will be used to carry out under-

shelf area is covered with ice and the ice cap distorts readings. Therefore, a submarine through a hole in the ice at the base of the cap, where it will be taking soundings from a depth of 10,000 feet for three months.

is needed that can be dropped

self will stay, but its three-man crew will remain with it for

The name to be given to the submarine when it finally rolls down the ramps, is Narwall 11. that lives in the Arctic.

The underwater craft will be about 40 feet long, will cost some \$3,000,000 for the first working model and will operAccess, which has only been

ate on batteries.

in business for a couple of years, built its first sub - Tudlik - Eskimo for loon or great northern diver - in 1972 for Ontario Place, and won a competition to get its present contract. When Narwall 11 is com-

pleted - the final assembling will take place at Dominion Engineering, where Access also has its offices at present - it will be tested in the warm waters of Florida first, and then it's on to Great Slave Lake in the winter of 1975.

So there you have it. If you want your own private submarine, you won't have far to go to get it, providing, of course, you're able to pay the going price for subsequent models, about \$1,000,000.

Batteries included.

school gym.

A. H. Bichmond.

captain. had rained all day and was still raining when play began at 3 pm and yet the grandstand was packed with ladies

G. RAWE.

F. Powell, centre; J. Piper, M. Palmer, A. Pugsley, home; S. S. Searle and G. Savage, inside home; Mr. Wilson, field Scoring on that glorious day for the Young Canadians were Savage, A. Pugsley and Piper. "The Liberal" account of the game reported that it

1885 Stalwarts Were Lacrosse Champions

Brampton and the Young Canadians won the championship in three straight games - one in 15 minutes, one in 35 minutes and one in nine minutes. Members of the team included: J. McConaghy, goal; W. Wiley, point; W. Mager, coverpoint; T. Young, D. Pugsley, C. Skeele, defence field;

Back on June 4, 1885, Richmond Hill's Young Canadians Lacrosse Team won the Western Division Championship on the local fair ground. Their opponents were from

CANADIANS,"

WESTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONS.

1885.

Thornhill's Kay Blasts School Board The York County Board of Education is SIM RAPS TOWN unilaterally responsible for smashing the co-ord-Council's only concern was inated local government plan for integration at German Mills in Thornhill of separate and public

Councillor Gary Kay of 86 Aberfeldy Crescent, German Mills, charged in an interview with this newspaper last week. Councillor Kay feels the hope for a precedent setting beneficial experiment in joint development of community services is growing very dim.

of its lands there, wrecking the community plan. At the same time the highly beneficial. He says South Thornhill councillor the public board unilaterally feels the school board has pulled out of the joint left the rapidly filling Ger- schools-town committee last man Mills-New Leslie Street year. The public board went area, a community the size its own way without consulof Unionville, without any ting the joint committee and school facilities of its own at adopted plans at variance to least until 1975. Area stu- the overall master plan apdents are being crowded into proved by the joint commit- plan was to involve a large portables attached to exist- tee.

ing schools in the older part | SLAMS TRUSTEE SIM of South Thornhill, The result is that a whole particularly slammed Mark- primarily by the public generation from the commu- ham's Public School Trustee school board, but some are nity faces the prospect of Donald Sim of 216 Church owned by the separate school proceeding through all its Street, Old Markham Vil- board and a little by the school years in makeshift, lage, for being completely municipality. portable facilities, he says. | irresponsible in blaming

Councillor Kay blames the man Mills area fiasco. Education) for "letting tely irresponsible. They of New Leslie Street. down" the Town of Markham | aren't borne out by the facts. | The large parcel of public and the York County Roman He was looking for a scape- land covers more than 30 Catholic Separate School goat because the public school acres at the north-east corn-Board on the joint integra- board failed to fulfil its res- er of Simonston Boulevard tion of local government fa- ponsibility to provide school cilities, an aim all three facilities for South Thornbodies and most of the citi- hill residents," said Kay. zens had agreed would be

Bombs Away

the Bank of Nova Scotia, 43 Yonge Street South, practically as soon as it opened for business Monday morning. Police said the bank received a call from an anonymous male about 10 am, saying a bomb had

10:30. The bank was cleared conjunction with the Bayand police made a thor- view Summit School comough check but failed to plex site bounded by Simonsuncover anything. The ton Boulevard, New Leslie matter is still under inves- Street and German Mills

school facilities, plus municipal parks and recreation, South Thornhill's Markham Town Ward 1 board is holding up the school until it can get a

Markham Councillor Kay

pool, arena and ball park in

decision from Markham on the co-operative use of land. Councillor Kay was obvicusly incensed over the Sim statements and the re-He fears the public school board may sell much ported public school board position as he reviewed the

> wasn't made aware there was a joint study committee for the Leslie East (German Mills) area (of South Thornhill)," said Kay, He explained the joint block of land in the centre of the German Mills community. The lands are owned

situation with a reporter.

"When I first took my

seat on council last year I

The public school board BLAMES PUBLIC BOARD | the town council for the Ger- lands were acquired for an elementary school and high whole public school board "For Don Sim to make the school. There are also some #11 (the York County Board of statements he did is comple- lands owned on the east side

In a report in this newspaper of a public school board meeting late last month. Trustee Sim was quoted as saying the attitude It was closing time for of Markham Town Council where the Bayview Summit Subdivision (German Mills-New Leslie Street-Wycliffe Old Town) in Thornhill was concerned was "one of the greatest disappointments I've had in 1973." Sim said he'd attended many meetings with Markbeen placed in the bank ham Town Council trying to and would be going off at | get it to put in a swimming

COUNCILLOR KAY



Blames School Board

gislation. He said the school public school board.

and the fences surrounding the playing field were covered

with members of the male sex, but the players found the

ground slippery and treacherous. The Richmond Hill Cornet

Band was in attendance and played during play stoppages.

is reported as attending the national lacrosse convention.

LOCAL EXPERIMENT in public ownership, the idea | tended was in February or from the outset was for the March of 1973. We spent a three local government bo- good deal of time reviewing dies to jointly plan the site reports. At that time it was for the benefit of the whole apparent the most critical area," said Kay. "I think of item to be dealt with and

RICHMOND HILL, ONT.

William Lazenby.

structed for various oil com-

otic "undersea" machine for hull, while Access, which designed the submarine, will

> ice seismic surveys for oil exploration.

It seems that the continental

Well, not exactly for three months. That is, the sub it-

only eight hours at a time, leaving through predetermined holes in the ice at the end of their working shift and returning the next day.

That, according to Access president, Peter Berry, is a misspelt name for an underwater mammal, with a long snout,

which Mr. Perry says will be

Term Misleading — Jolliffe Won't Negotiate PTR