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"YOUNG CANADIANS," RICHMOND HILL, ONT.

WESTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONS.

1885.

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1885 Stalwarts Were Lacrosse Champions

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 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; F. Powell, centre; J. Piper, M. Palmer, A. Pugsley, home; S. S. Searle and G. Savage, inside home; Mr. Wilson, field captain.

Scoring on that glorious day for the Young Canadians were Savage, A. Pugsley and Piper. "The Liberal" account of the game reported that it had rained all day and was still raining when play began at 3 pm and yet the grandstand was packed with ladies

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.

The above picture, taken to commemorate the great win, was found in Maple Leaf Gardens, and through Doug Moore was presented to Richmond Hill represented by Mayor William Lazenby.

Since only 11 players were named in the report of the championship game and the picture contains 12 players and four civilians "The Liberal" and members of council would be most happy if any of our readers could identify any or 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 national lacrosse convention.

30,000 More For Markham?

There is some possibility a major community housing project for 30,000 people may be on the drawing boards at Queen's Park for a large farm site on Steeles Avenue between Concessions 7 and 8 in Markham Town, "The Liberal" has learned from a usually reliable source.

It is possible some announcement would be forthcoming Friday at an expected news conference of Ontario's new Housing Minister Sidney Handelman 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 invoke considerable concern in the town where local community services are already heavily loaded.

Seeks Suggestions Development Days

A Thornhill women would like to see York County parents write to the school superintendents in their areas with suggestions for teachers on their professional development days.

Mrs. Marion Hohener, 216 Duncan Road, said that a recent article in the York County Board of Education publication, "Contact," had first put forth the idea that parents contribute their ideas.

Mrs. Hohener said she had subsequently read of abuses of the professional days program in North York, where teachers went skiing and held political meetings, and she was concerned lest the same thing happen here.

She said new teaching techniques could be studied and exchanges with teachers in different cities could be made.

She said there was so much for children to learn and so little time to cover it all, that she hoped the teachers would take advantage of the professional development days to absorb all they could that would make both their teaching jobs easier and assist in the progress of their students.

Area superintendents can be contacted at the area offices, 59 Yonge Street North in Richmond Hill.

Near Miss At Blood Clinic

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 by the attendance.

But they're just a 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.

"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."

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.



TRUSTEE SIM Blames Markham Council

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S. Thornhill's Kay Blasts School Board

The York County Board of Education is unilaterally responsible for smashing the co-ordinated local government plan for integration at German Mills in Thornhill of separate and public school facilities, plus municipal parks and recreation, South Thornhill's Markham Town Ward 1 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. He fears the public school board may sell much of its lands there, wrecking the community plan.

At the same time the South Thornhill councillor feels the school board has left the rapidly filling German Mills-New Leslie Street area, a community of the size of Unionville, without any school facilities of its own at least until 1975. Area students are being crowded into portables attached to existing schools in the older part of South Thornhill.

SLAMS TRUSTEE SIM Markham Councillor Kay particularly slammed Markham's Public School Trustee Donald Sim of 216 Church Street, Old Markham Village, for being completely irresponsible in blaming the town council for the German Mills area fiasco.

"For Don Sim to make the statements he did is completely irresponsible. They aren't borne out by the facts. He was looking for a scapegoat because the public school board failed to fulfil its responsibility to provide school facilities for South Thornhill residents," said Kay.

In a report in this newspaper of a public school board meeting late last month, Trustee Sim was quoted as saying the attitude 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 Markham Town Council trying to get it to put in a swimming pool, arena and ball park in conjunction with the Bayview Summit School complex site bounded by Simonsontown Boulevard, New Leslie Street and German Mills Road.

SIM RAPS TOWN

Sim alleged Markham Council's only concern was to put in day care centres as encouraged by provincial legislation. He said the school board is holding up the school until it can get a decision from Markham on the co-operative use of land.

Councillor Kay was obviously incensed over the Sim statements and the reported public school board position as he reviewed the situation with a reporter.

"When I first took my seat on council last year I 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 plan was to involve a large block of land in the centre of the German Mills community. The lands are owned primarily by the public school board, but some are owned by the separate school board and a little by the municipality.

The public school board lands were acquired for an elementary school and high school. There are also some lands owned on the east side of New Leslie Street.

The large parcel of public land covers more than 30 acres at the north-east corner of Simonsontown Boulevard

and New Leslie Street. It includes one acre of Markham Town land, 10 acres of separate school board land, and the rest is owned by the public school board.

LOCAL EXPERIMENT

"Because the block is all in public ownership, the idea from the outset was for the three local government bodies to jointly plan the site for the benefit of the whole area," said Kay. "I think of it as an experiment in co-

operation. A joint committee of the three local government bodies was set up. Public School Board Architect Ross King was commissioned to do a school plan study for all three authorities.

"The first meeting I attended was in February or March of 1973. We spent a good deal of time reviewing reports. At that time it was apparent the most critical item to be dealt with and disposed of was the agreement on siting of the school buildings, and particularly the public (elementary) school already needed by residents of the area.

"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

\$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 at Kleinburg, who built an exotic "undersea" machine for 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 underwater denizens once it decided to stray into their midst. And, of course, it wasn't real. Now, however, there's another sleek and powerful submarine 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-

structed for various oil companies 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 hull, while Access, which designed the submarine, will 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-ice seismic surveys for oil exploration. It seems that the continental shelf area is covered with ice and the ice cap distorts readings. Therefore, a submarine

is needed that can be dropped 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. Well, not exactly for three months. That is, the sub itself will stay, but its three-man crew will remain with it for 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. The name to be given to the submarine when it finally rolls down the ramps, is Narwall 11. That, according to Access president, Peter Berry, is a misspelt name for an underwater mammal, with a long snout, 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 oper-

Term Misleading — Jolliffe Won't Negotiate PTR

By JIM IRVING

Negotiating with teachers on the question of pupil-teacher ratio was something he as a member of York County Board of Education would never do, Trustee Ross Jolliffe of Vaughan, told a meeting of the board Monday night.

Mr. Jolliffe made his comments in reply to a brief from WEB, (Watchers of Educational Bureaucracy) read by Toronto lawyer, Barry Swadron.

One of the main points of the brief from WEB, which is made up of independent groups of citizens, was that it was "absolutely vital" that pupil-teacher ratio be negotiated.

If not, the brief went on, the present trustee negotiating committee should be changed, and Trustees Craig Cribar, Newmarket; Norm Weller, Aurora; and Warren Bailie, Richmond Hill; be named as replacements, with Ron Hall, acting education

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

MISLEADING TERM Mr. Jolliffe said that pupil-teacher ratio had nothing to do with the number of students in a classroom, which is why the term was 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 misled 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 stated plans of OSSTF to establish tutorial programs.

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 action.

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 petitions with 3,800 signatures urging the board to end the dispute.

Said Trustee John MacKay of Markham: "It's intimated because we make statements in fact, we're misleading the public."

Trustee Jolliffe suggested WEB go before the OSSTF with a similar kind of brief if its intention was to be fair.

Trustee Donald Sim of Markham said the board accepted some responsibility for the low morale of the teachers and its main concern was to get them back in the schools and restore their morale.

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2 Telegrams It all depends on whose side you're on. A telegram of support for the York County Board of Education has been sent from the Markham area, with the backing of 20 parents, while another one from Thornhill, backed by 16 parents, has been sent off 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 refused by one of them.

She said the teachers worked under appalling conditions. These included poor electrical switches in the school gym.

The telegram was also signed by her husband, Dr. A. H. Richmond.