

Must Avoid Teacher Strikes Says OSSTF Head Farquharson

Strikes, such as the recent secondary school teachers walkout, which closed York County high schools for six weeks, must not happen again, Al Farquharson, president of District 11 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, told a meeting of York County Board of Education, Monday night.

Something had gone terribly wrong to force the system to remain closed for the longest period in Ontario's history, and it was possible it might close again before the end of the month. Caretakers in the schools have set April 22 as a strike deadline.

"This must not happen," Mr. Farquharson said.

Were there no funds to increase wages to workers? If the answer were no, then the board's books must be opened for scrutiny.

Mr. Farquharson, a teach-

er himself at Thornhill Secondary School, said that the teachers were back to obey the law and he hoped they would remain back.

There must be more "soul searching" between the board and teachers to decide in which direction they were heading.

"All decisions must be based on a humane approach with an understanding that this system is not a machine, not a mechanism, not an administrative unit, not a device to aid administration, but is people working with people," he said.

They must all put aside their biases and proceed to build the best system in Ontario, he said.

The speaker listed a few suggestions towards making a better system: establishment of a teacher-trustee relations committee, with power to recommend to the board when decisions should be made; remove "frills" from the administrative area, not the classrooms, if finances must be cut; evaluate the need of groups such as organizational development; study the closure of four area offices and place all administrative needs within the proposed, new administrative building.

He also criticized what he said was board policy not to allow teachers time off to get married, which was the kind of unworkable rule that should go.

However, Trustee Doreen Quirk of Markham, later challenged him on this. Mrs. Quirk said she knew of no board policy covering that, but the OSSTF handbook that she had, said it was "unethical" for teachers to ask for time off to get married. Those things should be done during legitimate holidays, such as Christmas or Easter.

Did the OSSTF now encourage its members to take time off to get married?

Mr. Farquharson said he would have to look into the matter.

Trustee Ross Jolliffe of Vaughan told the speaker he had had several calls from parents complaining that teachers were spending much of their classroom time explaining the position of the OSSTF during the recent strike, and "continuing to draw up a division."

What was District 11 of the OSSTF doing about that?

Mr. Farquharson said he would like to be supplied with evidence on the matter and he would follow it up. The federation didn't encourage that kind of political activity.

He also presented a resolution to the board, passed by District 11 of the OSSTF at a meeting, March 5, which

was in direct contrast to one passed by the same group, March 28, and which the board later in the meeting commended the OSSTF for approving.

INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS
Mr. Farquharson's March 5 resolution, which was cancelled out by the subsequent resolution of March 28, called for the non-instructional (professional development) days to be made the responsibility of the individual staffs, to be used in one of three ways: professional activity days as defined in the regulations, term-ending days, additional instructional days.

The March 28 resolution, which was approved at the District 11 council meeting, called for the secondary teachers to forgo the previously assigned professional development days for the remainder of the present school year and use them as instructional days.

The board also commended the group for another resolution passed at the same meeting, which called for it to join the school board staff "in a commitment to build the positive relationships within the York County Board of Education essential for an effective educational system for students and a satisfying work environment."

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Here Are Scheduled Events In Southern York This Week

SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER
This year's dramatic presentation at Richmond Hill High School is Oliver Goldsmith's classic, "She Stoops To Conquer", as entertaining today as it was when it was written more than 200 years ago. In fact this year is the 200th anniversary of Goldsmith's death. There will be four performances, April 17, 18, 19 and 20, at 8:30 pm. The school is on Wright Street just west of Yonge Street, and admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students.

CARD PARTIES
The Sutanans of Zoraya (wives of the Alhambra's of the Zoraya Caravan) will be holding a card party in St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church, Yonge and Dufferin Streets in Richmond Hill, at 8 pm on April 19. Beautiful handcrafts have been donated as prizes for this occasion. Admission charge of \$1.50 includes refreshments. For tickets call Marg Matthews, 832-2425 or Mary Oakley, 884-9807. Proceeds to the mentally retarded.

In King, The Robertson Masonic Lodge is having a bridge and euchre at 8 pm Friday in the basement of the King City Masonic

Hall. All proceeds will go to the Cancer Society. Draws and door prizes. Tickets \$1. For information call Bert Jennings at 773-5892.

SENIOR CITIZENS' SQUARE DANCING
A square dance group is being formed in North Willowdale. Organization is not complete yet, but already 25 seniors have indicated that they would like to participate. All interested seniors are invited to call 222-6373 any morning for further information.

ROLLER SKATING IN KING
Roller skating begins in King City Community Centre April 13 on what the community describes as one of the "finest floors in Ontario". There will be new music each week, programs for young and old, Mondays and Wednesdays 7:30 to 9:30 pm and Saturdays 8 to 10 pm.

Non-profit organizations planning programs of interest to readers in Southern York Region are invited to contact Social Educator 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.

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Virtuoso At Music Seminar

One of this decade's most versatile and illustrious musicians, David Amram, is to be the guest at a music seminar being jointly sponsored by the Toronto Symphony Committee and York County Board of Education at Bayview Secondary School in Richmond Hill from 11 am to 12 noon Tuesday.

York was chosen as the site of the seminar, says Mrs. Francis Redelmeier of the symphony committee, because of the extraordinary response of secondary school students in York to concerts presented for students at Massey Hall in the past season.

Now 42, Amram of New York City has played with jazz bands and superb orchestras, and in the 1950s and '60s wrote scores for numerous prominent films and television productions. In 1960 he was chosen as the first-ever composer-in-residence with the New York Philharmonic.

He has been guest conductor of the Toronto Symphony on several occasions, but he is not tied into the symphony scene. In June of last year he was a hit at the Riverbend Coffee House in Metro, playing until 2 am, then jam-

ming away with the Good Brothers and Murray McLauchlan rock groups until 5:30 am, then rising at 9 am to tape two shows for the CBC Morning Show.

Amram sees no inconsistency in wearing jeans and plaid shirt one night and white tie and tails the next, according to the Toronto Star's records critic, William Littler.

According to Mrs. Redelmeier Amram is interested in developing an audience for the future.

"I find in the youth concerts I conduct with the Brooklyn Philharmonic that it helps when I play guitar and sing first. After that, the kids don't seem so frightened by the idea of the orchestra," Amram told Littler.

"Of course it's different in Canada. There is an awareness of music education here. I'll probably be doing a program with the Toronto Symphony in the schools this year."

The seminar at Bayview has been arranged by York County Board of Education Master Teacher of Music Gordon Fleming, organist at Thornhill United Church who played with the Richmond Hill Ecumenical Choir in its current series of Lenten Concerts.

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Bayview is offering all students the opportunity to attend the seminar. Other more distant schools are sending groups from among the student body, members of bands and orchestras, those in music classes, and of course all of the symphony committee representatives have received a personal invitation.

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good response. "It would be foolish of the schools not to accept (the invitation)," he told "The Liberal". He admits, however, that because of the long absence from classes during the teacher walk-out, some secondary schools in distant parts of the region may be unwilling to allow the time away from scheduled classes for travel to and from Richmond Hill.

In assessing response to the school concerts offered by the Toronto symphony at Massey Hall the committee was surprised at the extraordinary response from York, says Mrs. Redelmeier, and all students who have subscribed to these concerts have been invited to the seminar. The student representatives, appointed by their music teachers, have been a great help to the committee in planning the concerts and the seminar.

Amram will also be playing at a student concert at Massey Hall on Thursday evening, and the student representatives have been invited to an after-state party to meet the distinguished conductor-composer-musician.

School Contest For YCH Stone

When the corner stone is laid for the new Langstaff Wing of York Central Hospital May 12 it will contain the literary contributions of a number of elementary school children from the southern area in York.

The hospital board is asking the boys and the girls of the community to name the articles they would like to see put into the cornerstone depicting our way of life and assuming it will not be opened for 100 years.

Teachers have been asked to discuss the significance of these articles with their classes and come up with a class entry. The winning class would have a list of their names, teachers, principals and name of the school included in the cornerstone for posterity.

Deadline for entries is April 15. The winners will be taken on a tour of the hospital and be treated at the Richmond Hill Odeon Theatre. The list of winners will also be displayed in the lobby of the theatre.

Judges for the competition are Pierre Berton of Kleinburg, Don Daynard of CFRB, Hospital Administrator James Heppburn, Board Chairman Grace Jackson and Trustee Dorothy Spears, chairman of the public relations committee.

The compartment size in the stone is two feet by two feet by one foot and it will be placed in the interior wall of the lobby.

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RESIDENT GRATIFIED
Resident Falconi was pleased with the town's speed in answering the call for help this time. He was also happy the town engineer and mayor saw the situation for themselves this time.

"It's pretty hard to believe what goes on there in that little creek unless you see it flooding for yourself," said Falconi. "The mayor was very helpful, but I don't think he can do very much. There is the same problem again further down the road in another spot. The town hasn't accepted this work from BAIF yet. The residents haven't heard from BAIF yet about recovery of damages from March 4."

"BAIF promised us (the town) progress and good things. If this is what we get, I'd hate to see the second stage (of the subdivision) start. This time the town stopped the major part of it (the flood). But every time they smash that grate it costs \$1,000."

BASEMENT FLOODED
Falconi says there was six inches of water in his basement again. The flood was up to his basement windowsills but didn't come over them this time. A neighbor whose basement is about eight inches higher had his rugs, furniture and other belongings up on the beds and the water had just started to come in again.

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Obituary

Director Lora Carlson Dies At Cedar Glen

Clergy and friends from all around Metro and beyond attended the funeral service Monday in Richmond Hill United Church for Lora Wilson Carlson, 63, of 318 Palisier Crescent South, Richmond Hill.

Rev. Carlson, executive director of the United Church's conference centre, nature school, camping and picnic facility at Cedar Glen near Bolton, died suddenly of a heart attack while attending a meeting of the Corporation for Cedar Glen at Cedar Glen on April 4.

Born in Bristol, Quebec, January 3, 1911, son of Alos and Margaret Carlson, Rev. Carlson was a farmer, a construction worker and a miner at Noranda Mines while working his way through Queen's University in Kingston.

His first posting with the United Church was as field secretary for Christian Education in the Montreal and Ottawa Conference. He later ministered to Olivet United Church in Hamilton, George Street United in Peterboro and Kingston Road United in East Toronto.

Always a keen outdoorsman, interested in nature and camping, Rev. Carlson's responsibilities as field secretary and as pastor included supervision of church camps all over Ontario, and in his eulogy Rev. Dr. Robert Smith of Richmond Hill United recalled that Mr. Carlson had been camp leader when he attended Ryeerson Beach Camp on Lake Erie as a camper.

After recovering from a massive heart attack Rev. Carlson succeeded Rev. Albin Wright of Richmond Hill as executive director of Cedar Glen in the fall of 1968 and moved to Richmond Hill. Rev. Wright and Rev. John Hunter of Aurora United Church assisted Rev. Smith in the service at Cedar Glen, its chalets, barns, skating rinks, swimming pool, ski trails, served not only as facilities for meetings and outings for church groups. It also catered to week-long field trips from schools for miles around, for sleigh-rides, hay-rides, cookouts and campouts, and attracted meetings of organizations such as the Vanier Institute For The Family for Canada Manpower and for organizations from outside of Canada.

Rev. Carlson joined unobtrusively, but enthusiastically, in all of Cedar Glen's activities. He was also an ardent curler in the Ministers' League, played golf, and was an active member of the Richmond Hill Naturalists.

In lumberjack shirt and slacks, with cheery smile and firm handshake, he was always happy to welcome visitors to Cedar Glen. He was hospitalized last October with a second heart attack, but was back on the job in January.

Interment took place at Maple United Church Cemetery with Rev. Stanley Snowden of Maple United Church officiating at the service. Pallbearers were Rev. Lloyd Shorten of Toronto, Donald Muir of Hamilton, Glenn Ferguson of King City, Donald Barns of Cedar Glen, Rev. Charles Fox of Toronto and Alfred Best of Toronto. Clergy of many churches were honorary pallbearers.

Rev. Carlson is survived by his wife, Rita Hastie, his step-mother Linda Carlson of Toronto, and four brothers—William of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; Dr. Hugh Carlson of Timmins; Glen of Toronto and Jack of Oxford Mills.

Coming Events

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Plot Holders and Trustees of Thornhill Cemetery, will be held at 8 p.m., April 15, 1974, at North Thornhill Community Centre (Royal Orchard Blvd.) and Baythorn Drive. c1w41

APRIL 20, SATURDAY — 10 a.m. — Rummage Sale, Thornhill United Church, behind Farmers Market. c2w41

THE GARRET GALLERY, 10420 Bathurst St. N., will be open to the public daily April 21-28, from 2 pm-9 pm for the 26th art show of local artist, Harold Howarth. Phone 884-4508. c2w41

APRIL 27, SATURDAY — 9:30 a.m. — Rummage Sale, Presbyterian Church, Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill. c2w41

MAY 1, WEDNESDAY, at 6:30 pm — Maple United Church Annual Auction Sale. c4w40

JUNE 15, SATURDAY, 12:30 PM — Richmond Hill Lions Auction Sale. Phone 884-1572 for pick-up. tfe37

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