Say Trustees Put False Thornhill Facts 10 satisfied homeowners

By HAL BLAINE

The battle over the South Thornhill public school space shortage and the German Mills community centre plan continues.

Markham Town Council April 16 in a motion accused the York County Board of Education of Upper Canada. The group comings. They've got to stop tions to the whole proposal. a complete falsification of facts in a board press release damaging to the reputation of the Town pany and by Governor John (the press release) which I proval of the plan immediof Markham.

The council demanded that the public school board stop seeking to make the town the scapegoat for the lack of sufficient schools in Thornhill. A letter was sent to the school board demanding an official retraction.

UNUSUAL DESIGN

PICK SCHOOL NAME

The angry exchange be- appointed to do this. an months ago when Mark- "Trustee Ross Jolliffe of Councillor Kay described school to suit itself and am School Trustee Donald Thornhill-Vaughan felt ef- it as completely false and im accused the town of de- forts would be made to erroneous, a complete fabroying the chance of com- build the school for some- rication. He said the school ining a community centre thing closer to the \$18.50 per board was trying to find a ith a separate and public square foot it was originally scapegoat for its inability to North Thornhill councilchools complex at Simon- costed at, instead of the provide a school in the Bay- lor. ton Boulevard and Leslie \$24.50 per foot the board is view Summit area. treet in the German Mills now faced with. rea of South Thornhill.

ent, German Mills, issued no "frills". The increased school board seems to be aper interview accusing of increased costs of mater- else for its failure to build Mrs. Louise Aimone. ne school board of unilat- ials, he said. Structural steel raly pulling out of the now costs \$1.76 per square foot compared to \$1.09 when

TENDER CALL April 11 the school board decking is now 63g per sued a press release an- square foot instead of 30¢. or its German Mills ele- ing," he insisted. entary school in the Bayew Summit Subdivision at ollow Councillor Kay's cheaper to build. Staff ad- man.

as made possible through a the limited funds for capital town council present.

PRESS RELEASE

hile the board attempted the Newmarket High School said. negotiate with the Town renovations if the tenders LITTLE TOWN LAND Catholic Separate School figures. be built in the town. At on the new school. He was interest. iministrative core. This Ron Hall. as expected to cost approx-

onstruction this year. At been agreed to name the schools. he same time, the architect school German Mills Public dvised that a contractor had School. A former one room "I realize the lack of prodvised that if his firm was school in the area which was vincial funds is to blame etained immediately he closed in 1962 was known as (for the lack of school

ould have the originally German Mills Public School. space). But that doesn't exlanned school closed in, and eaching areas on the lower oor accessible by next Sepember, with the contract mpleted by December 31. PROVINCIAL APPROVAL "The board appointed a ommittee to meet with the

linister of Education to

eek approval for this. Trusee Jack MacKay of Thornill advised that through the peedy work of William lodgson MLA, York North n early appointment had een received and he and oard Chairman Merna Colourne and Trustees Marvin funter and Donald Cousens ad met with the Minister. "Trustees presented workng drawings for the school nd the Minister promised ney would be given imnediate attention. Staff reorted that a telephone mesage from the Ministry of ducation's Regional Office pril 8 indicated working rawing approval was forthoming. The Minister had nsisted however, that the roject be put to tender and his is going forward.

"Trustees asked consideraon concerning the \$244,900 ne building is expected to ost in excess of the amount pproved for it in 1972. The finister said this would be iven early attention but ould not make a statenent at this time. He also ndicated that the trustees' omplaints about lack of noney for capital building rojects for this year would e studied

"The Minister showed a ertain amount of sympathy nd was aware of your conerns," Mr. MacKay reportd. "Members of his staff vere there and I am sure

e will get some results." "At an earlier meeting, Ir. MacKay expressed indigation that the province was pproving the building of ubdivisions but that the Ministry of Education was efusing to make funds avilable for building schools n the new developments.

HOUSING PROBLEMS "Mrs. Colbourne reported he Minister noted one ranch of the government pproves homes but another pproves schools. Under the

overnment's H.O.M.E. plan, lowever, specific funds for chools are provided. It was uggested that the board night want to meet with the Minister of Housing to disuss their problems with him nd the same committee was

the first industry started in trying to lay the blame on plan. built in 1795 by William Thornhill councillor.

what is now the Town of said. lease concluded.

COUNCIL UPSET

lease obviously upset the town council.

South Thornhill Ward 1 that the school was to be tion here," said Markham school facilities."

Mayor Roman said the Reesor Park was built. Steel against the town was totally wrong.

"The board should be ouncing a call for tenders "This is not a fancy build- notified of our displeasure with their press release. I don't believe it's "Trustee Mariane Gillan a reflection on all the imonston Boulevard. The enquired if a more conven- members of the school somewhere," said Councillor announcement appeared to tional design would be board," said Mayor Ro- Bell.

ortable classrooms in sign is as reasonable, or and seconded by North have to sit there while the hornhill and lack of perm- more reasonable in price Thornhill Ward 2 Councillor board ignores its responsithan a conventional school. Roy Muldrew of Romfield bility to put the lands in the The school board press re- "Trustee Craig Cribar ex- Circuit was passed unanim- condition the community ease said the tender call pressed the fear that with ously by the members of wants. The town is even

he first week of this month renovations to Newmarket ed the public school board put them in condition for ith the Minister of Educa- High School would not be for being the only ones (in baseball and other sports,' possible. "Will funds for a joint town, public school said Kay. this school come out of board, separate school board The council took objection other projects?", he asked. committee) who didn't supthe school board press re- "Staff advised that mon- port the German Mills cam- absolute disgrace if the ase statement which read ies for new buildings could pus and community centre school board leaves the land not be transferred to or plan. He said the public in weeds for 10 years like "Approval for the (Ger- from accounts for renova- school board disagreed be- they usually do until they're an Mills public elementary) tions and that the Minister cause they didn't like the ready to build a school. shool had been given (by had given trustees the hope site proposed for their ele- Mayor Roman said the ne school board) in 1972. that ways and means would mentary school. "And it town worked to bring about ut the project was delayed be found of going ahead with was their plan", Muldrew the school campus-commun-

oms built around a central ing Director of Education our ears. For some reason icism of the frontages allothe province looks after cated under the exchange those who live below Steeles "It was agreed to proceed Avenue. Somehow those "Last month (March) the with the tenders and that above Steeles don't rate the oard learned that funds for the committee would work same kind of financial conne demountable school with the architect to build sideration. This council ould have to be deducted the school at the best pos- should be working with the rom capital funds available sible price. At a special school board to get more or other planned school meeting held April 1, it had money from the province for

BLAMES PROVINCE

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PUBLIC MEETING

AND ANSWERS

THERE ARE BIG ADVANTAGES

TO BEING SMALL.

THORNLEA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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MATTERS OF CONCERN

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1974

Markham, a large saw mill the town," said the South "We have worked very Moll Berczy who had led a "I think this has got to The (public) school board group of German settlers stop. The board has to take wanted to go its own way

from Genesee, New York; to the blame for its own short- regardless of the ramificawas aided by a German com- issuing this kind of thing We let them know our ap-Graves Simcoe who awarded think is damaging to the ately by telephone to their them large tracts of land in Town of Markham," Kay architect but now they say Markham," the press re- Muldrew said the campus official letter," said Mayor

idea for German Mills was good planning and an ex-The school board press re- cellent concept. He charged the public school board sited the elementary ruined the whole campus

"It's a real 'rip-off', that's what it is," said the

Old Markham Village "I have to agree there | Ward 4 Councillor Bud Bon-"Trustee MacKay advised seems to be an insinua- ner said the whole campus concept came into being at Tarkham Town Councillor identical with Reesor Park Mayor Anthony Roman of the school trustees' request ary Kay of Aberfeldy Cres- Public School and that it had Victoria Square. "The made during a town committee meeting by the then n angry rebuttal in a news- costs were solely the result trying to blame somebody Thornhill - Markham Trustee

MISUNDERSTANDING Unionville Ward 3 Counschool board's allegation cillor Mrs. Carole Bell said she'd discussed the whole problem with sitting Markham Trustee Mrs. Doreen Quirk of 11 St. Andres Court, Thornhill.

"I think they're just misunderstanding something

last about the amount of vised that the proposed de- A motion drafted by Kay "It's shameful the lands leeting trustees had during expenditures, the needed Councillor Muldrew blam- to clean up the lands and

Muldrew said it will be an

LEAVING MESS

ity centre complex for Ger-Markham and the Rom- came within the approved Kay said it should be re- town arranged a meeting of membered the town owns the York County Roman oard for the incorporation "Trustee Jolliffe again en- only 11/2 acres of the large Catholic Separate School a public and separate quired if something could German Mills land site and Board and the York County chool community complex be done to keep costs down really has very little land (Public) School Board of Education with provincial authne end of last year the advised that cheaper mater- He said the board has orities. There was a probown decided not to partici- ials could be substituted but continuously delayed and lem of an exchange of land ate in the project and in that this would inevitably now is refusing to go to the between the two boards to anuary the board sought lead to higher maintenance people and admit their (the bring about the plan. This oproval from the Ministry costs in subsequent years. "If trustees') blame, while con- meeting brought the neces-Education for a 'demount- you buy cheaper hardware, tinuing to blame the town. sary provincial approval. But ble school' composed of two in a year you are buying "We have overcrowded there then appeared to have ix pack' portable class- new hardware," stated Act- schools and portables up to been some public board crit-

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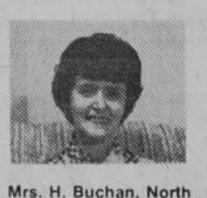
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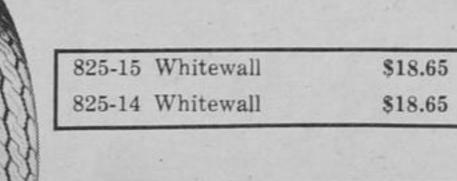
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