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The Family Y's dirty crafts program at the historic Burr House on Carrville Road is an unqualified success with the small fry. Expressions tell the tale, left to right, as Missy Burnie, Carrville Road, Lori McLean, Duncan Road, and Eileen McGowan, Duncan Road, paint pumpkins for Halloween.

Dirty crafts slopping success

By Marilyn McDonald
First pour a gob of gooey blue stuff on the paper. Then dump in a lump of orange paint. After that smush it around for a while with 10 fingers.

That was the formula for creating a Hallowe'en pumpkin at the Saturday morning Dirty Crafts session in the Rowland Burr Craft House on Carrville Rd.

Using 10 fingers may seem basic, but the children at this session are much more creative.

"I'm keeping one hand clean just in case," said 9-year-old Heather Sawyer.

When it came time to roll up, however, Heather's floppy sleeve was on the clean-hand side. She had to use the wet orange hand to confine the culprit.

Bernie Gould had an orange nose and two orange hands. Bernie is also an innovator. Rather than confine the orange to

the circle for the pumpkin, Bernie who is 6, covered the entire paper with orange paint and scratched the pumpkin shape out of the wet color with his fingernail.

If clothes are the mark of the man, the "paint shirts" worn by these artists showed definitive taste in design and cut.

Peter MacDonald, "eight-and-a-half not eight" wore a rather splendid old army shirt.

Kathleen Campbell, "almost nine" got her shirt "from dad".

Eileen McGowan, age 7, covered up with a faded but obviously once very pretty nightgown.

"It's from Ireland," said Eileen.

Eileen came to Canada from Ireland just about a year ago. Her sister Ciara was with her.

"And I'm five to-day," declared Ciara.

It's funny about those paint shirts, though. There seemed to be paint just about everywhere except on them.

Parents want to know more about teacher development, activity days

At the October 15 meeting of Thornhill Parents Council, member Janet Springer read from a survey prepared by the council in which 23 parents interviewed opposed non-instructional days and wanted them changed to teaching days.

The actual number of non-instructional days is decided by the local school board, Thornhill area schools have only

nine so-called PD and PA days.

A copy of an Ontario Ministry of Education survey forwarded to the Parents Council revealed statistics showing a favorable response to the program by the parents questioned.

Erika Thomson wondered about the wording of the survey and the percentages quoted.

"How could parents

judge whether Professional Development days were valuable by the wording of the survey?" she asked.

TPC president Michael Bailey agreed with Mrs. Thomson saying he felt it was "definitely a biased survey".

Mother and former teacher Margaret MacDonald said she makes use of the PD days to take her children to events not available or too crowded on the weekends.

She related an example of how she feels the program benefits both teacher and pupil.

The teachers at one school had become concerned over the disruptive behavior patterns of the students. Through discussion they became aware of the problem was most noticeable late in the afternoon. They concluded the children were returning to the classroom tired and overstimulated from the afternoon recess. The recess was cancelled and according to Mrs. MacDonald the experiment resulted in more attentive pupils.

Another teacher who preferred to remain unidentified because

"I'm still teaching", had taught previously under the old system when discussion was part of each school day.

"Now if I have a problem, I have to wait for one of the PD days," the teacher said.

The unidentified teacher, also a parent, felt it was good for the teachers to get together, but "they don't need 12 days out of the teaching year".

Ed Drenfeld, treasurer of the Parents Council, wondered why teachers can't use their vacation periods for professional development and activity.

"They're paid for a full year, they should use the full year," he said. "We can't afford to take away instructional time from the students."

President Michael Bailey called for some concrete resolutions. The 350-member Thornhill Parents Council now has four resolutions before the York County Board of Education.

Members decided to defer a decision until more information was obtained and to ask the board to supply agendas of professional development days held during the past year in Thornhill area schools.

Rename school for Markham co-founder

By Jim Irving
The founder of Markham is finally going to get a permanent memorial, courtesy of York County Board of Education.

Last week, the board, with only two votes against, agreed to rename Mark II Public School in the Unionville area William Berczy Public School at a date convenient to all concerned. At the same time, the chairman's committee was asked to consider drawing up a suitable ceremony for the occasion.

The motion was made by Chairman Donald Sim, and seconded by Doreen Quirk, both of Markham.

In speaking of the motion, Sim pointed out that, besides his role as founder of Markham, Berczy had a painting in Canada's National Gallery, designed the first bridge across the Don River and was the co-founder of the City of York.

Yet, there was not one permanent memorial in Markham to his memory, the chairman said, unless you counted a street between the Ninth Line and Highway 7, "on which no one lives."

He said that 1,200 questionnaires were sent out to parents in the area, informing them of the proposed change and asking for their opinion on it.

The returns listed 64 in favor, 97 against and 31 with no opinion.

"If this were a poll, I'd say the people had spoken," Sim said. "But I don't feel it is a poll."

He felt that way because of the reasons given. The recurring reason was that it would cost a lot. However, that wasn't true; the name change could be "phased in gradually," at little or no cost.

There was also an

element that thought the name "Berczy" was "goofy." Sim said he didn't think that was a valid reason.

Another reason given was that the board's policy was against naming schools for people.

The chairman said he wasn't aware of that policy, and proceeded to list three schools in Markham — William Armstrong, Roy Crosby and James Robinson — which were named that way.

The two dissenters to the motion were Trustees Chris McMonagle of Markham and Douglas Allen of Richmond Hill.

Women's day at York U

The official opening of York Women's Centre, York University, on October 17 was marked by ceremonies, discussions, films and entertainment, beginning at noon and continuing into the evening in Atkinson College.

There were opening remarks from York president Ian Macdonald, Atkinson College dean Margaret Knittl, and Laura Sabia of the Ontario Council on the Status of Women.

A panel discussion, Where Are The Women At York?, was followed by the showing of series of films of different eras in various walks of life.

The men also had their say in a presentation on Men's Liberation with Howard Buchbinder of Atkinson social science division.

A slide show, Women In India, was presented by Sudha Thakkar.

The program ended with a concert featuring feminist singer Rita MacNeil.

Board approves choir grant

By Jim Irving
The halls will be alive with the sound of music this year, as a result of a move by York County Board of Education last week.

Despite occasional opposition from various trustees that it was all too expensive, the board eventually agreed to a request from Areas 3 and 4 that it help them form a choir made up of a selected group of grade 6 to 13 students from all public and separate schools in the county.

A total of \$4,000 was requested for the choir, with \$2,500 of it coming from a possible night school grant, and the remainder from headquarters reserve.

The motion for the choir was made by Trustee Margaret Coburn of King, and seconded by Robert Houghton of Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Coburn, in answer to a question by Trustee Gary Adamson of Markham, said the \$4,000 was required to pay for a conductor and for materials. Members would provide their own transportation.

She said they hoped "to get the best conductor possible."

Trustee Adamson said that, as the program would not be extra-curricular, he was against it. It might be "educationally sound, but I think we've got many music people who would give their time. I think teachers would like to be involved," he said.

Another Markham Trustee, Doreen Quirk, said that, if there was no pay involved, there would be no grants, so the board wouldn't save.

She said there weren't

enough people in the high schools with the talent for choral conducting.

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Trustee Quirk agreed. "You don't let everybody on a football field," she said, getting in the last word.

The board also approved a motion by Trustee Houghton to provide \$1,500 toward supporting a Lake Wilcox Public School youth program, from January 1, to June 30, 1976.

There was one proviso, however.

It was also agreed that staff evaluate the program and report back to the board by June 1, in an effort to consider future support.

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