

Principal quizzed

**olde towne & german mills**

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At the first parent-liaison meeting of the year held at German Mills Public School on Simonston, principal Gordon Maunder asked the parents what they wanted from the school.

Some of the answers were: basic knowledge of the 3 'r's, self-motivation, self-worth, creativity, structural learning, citizenship and group interaction. There was a lengthy discussion about reading and writing; does the student know what he reads?

Invited guest Ken McDonald, superintendent of area 4, expressed interest in the discussion on functional grammar.

He said there was some criticism on the secondary school level. "Youngsters are not in all respects comparable to youngsters in the fifties. There is a higher percentage of kids going to university.

It is unfair for a person who was a top student to compare themselves with the same grade in the fifties". He also said there is no comparison in the level of mathematics. Elementary school is different. There is an interest in creativity and self-fulfilment. He said the 3 'r's should not be the same for every youngster in grade four.

McDonald said that there was not enough done for the gifted youngster or one with a learning difficulty. This could be solved by more effective classroom teachers.

Crowding at Thornlea and Thornhill Secondary schools was also discussed, along with the teaching of values in the classroom. The next parent-liaison meeting will be in January.

**Conscious**  
The York County Elementary Teachers Associated Federation, better known as YCETAF, is looking for a way to improve its image. The topic at last month's meeting was communications.

Members of the media were invited to attend.

Bill Roberts of the Resource Center at Meadowbrook Elementary School, who is in charge of public relations for various professional development days, spoke on aspects of reaching the media and suggested that each school in areas 3 and 4 have its own public relations representative.

**Bazaar**  
The Good Shepherd Parish is holding a "Bazaar and Bake Sale" this Saturday from 11 to two at the Holy Redeemer School Auditorium, 111 Aspenwood Drive in Willowdale.

Featured will be Christmas baking and baking from many lands, children corner, Christmas decorations and crafts, used books, bric-a-brac, and candy world.

Luncheon will be available. Admission is free and all proceeds are to go to the church.

**Demonstration**  
The North East Jewish Community Services is sponsoring a Hannukah Workshop and Demonstration Program designed to show parents how Hannukah can be celebrated in the home. Featured in the program will be songs, stories, blessings over the candles, crafts and other significances of the upcoming holiday.

The location is Hillcrest Community Library at 5801 Leslie Street in Willowdale and the date is next Wednesday December 8 at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free, literature available and coffee will be served.

**Sadie Hawkins**  
Thornlea Secondary School is sponsoring a Sadie Hawkins Christmas Dance on Friday, Dec. 10, 8 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. The dance is only open to students with student cards.

**Winter concert**  
Circle your calendar at Tuesday, Dec. 14. That is the date of the winter concert being held at German Mills Public School, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Performing will be the junior and senior choirs.

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