

Collision causes blackout

Sections of Richmond Hill were without power for two hours Thursday morning following a traffic mishap at the corner of Yonge St. and Major Mackenzie Drive.

A southbound car hit an eastbound panel truck and sent it spinning into a hydro pole on the southeast corner of

the intersection.

A cross-bar on the pole was broken off and power was shut down in order to replace it.

Initially only a short section of Yonge Street was without power, but the line fell and areas west of Yonge were also blacked out.

Both drivers involved in the collision were taken to hospital suffering chest pains. The driver of the vehicle which hit the pole also complained of whiplash.

Damage to the two vehicles was estimated at \$2,500.

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Richmond Hill youth is top York student

A Richmond Hill youth, Simon Wong, 17, of 159 Springhead Gardens, is York County's top student this year with an average of 96 per cent on his best Grade 13 subjects.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Wong, Simon came to Canada from Hong Kong two years ago, and has attended Langstaff Secondary School for the past one and a half years.

Simon will receive a \$600 scholarship from the University of Toronto and will study physics there.

He is tutoring Grade 6 and 7 students in language arts during summer school at E.J. Sands Public School in Thornhill.

In second place was Scott Peterson of King City Secondary School, with 95.7 per cent.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Peterson of King City.

Scott has been offered a scholarship with a potential value of \$5,000 from the University of Waterloo. He plans to study chemical engineering at the university.

Next in line was William Dawson of Aurora High School.

William, who scored 95.2 per cent, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Blair Dawson of 183 Kennedy St. W., Aurora.

Altogether, 202 students were named Ontario scholars this year, compared with 160 last year.



Simon Wong
... 96 per cent

To qualify, students must have received a secondary school honor graduation diploma, and have attained an 80 per cent average or more in their best six subjects.

They receive a diploma and \$100 from the province.

Other Ontario scholars at Richmond Hill High School— Rudy Poseika, 83.5, Donna Querengesser, 82.8, Pam Lawson, 82.2, Nancy Kerr, 81.3 Paul Henderson, 80.8.

Other Scholars at Bayview Secondary School are Alan Tambosso, 89.8, Jane Limpert, 87.8, Dagmar Schoenrock, 84.7, Robert Adam, 84.0, Ludmila Strapec, 83.8, Diana Ciancusi, 83.2, Jane McNulty, 81.8, Melody Lynden, 81.8, Ruby Steenson, 80.2, Bert Boldeger, 80.0, Brenda Hazel, 80.0, Kathryn Thomson, 80.0.

York's scholars

The top three Ontario scholars for 1977 in York County's 14 secondary schools offering grade 13, are: Langstaff — Simon Wong, 96 per cent, Robert Veitch, 93.1, Craig McGussin, 91.5; Richmond Hill High School — Brian Alexson, 90.6, Tucker Carrington, 88.5, Mark Rausa, 83.6; Bayview Secondary — Shelley W. Ring, 94, Suzanne L. Melsness, 92.7, John Vrantisidis, 91.5; Thornhill — Colin Angus MacLellan, 90.8, Philip Hew-Wing, 90.3, Bradley James Stephen Bean, 89.7.

Thornlea secondary — Simon Anthony Ives, 92.7, Richard James Sharp, 91.5, Thomas Michael Rudolph, 89.8; King City — Scott Peterson, 95.7, Kelly Underhill, 90.7, Carson Schernekau, 87.2; Markham District High School — Edward Schroeter, 88, Geoffrey Nicholls, 87.3, Timothy Leung, 86.5; Woodbridge — Marg McInnis, 92.5, Sheila McClure, 85.3, Lynda Jones, 84.5.

Aurora High School — William Dawson, 95.2, Dan Brouwer, 92, Mary Jane Facey, 84.8; Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary — Brant Gibbard, 90, Karen Yoshiki, 89.3, Lorna Lee, 86.3; Newmarket High School — Paul Douglas Holyoke, 89.5, Hans Juergen Saamen, 89.2, Carol Marie Gibbons, 86.8; Huron Heights — Leslie Ronald Carmichael, 94.3, Linda Leigh Jollimore, 91.2, Edward Wallace MacMillan, 88.2; Stouffville District — Richard Chase, 93.3, Joanne Morgason, 89.2, Maryanne Hulshof, 88.5; Sutton District — Bradley William Frankland, 90.66, Deyril Vincent Blanchard, 89.50, Stephen Douglas Peters, 86.

Teachers, board reach impasse

A fact finder is being sought by York County board of education to help resolve its dispute with its elementary school teachers.

Spokesmen for the two negotiating teams have announced an impasse and have requested the Education Relations Commission to appoint a fact finder.

According to Bill Monroe, chairman of the board team, and Jack Gillham, chairman of the teachers' group, agreement has been reached on most of the non-monetary items.

Such things as salary, medical and insurance benefits and responsibility

allowances are still unresolved.

One of the main issues is that of increments. The board wants them in and the teachers want them out.

"Those are still the big things," Monroe told The Liberal. He would not discuss salary differences, but admitted the two sides were "not very close."

Both teams are now preparing submissions, which must be presented to the fact finder within seven days of his appointment.

His findings will be made public if no agreement has been reached within 15 days after the release of the report to the board and the teachers.

"Charmed life" dog missing three weeks from Richvale

Girls get along on personality and looks. Jacoba has been doing it for years.

Since she moved back to Richvale, she has been going out for lunch across the street and then playing with a friend, a

black and white cat, in the shade of a big maple tree.

That was her regular route — until June 25. Jacoba, a blonde and white collie, has not been seen since.

Her owner, Louise Taylor, has been calling the neighbors. A friend in the printing business reproduced 1,000 posters with Jacoba's picture on it.

Miss Taylor has called all the animal control authorities and dead stock operators and all the newspapers and radio stations she can think of. But no Jacoba.

"I am sure she has been stolen," she said.

Jacoba has led a charmed life for six and a half years and Miss Taylor hopes she still is.

She first heard about Jacoba two years ago from a friend who worked for a veterinarian.

The dog had been mistreated by a previous owner and turned over to the vet, who did not want to put such a beautiful animal away.

Jacoba was a registered collie with enough quality to get into dog shows.

Jacoba went to live with Miss Taylor and soon after they moved to Vancouver. On the train trip west Miss Taylor was in a coach and Jacoba in a specially built cage in the baggage car.

In Saskatchewan, Miss Taylor did not like the way Jacoba was being treated and took her off the train.

That train was wrecked in the mountains and the baggage car Jacoba had been in, wound up in the bottom of a gully.

Jacoba escaped death again.

Neither the dog nor the owner took to Vancouver where they found a dog's life restricted by municipal regulations. They moved back east to Ottawa and finally back to 58 Duncan Street in Richvale.

Anyone who has any information about Jacoba is asked to call Miss Taylor at 881-2300.



No smiles now

Louise Taylor, 20, doesn't have much to smile about these days. Her dog Jacoba has been missing since late June and a massive publicity campaign to have him

located has failed to produce results. She still has hope, however, that "charmed life" dog will turn up safe.



Bingo

Harold and Bernice O'Brien, 5th Concession, King Township, examine hundreds of lottery tickets purchased since the

Olympic lottery began. He estimates thousands of dollars have been spent on tickets with little or no return, until last week

when a \$5 Provincial lottery ticket clicked for a quarter of a million dollars.

\$250,000

Hundreds of tickets later, the O'Briens finally land biggie

For Harold and Bernice O'Brien of King Township, it was a dream come true, but it didn't come easily.

There it was — a seven-number figure matching a similar figure in a newspaper and the result was six figures — \$250,000.

Harold and Bernice had won a major prize in the provincial lottery.

For the lottery, they had purchased seven \$5 tickets. Six were useless, one was heaven.

"We had almost forgot about the tickets," Harold said. "Then we checked the paper the day after the draw, expecting more disappointments."

More disappointments?

"We have bought tickets on all the draws since the first Olympic lottery," Harold said, and with that he went to another room and returned with a large paper bag.

"See what I mean," he said dumping

hundreds upon hundreds of tickets on the kitchen table.

The Olympic, the Provincial, Wintario, they were all there... useless tickets which Harold, for some reason, had saved.

The value couldn't be determined at that time, but his estimates put it in the range of \$3,000 to \$5,000.

There had been minor wins — \$25, \$100 and a \$250, but nothing to come anywhere close to the investment.

After checking their winning number a dozen times to make sure it was right, Bernice had to lie down for a while, because the reality of victory was stunning.

Harold, meanwhile, got sick.

By Wednesday, both had recovered, picked up their quarter-million, and tucked it into the bank.

Harold operates King Ridge Motors from his 5th Concession home, and he and Bernice have two rural mail routes,

one out of King City and one from Kettleby.

"We don't owe anybody," Harold said. "We have no debts and there is nothing we really need."

However, Harold, who already owns a small plane, says he'll probably buy a new one, and Bernice is going to get a new car.

They won't move from their property, just south of the 16th Sideroad, but they may build a new home.

Both would like to travel. They haven't had time to do that, raising eight children who have produced 20 grandchildren for the couple.

But for the time being, they'll continue doing what they normally do... as long as their mail customers don't mind getting their neighbour's mail.

"I've been doing that all week," Bernice said. "Handing out the wrong mail, because I can't stop thinking about that ticket."

In schools

Dialect causes problems

While English as a second language is causing problems in York County elementary schools, English as a

second dialect may be causing more.

This week, York County board of education agreed to develop ESL programs — English as a second language — in its schools, "where there is a significant number of children requiring such help."

The recommendation was one of four extracted from the gigantic report of the steering committee on special education, which were presented to the board for approval.

Committee chairman, Dorothy Quirk, in speaking about the first recommendation told The Liberal, however, the biggest problem at present was in dialect.

She said that many West Indians in one of the Markham developments, spoke English, but with an almost incomprehensible dialect.

The latter was proving frustrating to both the students and the teachers.

She said that a remedial program would take about 15 minutes of every school day.

The other recommendations approved by the board: programs and/or classes for learning disability students to be expanded to include the intermediate division; provision be made in the budget for four additional speech teachers, with at least one speech therapist, to be shared, according to the need, among the areas; a consultant experienced in the area of the gifted, be hired to conduct a study of the needs of gifted students in York County, from kindergarten to grade 13.

The consultant would also establish and co-ordinate programs for the gifted and serve as resource counsel to those teachers working with the gifted.

The report contains a total of 59 recommendations.

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