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Sewer project begins

Following an Ontario Municipal Board ruling, work got underway last week on the Richvale Sewer System. At the groundbreaking at Bathurst Street and Weldrick Road were, left to right, Ward 6 Councillor Mike Burnie; Richmond Hill Mayor David Schiller; Richmond Hill Works department co-ordinator Burnie Toporowski; site supervisor assistant Sandy Cherrett; and John DeGasperi, owner of TACC Construction. Project is expected to cost about \$3.1 million.

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Puppets entertain

A travelling troupe of puppets will perform "Why the Bear has a Stumpy Tail" and "Punch and Judy" at the Richvale Library, Wednesday, August 3, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The plays are presented in the regions of Peel, York and Durham and are financed by grants from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation and the Young Canada Works Program.

The three student puppeteers are Heather Mulder of Brampton, Diane Bingham and Ronald Jones, both of Richmond Hill. Tickets are free and should be picked up before showtime.

Library display

The Richmond Hill Public Library is honoring the Royal Jubilee Year with a special display of books and magazines which will be displayed in the Main Library during the coming month.

Of particular interest is a copy of the Illustrated News for June 6, 1953. The display is open for viewing during Library hours.

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Emphasis on I.Q. scores may slow child's learning

A child with a "normal performance I.Q. and a significantly lower verbal score" will eventually become a slow learner, because of the emphasis placed on I.Q. scores, according to Chris McMonagle of Thornhill, a former trustee with York County board of education.

Mrs. McMonagle made her remarks in a recent presentation to the program committee of YCBE, with regard to a steering committee report on special education.

Long active in work with handicapped children, Mrs. McMonagle said she had a "very deep concern" that the work of the people involved was used to the best advantage of the children whose needs it was attempting to meet.

She then made several submissions of her own for consideration.

Among these was one asking that admittance to special services be made on the basis of the learning problem, rather than the I.Q. score.

Children with a lower verbal score, "which depresses the I.Q.," would not be eligible for the diagnostic class, but would be "streamed" into the slow learners' program.

"As the years pass, this child with a potentially average I.Q., will fall further behind and will eventually be a 'slow learner' and his academic future is limited by this improper placement," she said.

She said parents who fought that sort of thing, were told that if they didn't want it, the school would not accept any

responsibility for their child's failure.

She said the board should establish a policy stating that, before a child could be denied purchase of a recommended service not available in York County, a staff report must be made to the board and parents advised of their right to appeal.

Mrs. McMonagle said, also, it was imperative a program for children with severe speech disorders, be implemented immediately, as such a service was no longer available from Toronto.

In the area of speech correction, she said it was imperative the board understand the difference between speech therapists and speech correction teachers.

The latter held regular teaching certificates and had completed a minimum six-week program in speech correction.

They were not trained to diagnose speech problems, but to work with minimal articulation and stuttering difficulties.

A speech therapist held degrees in speech pathology and audiology from a faculty of medicine, Mrs. McMonagle said.

The speech therapist could make a "differential diagnosis on speech and language problems," draw up a program and decide when the child no longer required help.

Mrs. McMonagle recommended that at least two speech

therapists be employed before the board considered expanding the staff of speech correction teachers.

She also suggested that programs for gifted children, "which have been started very rapidly this last year, be rigidly evaluated to ensure that they are enriching the education of these children and that the children are not being pressured in order to enrich the egos of those operating the programs."

She said she had no reason to believe that was the case with the board,

but other boards had that problem.

The board must provide more aids for handicapped children at school; also, parents must be a part of any decision made on the educational planning for their children.

The board is still studying the special education report.

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