

June Armstrong— itch for education

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Richmond Hill Trustee June Armstrong has had a 13-year-itch to be involved in education and she has been on the York County School Board only since last November.

For June, it wasn't a case of finding a sudden interest in the schooling of children.

She has four children, aged 17 to 25 and when the youngest began attending school all day, she found herself becoming restless and bored.

"It was about that time I started working as a social secretary for four hours per week at the old Ontario Curriculum Institute. People I knew there were aware I had a background in P.R.," she said.

That institute eventually blossomed into the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) and June was conference director from 1966 until May 1, 1979.

She was working two-days-a-week co-ordinating bodies, seminar rooms and times, when she met Dr. Robert Jackson (the Jackson Commission on Declining School Enrollments) in March, 1966.

He asked her to work at OISE on permanent part-time staff on the floor just above his own office, which was at 344 Bloor St. W. at the time.

The institute then moved to 102 Bloor St. W. until the current structure was built in 1970 (252 Bloor W.).

OISE's major objective is to assist schools implement the findings of research in the areas of teaching and curriculum, school administration, universities and colleges, learning disabilities, achievement testing, the psychology of learning, adult learning and the history, philosophy and sociology of education.

It offers programs to graduate students leading to MA, MEd, PhD and EdD degrees and is affiliated with the University of Toronto.

SATISFIED WITH WORK

Dr. Jackson, the original director of the institute, was so satisfied with June's work she began administering OISE conferences full time. Today, such conferences are the only way the institute can communicate with large numbers of teachers.

It has an auditorium which can hold up to 600 people, and dozens of seminar rooms for small group work.

The library has some 400,000 items, including periodicals and historical and current textbooks. There is also a curriculum resource centre and an audio-visual collection.

"I guess I learned how the system worked by helping professors plan conferences and aiding teachers and trustees (through the Ontario School Trustees' Council)," said June. "I really find education fascinating — new things are coming up all the time."

Part of the job was to organize receptions for foreign visitors and dignitaries and tours for teachers and delegations from within Ontario.

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR

By the time the new building was ready in 1970, June was conference director, with a full time assistant, two secretaries, another part-time secretary and the help of the main floor receptionist.

But by April, she felt she was getting a bit stale in the job. "I asked myself how long I could keep getting excited about something like a conference. I had been used to organizing about 50 of them a year, some for as few as 12 people, some for as many as 1,200."

As of May 1 June became the institute's public communications officer, a job description which the York Board of Education also recently filled.

She has lived in Richmond Hill since 1975, when her husband was appointed rector of Emmanuel Anglican Church in Richvale. She became interested in the quality of education in York Region during the teacher strike of 1974.

"The York Board has had a reputation with anyone interested in large school boards as being a 'lighthouse board', leading the way with innovations. I was aware of that reputation even before I became trustee."

She admits she is not nearly as critical of the board now as she was during her campaign to get elected.

"Some of the things I criticized I can understand much better now. You have 20 people trying to sit down and arrive at important decisions. I'll tell you — you come in thinking you can change the world but you realize it doesn't work out that way. I don't know why I thought it was, but I once did," she said.



This group of 10 Separate School pupils is only part of the more than 100 voices who, combined to make a long-playing record "The Gift of Song". They presented one of 300 copies to Director of Education John Zupancic and afterwards had a short party with him, last week. The album, on the Fantasy Sound label, is

mainly a collection of religious songs and hymns. Back row left to right: Helen Brown, Elsa DiLuca, Katia Dalle Rive, Kelly Ann Redmond, Rosemary Dunatelli, Stephanie Leeyus, Roberta Boles. Front row: Sabrina D'Agostino, Romano Ramunno, Myla Moretti. (Liberal photo by Steve Pearlstein)

Markham move averts delay for Risebrough

Fast action by Markham has averted a delay in the second phase of Risebrough.

Scarborough council had threatened to take Markham to the Ontario Municipal Board if the town did not guarantee that it would pay the cost of controlling storm water running off the new housing development across Steeles Avenue.

While Markham had already made a commitment, its guarantee was subject to the approval of the Region of York.

Markham received the regional council's blessing two weeks ago. The next week, Scarborough council reversed its position and an agreement was signed by both Markham and Scarborough mayors.

Scarborough had been spurred on to its objections by its development commissioner. Some Markham councillors felt

that the real purpose of the Scarborough action was to slow down the Markham section of Risebrough until more of its own development got off the ground. Regional councillor Ron Moran had earlier described the Scarborough objection as "jealousy".

Planning committee chairman Tom Gove would not go that far but did say that Markham was "the last municipality in Ontario that anyone should be concerned about over storm water management."

The town has instituted a policy known as "zero run-off" in Risebrough, the concept being that any additional run-off created by the housing development will be retained in the development area.

The second phase of Risebrough will be built on 136 acres north of Steeles and east of Birchmount Road.

School library appointee seeking support

A Separate School appointee of the Aurora Library Board has asked the Catholic School system to endorse a letter supporting the library's fight for autonomy with Aurora Council.

Claire Prieur explained

to Separate Trustees she is under a great time restriction because council hopes a private member's bill to abolish the Library Board will get through the Provincial Legislature by the time the current season ends.

at the end of June.

"We really don't want to see our library service become a political football," said Mrs. Prieur. "We don't think the town can offer the dedication or the enthusiasm we have for the

library."

The conflict was originally over staff salaries. The board tried to give its employees a 25 per cent raise in pay, supposedly giving them parity with other employees in similar

positions across the province.

The board eventually got no grant at all because the town withheld its approval of this year's proposed budget until the private bill can be acted on.

Council just deleted any additional funds to the library board and is paying members 1978 salaries plus a six per cent increase.

"The town is acting like it is already the board. Their hope is to get the bill through as fast as they can... if this library board is disbanded, it will happen all across Ontario," said Mrs. Prieur.

The board has sought a legal opinion and was told the town is acting outside its powers.

Its basic concern is if the town is given sole power to appoint board members, there would be no cross-representation from the Public and Separate school systems.

The board was to have applied for a writ last week enabling it to acquire the funds it needs from the town.

This centuries old custom celebrated at Black Creek

Rogationtide, a centuries old custom of the Christian Church, will be celebrated on Sunday, June 3, at 2 p.m., at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

The Right Reverend Allan A. Read, Suffragan Bishop for the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, will conduct the service, assisted by Canon Arthur Chote, Rector, St. Philip's Anglican Church, Weston, and Reverend James R. Garland, Rector, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Downsview.

Participating in the ceremony will be John Downing, Honorary Reeve of Black Creek Pioneer Village and Toronto Sun Columnist; John Bradshaw, Garden

and Agra Business Editor, Radio Station CFRB; Peter Hannam, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture; A. J. Casson, sole surviving member of The Group of Seven; Reginald A. Twisleton, Lay Reader, Diocese of Toronto.

The choirs of St. Philip's Anglican Church, Weston, and St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Downsview, will also

participate and will be under the direction of Miss Mary Hutton.

Members of the Authority taking part in the ceremony will be: R. Grant Henderson, Chairman; Mrs. Florence Gell, Vice-Chairman; and Michael W.H. Biggar, Chairman of the Historical Sites Advisory Board.

This annual religious celebration, most commonly practised in the

rural parishes of 19th century England, was the Clergy's annual spring blessing for a bountiful crop.

The Clergyman, accompanied by his parishioners, would walk around the parish, blessing the seed and the farm animals, and establish the parish boundaries, in a processional ceremony known as "beating the bounds".

Rogationtide was also observed in some of the rural settlements of early Ontario.

Black Creek Pioneer Village, located at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in southwest of Richmond Hill, is operated by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

For further information, contact Metro Region Conservation, at 661-6600.

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