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TEACHERS WILL WORK TO RULE

But...after school's out

June 27 is the date York's high school teachers will begin a work-to-rule campaign as the result of a vote conducted last Wednesday by the provincial negotiating team at Aurora.

About 830 of the eligible 1,005 teachers voted in favor of the sanction as opposed to an outright strike to support their demands for a negotiated or arbitrated contract — something they've been without since last August 31.

According to an Ontario Secondary School Federation (District 11) release, teachers were forced to plan the campaign because of the board's choice to end mediation and its team's refusal of the teachers' offer to send outstanding items to binding arbitration.

A strike would have been the most severe reaction by teachers while working-to-rule is the most moderate alternative and can only have minor impact on students until they return to school in September.

At that time, teachers will attend only scheduled classes and spend no time on extra-curricular activities, administrative work or even extra help for students who might require it.

It is likely the preparation of student timetables and other paper work will be affected by the campaign during the summer break.

Board chief negotiator Bill Monroe says he doesn't see the two sides getting together in the near future.

He reiterated the board had changed its offer substantially since the beginning of mediation and that the teachers' team had refused to budge. He still opposes inclinations towards binding arbitration.

"Why should we get a third party to decide how much of the taxpayers' money the board will have to give away? His only real interest is to get a settlement, so he doesn't care one way or the other," he said.

On monetary issues, the teachers are requesting a 6.4 per cent increase for every position on their salary grid. The board has offered an average six per cent increase in the first year of the deal and a straight six per cent in the second year.

"Teachers generally look at the maximums in each category. If there are some inadequacies in the grid, it's their own fault — they were given a chance several times in prior negotiations to say

where the money in the grid should go. Now they want to change it all around again," said Mr. Monroe.

He claims the board hasn't been unfair to the teachers, that they have good working conditions and are paid well for the work they do.

He feels they are generally making as much as the people paying their salaries and in some cases, more.

"I just think they're being a little bit selfish and it's time they started living by some of the examples they teach to students. If you look at the number who voted in favor of a strike, you can see it wasn't an overwhelming figure. When the provincial body

takes over you can bet some teachers are swayed by their thinking," he said.

"This group has its own interests at heart. It either wants all the concessions it can get so it can show other boards what the teachers of York County got, or it wants a strike. Most of our teachers could care less what the provincial executive wants," he said.

Chairman Don Cousens refused to make any comments about the teachers' decision except to say "he is busy working on something" with respect to the work-to-rule sanction which starts just as the academic year finishes.

Hill man to be ordained at Presbyterian Church

A well-known Richmond Hill resident will become the first minister to be ordained in Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church in the 162-year history of the congregation.

Many students will remember Bill Campbell who taught at Richmond Hill High School from 1949 until 1976 when he took an early retirement to begin another career, this time in the ministry.

Mr. Campbell entered into the full theological program at Knox College divinity school at the University of Toronto in 1976 and graduated last month with a Master of Divinity Degree.

The Rev. William Wallace, minister of the Presbyterian Church, said to the best of his

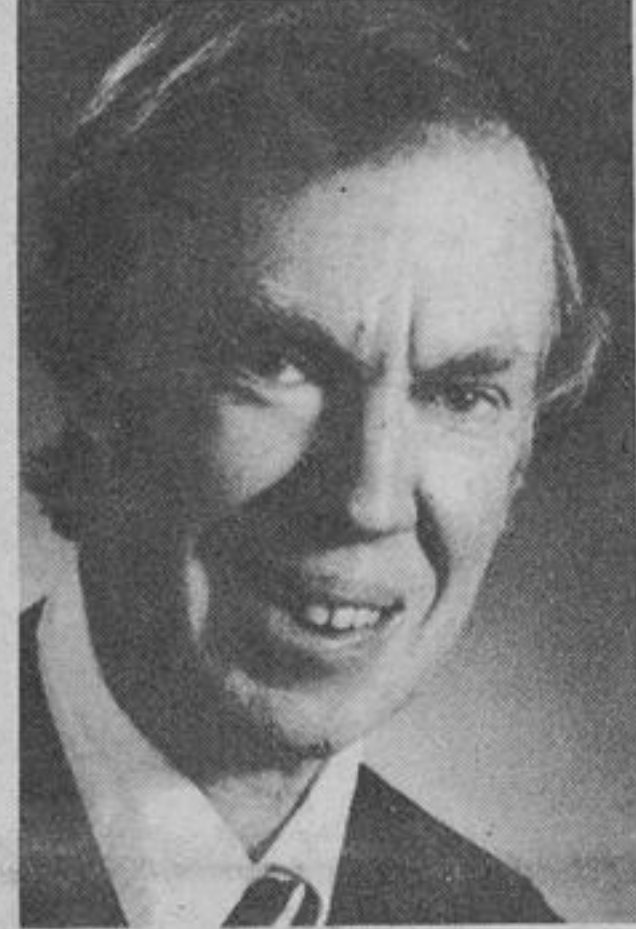
knowledge, this is the first ordination in the history of the church — "A remarkable fact this church has not produced someone for the ministry in 162 years," he said.

Mr. Campbell, best known for his work in R.H.H.S. Science Department, said it had always been an ambition of his to enter the full time ministry of the church.

He and his wife have now been posted by the Presbyterian Church of Canada at a double church, St. Andrews Presbyterian in Sterling, Ontario, and St. Andrews Presbyterian in West Huntingdon, beginning August 1.

The Presbytery of East Toronto will conduct the ordination, which is a public service at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church Sunday

June 17 at 3 p.m. to be followed by a reception afterward in the church hall.



BILL CAMPBELL

Residents have say on Trench St.

Residents of Trench Street showed up in full force last Wednesday to make sure the Town of Richmond Hill knew what they wanted.

The town had called the meeting inviting residents to review proposed drawings for the reconstruction of Trench Street.

Bruce Smith of Trench Street, spokesman for the residents, read a petition which came out of a meeting held prior to the public meeting.

The petition requested a curb to curb width of Trench Street of no more than 26 feet, a "proper" storm sewer system, existing hydro be buried and an interlocking brick sidewalk.

Mr. Smith said residents wanted a "proper job to be done — no patch work" saying they would rather wait until funds are available to do a complete job.

In an interview after the meeting, Engineering Administrator, Bud Newton, said the majority of residents wish to have the hydro buried, but the town had explained it would cost \$80,000 and since the money was not budgeted the town could not go ahead.

Truck damaged, strikers blamed

A Bell Canada vehicle was damaged last Monday when striking workers at Stran-Steel building Systems on Industrial Road threw rocks and scratched it with a knife, York Regional Police said.

A spokesman for Bell Canada said the paint on the truck was scratched from the hood to just past the tailgate, and the compartment door on one side was damaged.

Repairs are estimated at \$400. General Manager for Stran-Steel, Al Siddall, said the Bell Canada serviceman was called and when he came through the gate, a few of the strikers threw rocks.

The serviceman continued into the office, did the job, called police and was escorted from the plant, said Mr. Siddall.

When questioned by The Liberal members of local 847 of the Teamsters Union, on strike against the company for higher wages and benefits since April 18, said they knew nothing about the incident.

Union Business Agent, Keith Outlee, was not available for comment.



Dr. James Langstaff (left) accepts the first copy of a book 'Dr. Lillian', which is the story of his mother's life. Making the

presentation is R.W.W. Robertson, Richmond Hill, who did the research and put the book together.

Dr. Lillian:

It's written down

One hundred people including three generations of the Langstaff family gathered at a garden party at York Central Hospital last Wednesday to officially launch a new book called 'Dr. Lillian: A Memoir'.

The book, written and researched by R. W. Robertson, Richmond Hill, is a brief history of the Langstaff family and their contribution to the field of medicine, with particular emphasis on Dr. Lillian.

The research on the book and all expenses for its publication were financed by a New Horizons Grant, which is under the auspices of the Langstaff Medical Heritage Committee, which is part of the public relations committee of the Board of Trustees of York Central Hospital.

Representing the Langstaff family were: Dr. James Langstaff and Carroll Davis (the

children of Dr. Lillian and her husband Dr. Rolph; Dr. Langstaff's wife Barbara; their children Bruce, his wife Judith, their children Bruce Junior and Amy; Judith (Langstaff) Nestmann and her husband Dr. Earl Nestmann; Miles Langstaff and his wife Patricia and Elizabeth Langstaff.

The first copy of the book was presented to Dr. James Langstaff by the author.

The second copy was presented to Carroll Davis and the third to William C. Lazenby, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the hospital.

The garden party was sponsored by the public relations committee of the Board of Trustees.

Flowers for the occasion were donated by Ruth and Flavia Redelmeier and R. D. Little.

Ronalds meets developer over subdivision plan

By SHAARON HAY
Liberal Staff Writer

Residential and industrial zones clashed at a Richmond Hill public meeting last Tuesday with council members acting as a buffer.

The meeting was held to look at a proposal by W. A. Stephenson Holding Company to put a subdivision of approximately 93 detached and semi-detached homes in the area between commercial development on the east side of Yonge Street, west of the CN tracks and north of Crosby Avenue.

Ronalds Printing, who own the property immediately north of the proposed subdivision, attended the meeting to object to the plan on the grounds the current problems involving noise and industrial emissions from their existing plant, would not be compatible with a residential area.

Planner for W. A. Stephenson Holding, John Bousfield, outlined the subdivision plans and requested an amendment to the official plan redesignating the

land from industrial to residential use.

At that time he said it was up to the town to establish details so the new owners in the residential area could live together with Ronalds Printing.

Solicitor Don Plaxton, representing Ronalds Printing, said the reason for the company's objection to the plan was the existing use of the land as "heavy and intense" industrial use.

Ronalds Printing were concerned complaints would increase if homes were built on their boundaries.

The existing plant operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with much noise, vibration, and smoke emission being produced as well as trucks arriving and departing at all hours of the day and night.

Mr. Plaxton pointed out each time a complaint was received by the Ministry of the Environment, their policy is to investigate.

Ronalds would be subject to the investigation which could result in loss of time and production.

"The company is realistic

enough to realize it could not function economically under those conditions," said Mr. Plaxton.

In his explanation of the company's plight, Mr. Plaxton explained Ronalds Printing was presently involved in a corporate re-organization with F.P. Publications, who own the controlling interest in The Globe and Mail, and Ronalds have just received the rights to publish Time of Canada.

At \$1.5 million expansion has been planned for Ronalds by 1980 with more development slated for 1984, 1988 and 1990.

But, "present management can not recommend current plans for expansion if this amendment is proceeded with," said Mr. Plaxton.

Mr. Plaxton struck a discordant note with planning committee members when he suggested the planning procedure for redesignation of any area was not efficient.

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Community Pulse

Danson's new job

By KEVIN MacLEAN

Barney Danson, the defeated Liberal national defence minister, has a new job.

He has agreed to be the York Region United Way's 1979 campaign chairman.

Following his defeat at the polls May 22 in York North riding (Markham, Vaughan, Richmond Hill), the 58-year-old Mr. Danson quipped he's had a number of careers and predicted he wouldn't be out of work very long.

Mr. Danson could not be reached for comment. He is in Japan this week.

Officially surplus

M.L. McConaghy Public School has been officially declared a surplus building by the York Board of Education. Under the board's Policy 52 (sale of surplus sites and buildings) the historic structure, which opened in 1915, will be offered up to a number of bodies before it can be bought by someone in the private sector. First crack goes to the Separate School Board but if they don't want to buy it and use it as one of their own schools, the new owner will have to accept the Catholic School Board as a tenant for at least next year. That's a condition of the sale because of an agreement between the two school systems.

McConaghy revisited

A chance to revisit McConaghy Public School in Richmond Hill is yours Thursday, June 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Anyone who has pictures, text books, scrapbooks, etc., and would like to have them on display that night, should mark the items with name, address, phone number and the date of the item, then bring it to the McConaghy School Office before Thursday, June 14.

Meanwhile, the school's yearbook "McConaghy's Last Students" will be available that night.

"We have already lined up some former teachers who plan to attend the event," organizer Joan Connolly said.

If you have any questions, call Mrs. Connolly at 883-3901. "Please don't call the school," she said.

Tennis, anyone?

Anyone interested in playing golf or tennis this summer should consider joining one of the programs offered by the Family Y.

Classes begin next week, and if interested call the Family Y at 884-4811.

Guide additions

Space limitations in this year's edition of our Community Guide caused several items to be left out. To assure complete community coverage, The Liberal will run these items in the paper each week until all have been publicized. We will also run corrections, if you call us with the necessary information. This week, Community Guide items may be found on Pages C-2 and C-9. Clip these columns and insert them in your guide for future reference.

"Childish", Corcoran says

Councillors must now tell why they have conflict of interest

Councillors in Richmond Hill will not only have to declare when they have a conflict of interest but the reason for the conflict.

Councillor John Birchall made the motion at a recent regular council meeting.

At that time Clerk Dave Weldon said he would check with the solicitor to see if council had

the authority to pass such a motion.

Mr. Weldon has now confirmed there is a section in the Municipal Act saying council can enact rules to govern proceedings.

This means whenever any town business is being discussed — any meeting of council or council committee — reason must be stated for possible conflict of

interest, before a council member can abstain from voting.

Councillor Al Duffy said he felt this particular piece of legislation was very important because he feels members of council have an obligation to the people in their ward to let them know when and why there are not getting a vote.

One of the councillors who voted against the motion was Bill

Corcoran who said he had always adhered to the provisions stated in the Conflict of Interest Act and he felt sure all other members of council did the same.

He felt council members were responsible enough to decide when they had a direct or indirect conflict and it was "childish" and time consuming to have to explain why.

Carol's collection available to public

Carol Wakefield's art work is becoming well known very quickly and area residents are invited to a private showing until June 20.

On display will be about a dozen highly realistic pencil studies from the artist's private collection, works which have been compared favourably with those of Andrew Wyeth, Ken Danby and Norman Rockwell, by some of Toronto's leading art buyers.

Recently one of the Richmond Hill resident's works sold for \$1,200 — a record

amount for a relatively unknown artist.

Only last week, Carol was approached by a Downsview dealer in prints who is interested in publishing her work throughout North America.

"This is a giant step forward for Carol," said her husband, local cartoonist Jeff Wakefield.

The collection is on display by appointment only, call 884-9060.

Many of the works are for sale and the public is invited to make an offer.

