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Let's pool resources for a decent hall

Nothing could provide a clearer indication of the emphasis placed on athletics compared with the fine arts than the staging of Thornlea's Best of Broadway last week.

Campaign already?

Councillor Ron Moran was accused last week of making his first campaign speech 18 months

before the election. And he probably did.

But Councillor Moran claims Mayor Tony Roman has had a freelance photographer following him around snapping pictures of the mayor mingling with a happy populace at public functions.

He suspects the mayor is collecting pictures for an election flyer that will be printed sometime next year.

Come to think of it, Councillor Moran started the preparations first when he had "Moran for Mayor" stickers printed before the last election to be added to his signs just in case he needed them.

And Toronto Mayor John Sewell thinks that suburban politicians don't know much about planning for the future.

Several outstanding performances shone through despite the difficulty many members of the audience had in seeing and hearing what was going on on stage.

The stage at Thornlea is at one end of the gymnasium, an arrangement common enough in modern high schools, but one that robs young musicians, singers and actors of a chance to practise and perform in the proper facilities.

The school boards will never be able to provide real auditoriums in York Region, but perhaps if several municipalities pooled their resources, they could.

The Thornhill B'Nai B'Rith and the Richmond Hill Rotary Club are both in the early stages of planning a facility for the performing arts, something that could be used not just by students, but by groups like the York Philharmonic Choir and the York Symphony Orchestra.

But the Region could not support two such facilities. Is it asking too much for the service clubs and southern municipalities to get together, to shoulder capital and operating costs.

Hockey prospects are not asked to play on outdoor rinks. Nor should talented young performers have to overcome second, third or fourth rate facilities.

McConaghy's final students

For the next few weeks, The Liberal will present, in this space, the final classes of students to attend McConaghy Public School.

In June, the school, which opened as

Richmond Hill Public School March 5, 1915, will close its doors for good.

In 1957, the name was changed to M.L. McConaghy Public School.

And in 1979, the York County Board of

Education made its decision to close the school.

Therefore, we thought we'd like to record the names and photos of those children who were at McConaghy during its final year.



The Grade 5 and 6 class in Room 10 at Mc- Williamson, Pam McLarnon. Centre row - Tracey Haynes, Glenda Payne, Lara Pass, Conaghy School is seen in the above picture. Nadina Morrison, Karen Barrett, Charles Jenny Reycraft, Stuart Creasor, Scott Culham, They are (front row left to right) Tonya Park, Joey Marchant, Jason Hails, Martin Cyndy Bott, Heather McKenzie, Nelson Frederiks, Suzanne Shirlaw, Susan Shedlowich, Wingate, Harry Kyle, Jeff MacRae, Chris Robinson, Robby Jakma, Mike Leonard and Gina Xenidis, Sherry DiMatteo, Angela Monkman, Garry Kerrigan, Michael Matisko, John Jensen. David Simpanen was absent. The

Ciaravella, Inez VanRavenzwaaij, Heather Billy Park, Robinson Santos. Back row -

teacher is Mrs. I. Harv.

By BOB RICE

Memo to Lions in Oak Ridges: sorry, I'm busy

I received a letter in the Canada Post last week from Dennis Stevenson of the Lions Club of Oak

It seems that the Club is holding a bash at Bond Lake Arena and Park this Saturday (June 16th) which will feature a whole bunch of neat things such as a Flea Market, an Auction Sale and a mini-carnival.

The track record of the Oak Ridges Lions community work has been quite impressive in the past and the gang is hoping to raise enough bucks at this get-together to be able to pave the parking lot at the

One of the attractions at the minicarnival will be one of those medieval torture devices known as a

dunking machine. The unlucky candidate sits on a little bitty seat above a tank of near freezing water and a whole lot of sadistic folk spend copious sums of money to have the opportunity to throw hard objects at a target that will, when hit properly, cause the seat to drop and the dunkee falls into the wet stuff.

Dennis (and the other fellows in the club) thought it would be a really nice idea to invite me to be one of the people perched on the seat and let my enemies have a go at getting me soaked. Nice bunch of guys. . .eh?

Wee, gang, I'm sorry to disappoint you but this kid is gonna stay dry this Saturday.

While I realize that the lineups caused by my appearance would probably bring in enough money to pave all of Oak Ridges (and part of Temperanceville to boot), I'm unfortunately committed to making a speech at the annual Hoe Handle Association of Canada convention in Uptergrove and I'm afraid that I

just can't get out of this one. How about Ron Wallace? How about Sinc Stevens? How about Pierre who?

MEANWHILE.... Speaking of getting wet. . . here's one guy who wouldn't. . . or I should

say. . . COULDN'T. Globetrotting Ron Wallace Barrie (Bahamas, Philadelphia) has just returned

from a top secret trip to, of all places, Wichita, Kansas. I had a chance to talk with him

prior to the trip when he was busy packing his suntan lotion, jammys and floss and I tried to tell him about this fabled city in the biblebelt of America.

"You won't like it, oh Great Grand Poobah. . . the whole place is dry. "Dry shmy," he replied "if things get too hot I can always lower my

standards and partake of some watered down Yankee beer.' "That's just what I am trying to

tell you, oh exhalted Editor, there

aren't any bars in Wichita.' "You gotta be kiddin'," he gasped. . . "why in heck would they

go and do a rotten thing like that?' "Because, oh marvellous man of words and wit, Kansas is middle America. . . stars and stripes and

Mom's homemade apple pie. The only way you can get a drink is to join a private club thing and then they sell you your drinks in five dollar lots and a whole bunch of other dumb rules that they have!'

Well, despite this warning he went anyway and faced the hardships of Witchita like a true newspaperman. FINAL ITEM

Final item and then I'll go quietly. While some of you might think that this column has become a press release for McConaghy School of late, I promise this will be the last

Because of many requests by former students for one last look at the old building before it closes, arrangements have been made for all and sundry to visit the school on Thursday, June 21 from 7 to 9 in the evening and I bet there won't be a dry eye in the house.

The ol' Millpond Philosopher once said. . "a rose is a rose is a rose. . . and a skunk is a skunk is a skunk!'

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Won't you come home

If anyone is still in- have some.

"McConaghy's Last each of the rooms.

not we are going to do Friday, June 15. some kind of get together desperate need of more

People are very I would like everyone ported it.

very high right now).

may be of standing in a get autographs from the appreciated touch to the many flights of stairs, or there, in the rooms. Also the classrooms listening displays. to the teacher.

school yard. liquid ink that one would that night sat behind them.

These ink bottles were listed below:

I also recall the board Reaman). from the girls.

One of my mother's Williamson)

We all have our Gilbert; and Mr. Gerald treasured memories and Orton. this is the point of this We have only one

could deny any of the man (nee Miss A. public their last chance to Knight.) get back into the school to From the 70s: Mrs. reminisce.

held at the school on far. Thursday, June 21, 1979. Now that we have all from 7 to 9 p.m.

room of the decade that So please plan to come they taught in.

get together a display of have a good turnout. pictures, scrapbooks, We will also be serving report cards and other light refreshments in the interesting things to put new part of the school.

Our yearbook, titled on display that night in

Students", has been a hit If you have anything to with the people of Rich- add to our collection and would like to put it on To date (June 11) I have display, please label it had requests for 116 well with your name, address, phone number A lot of these people, and year of the item, and ordering year books, have bring it into the school

60s and 70s.

anxious to get back into who is coming to the

(The feelings for ordered yearbooks will be McConaghy are running able to pick them up in the of soloist Gabe Perisanti auditorium that night and Some of their memories then take them upstairs to personal and wellcorner, running down the teachers and others just sitting in the seats of please look at our

I have been in touch Bob Rice's memory is with a number of former of the cinders in the teachers and invited them to come and recall a Mine is of the bottles of memory or two with us

often have their braids I have had great put into by the boy who response so far and the teachers coming are

inserted into the holes in From the 1930s: Mrs. the top right hand corner Jean Rumble; Mrs. of each desk, which were Sheila Beresford; and designed just for them. Mrs. Ruth Turk (nee Ruth

fence, which ran length From the 1940s: Miss ways down the school Margaret Fockler; Mrs. yard, to divide the boys Helen Prouse; and Mrs. C. Noland (nee Miss I

memories of Richmond' From the 50s: Mrs. B Hill Public School, as it Kidd; Mr. Joe Bilson and was called then, was Mrs. J. Bilson (nee Miss having me come home Eleanor Huffman); Mrs. from school early, for a Jean Lee; Mrs. Jean change of clothes, after Cottrill; Mr. Matt Kin-Doug Mills, one of the nari; Mr. James Orser; boys in my Grade 7 class Mr. Richard Flynn; Mrs. had spilled a bottle of Eleanor Irwin (nee Miss India ink down the front E. Shaver); Mrs. Bernice of my brand new dress. Crutcher; Mrs.

teacher from the 60s so We didn't feel that we far, Mrs. Avonelle Monk-

Brenda Grandinetti; Jill Therefore, we are Schmitt; Mr. Scott Small; organizing a McConaghy and Mrs. Judith Cowan Memories Night, to be are the ones we have so

these wonderful teachers We are dedicating one to come back, we need room to each decade and former students, friends the former teachers who and interested people to we can find will be in the come out and see them.

and tell other people We are also trying to about this, so that we can

The teachers presently terested in buying a at the school will also be yearbook, I have ordered phoning me at 883-3901. with us that night.

Soccer dance is a success The attendance at the their generous support Soccer Club Dance. inquired as to whether or office not later than May 26 was a great en- so much more enjoyable. the club at present. One is Tuesday nights at the anything about having We really are in organizers who wish to thanks to all who helped and is coached by Bruno the other group. thank all Concord in any way with this Colucci. It holds a This team is coached by for the closing of the things, especially for the residents and their many dance. No job is too small practice on Thursdays, 7- Joe Marceli.

All enjoyed a variety of such as Concord Robins The second team

A terrific strong voice added the orchestra's atmosphere.

The appearance of Regional Councillor Dario DiGiannantonio was well-received by Mr. William Hodgson Concord residents.

He addressed all by pointing out the importance of Concord soccer for the local boys and expressed his own interest in this sport. He by the Ontario governthanked John Vergura, ment's refusal to finance Bruno Colucci, Joe Marceli, George and Julie Seemann for their work in the club.

The evening proceeded with draws for many door and raffle prizes which own. were donated by: Cantu Furniture, Fabric and Drapery Mill Outlet (Mrs. Joel), Fisher Sports, the province. Hollywood Furniture, Italfina Products Ltd., Keele Printing, National Gym Warehouse, Parker Games, Sapco Foods and Unico Foods Ltd.

satisfactorily.

Council.

regional government,

education, and now in our

own Richmond Hill

Ltd., Sterling Industries highest priority on We thank all those for save people from sagging

Representative didn't represent, reader maintains

With respect to the It is indeed disapseverance of property on pointing Rumble Avenue, it points democratically elect your up the major problem in representative to council our political system and then find he has no intention of representing People who do not have you.

to live with the result of a decision are making the least. decisions and are now

To vote against a 25-4 allowing those most decision is undemocratic closely connected with a and unethical. It should problem to solve it send warning shivers their professed ability to your readers. down the electorate's and overwhelming desire This has happened in spine.

> Bernice McCartney, 191 Driscoll Road, Richmond Hill.

extra ones, of which I still The price is \$3.50

One may be had by

payable in advance. They

Concord Soccer Dance on which made the evening There are two teams in Practice is held on couragement to the In conclusion, many for the under 13 age group same time and place as friends who have sup- to go unnoticed when 8:30 p.m. at the Concord undertaking an event Community Centre.

will also be on sale at the

school, Thursday, June

Joan Connolly,

Richmond Hill

21, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Julie Seemann Concord

the school to have a look school on June 21 to come around to recall some to the auditorium first around to recall some to the auditorium first plenty of sounds suited for plenty of sounds suited fo from the province not easy, he finds

MPP for York North

Timbrell on February 1 about the sometimes life power. or death situation created an adequate number of hospital beds for people gravely ill.

directly affected many families including my

Hospitals are in various states - some acute - of financial distress across viciously attacked with I received no answer. If you are inclined to

dismiss my comments as mere literary fireworks - don't. I place the arrangements which may

Mail of May 15.

Toronto daily newspaper

on April 14.

government.

to serve us all that members of the present government declared

their fitness for re-

around suffering, maybe election. Communication

taking avoidable dying is a basic beginning. Queen's Park, Toronto dives. I give high respect Bill, you are good at I wrote Health Minister to governments who assembly line political consider people before handshaking, appearances, and so one.

On April 15 I wrote Would you now please Attorney General try for me a little McMurtry, protesting ministerial elbow-jogpublication of outrageous ging? I will report hate material authored progress (or otherwise) by Irving Layton, to the editors of the This callous policy has prominently positioned newspapers publishing and published by a this open letter.

Sid H. Britton 84 Hillview Road Aurora

I am a member of the group then Spring Break false, inflammatory programming I have received no successful

acknowledgement or Thank you for your I therefore wrote the excellent coverage of attorney general a Women's Spring Break, a reminder, on May 15, also full day's programming advising him of an evil for women, held at libel against the Globe & Seneca College King Campus in co-operation One of my family is a with the York Region

member of that force. Women's Committee. Since the Statute of More than 250 women Limitations may apply in from the York Region these matters, I asked for community attended for a a prompt reply. I sent a series of morning and copy of my letter, with a afternoon sessions, films, covering letter, to videos, demonstrations Premier William Davis, and an Information Shop-To this moment I have In featuring information had no reply from from community organizations.

realize that these Dini Petty, TV conconcerns may be of sumer reporter for City contemptible insignifi- Pulse News, spoke on the cance compared with the day's topic, "Taking Infuriating, to say the enormous importance Charge of Your Life"

and other concerns of Thank you again for your co-operation in But then, if I remember making information on rightly, it was because of these programs available

> Eileen Macrae Community Education Services Co-ordinator