



The "Well Done" certificate was presented Thursday to Walter Scott Public School Principal William H. Kinsley, during a ceremony that involved both teachers and students. Mr. Kinsley, who has been at the school since September, 1973, has been transferred to Rogers Road Public School in Newmarket. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

Stephenson, Ronalds seek help from Town

It appears a local developer and a major industry in town cannot come to terms themselves and both are looking to the town to find a solution.

Ronalds Printing on Yonge Street threatened to move their printing plant from Richmond Hill if W. A. Stephenson Holding Company was successful in amending the town's existing official plan to permit the development of adjoining lands, residentially.

Ronalds has suggested it was not to the best interest of anyone involved — the town, the possible residents of such a subdivision, or their plant, to have a residential use so close to a heavy industrial use.

In an interview with The Liberal Monday, Richmond Hill businessman, and Secretary-Treasurer of W. A. Stephenson Holding Company, Dave Stephenson, said he talked privately with representatives from Ronalds Printing, hoping to resolve the problem last Friday.

Mr. Stephenson suggested his company's lands, or any part thereof, could be purchased by Ronalds Printing to be used as a buffer strip, or developed by the company.

At a public meeting a week ago, Ronalds quoted a figure of \$5 million, the amount it would cost to move their operation out of Richmond Hill.

Mr. Stephenson said he left a figure for consideration by Ronalds, an amount his company would be willing to accept for the property.

The property owner is awaiting Ronalds' reply.

General Manager of Ronalds Printing, John Hissink, said his company was approaching this application through the official channels.

Ronalds had approached council members this week requesting they look at the printing operation and make a decision based on the facts as they see them.

Mr. Hissink said the company would then leave it up to the planning committee.

In the meantime, Mr. Stephenson said he will proceed with the request for an amend-

ment to the official plan and a subdivision agreement.

At this time he has asked to be included on the agenda for the next planning committee meeting, hoping to have his legal counsel outline his company's position and the reasons for

developing this property residentially rather than industrially.

Town staff have been requested by planning committee to complete a report on the Stephenson application and Ronalds' objection.



Hill's first mayor, Bill Neal, 82, dies

Richmond Hill's first mayor, first motor vehicle permit issuer, and first Dodge car dealer, William (Bill) Neal is dead at 82 years old.

Mr. Neal died Friday, June 15, at York Central Hospital.

During his lifetime Mr. Neal played an active part in civic affairs.

He was on council for several years, reeve from 1944 to 1947 and reeve again in 1951.

When Richmond Hill was incorporated as a town in 1957 with a population of "nearly 8,500" according to The Liberal, Mr. Neal was elected the first mayor.

In 1963 he was once more elected mayor.

In the years 1957 and 1963, 164 homes were approved in the Beverley Acres subdivision, plans for the new town swimming pool were recommended and York Central Hospital was opened.

Richmond Hill councillors will appreciate the fact Mr. Neal headed a spirited debate in council chambers his first term as mayor deciding whether council meetings should be held in afternoon or evening hours.

The vote was three to two for evenings — "for greater participation" quoted The Liberal.

As a businessman Mr. Neal was best known as the owner of the Dodge dealership in town and issuer of motor vehicle licences.

He first went into the auto business in Woodbridge in 1921. After that he built a garage in Aurora and ran this enterprise until 1930 when he moved to Richmond Hill.

At that time Mr. Neal bought the old Dominion Hotel building which was located about where the parking lot of the Richmond Inn is on Yonge Street.

In 1931 Mr. Neal opened a Dodge dealership, making him one of the first in Canada.

He was appointed Richmond Hill's first and only motor vehicle licence issuer in 1934.

The Liberal quoted Mr. Neal in 1950 as forecasting a period of "expansion and development in Richmond Hill which would make the village a centre of activity for the whole district."

The funeral was held at the Marshall Funeral Home in Richmond Hill for Mr. Neal Monday.

Mr. Neal was the husband of Annie McCallum of Richmond Hill, and father of William, Sandy, Jim, Robert and George, and brother of Mrs. Laura Miller.

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Bond Steel looking for site

Town of Richmond Hill and Bond Structural Steel are still looking for a site, within the municipality, where the company can move.

The Region of York has plans to build a grade separation at Markham Road and the CNR tracks — plans which will necessitate using part of the Bond Steel property.

Commissioner of Planning, Bill Power, said a committee of town staff and three councillors, Gord Rowe, Lou Wainwright and Al Duffy, have held meetings with Bond Steel to resolve the problem of a relocation, but to date nothing is final.

The commissioner did say there have been talks with a property owner, but he would not say where or how far the talks have progressed.

But, according to Ron Gee, Planning and Design Engineer for the region, there is time — "At the earliest, it would be built in 1981," he guessed.

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Meals on Wheels is about to have a flat tire.

The service, which supplies hot meals to 10 people, three days a week could end because no one seems to be available to help.

Meals on Wheels was organized to see that seniors, post surgery patients and handicapped people, who could not fend for themselves, had hot meals once in a while.

At present, three volunteers work Monday, Wednesday and Friday delivering a complete meal to people in the Richmond Hill area at a cost to the recipient of \$1.25.

The meals are picked up at York Central Hospital and delivered to the homes. It takes about an hour and a half from start to finish...from 11 a.m. to about 12:30 p.m.

Because so few people have volunteered, the service may have to end, and the people would do without that hot meal.

However, if more volunteers could be found, the service will continue and could possibly be expanded to include Tuesday and Thursday.

If you can lend a hand, please call Joan Flett, 884-2746.

Parents distressed that Seneca King may stop Day Care

Distressed and panicky parents attended Richmond Hill council meeting Monday night trying to drum up support for what they consider to be an "unwarranted and ill-considered decision".

These parents were reacting to an announcement June 1 from Seneca College advising that the King Campus Day Care Centre would be closed July 31, 1979.

The parents of the 30 children at the centre and the day care staff have been told the centre is being closed because Seneca's mandate is education, not day care, and because the centre is running at a deficit.

Seneca also runs a day care centre at the Finch campus which will also close. At the Finch campus the administration says the space is needed for other purposes.

A group of parents, staff and concerned citizens, the Seneca King Day Care Association, believe the closure of the centre is unjustified and are fighting the decision.

Richmond Hill resident, Lynn May, speaking for the Seneca King Day Care Association brought a brief to council suggesting a community college should supply a community service.

The association feels this area is already gravely short of day care facilities and there is absolutely no justification for Seneca giving only two months' notice of closing.

It was outlined to the Richmond Hill councillors, comparable alternative day care facilities in the area have long waiting lists ranging from six months to two years.

"Two months is just not enough time to find an alternative," said Mrs. May.

"Day care is a fact of life now," said Mrs. May, "a family cannot hope to buy a home unless both are working."

Councillor Lou Wainwright took exception to that remark, saying he felt the government should pay mothers to stay at home and mind the children, and added it would also cut costs on public buildings and transportation.

The parents are also concerned that 70 local students, enrolled in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program are being deprived of vital training.

King Day Care Centre is an integral part of the ECE course at Seneca's King Campus, and parents feel without a laboratory school students cannot get essential experience and future prospects for employment will suffer.

The delegation at council asked the support of the mayor and

councillors to demonstrate to the college this is a community issue and asked council to make a motion asking Seneca to "reconsider and reverse" their decision.

Council members agreed it was a problem for the students, parents and staff involved but felt they could not offer support until the issue was investigated fully.

"I think we should get the other side of the story," said Councillor Gord Rowe.

Because the main problem is one of time a motion was passed by Richmond Hill council asking Seneca Board of Governors "reconsider" their decision.

"I'm happy with that motion," said Mrs. May. "It expresses their concern."

Community Pulse

Blood

There will be a blood donor clinic at Hillcrest Mall Monday, June 25 from 2 to 8:30 p.m. The clinic will be held in the auditorium on the second level. It is vital that a good supply of blood is available to handle the July 1 weekend increase in demand.

Legion Week

The week of June 24 to 30 is Legion Week, and Branch 375, Richmond Hill will launch the week with a parade and color party competition this Saturday beginning at 2 p.m.

Marching groups and color parties from many areas will be at the Richmond Heights Plaza beginning at 2 p.m.

The parade will proceed north on Yonge Street to Elgin Mills and east on Elgin Mills to the Legion.

Trustee resigns

The York Separate School Board will have to fill a vacancy in its ranks because one of its more popular trustees is resigning. Father Francis Robinson of Richmond Hill has been transferred from Our Lady Queen of the World to a church in Metro Toronto, by the Chancery. That will disqualify him from representing Separate School supporters in the Hill, according to the Municipal Elections Act. The Board will either have to hold a by-election or fill the position based on the number of votes received by Father Robinson's opponents last November. Kathy Taylor of Newmarket began her career as a trustee in 1976, when an elected member of the Board from that town died. She was appointed trustee because she was runner up in the previous election.

Pretty properties

The Liberal's 4th annual beautification awards is again underway for Richmond Hill property owners. Cash prizes and gift certificates will be won in four categories, including residential, commercial, industrial and institutional.

If you plan to nominate a property for an award, entries must be in by Friday, July 13.

For full details, see Page C-6 in this week's issue of your Liberal.

Price goes up a bit

Effective with this issue, the single copy price of The Liberal increases to 25 cents.

However, subscribers who are served by carrier delivery will continue to pay the regular 20-cent per issue cost.

Increased production costs were cited as the reason for the change in price, Circulation Director Denis O'Meara said.

Road closes for a party

Innes Crescent will be closed to traffic this Saturday, June 23, while residents of all ages join in games, dancing and picnicing.

More than 160 are expected to take part in the second annual Innes Crescent — Centre Street West Street Party.

Marg Barrow, treasurer for the group, said residents are not trying to exclude others in town, but everything is organized to run smoothly for the 160 residents who have been notified, and others cannot be accommodated.

As the street party was so successful last year, Mrs. Barrow suggests other neighborhoods should set up their own special day — and then they would not feel rejected from the Innes Crescent party.



Students from the Brandie Rose Dance Studio in Richmond Hill entertained members of the York Executive Association Friday. Performing were, left to right, Helen McNamee, 12, Rockport Crescent; Christina Curtis, 12, Rockport Crescent; and Debbie Greenfield, 11, York of Yongehurst Road. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)