



Showcase

Lou Wainwright takes great pride in placing the Lou Wainwright trophy in the new trophy case presented to the Richvale Community Centre. Dave Hamilton officially receives the trophy on behalf of the town. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).

McConaghy's Memories happen tomorrow night

Only one day remains until McConaghy Public School plays host to what should be the biggest blowout of its history.

Tomorrow (Thursday), the school will be the site of McConaghy's Memories Night.

The list of people who are "coming home" for the event continues to grow.

Joan Connolly, who has been instrumental in setting up the evening, says a total of 47 former teachers have agreed to attend the function.

From the 1950s: Mrs. Margaret Williams (secretary); Nathan (Bud) Davison; Ms. Jean Brumwell; G.L. McDiarmid (principal); Mrs. Johanne Vanderwal (nee J. MacKay); Mrs. Frances Kelly; Miss Shirley Bowles.

From the 1960s: Miss Blanche Tran; Mrs. Mary-Ellen Lee; Mrs. Dorothea Hill; Mrs. Olive Cox (nee Bell); John Hincks (principal); Al Elliott (caretaker for 20 years); Norman McLeod; Mrs. Terry Orser; Mrs. Margaret Storey (nee Duffield); Don Cober; Mrs. Marilyn Letcher.

From the 1970s: Evan Franklin; Mrs. Cathy Crawford; Mrs. Mary McRae; Mrs. Elaine Vitworth.

Mrs. Connolly knows teachers have been

missed, but she hopes they show up anyway.

"I would like to apologize to any former teacher out there, who taught at McConaghy, and who hasn't received a written notice, or a phone call from us," she said. "We did not have a list of addresses and phone numbers to go by, so we are doing our best through teachers who have been able to find numbers for us."

"But please just come to the school Thursday, identify yourself, and we will take steps to make you feel welcome," she said.

All teachers who attend Thursday will receive a yellow rose (one of the school colors) donated by Rice's Flower Shop.

Mrs. Connolly said she hopes hundreds of people show up to meet teachers, see pictures of classes and events and spend a couple of hours reminiscing about the school.

And, in response to the single letter that flooded in, Bob Rice — The Liberal's high-flying columnist and CKEY's high flying traffic reporter — will be at the event Thursday.

The memories begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 9.

Light refreshments will be served, Mrs. Connolly said.

Board still waits for word of teachers' plans

A spokesman for the York County Board of Education claims trustees have been given no formal notification of a work-to-rule campaign but a newsletter from the District 11 Federation office has asked teachers for a signed commitment, making them eligible for strike pay.

According to Bill 100,

legislation governing contracts between teachers and school boards, either party must be given a full five days' notice before a strike, sanction or lock-out can take place.

If the teachers' provincial takeover team is intent on beginning work-to-rule on June 27, this Friday is the deadline for the board to receive written

notice of that intent.

In a newsletter to its members June 11, the local federation office said teachers must sign an individual "commitment form" supporting the work-to-rule sanction. The forms are supposed to be confidential to the Branch President, the Executive Officer and the Provincial Office's treasury branch. If the board

were to respond to federation action with a lock-out of teachers, these forms would determine who gets strike pay.

Even though a sanction is introduced through all the proper steps, it is still recognized by the board as a strike. In a full withdrawal of services, teachers would get no support from their union. In this instance, it is

technically a strike in which they will be paid, but it is within their rights.

The provincial team has already advised that maximum participation is necessary by all members and if a board lock-out occurs, payment of fringe benefits, superannuation payments and strike pay will be

made only if teachers submitted their signed form by noon last Wednesday.

According to chief board negotiator Bill Monroe, his team and the full board have tried desperately not to escalate the tensions that have existed between the two sides since the teachers rejected a final offer on May 3.

"If a sanction does happen, I suppose a lock-out is an option the board would have to consider. The crunch will come in September but I don't think a majority of the teachers are getting a true picture of all the facts," he said.

Mr. Monroe feels if the two sides were as close as the teachers' negotiators claim, an arbitrated settlement could have been a possibility. But the board has repeatedly refused to go to binding arbitration, outlining why in a press release which took the form of answers to four basic questions.

The simple answer to the reason the board will not submit outstanding issues to arbitration is that the award usually falls somewhere between its last official offer and the teachers' final request. At last count, the board offered an average 6.4 per cent increase plus 2.4 per cent increment for experience for a package of 8.4 per cent in the first year of the proposed contract.

Teacher demands include a 2.7 per cent COLA (cost of living allowance) and a 7.4 per cent

increase plus increments, bringing the package to 12.5 per cent, something taxpayers can't afford to pay, according to Mr. Monroe.

The second year of the deal sees the board offering a total 8.4 per cent more and the teachers requesting 13.4 per cent. The board says it cannot take a chance that an arbitrator might grant a settlement anywhere in between those two sets of figures.

While he admits throwing out answers to questions in a release is a way to communicate not only with the public, but the teachers, without upsetting the District and Provincial Executives, Mr. Monroe feels there is still lots of room and plenty of time for teachers and the board to get together and avoid a clash everyone will be sorry for.

"I've made overtures to the executive about talking to Harvey Ladd, provincial mediator, but so far, we just have to wait for their answer," he said. "We're trying hard not to raise any hackles."

He said he hopes each teacher knows exactly what is being negotiated and what the Provincial team is asking them to do, because every move his team makes must have the full support of the board.

"All I can say is I've never been involved in anything close to a strike but this waiting situation is really wild — I can't get a handle on it. I'm hoping we can work it out over the summer."



K.C. Jrs. lose

King City Juniors dropped a 9-4 decision against Caledon East last Wednesday after building a four-run lead at the end of four innings of play.

It was the team's first loss after winning five consecutive starts. Caledon just seemed to take advantage of a squad that came up flat last week.

In the third (the first two innings were scoreless) the bags were loaded after Mark Barnard, Paul Armstrong and Karl Taylor all singled. Jim Schwartz smacked a double and brought Barnard and Armstrong home.

A sacrifice fly by Brian Sheardown scored Taylor and Dave Schwartz ended the rally with a single which brought his brother Jim home.

Caledon got on the scoresheet in the fifth when Bruce Smith started things off by being hit with the ball. L. Proctor got on base on an error and then he and Smith were catapulted home on a double by Mike Smith. Smith eventually scored on a sacrifice fly hit by T. Thompson.

Caledon picked up four more runs in the seventh inning. Back to back doubles by Brian Smith and Mike Smith knocked Brian home. Mike crossed home plate thanks to a single by G. Davis. Thompson punched out another singled and moved Davis around and then Thompson himself scored, coming in off a single by R. Wright.

To make matters worse for King City, Mike Smith got up in the bottom of the eighth and fired a home run shot with Gary Smith on first.

On the mound for King City it was Ken Griffith, with relief from Mike Unterlander. He came in when it was 4-4. Together, they struck out five, allowed 11 hits and no walks.

J. Bell picked up the win with two strikeouts, no walks and he allowed seven hits. Next game is tonight against Sisman Kings at King Park.



DEBRA MATHIESON-KENT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mathieson of Richmond Hill graduated from the Faculty of Arts and Science, Victoria College, University of Toronto. She plans to attend the Ontario College of Education in the fall.



OFFICER CADET ALLAN S. RAYMOND, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Raymond of Thornhill, received a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree during graduation ceremonies held at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston recently. He is a graduate of Thornhill Secondary School.

Minister knows the woes, but the matter is closed

The Minister of the Environment, Harry Parrott, sent another letter to the Town of Richmond Hill saying the government knows of the town's concerns and dissatisfaction about Ontario Hydro transmission facilities, but as far as he is concerned, the matter is closed.

The letter states: "I wish to reiterate that the environmental assessment process cannot be used to re-open this matter since considerable time and effort has already been invested to ensure the selection of the most acceptable alternative for the location and design of the Park-

way Belt West and the associated Ontario Hydro facilities."

Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Schiller said it was his opinion the environmental assessment process could be used, "if they had the will to do it."

Local MLA, Alf Stong agreed with Mayor Schiller, saying if the government wanted to, "they have the machinery — they can do it."

Mr. Stong said people in this area were deprived of public input and he will investigate the legal implications of what has been said.

On Monday night after receiving the minister's letter,

Richmond Hill council agreed to request a meeting with the Minister of Energy.

Councillor Mike Burnie objected strongly to a point in Mr. Parrott's letter which said "detailed design discussions have been held already" with municipal representatives.

"We've never had a discussion with those people," said Councillor Burnie. "We've been told what they were going to do, but we have never participated in a discussion."

Members of council were not optimistic about such a meeting, but Councillor Burnie persisted saying, "It doesn't hurt to keep trying."

Library celebrates Canada Week

June 25 to July 1 is Canada Week — the week we all celebrate Canada's Birthday.

The Town of Richmond Hill decided to have no special events this year, because of the expense, but encourage residents to raise their Canadian flag.

Richmond Hill Public Library will celebrate Canada Week with a series of discussions and films with Canadian content, and a special Canada's Birthday Party program for children.

Residents to be polled

Next week residents of Springhead Gardens and Weldrick Road will be receiving a notice from the town requesting comments about "On Street Permit Parking".

The engineering committee and council agreed to the concept of on-street parking on these streets, subject to further investigation by staff.

Residents in the area have been experiencing problems with insufficient parking facilities.

The neighborhood will be polled by engineering staff to have some idea of public reaction to such a system.

Tuesday, June 26 at 8 p.m. residents can meet Howard Pain, the Canadian author of "The Heritage of Upper Canadian Furniture" and enjoy a slide presentation and discussion on the subject.

Pamela Galsworthy, Public Relations Manager for Harlequin Books, will speak on the rapid growth and success of this Canadian company on Wednesday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m., as well as demonstrate how you too may become a Harlequin author.

The Canadian movie, "Who has seen the Wind", based on the novel of the same name by William Mitchell and produced by Canadian filmmaker Allan King will be shown Thursday June 28 at 8 p.m.

Friday June 29 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. children between the ages of 8 to 12 are invited to paint a Canadian flag, join a provincial team and participate in "Kid's Olympics", using some Canadian songs, see some Canadian films, share some Canada Day Birthday Cake and have pop and chips courtesy of McDonalds.

Attendance at this big party is limited to 60 children and the library staff ask those interested to please register.

York selects Big Brother

An Uxbridge man is York's Big Brother of the Year.

Ron Tindley, 42, and his Little Brother, Allan Kelly, 11, of Ballantrae, were honored Friday at a luncheon held at the Aurora Highlands Golf Club.

Mr. Tindley, who is married, but has no children of his own, said Friday, "I sometimes have to choose between business and Allan. I prefer Allan."

The Big Brother of the Year is in the food packaging business.

Ron and Allan have been together for two and a half years. Ron became interested in the organization before the Durham Big Brothers offered services to the Uxbridge area.

York's Executive Director Laurie Leblanc said there are 27 boys on the waiting list in York and another nine who have not been screened by the Agency.

Six of the boys are in Aurora and another six are in Newmarket.

Guest speaker at the luncheon was Whipper Billy Watson, who told Allan, "you're the luckiest boy in the world to have all those freckles."

Future town developments should be energy efficient

Richmond Hill planning staff will explore the possibility of adding a clause to the official plan advising developers to use "energy efficient" design in future developments.

Councillor Al Duffy told fellow council members the Minister of Energy recently received a study showing how layout, architectural design and site placement of structures can lead to energy savings.

These plans can be implemented in drafts of subdivision for municipalities at no additional cost to the developer, said Councillor Duffy — and in

some case the designs have demonstrated a saving.

He mentioned one case where, with very little change to house design, a developer was able to reduce fuel costs from \$330 each year to \$132.

To make the idea more attractive, Councillor Duffy said he understood money was available from the government in the way of grants to engage a consultant "with the necessary expertise" and to assist in preparing the necessary amendment to the official plan.

Planning Commissioner Bill Power said "the idea has

potential" and said he would like to look into it.

Councillor Mike Burnie supported the motion saying it was a step the municipality should be taking.

Councillor Gord Rowe did not so eagerly agree, suggesting the building industry was quite aware of the need for energy conservation.

"I see this as an obstruction," he said, "most builders are trying their darndest already."

The town has agreed to look at Councillor Duffy's recommendation.



Soon a park

Construction in the Theme Park in Maple has begun. Here Edwardo Cavaco of Toronto works on foundations. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

Rewards offered to town staff

Town employees in Richmond Hill who come up with ideas for energy conservation in the municipality might be entitled to a reward.

A committee on energy conservation made up of representatives from the Works, Parks, Fire and Treasury Departments and the Library and Arena Boards in the town made a motion at their meeting last week that a suggestion box be set up.

Town employees who submit

suggestions which, when implemented, save the town money, will be awarded \$50, \$25 or \$10 by the town.

Councillor Mike Burnie, Chairman of the committee, said this is a municipal effort to try to get employees to be "energy conservation conscious".

"If they come up with an idea to save energy and the municipality money — they deserve a reward," said Councillor Burnie.

The committee also asked for a

report outlining amounts spent in various municipal buildings so town staff can begin to experiment with practices of turning off lights and equipment to find if there is a savings.

A reference library will also be set up in the library where town staff and citizens can find material to maximize energy conservation in the municipality and privately.

These suggestions will be presented to council for approval.