

# York trustees to vote on teachers' fate

By DON BERNARD

The 20 trustees on the York County Board of Education will face a difficult decision next Monday night when they vote on a motion to lock out their 1,000 high school teachers on Sept. 4, the scheduled opening day of school.

lockout debate, both sides in the teachers' contract dispute will return to the bargaining table for the first time since early July. Provincial mediator Harvey Ladd announced the meeting last week.

A work-to-rule campaign by members of District 11, Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), thrsts the

board into a dilemma.

If trustees don't lock out the teachers, chaos will reign in the Region's 15 high schools on Sept. 4, board officials fear.

But some trustees worry that a lockout decision Monday might spoil chances of a settlement before school begins.

The teachers have been without a contract since Aug. 31, 1978.

Following a marathon 3½-hour closed meeting Monday night, chairman Donald Cousens announced that the board would consider the lockout motion during a public meeting next Monday at 8 p.m. in Aurora.

Mr. Cousens emphasized that the board "still hopes there can be a resolution (to the dispute)." At a press conference after the

meeting, he refused to answer questions on the issue at stake.

"It's not our intention of negotiating in public," Mr. Cousens said. "There is still time to do some good negotiating."

In answer to a question about busing, he said students' safety could be endangered because teachers would not supervise students when they got off the

buses.

The board's vice-chairman, Dorothy Zajac of King, said 90 per cent of York's high school students are bused to school. Under the work-to-rule campaign, teachers would leave the school at 3:15 p.m., 45 minutes before some buses arrive.

Mr. Cousens said a lockout probably would last six to eight weeks before the Education Relations Commission (ERC) would step in and legislate the teachers back to work.

"We genuinely believe that it is not possible to open the schools," Mr. Cousens said.

The trustees are not taking the matter lightly, the chairman said.

In an interview, Thornhill Trustee Patti Grand said "everybody's going to do some soul-searching before Monday night."

"We want to do the best thing for the students," she said. She said she had not decided which way she'll vote.

Richmond Hill Trustee Bill Monroe, who heads the board's negotiating team, said "it's not an easy thing to decide." He too

refused to say how he'll vote.

Monetary issues and working conditions are the basic issues in the dispute.

The board has offered teachers 16.9 per cent over two years, including experience increments and a small cost of living allowance in the second year of the contract.

The teachers are asking a total of 23.2 per cent, including increments and a sizable COLA that would pay the average teacher about \$400 if the inflation rate remains at its present level.

Principals' salaries and payment to persons with extra responsibilities are also in dispute.

During negotiations in July, the board agreed to send all monetary issues to binding arbitration.

If both sides agree to arbitration, the ERC will appoint an arbitrator to impose a final settlement.

The board steadfastly refused to refer working conditions to arbitration, while the teachers want the contract to guarantee 20 per cent "unassigned" time.

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## Check your oil, sir?

When it's empty, this Cessna 210 Turbo holds about 90 U.S. gallons of fuel. Though it looks like it dropped in for gas at the Regent bar on Woodbine, the real problem was a malfunctioning electric pump. Norman Jull (right), the owner and pilot who made the landing, talks to an aircraft inspector. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

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## Plane makes emergency landing on Woodbine Ave.

Toronto residents Norman Jull and wife made an unscheduled stop at a gas station south of Highway 7 on Woodbine Ave. last Thursday morning — but they weren't driving.

They were welcomed by the

## Seneca Day Care will keep going

The final decision has been made to keep Seneca College (King) Day Care Centre open.

Seneca College has had a laboratory teaching school for students in the Early Childhood Education programs which has operated as a day care facility for the community.

In June of this year, the Board of Directors voted to close the centre because it was operating at a loss of \$50,000 a year.

Parents of ECE students and children using the centre rallied together to stop the closing.

On July 31 the Board of Governors agreed to keep two Observation Laboratory Teaching Schools, one at the King Campus the other at the Keele Campus of York University running, and last Wednesday they announced the centre will be required to operate on a self-financing basis.

attendant in their Cessna 210 Turbo aircraft . . . not your average lube, oil and filter job.

Mr. Jull had picked his wife up earlier in Bancroft, Ontario and was in the process of returning to Buttonville Airport when his plane developed electrical problems. One of his fuel tanks had run dry, and the electric pump which was supposed to inject fuel from an auxiliary tank, was inoperative.

A pilot with 20 years' experience, Mr. Jull was forced to set his craft down on Woodbine. He had been circling the Buttonville tower waiting for a

lighting signal to land. Not seeing the signal, which tower officials apparently claimed was given, he expended all the fuel in his main tank.

There was no damage to either the airplane or surrounding property.

"I was a little concerned coming in after I just missed an overhanging sign on the road," he said.

Almost like a car whose rad had boiled over, York Regional Police lent a hand and towed the Cessna to the service station. It was eventually taken back to Buttonville Airways.

## He may be your uninvited guest

By MILLIE STEWART  
Liberal Reporter

Many homes and gardens in York Region have been invaded by long, narrow insects called Earwigs.

The name is derived from ancient superstition. It was once believed that Earwigs would crawl inside the human ear, but this is only a superstition. There is no documented proof of it ever happening.

According to Brian Marshall of the Entomology Division of the Royal Ontario Museum, the present population of Earwigs in the area derives from the Bruce Peninsula and Georgian Bay areas, and if they follow known cycles for their species, they will make their way south to Toronto, arriving there within the next few years.

Earwigs aren't pretty insects. They are long and skinny with six legs and pincers at the tail end. A male has curved pincers, while those of the female are straight.

They won't bite, but if you should pick one up, beware of the pincers. They can inflict a serious pinch that can be quite painful.

Having Earwigs in your home, can be embarrassing, but they will do no harm. They are probably there because your basement provides the kind of habitat they prefer . . . a cool, moist, dark place during the daytime.

Nocturnal in nature, Earwigs hunt for food when everyone else is sleeping. They feed primarily on leaves in your flower or vegetable garden, but while indoors and

deprived of such delicacies, they will become scavengers, and eat whatever they can find — including other dead insects.

Food or crumbs left lying around, will be gone by morning if you are hosting Earwigs. Dead leaves on plants will also be devoured by them.

### SAY GOOD-BYE

There are several methods of ridding your home or garden of these pesky creatures.

You can buy an oil-based residual insecticide, and most hardware stores carry several varieties. A word of caution if you are planning this method of Earwig extermination: some insecticides can be harmful to people and household pests, so please read and follow all directions carefully.

An easier method of making sure your home is unattractive to Earwigs is to become exquisitely clean. Scrub all the dark recesses of the basement including the rafters with a strong disinfectant cleanser.

Earwigs don't like clean-smelling areas, and will soon find somewhere else to set up housekeeping.

Some insects and some birds enjoy a diet of Earwigs. If you are fortunate enough to harbor some Praying Mantis, you have nothing to worry about. They will eat up all the Earwigs for you.

If you have tried all the above methods, and for some reason, still are bothered by Earwigs, call an exterminator.

## Community Pulse

### Peppy lively jazz

Paul Grosney and the Kansas City Express will rush to Richmond Hill direct from the Band Shell at the CNE tomorrow to treat residents to a concert in the park.

Mr. Grosney said the seven-person band will teach people musically all about Kansas City jazz, showing how it differs from New Orleans jazz.

"It's very lively — it's very peppy — they won't fall asleep," joked Mr. Grosney.

The concert, sponsored by the Town's Parks and Recreation Department will begin at 7 p.m. at Mill Pond Park tomorrow, Thursday August 23.

### Open house

If you would like to register for an evening class this fall but you're not sure which of more than 600 classes to take, visit Seneca College Open House Registrations.

Tomorrow (Thursday, August 23) from 7 - 9 p.m. is Open House at King Campus on Dufferin Street north of the King Sideroad and next Tuesday and Wednesday, August 28 and 29 from 7 - 9 p.m. it's Open House at the Finch Campus, 1750 Finch Avenue just east of Don Mills Road.

For further information call 493-4144.

## Residents upset

# Gormley Road closed to traffic

An "absolute desecration of good agricultural land" and a "totally unnecessary project" was one local resident's reaction, to a request by the Region of York to close the Gormley railway crossing in order to make way for a new grade separation and clover leaf for Highway 404.

Last week the Regional Engineering Committee approved a revised request to the CTC's (Canadian Transport Commission) Railway Transport Committee to close the level crossing. Economic factors weighed heavily in favor of the decision.

Two years ago the Region asked for grants for the new grade separation, which would be part of Gormley Rd. (now Bloomington Rd) interchange for the proposed 404. Then last year, CN said it would contribute nothing to the grade separation as long as the level crossing at Regional Road 14 stayed open. If the public crossing were closed, CN said, the Region could qualify for five percent of the cost up to \$62,000 in grants.

After a series of meetings dating from the beginning of year, York was advised to change its application for the grade separation, so it might be handled under Section 16, Part II of the Railway Relocation and Crossing Act. Infuriating the residents of the hamlet of Gormley, this meant closing the public crossing to vehicular traffic.

In so doing, the Region now qualifies for a UTAP (Urban Transportation Assistance Program) grant of \$480,000 more than the original application. Combined with CN funding, York taxpayers stand to save over \$200,000 — with current Ministry of Transport and Communications subsidy rates at 63 per cent.

At the time of the first application, Gormley residents objected to the interchange at an OMB hearing. They were represented by York MLA Alf Stong and one of the more vocal of the objectors was Ann Gold, who lives in Gormley.

She admits from an economic standpoint, the decision is palatable.

"I'm delighted about it because I think it will also create a better environment for people who live in the hamlet; I do worry about residents of a group home which is just east of the tracks. I don't

know how they'll handle the closing and then the new construction of the separation," she said.

Councillor Lou Wainwright, who was in favor of the revised application, said money did enter into the decision.

"But we're going to have a new road coming in west of the proposed cloverleaf. Depending on the progress of the highway (404), people will have easy access to it and won't need the other level crossing," he said.

Members of the committee were to have approached MTC this week to see what the hold-up in construction for 404 is all about.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Gold said a number of residents are still unhappy with the design of the cloverleaf, which, she says

threatens to gobble up 50 acres of land.

"We're taking farms producing items like red clover and beans and impeding farmers from even getting their produce to market. Arguments put forth by MTC in 1961 said that seven miles was the minimum distance needed for turnoffs on this highway. Magically, that figure has been reduced to two-and-a-half to three miles; it doesn't make sense."

Originally, 404 had cloverleaves set for Gormley (existing road), Aurora and Newmarket. The project now has interchanges slated for the Stouffville Road (north of the existing road), Bloomington Sideroad, Aurora Sideroad, Mulock Sideroad (Newmarket) and Davis Dr.

## Bond Steel chooses site for relocation

An important decision will have to be made in council chambers tomorrow night.

A committee of council and town staff has been meeting with Bond Structural Steel to try to find a suitable site for the steel fabricating plant to relocate so the region can go ahead with plans for a much needed grade separation at Markham Road and the CNR tracks.

Bond Structural Steel have come up with a site, acceptable to

them and they will present their proposal to council Thursday at 8 p.m. hoping to get council's approval as well as the necessary rezoning.

Although the location of the property in question cannot be released until the special meeting, Councillor Gord Rowe, a member of the committee, said the land is within the Town of Richmond Hill and is presently zoned agricultural.

## Christmas shop on T V

Richmond Hill's Rotary Club has a great idea to solve your Christmas shopping problems.

It's a Television Auction in co-operation with Classicomm Cable 10, to take place the first week of December.

To honor the International Year of the Child, all proceeds will go to the York Centre for Learning Disabilities.

Each item will be described and shown on the TV screen and residents will be invited to phone in their bids.

Bids will be put on a board and televised immediately with items going to the highest bidder at the end of a pre-determined time period.

The Rotary Club is asking individuals and business people in Richmond Hill to donate articles valued over \$20 for the auction.

Everything will be new, "it's not a garage sale," said Buster Vermeulen, past president of the Rotary Club. The club hopes to have a wide selection of items — as many as 300, he said.

Rotarians will be the auctioneers and their wives, the Rotary-Annes, will handle the switchboard.

Anyone interested in making a donation should call Mr. Vermeulen at 884-1868, Dennis Stainer at 884-7062 or Doug Davies at 884-6274.

## Refugees find Canada friendly

About 70 people in Richmond Hill now have a better idea of conditions in Vietnam and the problems facing refugees fleeing their country.

John Chu from the Vietnamese Association in Toronto spoke to a meeting of Operation Lifeline Association of Richmond Hill last Wednesday evening.

He related many of the tragic stories he heard from refugees arriving in Toronto — experiences of these people escaping and trying to find a place to accept them.

There were descriptions of refugee camps as large as "four football fields" with 45,000 people waiting under the tropical sun with no food or fresh water.

Mr. Chu reminded those present how in this country, we take freedom for granted.

"You don't appreciate freedom until you've lost it," he said.

Nguyen Thinh, a 27-year-old Vietnamese refugee who has been in Canada for two months,

accompanied Mr. Chu to the meeting.

Mr. Thinh described how he was put in jail when Saigon fell to the communists. He then escaped and crossed the ocean for five days in a boat with his wife and 255 other Vietnamese. The craft measured 18 x 3 metres.

A baby was born to Mr. Thinh's wife on the boat trip — a girl they named Marina.

Reaching Malaysia, the few refugees that were accepted lived on the beach five days before they were taken to a camp with 30,000 others, said Mr. Thinh.

Thankfully, these are just bad memories now and Mr. Thinh and his family like Canada and its people very much.

Bruce McLeod, Chairman of the Richmond Hill Operation Lifeline, stressed the problem in Southeast Asia is a case where there are "100,000 people in radical need and we're the people with space who can do something about it."



It's a boy