

# Twinney offers hand to Bond Steel

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Newmarket Mayor Ray  
Twinney said yesterday if Richmond Hill doesn't want to encourage industry to stay in town, the Town of Newmarket would. Mr. Twinney said he had read

of the problem of finding a suitable location in Richmond Hill for Bond Structural Steel to relocate making room for a grade separation at Markham Road and the CNR tracks, and he decided if Richmond Hill couldn't find a place, Newmarket could.

"I wish we had industry like Bond Steel," said Mr. Twinney. "We wouldn't treat them the way they are in Richmond Hill." The mayor of Newmarket was referring to the amount of time (almost one year) taken to find a site acceptable to both the

municipality and Bond Steel. A letter was dictated by Mr. Twinney to Leonard Prusky, president of Bond Steel, saying Newmarket would be glad to have the company locate there. Mayor Twinney said he first talked to Richmond Hill's mayor

Dave Schiller to ask if he had any objections to his town approaching the Richmond Hill company "and he said he had no objections," said Mayor Twinney. In an interview yesterday Mayor Schiller said he told the

Newmarket mayor Richmond Hill was still looking for something acceptable, but the main concern was to find a relocation site for Bond Steel and to clear land for the grade separation. "Naturally we'd like them to stay in town if at all possible," he said.

When asked about Mayor Twinney's offer, president of Bond Steel, Leonard Prusky, said Newmarket was "too remote" and "too far north". In an interview Tuesday Mr. Prusky said a meeting of the special committee of council and staff set up to find a relocation site was scheduled for yesterday afternoon. Commissioner of Planning, Bill

Power, a member of the committee, said the meeting was to get the owner of a site the town found acceptable on the north-west corner of Markham Road and Highway 404 and the owner of Bond Steel together.

Mr. Power said this property was "a preferred site" from a planning point of view. Mr. Prusky said he was not optimistic about the result of the meeting because of the attitude of Richmond Hill's Mayor Dave Schiller. "Either he's not interested in finding us a spot," said Mr. Prusky, "or he's not interested in getting a grade separation where lives are at stake." At press time results of the meeting were not available.

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## Tentative settlement reached

# York high schools open on schedule

Without knowing who is more relieved — parents, trustees or teachers — about 17,000 York Region high school students made it back to the classroom yesterday, after the board and its teachers arrived at a tentative contract settlement late Monday night.

The memorandum of settlement was signed exactly a week after 14 of the trustees voted to lock the teachers out of schools unless contract negotiations could be settled.

The teachers had vowed to go on a disruptive work-to-rule campaign, which would have seen them do little else but teach from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., and still draw a full salary.

Parents were unsure about sending their kids to school up until the last minute yesterday as news of the accord wasn't available until 11 p.m. Monday.

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At Richmond Hill High School, most of the teachers rolled into the parking lot smiling, some of them trading good-natured jibes with prospective students.

Students naturally joked they could have used a few more weeks off anyway.

Most relieved was Principal John Buell. Though students were lining the corridors to begin registration, he was happy his staff was there on a full time basis.

"The most we could have done (if a lockout occurred) was open up the library for those kids showing up," he said. "Of course the TMR program (trainable mentally retarded) would have carried on as always because our teacher there is not a member of OSSTF."

Both the School Board and the whole teacher membership were to have met last night (Tuesday) to discuss the contract. Teachers were to have gathered at Dr. G. W. Williams at Aurora at 4:30 p.m.

The purpose of their meeting was not necessarily to ratify the contract but to lift the work-to-rule sanction which had been officially in place since the last three days of school in June.

Details of the settlement will not be public until all federation members have a chance to review them and take a vote.

Provincial mediator Harvey Ladd had called a session last Tuesday, a day after the lockout vote was confirmed.

Many teachers and parents feel that meeting should have been delayed to see if any progress could be made by the two sides first.

Both sides met again on Wednesday at the Constellation Hotel near Toronto International Airport. That session carried on until 3:30 a.m. Thursday.

The board then cancelled a strategy session for Thursday and the teams got together again on Friday and Saturday. They

## Ho, ho, ho

It may be September to most people, but to Richmond Hill's Santa Claus Parade Committee it's only 10 and a half weeks until it's time for the Santa Claus Parade.

The committee met last Thursday to get things moving. Five bands have already been booked and the date has been set for November 18, which is a Sunday.

This year's theme is in keeping with International Year of the Child. The theme is "Christmas is for kids".

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had been moved from a conference room at the hotel to the eighth floor.

A tentative agreement was actually reached on Friday, but there was a flaw.

If signed, the board said it would lift the lockout against the teachers.

The teachers were willing to sign the memorandum but refused to forego the work-to-rule campaign.

Mediation started again at 10:30 a.m. on Labor Day and it took 12 hours of meetings with Mr. Ladd until an arrangement was hammered out.

The contract will cover the remainder of the 1979-80 year and 1980-81. Teachers have been without one since September 1, 1978.



Students at Langstaff Secondary School line up for registration yesterday, after a tentative settlement was reached between the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation and the York County Board of Education. Prior to the settlement, the board had threatened to lock teachers out of schools, and teachers had threatened to work-to-rule. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).

## Signing up

## ...but will it stay that way

If activities on the first day of school at Richmond Hill High are any indication, the Board of Education may have gotten less than it bargained for when it reached an agreement with its teachers.

As far as teachers there were concerned, the threatened work-to-rule campaign was on until they have a chance to vote on the matter. That vote was to come yesterday at Dr. G.W. Williams in Aurora.

Admitting an OSSTF representative mentioned the work-to-rule would still be effective at 9 a.m. yesterday, Principal John Buell said he hasn't encountered any administrative problems so far.

"The only thing I haven't been getting are attendance records, and they're

something that can wait an extra day or two," said Mr. Buell.

Though the Superintendent of Planning and Development was at the school early to observe what was happening, Mr. Buell played down there was interruption or that teachers may have violated the tentative settlement reached Monday.

However, York Board Chairman Don Cousens sees things differently. He claims the full work-to-rule campaigns in force in Richmond Hill, Markham District High and Dr. G.W. Williams are in contempt of the bargaining done by both teams.

"We don't want to lose the agreement we have but this expresses contempt for the board and the students and the

good faith we had in reaching that agreement.

"The stage is set for the breaking of a trust and if these orders (by the Federation executive) are not repealed, one of the board's options would be to impose a lockout," he said.

Debate on whether to ratify the contract will happen at a regular board meeting next Monday. Mr. Cousens indicated he is ready to fight over this issue.

"I have already gotten consent to strike a committee, which I will chair, that will meet with teachers, staff, lawyers and mediators to devise a way to improve the negotiating process. We will consider trying to make changes to Bill 100 through our provincial body ALSBO (association of large school boards of Ontario).

"The other question we'll open up is how we can avert this brinkmanship in negotiations in York County. A major task force will be started on these two items," he said.

The day seemed to run fairly smoothly at Richmond Hill High yesterday, though no attendance was being taken or seating plans composed. Teachers got right into lecturing off the top of the class.

"The situation could quickly degenerate within the limits of Bill 100," said math teacher Barney Matisko. "What you see here is quite normal for any other school day but psychologically, things could get worse if allowed to go on. I don't like it this way but I don't think anybody does."

While he seemed fairly composed, another math teacher, Roger Cote was noticeably more uneasy. He said he couldn't take attendance but he also couldn't stop a student from adding his name to the list.

"I thought the board understood the work-to-rule couldn't be lifted until we had a vote on it. Isn't this going on in the rest of the schools?" he asked as he headed towards his next class.

## Artist doesn't believe he's really an artist

One of the artists participating in Art in the Park next weekend, Andy Skinner, says he doesn't consider himself an artist.

"Just, when I feel like painting — I paint, or draw pictures," he said.

Mr. Skinner said he used to draw as a child and picked it up again about 12 years ago as a hobby.

He said he found it relaxing after a hectic day at work.

Pen and ink drawings are Mr. Skinner's favorite medium to work in but he has done many oil paintings.

Most of his works depict rural, early 19th century, English countryside and his drawings are done from memory of the land where he was born, or from photographs.

Canadian landscapes are "quite rugged", he said, and he classes his work as "a fantasy — type" with a softer more peaceful effect.

Mr. Skinner expects to exhibit nine or 10 of his pen and ink sketches as well as several oils.

A book of copies of other original pen and ink works of Mr. Skinner will also be available.

Art in The Park is sponsored by the Civic Improvement Committee of the Town of Richmond Hill and will display the works of the Richmond Hill Group of Artists.

Oils, acrylics, watercolors, pen and ink drawings and sculptures will be exhibited at Mill Pond Sunday, September 9, from noon until dusk or Sunday, September 16, in case of rain.

## Bookkeeping system will make life easy

Robert Warner, past chairman of Richmond Hill's Centennial Committee and member of the York Central Hospital Board, has designed a system to help keep the small businessman solvent.

Sixty per cent of all small businesses go under within a five-year period, said Mr. Warner, and 85 per cent of those do so because of poor record keeping.

With this in mind, the Richmond Hill resident has developed a compact, efficient bookkeeping system available at local office supply stores to provide the small businessman with the information he needs to survive.

A person about to open any kind of business typically visits the local office supply and comes out laden with ledgers, journals, and cards, said Mr. Warner.

"But not enough to run a business efficiently," he added.

Now with "Tote-all Systems", anyone can walk in and buy the 800-item kit, in one bag, with supplies to last the average business one year.

It is a case of survival in business today, said Mr. Warner, "and the businessman needs every kind of break he can get".

Tote-all is a totally new concept. It is a self-teaching color co-ordinated program that any inexperienced person could understand and follow.

A basic course on accounting, bookkeeping and good sound business practice, in easy to understand language, is part of the kit, said Mr. Warner.

On a daily basis the person can know exactly how much he owes, how much someone owes him and how much money he

has in the bank.

The best part of the system, said Mr. Warner, is something he calls the "Business Barometer", a unique folder that lists all the information compiled in a beneficial way so anyone can analyze the progress of a business — daily.

"It gives the businessman a handle on his business like he's never had before," said Mr. Warner.

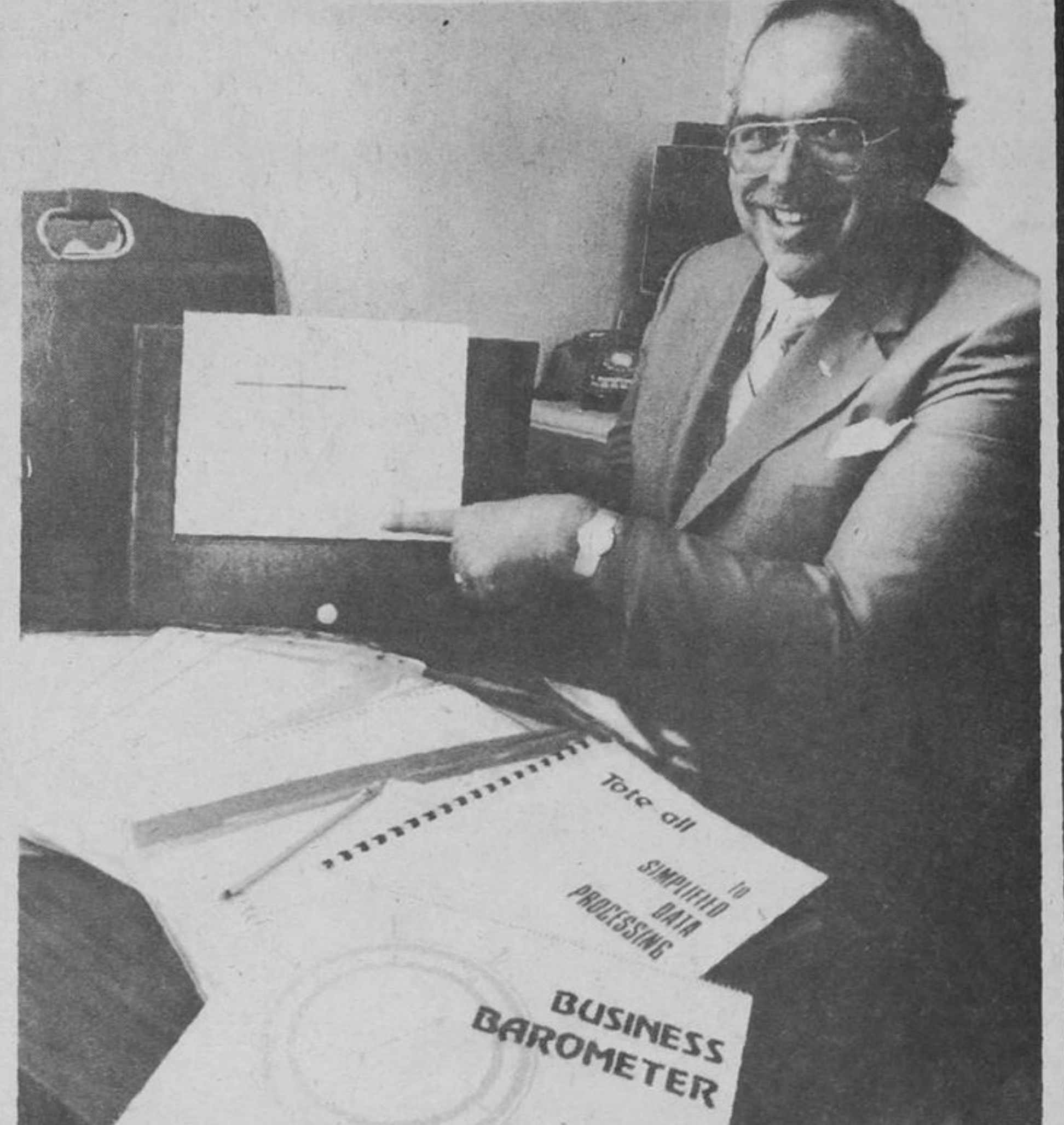
More than 20 years ago, Mr. Warner came to Canada from the United States to open an office for Paymaster Cheque Writers.

In those days the Richmond Hill resident was a small businessman himself, and although Paymaster now has 14 offices coast-to-coast, and 280 salesmen, Mr. Warner can still remember the days when he was struggling in business with receipts, invoices and other important papers tucked in pockets, drawers and boxes.

The Tote-all system is packed in a neat business-like briefcase so it is not "threatening" to the inexperienced person who knows little about bookkeeping, ties together all those important pieces of paper and can be taken anywhere — office, home or business meeting.

Tote-all was three years in the planning, said Mr. Warner, but has only been on the market one week — and only in Richmond Hill, at Caromont Stationers Limited, 10210 Yonge Street.

Mr. Warner said he decided to market his new system in this town because this is where he lives and he wants to sell it from small office supply stores where he can best help the small business which he said he feels is "the backbone of this country."



If the bottom line balances, the small business manager will be more than pleased with the new "Tote-All System"

designed and marketed by Robert Warner of Richmond Hill. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg)

## Community Pulse

### Lunch, where?!?

York Regional councillors and senior staff have been invited to tour the Duffin's Creek Sewage Treatment Plant on Tuesday, September 18. At last week's council meeting, Chairman Bob Forhan noted the outing will start at the Parkway Hotel and have those councillors affected, back in time for an engineering committee at 3 p.m.

"Lunch will also be provided . . . ." he hesitated, with a grimace, " . . . at the plant?"

After an outbreak of laughter, it appeared some councillors had second thoughts about the Tuesday Special at Duffin's Creek.

### Join a musical

One of the best musicals of all time, "HMS Pinafore" is going into rehearsals beginning Tuesday, September 11 at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Richmond Hill beginning at 8 p.m.

If you love to sing and perform operetta, you are needed.

If you can't sing, but would like to help in any other way: costumes, make-up, set designing and in other necessary jobs, again you are needed.

For more information call 884-2227 or 884-4831.