# Bond Steel relocation needed, president says

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For more than five years Bond Structural Steel has been on the

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York Region high school lift the work-to-rule without

students finally got back to the having a membership vote on the

decisions taken by trustees and verbal agreement and that it

A tentative settlement to the 18- operate as normally as possible.

month contract dispute between We wanted an agreement (on a

the York County Board of new contract) and we were sure

Education and its secondary the teachers wanted to settle this

teachers had been reached late as well. It came down to who is

on Labor Day - paving the way running the system - the

for a punctual beginning to the federation, through the teachers,

However, after operation by the taxpayers of the Region,"

At a press conference the had voted overwhelmingly to

following day, Chairman Don keep the work-to-rule in place.

section of the Education Act to ratifying the tentative settlement

and well-being of students are in the new contract, although all

He listed a number of functions establish board-teacher com-

not carried out the first day at a mittees to examine procedures

Cousens said he was unaware any when he lit a match near a

the same contract dispute), Unionville, thought he saw

majority of high schools: no for cross-panel transfers, January,

with the board.

settlement,"

third-party arbitrator.

reports of the 15 schools for the said Mr. Cousens.

Tuesday, the board voted 16-3 to Thursday last week.

classroom on a regular basis issue.

Friday after a series of bizarre

day were appraised by the

trustees at a special meeting last

Cousens said there had been

"substantial interference with

the operation of a normal school

day - to the detriment of

students", so the board used a

That part of the Act allows for

"It was the toughest meeting

any trustee could attend," said

Mr. Cousens, "but I feel very

right in what I did and justified in

the action taken by the board. We

had a verbal agreement put forth

by mediator Harvey Ladd which

said the teachers would allow as

normal a school day as possible

under the circumstances - but

that's not what happened on

timetable corrections made;

reports of students not allowed to

take home textbooks; no at-

tendance taken: "complete

chaos"; according to one student

- 'they didn't even know my

In an earlier interview, Mr.

of the work-to-rule tactics im-

the final three days in June (over

would be in effect on September

"HAD FAITH"

derstood the federation couldn't

posed by the teachers' federation week.

He later admitted he un- up

such measures where the safety

the teachers' federation.

school year.

close the schools.

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question.

Tuesday."

name'

last week president, Leonard Prusky said he can't work under present conditions much longer.

Finally, board,

teachersagree

schools re-open

would allow the schools to

or the elected officials delegated

Teachers were out of the

At a meeting September 4, they

Then at about 11:30 p.m. on

Thursday in a vote conducted by

the Education Relations Com-

mission, they lifted the sanction

and balloted 620 to 221 in favor of

Earlier that night, trustees had

"We're not unhappy with the

negotiator Bill Monroe. "I hope

Hopefully, the bargaining will be

a little better next time but at

least this time we didn't give up

the agreement, which will

gasoline covered automobile last

someone in his car late one night

He lit a match and his car blew

Mr. Barr suffered first and

and went out to investigate.

William Barr of Station Street,

the arbitrator doesn't go crazy

said

voted 16-1 in favor of accepting

schools for both Wednesday and

verge of moving the plant, and Markham Road has expanded four times since 1964 and now because of cramped office space and restricted plant capacity it Bond Structural Steel on needs to expand or relocate.

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 1979

positions of responsibility and

teacher workload. Unassigned

time, an issue leading to the

on August 27, will be studied in

GRAND OPPOSED

was the only board member to

reject ratification of the contract.

felt were the views of the

from students and parents have

all basically been opposed to the

arbitration aspect of the

agreement. And I agree it is the

board who should really be

making a decision on how much

money will be spent on salaries.'

"I knew my vote wouldn't

make a significant difference in

the final count, but had it been

closer, I was prepared to change

While Mr. Monroe said he was

pleased with the solidarity of the

board in the three votes — two to

close the schools and one to ratify

the agreement - Mrs. Grand

the board's negotiating team. She

feels the trustees have been

forced into signing a blank

The arbitrator, a mutually

agreed upon person by one ap-

pointee from the board and

District 11 OSSTF, should hand

four weeks. The two-year con-

Negotiations for a new contract

He was taken to York Central

York Regional Police in-

vestigation turned up a one gallon

gasoline can near the destroyed

While police suspect arson, no

charges have yet been laid.

Hospital in Richmond Hill and is

expected to be released today.

between the two parties begin in

majority of her constituents.

Thornhill Trustee Patti Grand

She said she acted on what she

"The calls I have received

the workload committee.

we had faith in that original board lockout of teachers

she said.

my decision.

monetary issues will now go to a said she had no animosity toward

the things we didn't want to give down a decision within three or

A letter of intent accompanies tract expires at the end of

A man nearly blew himself up second degree burns to his face,

Gasoline soaked

car explodes

cheque.

August, 1980.

arms and body.

vehicle.

Chief

fabricates, supplies and erects have used their services, all the structural steel for the con-residential steel for the BAIF struction industry.

THE RICHMOND HILLS

This Richmond Hill company and factories in Richmond Hill subdivision behind Hillcrest Mall Many industrial plazas, schools was supplied by Bond Structural

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Steel. They even put the new roof Toronto and Region Conservation on Richmond Hill Arena.

able to have larger plant and this low area. storage facilities, his company would do more volume and employ more people. Presently they employ 60 people from the

the Region of York would also like Bond Sturctural Steel to relocate, providing the necessary land for a grade separation at Markham Road and the CNR level crossing.

Now, because of a special meeting held in town hall last week, the necessary expansion and relocation look possible.

Mr. Prusky is now negotiating with a developer for a piece of land adjacent to Highway 404, north of Markham Road and behind the Ministry of Transportation and Communications Works Yard.

piece of land presents a problem because of a low, wet area running approximately through the negotiations are successful.

has asked the Metropolitan he said.

Authority (MTRCA) to look at the Mr. Prusky said if they were site and approve the filling in of

If approved by MTRCA, Mr. Prusky said his purchase will hinge on feasibility of the cost of

such infilling. One more consideration before The Town of Richmond Hill and going ahead with the purchase, Mr. Prusky said he will approach council asking for a motion to support rezoning of the property as well as asking council to approach regional council for the same support.

> Mr. Prusky estimated it would take about eight months for Bond Structural Steel to relocate after it had received a building permit.

The 17 acres now owned by the steel company extending from Markham Road north to a point just south of Centre Street and including Roseview Avenue and west from the CNR tracks to the Mr. Prusky said this particular sewage plant will be sold to a developer for residential use, said Mr. Prusky - if present

"If it doesn't work out we're The company president said he right back to square one again,"

# Residents watch fate of golf course

The Town of Richmond Hill and hearing be adjourned and the are bargaining for time.

Owners of the Richmond Hill Golf Club want to develop their lands between Mill Street and the southern limit of properties on Oxford Street

The Town of Richmond Hill wants to look at options available to keep this land as open space and residents on the south side of Oxford Street would like the opportunity to sell a portion of their land.

designates this land residential, but the new official plan, awaiting Ontario Municipal

town would like to retain as much open space in this area as possible and is investigating boundary - otherwise, they methods available,

Property owners have the right to appeal zoning to the OMB, bypassing the municipality.

The owners of the golf club have filed an objection to the new official plan with the OMB and a hearing has been scheduled for October 1.

Town Clerk Dave Weldon, said land owners.

At council last week a to have the matter heard at a

owners, the town and adjoining the developers' plan of sub-

the OMB to hear comments from wishes the road be changed on

resolution was passed directing later date would benefit both the

property owners on Oxford Street matter dealt with when the new Official Plan is before the board.

A plan of subdivision has been prepared by the owners but has not been inspected by the town planning staff.

This plan has been viewed by property owners in the area who appeared at council last Tuesday to ask procedural questions and let councillors know their feelings on use of the land.

At this time the subdivision plan shows a number of roads but Richmond Hill's existing plan not one which would run along the northerly boundary of the property.

The delegation of property Board (OMB) approval, owners from Oxford Street have designates the property "study properties backing on the golf club and they told council they Mayor Dave Schiller said the would support Richmond Hill Golf Course application if a road was proposed on the northern

would oppose it. Daniel Racicot speaking on behalf of the residents said some of the property owners would like the opportunity to sell the south part of their lots, and he felt they would be able to do so if there was

Council members did not agree five days has been set aside by or disagree with the residents' division, but stated the resolution

#### the town solicitor to ask the town and the property owners. York Central

### Executive collects tor retugees

The York Central Executive Association has set up a full-scale camp, to be called 'the Live and Give Camp', to collect items for The Boat People. Organizations and families

Richmond Hill Rotary Club is December. Items will be have sponsored a refugee family, and now the need is for clothing

Winter clothing is high on the list of items the refugees will be

reached by the Rotary Club was Small sized ladies' and men's \$6,000 with proceeds to the York clothing will be required, as the Centre for Learning Disibilities. refugees are not as large as Because of the response from North Americans. Children's clothing in all sizes is urgently

> If you have items that your family can no longer use, the refugees would be pleased to

have them. has volunteered to take all

Executive Association will get in touch with you. Household goods are also needed. Appliances, bedding and other necessary items for the

telephone calls about donations.

Leave your name, telephone

number and address and a

member of the York Central

home would be appreciated. No money will be collected at

this time, as the household items and clothing are taking priority. The refugees are expected to be

living in sponsors' homes for a minimum of one year, and all items they receive will be going with them, when they do get a home of their own.

To make a donation, please call 883-5151 and leave the information so that someone can Robert Armstrong Real Estate arrange to pick up your

## He'll show you how to save electricity

hydro savings can be made.

Consumer Service Supervisor Ground, said originally the main concentration has been on factories and businesses in town, but

Richmond Hill Hydro has advise how hydro may be areas most would not think of, elements on stove burners, and extended a special service to wasted," said Mr. Ground, make consumers aware of where stressing the utility's interest in helping conserve energy.

Mr. Ground gave several for Richmond Hill Hydro, Harold examples of areas in the home where savings could be made.

Dripping hot water taps keeping the element in the hot they will go into homes on water heater on, and poor door gaskets on refrigerators, (not "We will go anywhere and making a good seal) are two

said Mr. Ground.

He also pointed out many are not aware that instant-on television sets use power all the

The attaching of a line switch, or the simple pulling of the plug, are easy ways to make savings, said the hydro representative.

Small things such as having the

said Mr. Ground. Richmond Hill Hydro holds

conservation and safety seminars for industry and retail merchants to show areas where savings can be made, and Mr. Ground said films are available to demonstrate savings to any proper size cooking utensils to fit school or organization.

the turning out of unnecessary

lights will result in big savings,

### Village Festival takes place Saturday

F Day is the Thornhill Village Festival, an annual five hours of fun and merriment to commemorate and preserve the historic and cultural value of the Village of Old Thornhill.

A host of activities will be kicked off by the festival parade up Yonge St. at noon this Saturday. The place to be is at the intersection of Yonge and Highway 7B, roughly the centre of the old village.

community-oriented, hoping to the festival contest, antiques

10,000 people. Admission is now charged due

to increased costs and the fact a Wintario grant has been discontinued. Entrance is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for children (which includes a program) but anyone wearing a costume can save 50 cents. Family rate is \$3.

Highlights of this year's festivities include Highland bands, "country kitchen" food, dancing, arts and crafts sales, In its third year, the festival is best costume contest, sheriff of

you haven't got your 19th century style. The previous celebrations companies of minstrels, jazz Chorale at 3:30, 4:30; Thornhill costume ready, time is running were attended by more than bands and singers and the Village Artists exhibit, 3-5 p.m.; regular Festival Raffle. The festival is produced largely

by the volunteers of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill and most of the activities going on at Holy Trinity Church are thanks to them.

One of 18 sites for Saturday's action, here's what wilkhappen at the church on Brooke St: SPHT Victorian Tea, 1:30 — 4:30 p.m.; films of Festivals '77 and '78; audio visual history of Thornhill; artifacts display; homebaking stand - Thornhill Newcomers; Towns of Vaughan and Markham fun.

"F Day" is almost here and if attract residents dressed in 19th displays, garden parties, roving LACAC display; Cantible German Mills Co-op Nursery School demonstration; choir hot dog stand; Canadian Legion Pipe Band and Dancers, 12:45 p.m; Al and Ina Harris Country Music at 1:30, 3 and 4 p.m; ballet at 2 p.m; York Cycle Players at 2:30 p.m; talent show at 3:30 p.m. and the Festival Raffle Draw at 4:30

> All the activities are within a 1,000 yard radius of each other so get dressed up and come one out, bring your friends and have some



Khatcho Yazedjian of Springhead Gardens in Richmond Hill works on a still life oil painting during the Art in the Park show at Mill Pond Park last Sunday. The show was put on by the

sponsored by the Civic Improvement Committee of the Town of Richmond Hill and although the weather was chilly, attendance was good.

Richmond Hill Group of Artists and

Constable Brian Abraham shows the style which the good guys sometimes use to win. Tuesday night in Town Park members of the York Regional Police Association beat the radio station CFGM players in a benefit ball game with proceeds to Project HOSTEL, the organization responsible for "The Yellow Brick House" an emergency housing facility for women and children in York Region. The night was full of surprises -

25 Cents

#### grapefruits used for baseballs, and prizes - for the lucky spectators. Project HOSTEL collected over \$100 from the baseball game. /(Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg) Volunteer Bureau

gets a boost

The Liberal for money. one helped, the bureau would

have to fold.

Richmond Hill Ponderosa Restaurant read the appeal and

car wash will be held the

decided to do its share.

The Richmond Hill Volunteer 15, in the parking lot at the Bureau asked the Richmond Hill Ponderosa on Yonge Street from

reading public a few weeks ago in 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will cost \$1 to have your car Funds were needed to keep the washed and the Ponderosa will Volunteer Bureau alive, and if no supply free coffee to anyone using the service.

Someone cares, it seems. The mond Hill Volunteer Bureau.

The staff is going to hold a car following Saturday, September

#### wash next Saturday, September 22. Already three cars in Rotary's auction

donations for the TV Auction coming up this December.

Already three cars have been donated by local dealers - one brand-spanking new, one a good used vehicle, and one special interest, said Buster Vermeulen, past president of the Rotary Club. Contributions total a value of about \$5,000, said Mr. Vermeulen, and include such items as lamps, footstools, gift

vouchers and cameras.

getting some pretty impressive described and shown on Cable 10 and anyone interested can and other necessities of life. telephone in their bid. Originally the goal to be

All proceeds will go to the Rich-

If it should rain that day, the

local business, the goal is now \$10,000, said Mr. Vermeulen. Anyone interested in making a

donation should call Mr. Vermeulen at 884-1868, Dennis

The TV Auction will be held in Stainer at 884-7062, Doug Davies co-operation with Classicomm at 884-6274 or Jim Abraham at Cable 10 the first week in 889-4957.