

## Elementary teachers to get fact finder

The Education Relations Committee has advised York County Elementary teachers that a fact finder will be appointed shortly.

At a meeting with Mediator Grant Gillespie last week York County Elementary Teachers negotiating team declared an impasse and elected to go to a fact finder.

The action was taken because negotiating teams for the teachers and the York County Board of Education could not see eye to eye on the conditions of the tentative agreement already rejected by the teachers in September.

The major issue for the teachers is staffing in the elementary schools. The teachers feel that unless the staffing ratio is substantially improved, the educational programs of the Board may be jeopardized.

"The introduction of the elementary school French program and the increase in special education classes have both had adverse effects on class size," say the teachers.

A report from York County Elementary Teachers' Association of Federations (YCETAF) states "The York County pupil-teacher ratio in the elementary panel compares unfavorably with most other school boards in Ontario."

The report gives the following statistics: "Out of 127 boards, both public and separate, reported in the Ontario School Trustees' Staff Utilization

Survey for 1978-79, 115 boards had better staffing than York County.

Data reported by the Education Relations Commission for 1978-79 shows the Ontario average pupil-teacher ratio in elementary schools to be 18.28 pupils per teacher.

To staff elementary schools in York County at

the Ontario average, 160 additional teachers would have to be hired.

Forty-two new teachers were authorized by the Board for 1979-80, but the teachers still aren't happy.

They feel that since the Board's policy is quality education for all students, more teachers are required to carry out these plans.

## Camera tricks thrill audience

York Regional Camera Club members were given a rare treat Monday when Paul Fitzsimmons demonstrated 'Tricks With Duplicating'.

The event was held at the Richmond Hill High School. By using duplicating film he was able to improve the quality of a thin slide or by using a color filter he could completely change the effect or mood of a slide.

Mr. Fitzsimmons also showed examples of how it is possible to enlarge one portion of a slide when duplicating to give the photograph more impact.

He completed his presentation by showing two examples of a slide program with music, the first, a travelogue of 'Barbados', and the second, a journey through 'The Seasons'.

The first critique of the year was held Monday and there were 61 entries.

These were shown with the comments of the three judges.

The next meeting of the Camera Club will be November 12 at 7.30 p.m. in the Richmond Hill High School, Wright Street.

Guest speaker will be John Powell, AFIAP, and his subject will be 'Basic Black and White Printing'.

Field trip slides will be shown and entries for the second critique should be submitted.

There will be two categories, 'Scenes' and 'Patterns', and contestants may enter two slides in each category.

## Police Briefs

### THEFT AT POOL WORLD

During the month of August someone took an air compressor valued at \$1,200 from Pool World on Kennedy Road, Unionville.

### RIFLE THEFT

A warrant has been issued for a man, who entered the residence of Dr. Willard Wilson of Riverside Drive, Thornhill and removed two rifles.

During a Metropolitan Toronto investigation into other offences, a man confessed to the rifle theft and is being held awaiting transfer to York Region.

### LOCKER ROBBED

On November 4 someone broke into a locker at the Tri Bell Club on Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill and took a watch, a gold bracelet, a leather coat and a velour sweater, all valued at \$2,000.

## Blaze causes \$42,000 damage

Careless smoking is the cause of a fire at 97 Oak Avenue, Richvale last Friday morning, in which one man was injured and two dogs killed.

Richmond Hill Fire Department got the alarm at 2 a.m. and spent four hours at the scene.

Howard Zohr, a resident at the house, suffered minor burns to his hands and feet.

No one else was injured in the fire.

Damage to the building is estimated at \$30,000 and to the contents at \$12,000.

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Louise Osborne holds her daughter, Jennifer Michelle. Baby Jennifer seems unconcerned about having her picture taken. She was born October 31 at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. Louise, her husband Rodney and baby Louise live on Markham Road, Richmond Hill. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg).

## Look who's arrived

Following is a list of babies born at York Central Hospital during the past week.

### Monday, October 29

Brenda and Paul Dillman, Sutton, a son at 10:06 a.m.

### Wednesday, October 31

Linda and Peter Donkers, Newmarket, a son at 7:43 a.m.

Sharleen and Frank Ham, King City, a son at 8:58 a.m.

Louise and Rodney Osborne, Richmond Hill, a daughter at 10:36 p.m.

### Friday, November 2

Darlene and Keith Williamson, Holland Landing, a son at 8:04 a.m.

### Saturday, November 3

Lori and Neil Briggs, Richmond Hill, a son at 10:40 p.m.

Catherine and Azzam Haddad, Thornhill, a son at 7:14 p.m.

**TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL THE ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

will be held **AT THE CENOTAPH Sunday, November 11** at 3 p.m.

The March of Remembrance forms at 2 p.m. at Richmond Heights Centre - proceeds along Yonge Street to the Cenotaph.

All ex-service personnel are invited to take part in the march.

All citizens are urgently requested to attend this service.

All groups or persons who wish to deposit wreaths at the Cenotaph during the service are requested to leave their names with the Police Department.

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