



York Regional Police are sporting new cars with a new color combination. White with a red stripe along each side has been approved for the force. The change was affected to

distinguish cars in the regional force from those of Metro Toronto. Some of the yellow cruisers will remain until the changeover is complete sometime in April.—Don Bernard

New student travel policy

Age boundaries approved

AURORA — A policy that bars classroom organization of commercial trips was approved by York Region public school board trustees here last week. Under the new policy, any trips that are organized as commercial ventures must be clearly defined as such in any approach to parents of students. "All announcements and communications to students and parents concerning (such a) trip must state clearly that the tour is arranged independently by the teacher and the nature of the tour is such that it does not qualify for formal approval and or endorsement by the board," the new policy states. "There are considerable changes from the old policy," Dennis Middleton, assistant to the superintendent of school operations said in an interview Thursday. "The board has clearly stated between what are board organized trips and what are not," he added. "Those (non-board ventures) are definitely considered commercial." For the first time, the board's field trip and extended student travel

policy lists specific travel boundaries for primary, junior, intermediate and senior students. In the primary kindergarten to Grade 3 division students will be encouraged to take "field trips about the community to help develop the behavioural and intellectual skills required for learning experiences in later years." Students in the Grades 4 to 6 junior division will move beyond community boundaries on overnight visits "when warranted by the maturity of the students." Such trips could include visits to Quebec

City, Moosonee or an Ontario Mennonite community, the policy states. In the intermediate division covering Grades 7 to 10, excursions will be broken down into elementary and secondary levels. Students in Grades 7 and 8 will visit other cultures within the Americas such as Mexico, Cuba or Brazil; while Grade 9 and 10 students will participate in extended Canadian trips that will tie into their Canadian studies. Senior students in Grade 11 and 12 will have unlimited scope in their field trips. "At this level the perimeters should be world wide," the new policy states. "Students could visit different political environments or the birth places of various cultures." Before the policy gained board approval, several trustees questioned the scope of excursions permitted. "It appals me as to the distance we're sending children," said East Gwillimbury trustee Joy Horton. "Noting intermediate division references to

Cuba and Brazil, Mrs. Horton called for elimination of any references to specific countries. Richmond Hill trustee Robert Houghton said specific names were used to clarify the guidelines rather than list specific places the students will be able to visit. In a later interview, Mr. Middleton said the reference to specific countries is merely a written confirmation of the direction schools are already taking in planning excursions. During the board meeting, however, separate school representative John Raniowski questioned the guidelines for the junior division. Noting that the Moosonee trip covers 700 miles over a six-day period, Mr. Raniowski said, "I consider this extended student travel." On the basis of two visits to Moosonee, he described the northern Ontario excursion as "quite harrowing." "You walk on a dock and it sinks," he noted. "You're on the edge of the wilderness up there."

Fraud charges laid

MARKHAM — A Scarborough man has been arrested on charges of defrauding six Markham businesses out of a total of \$945. In July a man went to Fernando's Restaurant and offered to supply them with free menus on the condition; the menus contain local advertising. Wellington Way Travel, Markham Men's and Boys' Wear, and Mary-Lyn Shops

bought space for \$186 each and three other ads were sold to Markham Optical, Comtech Electrical and Plumbing, and Markham Fruit Market for \$135 apiece. The cheques, according to police were cashed immediately at Markham banks and the man was not heard from again. Charged with six counts of fraud is Lawrence Hertsman, 53, of Scarborough.

Love affair turns sour
Man convicted on four charges

MARKHAM — A 21 year old Markham man, who beat up his common law wife, then when she left him, went after her with a gun, found out last week that his mean streak could lead him into a lot of trouble. Jon David Hall of Church St. in Markham appeared before Provincial Judge Ian Munro in Newmarket Court and pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, common assault against one time common law wife Pamela Smusiak of Stouffville, and having more than 80 m.g. of alcohol in his blood while driving. Prior to the trial Miss Smusiak took the stand to request the court to withdraw charges of assault bodily harm and common assault which she had laid against the Markham man, but after Judge Munro heard the woman say she was concerned her ex-boyfriend might harm her again, the charge of common assault was ordered to stand. Crown Attorney Dave O'Connor, listing the Crown's complaints, said that last November Hall was arrested on an impaired driving charge, and after being placed in a police cruiser for a trip to the station for a breathalyzer test, tried to get out of the cruiser by climbing over the seat. Regarding the weapons charge, the Crown Attorney told the court that the accused and Miss Smusiak had been to the Golden Lamb Tavern in Markham where an argument began. Miss Smusiak left and continued her drinking at another Tavern, the Sherwood, also in Markham. The accused man followed her there, and was fortunately dissuaded by a friend from taking a .38 calibre pistol inside. Crown Attorney O'Connor told the court the two had been living together on and off between quarrels for over a year. He described the Markham man as being very immature, and jealous, "when he gets

jealous he hits this girl" he told the court. Counsel for Hall said the whole list of charges stemmed from the relationship between the two. He indicated that while they couldn't seem to live together they didn't seem to be able to live apart either.

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