

Reducing school programs won't save money

AURORA — Reducing programs isn't going to save the York Region public school board money, education director Sam Chapman told trustees here Monday night.

"It's all very well to reduce programs but it doesn't save money unless you reduce people," he said during

general board discussion on 1977 budgeting.

As long as staff complement remains negotiable, the situation won't change, he noted.

"The budget is determined in great measure by what's negotiated," Mr. Chapman explained. "There isn't very much you can do about it."

In budget progress

reports presented by chairmen of the board's four standing committees, several noted difficulty in examining 1977 proposed spending because major items are beyond committee control.

Planning and building committee chairman Warren Baillie said salary estimates under his committee's jurisdiction are either determined throughout negotiations or set by a special committee.

Since the staff

relations committee deals with most salary lines and fringe benefits, there are only a few items left open to budget cutting, chairman Craig Cribar said.

"The biggest part of the budget we will be considering is covered by negotiations," added program committee chairman Doreen Quirk.

"We seem to be covering some of the same ground," Richmond Hill trustee Bob Houghton said of the committees' inability to deal with

major budget areas. "We should be into this very strongly and very seriously by now."

He echoed Aurora trustee Norm Weller's earlier call for a special board meeting devoted only to the budget.

Such a meeting should be held before trustees become engaged

in the municipal election campaign, enabling them to have the time necessary for the meeting, he said.

Board chairman Doug Allen said trustees will continue to discuss the budget during the opening half hour of the next two or three board meetings.

Board refusal upsets appeal

AURORA — Rejection of an employees' payroll deduction program by York Region public school trustees has hurt the region's first United Way campaign, executive director Bob Higgs said Monday.

In a presentation to trustees, Mr. Higgs said there is "increasing dismay and concern" that the board's action will erode public interest in and support for the campaign.

"Many members of the community, strong supporters of our local voluntary agencies, have

expressed dismay that such an important public body as the school board could vote down such an important part of the United Way appeal," the campaign spokesman said, in a letter outlining his presentation.

The board rejected the proposal last month after education director Sam Chapman reported 28 working days per year would be needed to handle computer programming and administrative chores related to appeal deductions.

"I believe we can get around the problem of the physical constraints of your computer," Mr. Higgs said Monday night. Computer experts enlisted in the campaign's loaned executive program can be used, he suggested.

"It isn't a matter of capability," noted Mr. Chapman, "it's a matter of time."

Auction is coming for police

NEWMARKET — Another auction is to be held by the York Regional Police Force October 30 at 11 a.m. in the parking lot of No. 2 District Headquarters in Richmond Hill.

The Board of Regional Police Commissioners approved a request by Regional Police Chief Bruce Crawford to hold the event, which has become an annual affair.

Auctioneer will be Clarke Prance who has successfully performed the duties at prior auctions. Cost of his service will be 15 per cent of total monies taken, less \$10.

The staff that would be assigned to the United Appeal programming have already taken on additional chores ranging from increased provincial reports to presentations to the federal Anti-Inflation Board.

Asthma week Christmas Seal Associations across Ontario are observing Asthma Week from Oct. 3 to '9. Christmas Seals, which finances asthma services free of charge through the York-Toronto Lung Association, is engaged in a fund-raising program.



Gormley or Bust was the motto of Kevin and Daphne Bice of London as they set out for the fiendishly designed car rally that was to end in Gormley. Hugh and Barb White of

Gormley had sponsored the event for friends. The Bices captured first prize, a basket of homemade pickles.



Pine Orchard peewee boys captured the league championship in house league ball. They are from left to right, Glenn Phillips, Tom Elms, Peter Dent; in back are coach

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7:00 p.m. N.E. Show Ring

- * Egg Throwing Contest — Husband and Wife
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- * 'Pink Rock' Contest

8:00 p.m. Arena Indoor Stage

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LESSONS

Woman leaves Ringwood

Friends and neighbours gathered at the home of Mrs. R. Rodanz to "farewell" Mrs. K. Campbell who has sold her home and is moving to an apartment in Markham.

Rain, frost and the aroma of apple butter cooking are all signs of autumn in our area.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Keith spent the weekend in the Vineland-Dunnville district.

Mrs. V. Brown of North Gower spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Steckley; Mrs. Verna Grove was also a Saturday supper guest.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vague of Vancouver visited with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Vague, on the weekend. On Friday and Mrs. D. Jennings, other relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. Vague, Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Jennings were also present.

Youths are stuck in automobile

PICKERING — Two Pickering youths spent the night with their fingers stuck in the steering wheel of a car here recently when their cries for help went unanswered.

Keith McClintock, 18, and Frank Sullivan, 17, had been sitting in the Sullivans' car, parked in their garage, when Frank caught his fingers in one of the holes in the custom-made steering wheel.

When Keith tried to help, he too stuck in the wheel.

Mr. Sullivan, who found them the next morning in the garage, used tools to remove the wheel from the car, then took the boys to be freed from the wheel by some firemen who were conducting a campaign in a nearby plaza.

Fire spokesmen said the youths had swollen fingers but were not seriously injured.

Lake break-in

Household goods worth about \$400 were stolen from a vacant house on South Lake Road, Musselman's Lake, between Sept. 12 and 19. The home is owned by Grace Nesbitt of Main Street, Stouffville.

CB radios taken

Several CB radio sets valued at \$10,000 were stolen from Mr. C.B. Inc., Esna Park Drive, Markham, the night of Sept. 21, police said.

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