

Board blocks PA abuses

DURHAM REGION — Despite opposition, the Durham Board of Education has taken steps to prevent future abuse of Professional Activity Days by teachers.

At a recent meeting, Nov. 14, trustees voted in favor of guidelines that, they hope, will prevent a recurrence of last year's incident when a group of teachers from the staff of Harwood Secondary School

spent a part of one P.A. Day at Toronto's Woodbine Race Track.

While the motion, setting out certain rules and regulations, was introduced by trustee Lucy Bateson and passed, it was the subject of some scathing criticisms by several Board members.

One of these was George Pearce who called it "an affront on every conscientious teacher

in Durham". "You can't legislate morality," he said.

Mr. Pearce admitted there had been abuse of P.A. Days but, he charged "we don't need rules on teachers saying they must bring notes from their parents".

Trustee David French of Pickering called the policy "deplorable". "Because of the actions of a minority, this is an oppressive move on the majority".

Previously, the Board had attempted to dock the 'absentee' teachers a day's pay, but the arbitration panel upheld the teachers' grievance because there was no specific policy in this regard, explained trustee Bateson.

Enforcement of the ruling will have to be done by the principals, said Education Director Ken Munroe. "It may not be 100 per cent effective, but hopefully 99 per cent," he stated.

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Bob Hughes

Bloomington

Transplant surgery saves brother's life

By ED SCHROETER
BLOOMINGTON — On the advice of family physician, Dr. Doug Brodie, Bob Hughes entered Scarborough Centenary Hospital for blood tests, expecting nothing more serious than a common virus. Instead, medical specialists said it was

possible he'd live only six days, if he didn't respond to treatment.

His ailment was diagnosed as acute leukemia, cancer of the bone marrow; a killer virus affecting the production of blood cells and platelets.

Mr. Hughes recalls the shock. Always an active man, it was difficult for him to cope with the news.

However, despite the prognosis, he's alive to relate his story, a tale of courage, of pain and medical history.

Five months after the original prediction, Mr. Hughes is recuperating at home, his illness cured. His recovery is due to a remarkable feat of medicine, and complete cooperation from his brother, George.

There were few alternatives for Bob Hughes. Centenary Hospital staff tried unsuccessfully to retard the growth of cancerous cells with chemotherapy. Informed he could return home, and die, or begin a new type of treatment, he made the only possible decision.

For over three months, Bob Hughes walked a tightrope between life and death, while specialists from the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto prepared him for surgery. His wife, Barbara, and sons Brian, Bobby, Peter, and Billy, watched the ordeal helplessly.

Mr. Hughes became one of the first persons in Canada to undergo a successful bone marrow transplant for leukemia. The operation, replacing cancerous marrow with that from a sibling, has been attempted before, with less impressive results. The other patients weren't lucky enough to

have a brother like George. He's Bob's identical twin.

A plastic sack of something that looks very much like blood is what actually saved Bob's life. Bone marrow. One nurse called it "a bag from heaven."

The surgery itself was relatively simple. For Bob, it was the months of preparation he found difficult to accept; endless days of hospital beds; batteries of tests; enfeebling chemotherapy to destroy the horde of cancerous cells; and interminable weeks spent in sterile isolation chambers.

The doctors decided he was ready. Prior to the operation, he was subjected to radiation treatment, in a final attempt to kill the remaining cancerous

cells. The side effects suffered were painful.

Yet what Mr. Hughes says today must be true. "It's worth it, when your life depends on it."

Through all these hardships, wife Barbara was always at his side, never complaining, he recalled.

"It was a team effort all around," Barbara noted. Her husband added the family couldn't have managed without the help of many friends in Stouffville. He credited his remarkable recovery to the expertise and patience of many doctors and nurses. "And my brother, of course."

"There's no way I can ever thank everyone, not properly," he concluded.

"Concerned Citizens"

Public meeting

STOUFFVILLE — Earlier this year, an organization calling itself "Concerned Citizens of York County" was established following a meeting in The Stouffville Missionary Church.

Several months have passed with little known public participation. However, the group is still very much alive, so alive, a meeting's been arranged for Tues., Nov. 28 at 7:45 p.m. in Room 105 of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

The notice, signed by C. David Ianuzzo, Ninth Line South, reads as follows: "The Concerned Citizens group has been formed to provide an avenue by which citizens of

York County and Surrounding areas, can collectively present their thoughtful concerns to the public educational system in this area. The Association supports the view that the public educational system's function is to preserve, transmit and commend to our youth the most enduring and ennobling values of the past and present, along with current knowledge and skills. We are in agreement with the basic values derived from our Judeo-Christian heritage and desire to have Section 229, Article 1C of the Education Act fulfilled. If you would like to be involved or have specific concerns, be present Nov. 28 or call Concerned Citizens at 640-2508; 640-5214."



Goodwood girl wins top academic award

Markham Dist. High School held its annual Commencement Exercises, Friday evening. One of the top awards, the A.J. Eckhardt Trophy for general proficiency, Year 5, was won by Grade 13

honor graduate, Serena Raab (left), formerly of Unionville and now of R.R. 1, Goodwood. The presentation was made by staff English teacher, Fran McKenna. —Jim Thomas.



BOB HUGHES



GEORGE HUGHES



Serena Raab, R.R. 1, Goodwood was an Ontario Scholar in her final year at Markham High.

She receives her certificate from the principal of M.D.H.S., William Duxbury. —Jim Thomas.

Requests recount

MARKHAM — Official election results from the Town released last Thursday, show Stan Daurio trailing Carole Bell in the race for the third and last regional council seat by seven votes, 6828 to 6821.

Ron Moran topped the polls again with 9796, Alma Walker "walked" away with an easy victory for the second seat with 7063 votes, while Walter Grieve was left in the cold with 5543.

Mr. Daurio's scrutineers' tabulations differ from the Town's calculations, showing him with a lead of five votes. He has filed for a recount.

He was encouraged by an "overwhelming" response from the electorate urging him to request the action. Already he has received donation and pledges of support for a 1980 campaign, he noted. "I'm just amazed," Mr. Daurio said.

Arson is suspected

UNIONVILLE — There are persons in Unionville who seem determined to do away with the village's landmark railroad station.

For a second time, arson is suspected as the cause of a blaze at this site. The latest incident was early Sunday morning but

damage was limited to about \$800.

Neighbors reported seeing three boys pile up leaves in front of the door, then set them ablaze. Fortunately, brigade units were on the scene quickly before the flames had time to spread.

Armed robbery

UNIONVILLE — A 17 year old Unionville boy and a 20 year old Markham man have been charged with armed robbery following a hold-up of the Gain Gas Bar, 8099 Kennedy Road, Nov. 12.

According to police, a car drove up to the station around 8:25 p.m., and while one of the occupants remained in the

vehicle, the other entered the depot and struck the attendant with a tire iron. Over \$3,000 was stolen.

Arrested later were Colin Campbell, Tuscaro Court, Unionville and Jeffrey John Corbett, Hawkridge Avenue, Markham. Charged also is Susan Gayle Dupuis, Hawkridge Avenue, Markham.

MDHS principal Challenges students

MARKHAM — Markham Dist. High School's too large; so is the enrolment. These admissions were contained in a stirring address to graduates and parents of graduates by Principal Wm. E. Duxbury at Commencement Exercises, Friday.

Over-size, Mr. Duxbury said, creates problems-problems the administration is attempting to minimize and overcome.

However, stressed the principal, success or failure of a school is not measured on size; on the quality of staff; on the number of Ontario Scholars or impact on the community, but on the attitudes, principles and actions of its graduates.

"Only the graduates, by unselfish actions; by sympathetic attitudes and by willingness to give of themselves to improve their world, will indicate to others that the educational system, through which they have travelled, has been successful in truly educating its students," he said.

Addressing the graduates personally, Mr. Duxbury said M.D.H.S. is a school of

which everyone can be proud. "You people are our best evidence of this. If you continue to set your sights high; to take pride in what you are doing; to expect much of yourselves, I know you will not be disappointed in what you accomplish. Congratulations on a job well done and the best of

luck in all future endeavors". Greetings on behalf of the Board were brought by trustee David Crombie. The valedictorian was Derrick Milne and the master of ceremonies, vice-principal Howard Christie. Rev. Fred Kahler, pastor of Markham Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.

Serena Raab

George Lewis

Top Markham High graduates honored

MARKHAM — Serena Raab, RR 1, Goodwood and George Lewis, RR 1, Milliken, were the toast of Markham High at Commencement Exercises, Friday.

Serena, formerly of Unionville, received the A.J.H. Eckhardt Trophy for general proficiency, Year 5. George was presented with the G.W. Wilson proficiency cup. Both are Ontario Scholars.

George Lewis was the recipient of no less than thirteen

awards. Serena Raab was called to the platform five times. George is a student at the University of Toronto, majoring in Commerce. Serena is enrolled at McGill University, Montreal, specializing in Marine Biology. Audrey Lemmon and Len Beaupre, two staff teachers now retired, participated in the program.

A standing ovation was accorded Band leader Harold Hiorns. He too will retire after Christmas.



George Lewis, R.R. 1, Milliken, received a total of thirteen academic awards including the coveted G.W. Wilson Proficiency Cup. He is presently attending Toronto University, majoring in Commerce.