



### Crash ties up QEW

Traffic on the QEW was tied up for over an hour Monday after this tractor-trailer went out of control near Cawthra Road, hit a car and smashed into a lamp standard and fence. Driver Arthur Riendeau, 44, of Jessup, Georgia received minor injuries. There was \$41,000 damage to his truck. Port Credit OPP said Riendeau was travelling west bound

in the left lane when the truck went out of control on the wet road. There was \$500 damage to the car he hit, driven by Brian Irvine, 42, of St. Catharines, and \$2,000 damage to the light standard and fence. Riendeau was charged with driving in the left lane, which trucks are prohibited from doing in Ontario.

### Student designs logo for Peel school board

Peel Board of Education has adopted a corporate symbol designed by an Applewood Heights Secondary School student.

James Bruer, 17, designed three blue and gold logos for the board of education as a class assignment last Christmas.

"Everybody submitted three designs and then the teachers chose five or six of the best logos for a contest," Bruer says.

He had no idea his logo had been chosen by board trustees or even that it had been submitted by a committee chosen to find a corporate symbol for Peel. The board picked the design for its simplicity and neatness. The vote to adopt it was almost unanimous.

"It was one of my later ideas," Bruer admits.

"I like it for its clean look. It is uncluttered."

Bruer explains that the letter "P" was broken up into two parts to provide a contrast between the blue and gold.

He says the most important aspect of the symbol is that it can be easily recognized.

Bruer has had no formal art training, but was under the direction of

Applewood art instructor Sandi Hoicka.

Bruer, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bruer of Tomken Road, may attend the Ontario College of Art after high school.

## Runningbrook Homeowners fail to keep school open

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Peel Board of Education says it will close Runningbrook Public School by June 1980, despite arguments presented by homeowners.

Before a packed boardroom of anxious members from five homeowners' associations, the board voted 9-7 last week to shut the school.

The meeting was extended to 11:30 p.m. in an attempt to finish business, but this turned out to be futile. The trustees will meet July 11 to finish the agenda.

Chad Murray, who represents some 1,200 families in the Applewood Hills Homeowners' Association, asked the board whether or not it could continue to support three distinct school systems (junior, middle-senior and high school) in the face of declining enrolments.

Murray noted resolution 74-385 of the board which states, "The board is committed to the concept that there should be local neighborhood schools for children to attend where possible in an urban area."

"The parents are also taxpayers who believe we should participate in finding an acceptable solution," Murray said. "After all, it is our children, our community and the use of our tax dollars that are affected."

He said staff reports on the school closings were incomplete at best.

"I am requesting that this motion be deferred until such time as satisfactory studies can be undertaken by this board of education," he said. "What will happen to the school if it is closed? Out-

side uses, such as Girl Guides and Cubs, are presently using the building. We feel that the neighborhood schools are the focus around which our area functions; Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides use the neighborhood school. If this building is not available, these services will no longer be readily available."

Murray quoted a research paper, The Environmental Impact of School Closings, written by Richard L. Andrews, associate professor of education administration, University of Washington.

The 1974 paper involves research into school closings in some 49 different school districts in the United States.

Of the districts, which were located all over the U.S., only four of the 49 boards, which had closed schools, reported any actual savings.

"No figures have ever been published by this board to substantiate the need to close Runningbrook and to show that the taxpayers of our area will in fact reap a gain equal to or greater than the loss that this community will suffer," Murray said.

Lynne Peturshchak, a representative from the Rockwood Homeowners' Association, spoke to the trustees about the need to set criteria for the filling of empty buses in her area.

"Busing is big concern in our area," Peturshchak said. "There are buses on our routes which hold 75 students, but there are only 25 kids on them."

Peturshchak said it would not be necessary to add any new bus stops or create any new routes to fill the buses.

She said there are 35 eligible students for bus privileges who aren't being bused.

"I am paying between \$850 and \$950 in education taxes," Peturshchak told the trustees. "I am paying for a half-filled bus. I couldn't complain if the bus was filled, but it isn't, so fill it."

She said the age criteria used should be dropped in favor of the grade criteria for determining who rides and who doesn't.

Carolyn Aldebert of the Runningbrook Home and School Association presented arguments in favor of continuing a kindergarten at the school.

She asked trustees why Runningbrook was being denied a kindergarten when other schools in Peel operated with fewer students.

"This year we have 14 children who would like to enrol in Runningbrook's kindergarten," said Aldebert. "The following year there are 18 children and the next 22."

### Rowdies at large

Noisy youths continue to keep Park Royal residents awake at night, but Peel police say there is little they can do unless residents are willing to lay charges.

Tom Blanchard, who lives along the Sheridan Creek where the trouble has been, said that three times in one night he was bothered by driving in the left lane, which trucks are prohibited from doing in Ontario.

"The police were here at 11 p.m., then at 3 a.m., and then at 5 a.m.," he said. "They moved them around, but (the youths) came back."

Blanchard said it's a long-standing problem in the area, and that phoning the police seems to do no good. He said language used by the young people is "unreal."

"I don't think it's my job to become a policeman," Blanchard said. "If they were at least to take them (the youths) home..."

Staff Sgt. Reg Kay of the police youth bureau said that if a juvenile (person under the age of 16) is found out late, he is usually taken home by the police officers.

However, if the noise is caused by those over 16, they are usually told to be quiet and asked to leave the area.

A police spokesman for 12 Division, which handles the area, said last week's problem was caused by a group of 16-to-18-year-olds, who were asked to move on by police.



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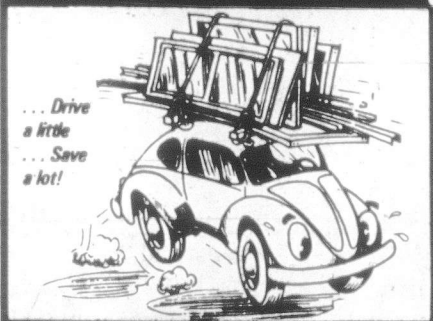
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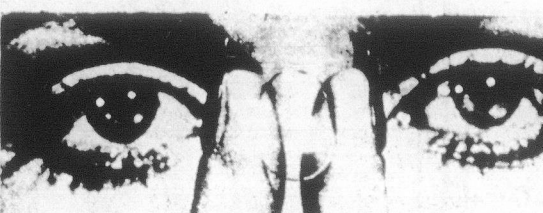
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