

How Mayor Bob Speck lost his cool



MAYOR SPECK

Mayor Robert Speck stomped out of a planning board meeting last week when a protesting resident accused him of using 'smear tactics' against some taxpayers.

"It is a pretty sad thing when the mayor of this community has to smear some taxpayers in private conversation when he is against them," said Al St. Louis leading a delegation of Coram Cres. residents protesting a proposed industrial plaza in their neighborhood.

"What," bellowed Mayor Speck. "I think is this meeting will get along better without me," he said and headed for the council chamber doors.

"I GO TOO"

Board chairman Hugh Newton asked the mayor to remain, but Mr. Speck left and refused to return. He did return to his seat after Mr. St. Louis and his delegation had left.

Chairman Newton threatened to follow the mayor out the door. "If the mayor goes, I go," said Mr. Newton, but he remained to listen to the complaints of about 30 residents from Coram Cres. against a \$1,500,000 industrial plaza to be built in their neighborhood.

Mr. Newton demanded an apology from Mr. St. Louis and asked him to retract his statement about the mayor. "Maybe I shouldn't

have used the word 'smear' and I will apologize for that," said Mr. St. Louis.

The friction didn't end there. Chairman Newton chastised Mr. St. Louis for making threatening statements against the board to reporters after a meeting three weeks ago.

QUOTE

Mr. Newton quoted a report in The News where Mr. St. Louis said he would go right to the Ontario Municipal Board to try and kill

the industrial plaza.

"We are holding these public meetings to try and find the best results for you homeowners," said Mr. Newton, "but you have gone ahead and prejudged this board and the outcome of these meetings and have threatened to go to the OMB."

"I am not interested in listening to you as a spokesman for this group," the chairman said to Mr. St.

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CHINGUACOUSY WINDFALL:

\$11m scramble

Mississauga plans to go to the top to get its fair share of an \$11 million bundle given to Chinguacousy Township by an area developer.

Mayor Robert Speck may go to Premier John Roberts to complain it isn't fair that Chinguacousy keeps the \$11 million to itself.

The Chinguacousy council were given the money by a developer who plans to build 6,000 homes in Bramalea and keep industry out of the sub-division. The council agreed to the homes and no industry if the developer kicked in the amount the township would lose from assessment with no industry.

The township and develop-

er agreed \$11 million would make everybody happy. — everybody but Peel County Board of Education and Mississauga town council.

The two bodies met at council's general committee meeting Wednesday to make plans on how the rest of Peel County was

going to get a chunk of the money.

The school board and council were alarmed when they heard the entire \$11 million was going to be used to build a city hall and fire department for Bramalea.

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Council jumps gun on parking report

PORT CREDIT - Deputy-reeve Frank Leavers accused council of wasting taxpayers' money last week, by installing parking meters about town before hearing results of a \$6,000

commission to study the town's parking problems.

"If I ran my business this way I'd be broke in a week," he said. "I know you don't run your businesses this way, so why waste taxpayer's money," said the deputy-reeve.

Mr. Leavers was complaining about council giving the go-ahead to erect parking meters on Port Credit streets and parking lots without hearing the report of the parking study.

Council hired a consulting firm this year for \$6,000 to study parking in the town and make recommendations for its improvement.

The report is due next week.

D. Huss on board

The Peel County Board of Education last week elected Dennis Huss of Mississauga, an insurance and investments dealer, to replace retiring trustee Albert Bond.

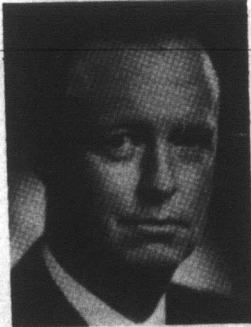
Mr. Huss received the necessary 10-vote majority on the first ballot to defeat four other candidates for the job.

Search goes on for Gray family

SAULT STE. MARIE — The search here continued Tuesday for a Mississauga man lost in the Kenora region.

W. Lorne Gray, 41, of Jarvis Street, Mississauga, his wife, Judy and their four-year-old son Gordon, left the Soo Friday morning to spend the holiday weekend in Kenora. Their Cessna 180 has not been seen since and it is possible they ran into severe thunder storms.

Gray also planned to stop at Wawa, Marathon, Nipi-



W. LORNE GRAY

gon and the Lakehead before reaching Kenora.

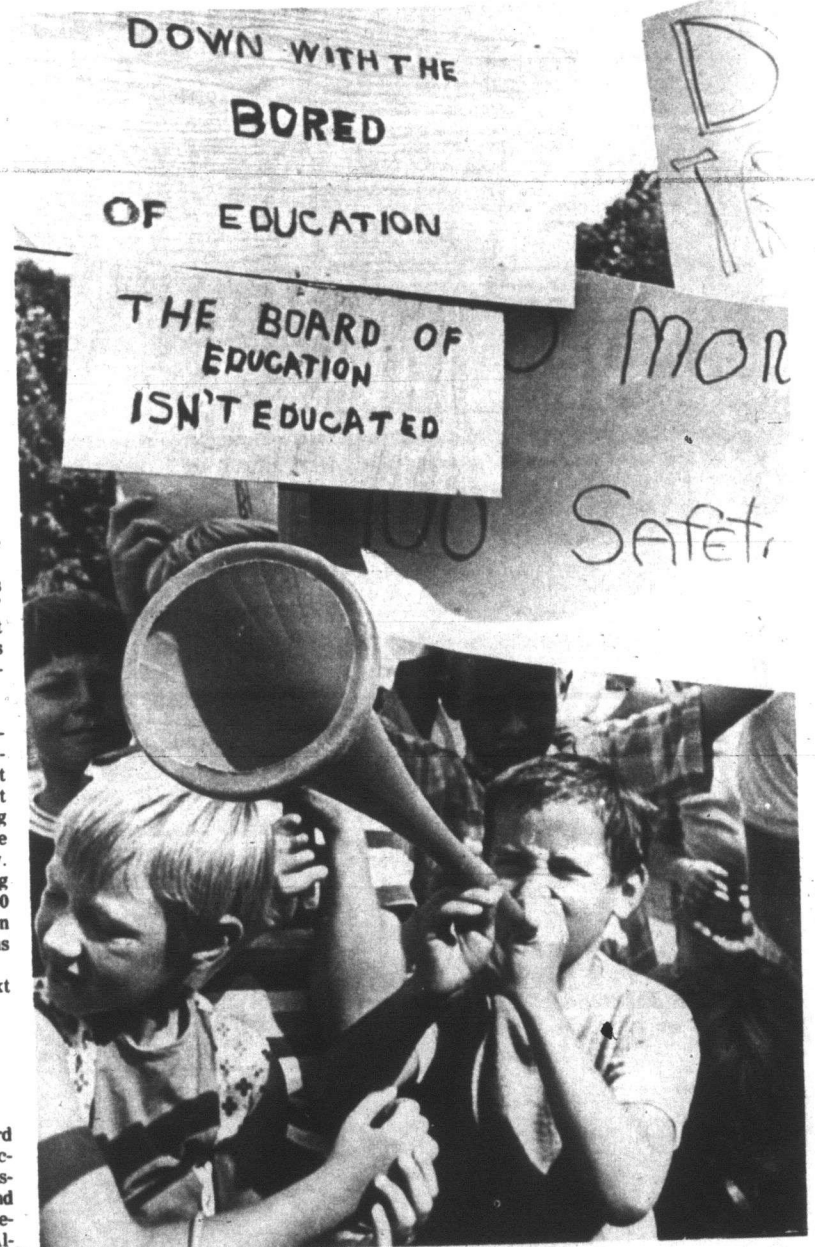
Three Dakotas and a helicopter from the Canadian Armed Forces bases at Trenton and Winnipeg and several private planes joined the search Tuesday.

Capt. Al Seward, search master from Trenton, said Monday that two Dakotas from his base and several private planes have searched the coastline of Lake Superior, but found no trace of the Cessna.

According to Capt. Seward, a night search will also be carried out, weather permitting, in the hope that the searchers might see flares or a fire.

The Cessna is equipped with floats, and authorities have speculated that it might have gone down in any one of dozens of lakes in the area.

Mr. Gray is the vice-president in charge of sales at the St. Lawrence Starch Co. in Port Credit, and has held a pilot's licence for 10 years.



Rebellion broke out in Erindale Village last week when Peel education board decided not to run a school bus from the village to Springfield Public School. Scores of children demonstrated dissatisfaction with a mass march. Stories and photos on pages A6 and A7.

the mississauga scene

DENSITY HASSLE

Believe it or not, there's a developer in Malton who wants a lower-density zoning while surrounding resi-

dents are petitioning for higher. Council couldn't understand it either. Story page A3.

OSL

The DOT is going ahead with the extension of Runway OSL as per agreement

but the going is less than smooth. Read story on page A2.

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