

Presentation To Rev. & Mrs. Chote



The Rev. Arthur Chote and Mrs. Chote are seen following a presentation made at a recent meeting of the Men's Club of St. Mary's Anglican Church. Mrs. Chote was presented with a lovely bouquet of roses and Mr. Chote received a Hi-Fidelity record player.

The presentations were made prior to the departure of Mr. Chote and his family to Toronto where he will become Rector of the Church of the Messiah.

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Discuss Level System Schools

(Continued from page 1) by where matters are threshed out. He also mentioned the "in service" training for the teachers. At present 20 teachers attend these classes in Thornhill on Tuesday night. And the help the principals give during school hours. "So far we've had no disagreement. Some older teachers have kept us on our toes with proving points, however."

Inspector McLeod felt the success of the system depends on the time made available by the Board for the principals to supervise their teaching staff. "What happens if someone doesn't proceed on lines indicated by the Inspector, Supervising principal, and the principal, does the matter then fall on the Board's shoulders," asked Principal McDiarmid.

"You mean when individuals are not fitting into a pattern," asked Mr. Rose.

"Trustees can expect principals to advise the Board when teachers are unsatisfactory," said Trustee Spence.

"If there is justified criticism the permanent contract of the teacher need not be renewed," said Inspector McLeod.

Inspector Rose reminded the principals that in regard to a teacher with a permanent contract all procedure should be in writing.

Principal McDiarmid pointed out the Board has to notify a teacher before the 21st of May if the contract won't be renewed.

Principal McDiarmid also recalled having been present at a meeting of the personnel committee where he was asked by the committee chairman in the presence of a teacher whether or not he approved of re-hiring the said teacher. He asked that the Board please keep from letting such a situation arise again.

Another matter brought up was that proper channels should be used for complaints against the teaching staff by parents or ratepayers. Supervising Principal Rose felt those on the Board hearing a complaint should tell the complainant to put it in writing or come to a Board meeting. Trustee Rabinowitch said, "We should say, have you contacted the principal?"

Chairman Robert Ross commented, "This is still a small town and people expect us to take their complaints seriously." Trustee Southwell said, "There have been fewer calls this year." Chairman Ross also stated he had had at least six calls lately concerning homework. "Those familiar with homework can go right ahead in the ninth grade I've been told by a high school principal," Chairman Ross said.

Supervising Principal Rose pointed out according to the public school act "for the course of study in grades 1-4 and 7 and 8, the school offered ample time without burdening the children with homework."

Principal Nighswander commented he had two different parents in one day, one complaining of giving homework, the other complaining of too little homework.

Trustee Clement said, "Homework should be integrated within the school program, it's a poor pupil with no homework."

Principal Davidson commented, "The fault in the past has been in spoon feeding, with our program of work habits we should get that."

"The child should be taught how to get down to work, so then be responsible for doing so," said Principal Gooding.

Supervising Principal Makes Recommendations

Supervising Principal Rose recommended to the Board an I.Q. test be made for all pupils in the Richmond Hill public schools the first part of March. And after this year an I.Q. test be made each year in grades 1-4 and 7 as a check on whether or not the child is working up to his ability. Mr. Rose stated that such testing was necessary to establish opportunity or remedial classes.

He set September as the recommended date to establish a remedial and opportunity program. He stated such a program would depend on whether or not suitable space was available.

His last recommendation was that as principals get to know the strengths of their teaching staff an intermediate-rotary system be established.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.10 by Chairman Ross.

D. Dingwall Chairman Town Hydro

At the regular meeting of the Richmond Hill Hydro-Electric Commission held on Thursday of last week Mr. Douglas Dingwall was elected Chairman for the coming year. The other members of the Commission are, Mr. Sam Cook and Mayor William Neal. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent Vern Snyder, Secretary-Treasurer Brydon Ellis.

Mayor Neal stated he had good reason to believe the town will shortly be successful in its efforts to sell the outstanding \$125,000 hydro debenture issue. Included in this figure is the cost of erecting street lights in the Beverley Acres Subdivision. Today's tight money market has made sale of the debentures somewhat difficult.

The Commission expects to confer shortly with Personnel Committee of the Town Council to compare salaries and duties as between town and hydro employees. The Commission also expects to meet with representatives of the Ontario Hydro sometime in February.

Humber Authority R. D. H. P. Dissolved

According to word received by Whitechurch Township, the R. D. H. P. and Humber Conservation Authorities are being dissolved and a single authority to be known as Metro Toronto and Region Authority will take their place. Whitechurch had previously appointed L. P. Evans as council representative on the Humber Authority and Ivan McLaughlin to the Rouge and Duffin's Creek association. At the regular meeting of council on Thursday evening these appointments were rescinded and Mr. McLaughlin was named as township representative on the new Authority.

After some discussion, council agreed to a resolution advising Choice Cut-up Chicken Ltd., Yonge St., that the township has no facilities to entertain their request for sewage disposal. The resolution also stated that it was the council's understanding that this firm could make a private agreement with Aurora to provide sewerage facilities. The plant is located north of the town on Yonge St.

New Fire Agreement

Whitechurch Township Council by resolution put final signature to a new Fire Agreement with Aurora. The new agreement provides for standby time of \$350 a year, \$70 for the first two hours of each fire and \$15 for every hour thereafter. Councillor Wylie suggested that a further clause be added which would call the brigade into neighboring areas as the township was becoming increasingly populated and a brigade might find itself with two fires at one time. However, council did not agree to make any change, feeling that in case of such emergency other brigades would come into neighboring areas.

Meet T.T.C.

In a further attempt to alter the agreement existing between the municipalities of Richmond Hill and Markham and Vaughan Townships, The Toronto Transit Commission has called a meeting for February 5. At this meeting, owners of the North Yonge bus line will meet at the TTC's request to further discuss the present operating agreement for the North Yonge line.

At a meeting of Vaughan council recently, Deputy-Reeve Robert Kirk was appointed to represent his municipality at the meeting.

Report First Robin

Once Christmas is over, people start looking toward spring. A resident of Ruggles Ave., Richmond Hill, Mrs. L. E. Hudson, reported her first glimpse of welcome spring last Monday when she spotted a Robin perched on the hedge in her yard.

Whether the bird stayed over the winter or is an early migrant is hard to say, but it certainly is a welcome harbinger. The heavy snow storm on Tuesday recalls the need for well stocked feeding stations to help the little birds over the cold weeks yet to come. Even a little suet tied to a tree branch can be of great help when the snow covers other sources of food.

SUTTON: At the annual meeting of the Sutton Agricultural Society, it was decided to lease the fair grounds to the Long Branch Jockey Club for five years at a rate of \$500 annually. There is an option for an additional five years. If the club uses the grounds for racing a fee of \$2,000 a day would be paid. The Agricultural Society retains the use of the grounds for the annual Fair days.

NORTH YORK: Architects Venchiarutti and Venchiarutti have advised council that the estimated cost of the proposed swimming pool has jumped from \$250,000 to \$435,000. A consulting engineer has stated that he can build a suitable pool for \$229,000. He claims to have firm tenders from all contractors required.

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St. Mary's Honours Rector At Annual Vestry Meeting

Parishioners of St. Mary's Anglican Church gathered in Wrixon Hall on the evening of January 28, for the annual Vestry Meeting, with a record attendance.

Following the scripture reading and prayers by the Rev. A. A. Chote, the Vestry Clerk Mr. E. Mansbridge read the minutes. As a tribute to 23 deceased members a two minute period of silence and prayer was observed.

Reports submitted and adopted, included: People's Warden's report, Mr. Harry Stanford; Financial Report, Mr. Jack Brodriek (Church Treasurer); Rector's Warden's report, Mr. T. Patrick Henry; Advisory Council report, Mr. Gordon Lewis (chairman), Lay Delegate's report, Mrs. W. S. Thompson (Lay Delegate to Synod); Envelope Secretary's report, Mr. Gordon Lewis; Reports from St. Barnabas' Mission, Mr. Harry Hill L. R. (Sunday School Supt.), Mrs. T. A. Sandford (Treasurer of the W.A.) Organization reports for inclusion in the minutes were: Afternoon W.A., Evening W.A., Evening Guild, Choir, Chancel Guild, Men's Club, Sunday School, Girls' Auxiliary, Church Boys' League, St. Barnabas' Mission, St. Barnabas' Mission W.A.

Church officer elected for 1957 were: People's Warden, Mr. Harry Stanford; Rector's Warden, Mr. T. Patrick Henry; Treasurer, Mr. Jack Brodriek; Chairman, Mr. J. Lepper assisted by Mr. Gordon Lewis; Auditors, Mr. Ken Ruffman and Mr. Ralph W. Paris; Lay Delegates were re-elected, with sub-delegates, Mr. Harry Kane, L. R. and Mr. Don Fettes.

In presenting the Rector's report, the Rev. A. A. Chote expressed his gratitude to all those whose untiring efforts had contributed to the building up of St. Mary's. While commending the organizations, and many of the parishioners by name, the Rector stated that much credit is due to many leaders "behind the scenes." In commenting on the happy four years that Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Chote had experienced in this Parish, the Rector expressed his regret in leaving this congregation, but he had been called on to do God's needed work in another parish.

The final item on the evening's agenda "General Business" included discussion on the Bishop's Church Extension Report, support for the Theological College. Thanks were extended to Mrs. P. C. Hill for writing the history of St. Mary's Church. With the meeting formally closed, and was immediately followed by three presentations to the departing Rector and Mrs. Chote. People's Warden, Mr. Harry Stanford, on behalf of the parishioners, presented Mr. Chote with a cheque for \$1,000; and the president of the choir, Mr. A. J. Hewitt presented a hymn book on behalf of the choir. On behalf of the congregation, Mr. Gordon Lewis presented the Rector with a handsome sterling silver fruit compote of willow-leaf design, wrought by the well-known silversmith, Mr. Douglas Boyd.

With a fine supper, prepared and served by the ladies of the Afternoon and Evening branches of the W.A., a very happy social hour was enjoyed by the Rector and parishioners, providing a fitting finale to such a successful annual Vestry meeting.

As well as the present council which has agreed to turn over the existing clerk's office to the Board when the new Municipal offices are ready. This will only be a temporary measure as the expanding population will undoubtedly mean that the Town will sooner or later require the entire Municipal Building.

What the Library really needs, stated Mr. MacLaren, is a building of its own in order to properly take care of the expanding requirements. To this end the Board and Council are now involved in discussions to find a suitable site. Provincial grants will cover 40% of the total land and building value which will keep the cost to the taxpayers at a minimum figure.

The speaker paid tribute to the excellent co-operation and support of past municipal coun-

H. Cowie Chief Mechanic Ass't. Road Supt.

Reeve W. L. Clark of Markham Township has announced the appointment of Mr. Harold Cowie as Chief Mechanic and Assistant Road Superintendent in the Markham Township Road Department. A former township employee Mr. Cowie served the municipality as Road Superintendent some eight years ago. A resident of Hagerman's Corners, Mr. Cowie was hired on recommendation of the Road Committee and Council. He will commence his new duties at a salary of \$3,600.00.

Teenager Gives Fire Alarm

George Mills, teenage son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Mills of Concord showed good sense last Monday evening when he alerted Mr. and Mrs. W. Lacey, whose garage was on fire. On the way home from a Boy Scout meeting, George noticed flames in the garage close to the Lacey home on King High Drive. After notifying the family, he helped Mr. Lacey to connect up a garden hose to protect the house until Richmond Hill and Maple fire departments arrived. The building was a complete loss, but the house was saved.

G. Atkinson President Agricultural Soc.

Gordon Atkinson, Steeles Ave., has been chosen to guide the affairs of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society for 1957. He was elected president at the annual meeting of the society last Saturday afternoon. Also serving on the executive are first vice president Norman Tyndall and second vice president Milton Savage, both of Richmond Hill. Mrs. Ray Burton continues as secretary-treasurer. In addition a directorate of some twenty members has been set up to organize the various entertainments for the annual fair.

Spelling Bee Winners

The winners of the Spelling Bee in the Richmond Hill public schools were announced by Duard Rose, Supervising Principal. Richard Lautamus, grade 8 the winner in the boy's section, with Diane Yerec, grade 7 pupil, of McKillop School, first in the girls' section.

This spelling contest is sponsored by the Ontario Education Association, with the co-operation of a Toronto daily newspaper. These two Richmond Hill winners will meet the winners from schools in other parts of W. J. McLeod's Inspectorate, early in February.

Ratepayers May Get Discount On Taxes Paid In Advance

Markham Township's Finance Committee will study a suggestion by Reeve W. L. Clark made at Monday's weekly Council meeting, that Markham Township residents be allowed a discount on tax payments made in advance of their due date. Scarborough Township has introduced a similar plan this year. Mr. Clark stated that if the Township could get in sufficient tax moneys early in the year, it would mean a saving in its annual borrowing from the bank. This year Council has authorized the Treasurer to borrow a sum up to \$250,000.00 until such time as the tax payments begin.

Reeve Clark felt there was nothing to be gained from setting up a three-installment system for the payment of taxes instead of the present two-installment system.

The Road Committee will investigate the possibility of renting a garage somewhere in the eastern part of the township for use in the over-night storage of road equipment. This arrangement would only apply when the equipment is being used a long distance away from the main township garage at Buttonville. Deputy-Reeve Deacon felt a definite saving in time and expense could be made by keeping the equipment close to the job at hand. Reeve Clark said it had been the practice to keep the equipment close to the work being done during the summer months. Such an arrangement was not feasible in the winter. There is also the problem of maintenance which can only be properly handled at the main garage.

A representative of the department of Municipal Affairs

will shortly meet with Council, the Assessing Department and the Court of Revision to discuss the application of a section of the Assessment Act which permits a municipality to tax land held for speculation at a higher rate of assessment than that normally applied to land used for legitimate farming purposes. Assessment Commissioner A. J. Fleming and the Court of Revision have failed to agree on the interpretation of this section of the Act.

The Water Committee will shortly confer with North York officials regarding a possible amendment to the present water agreement between these two municipalities covering the supply of water to the Thornhill School. The Council is anxious to amend the agreement so as to allow the new Thornhill United Church and Separate School access to the water supply.

Vaughan Names Representatives Maple Centre Bd.

In a brief session last Thursday night, Vaughan Township Council appointed Deputy Reeve Robert Kirk and Councillor Bill Anstey to sit on the Board of the Maple Community Centre for one year. Reeve John Perry expressed the feeling that the Maple Trustees should be represented on the Board also, however, the provincial legislation does not make such provision. Reeve Perry suggested that representation should be made to Queen's Park to seek permission to establish representation of the Maple Trustees on the Board as soon as possible.

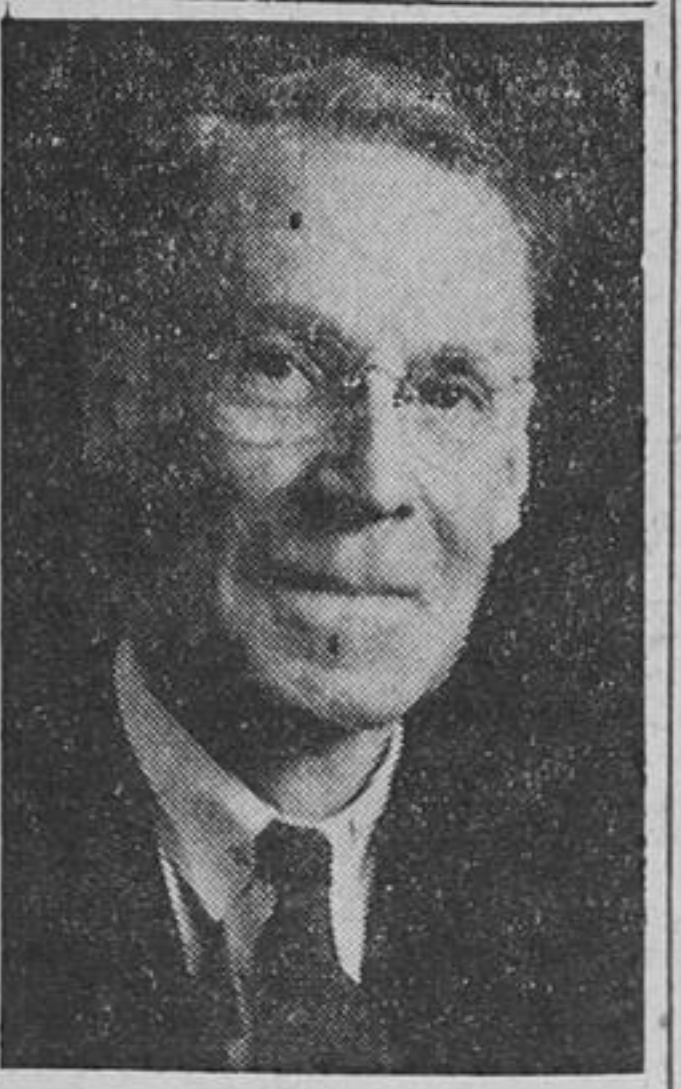
Councillor Wilson Anstey reported that he had met with the township consulting engineer, R. V. Anderson regarding extras appearing in contracts. He said that he had made the engineers understand that no approval would be given for any extras as proposed in the water system contract unless they were submitted to council first accompanied by concrete costs.

A request for the agency to handle water bill payments by Bryant Hardware was turned down for the present. Council was of the opinion that the matter could snowball and cause considerable problems. At present water payments may be made at local banks and at the township offices at Maple.

A grant of \$25, was approved for the St. John's Ambulance Corps.

An account from the Department of Highways for \$1,400 for cleaning the highway near construction work on the water system was referred to Marino Construction Co.

BROUGHAM: The local fire department is seeking more money from Pickering Township. The present fee is \$60. per fire. A standby fee of \$500 is also being sought.



R. H. KANE

— Photo by Lagerquist
It was announced recently that Mr. R. H. Kane is now associated with Jack Seaton Real Estate offices, here in Richmond Hill. Mr. Kane has had 15 years real estate experience in this district where he has been a resident for more than 25 years. Well known throughout the district, Mr. Kane is an active worker in St. Mary's Anglican Church where he has been a faithful member through the years.

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