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apply to all types of development.
Council gave preliminary study to two new by-laws, one pertaining to transient traders and the other to the licensing of all auctioneers within the municipality.
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This Sunday Night, June 1st

PUBLIC MEETING

in the Municipal Council Chambers at 8.30 p.m.

SPECIAL SPEAKER

ALFRED SEARLE

was a drinker for 33 years, now working with Alcoholics at the Harbour Light Mission

Richmond Hill Citizen's Committee

Public School Board

Study Results Of The Local Level System

An evaluation of the level system now in operation in the public schools in Richmond Hill, took up most of the evening at last Thursday's meeting of the Richmond Hill Public School Board. Supervising Principal Duard Rose presented a table showing the averages for total enrollment and also for the four individual schools, based on three levels: slow, average and accelerated. He emphasized that local teachers and principals have been working diligently on the programme. Mr. Rose said the teachers were told their ability was not being judged by the number of pupils accelerated but the teachers were to assess each child in the light of his needs and abilities. The averages this year over the whole system worked out to 73% in the average stream, 17% in the slow stream, and 10% in the accelerated stream.

The accelerated program begins in grade 3. The slow stream in grade 1. The latter procedure insures a good foundation, its advocates believe, and it has been found quite a number of slow learners "catch up" in later levels. It is possible by eighth grade to have completed the 24 levels in seven years and be ready for secondary school work.

Always "Go Ahead"
Mr. Rose pointed out that under this system the child was always "going ahead even if slowly." Level tests, prepared by the start out the year with two levels and achievement tests in ascertaining the proper level for a child. It is possible a class may staff and uniform for the system, in the room, however, Mr. Rose contends these usually end up divided into three. All levels in a particular classroom are taught by the same teacher, who often has three separate groups at work at the same time, at other times the class participates in an activity as a unit.

Inspectorate tests are given in the 8th grade. These are a comprehensive check on the reading, spelling, composition and arithmetic ability of the child completing public school by the Department of Education Inspector. Trustee L. D. Clement wanted to know the feeling of the staff in regard to the level system. Mr. Rose stated he had had no complaints and felt the teachers were in favor of it. Inspector W. J. McLeod in a letter to the board indicated he was pleased with the progress in the local school system.

Trustee H. Sanderson desired an explanation for low percent age in the accelerated stream at McConaghy School where it is only 5%. Mr. Rose said there was a variation possible in the year by year averages. He felt perhaps there was a more cautious attitude on the part of some of the teachers there due to some over acceleration several years ago.

Trustee L. Clement said it ap peared any child would have a comprehensive education under this system and he stated further, "The problem of acceleration is a complex one."
It was pointed out a child who requires more time for absorbing his course, is not the same as a child needing the benefit of an opportunity class. To be in an opportunity class the child least two years and needs special attention to develop his potentialities. Some children would, it was suggested, benefit by an academic-vocational class, or Grade 8 1/2, before entering high school. The local board hopes to discuss the possibility of the availability of such a program with the Education Committee of the York Central District High School Board later to ascertain whether such a class would be better in elementary or secondary schools.

Average Stream Important
Chairman R. Ross commented "It's the average stream where most of the children are that is important and can't be forgotten."
Mr. Rose assured him, "They won't be."
At Trustee Sanderson's suggestion the board decided to have another report next December from the Supervising Principal concerning the average for the system.
Chairman Ross asked Mr. Rose to inform the staff of the board's discussion and stated that it seemed to be a "progressive method."
Mr. Rose added, "It appears to be the thing we are looking for. The teachers have co-operated wonderfully."
The individual schools are as follows: Beverley Acres with 611 pupils, 91 are in the slow stream, 54 accelerated, 466 in average; MacKillop, 548 pupils, 106 slow, 92 accelerated, 350 average; Walter Scott, 432 pupils, 56 slow, 34 accelerated, 342 average; and McConaghy, 365 pupils, 85 slow, 18 accelerated, 262 average

Speaker Urges Town Stay Dry

There were more than eighty in attendance at a meeting in the Municipal Hall Sunday evening when Rev. Fred W. L. Bralley spoke in opposition to the proposed establishment of beer and liquor retail outlets in Richmond Hill.

Mr. Bralley, of the United Church Board of Social Service, spoke of his efforts in similar situations. He had faced the entrance of just such beer and liquor outlets, being assured by all concerned that this was the solution to the problems of his community. However, he is now the most heavily saturated area in the country for beer and beverage rooms and all that goes with them. "Don't be fooled," Mr. Bralley warned his listeners, "beverage rooms are inevitable if you let these outlets in. Maybe not right away but at every opportunity the liquor interests will make sure the vote is brought up."

Property values would inevitably fall said the speaker, in his own parish the decreases had been large, and we here could expect the same trend. "If you want to keep Richmond Hill the clean, nice town it is," said Mr. Bralley, "then you have to get out and fight now before it is too late." It is the moral responsibility of Christians of every denomination to make a stand on this issue, he said.

Manager Ralph Kerlake then gave his report, and emphasized first the need for prayer by all who are interested and secondly the need for hard work by everyone concerned. Many volunteered to help in various ways during the course of the business session, and Dr. J. P. Wilson stressed the urgent need for financial assistance in the campaign.

County To Be Represented At Convention

The County of York will be represented at the forthcoming convention of the Canadian Mayors and Reeves Association by Warden Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge, Reeve W. L. Clark of Markham Township and Reeve Roy Pollock of North Gwillimbury Township. Both Messrs. Clark and Pollock are county commissioners this year. Also attending is county clerk J. L. Smith. The convention is being held at Victoria, B.C. this year. Well known municipal solicitor, J. D. Lucas, is also planning to attend.

NEWMARKET : During 1957 there were close to 18,300 cases presented at Magistrate's Court, Newmarket. Over 900 prisoners were lodged in the cells at Newmarket.



PRESIDENT GERALD CRACK

The curtain club's newly elected executive for the coming 1958-1959 season is: Mr. Gerald Crack President; Mr. E. Redelmeier, Treasurer; Mrs. M. Gillard, Membership; Mrs. R. Rabinowitch, Publicity; Mrs. M. Graham, Recording Secretary.

The new executive confirmed the booking of the Lions Hall, November 13th, 14th, and 15th, for the fall play production. This play will be screened for competition in the next year's Ontario Drama League at Hart House.

The annual picnic is being held June 13th, in Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Parker's garden, John St., Thornhill. Mrs. J. Anderson is refreshment convener for the event. The executive agreed to enter a Curtain Club float in the forthcoming soft ball parade. The Curtain Club has an impressive record on summing up the past season's activities. Their Cancer Fund Skit was enthusiastically received by the convention held at the Park Plaza early last autumn.

Two full length plays were produced. The first, The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker brings to memory the delightful children and adults who peopled the cast, marvelously costumed in early 1900 styles. The excellent stage set where distinct locations were suggested in one set. The living room, garden and road down which all the children ran away from home. It was a delightful production.

One evening later a number of

Committee Will Urge A Yes Vote

The organization favouring the establishment of retail outlets for beer and liquor here will be known as the Richmond Hill Legal Control Committee. A meeting was held Tuesday evening in the Bayview Plaza Restaurant and was attended by representatives from all parts of town. Sub-committees were set up to deal with publicity, finance and transportation. Speakers emphasized that the public should be assured the vote is for the establishment of retail establishments only and has nothing to do with beverage rooms.

Richmond Hill Legal Control Committee members are as follows: T. Broadhurst, Beverley Acres, Chairman; Mrs. Doreen Lewin, Beverley Acres; Secretary; W. Whitehead, Glenbrae; J. Triance, Crosby Heights; A. E. Harley, Pleasantville; A. Lewin, Beverley Acres; J. Faller, Beverley Acres; W. Mason, Beverley Acres; R. Querengesser, Pleasantville; D. S. Burns, Richmond Acres; L. Job, Allancourt

Mr. Hugh Grant Re-Elected President Men Teacher's Fed.

Principals and teachers from the Public Schools in York County members of the O.P.S.M.T.F. (Ontario Public School Men Teacher's Federation) attended the federation dinner and election meeting at Unionville, last Monday evening. Richmond Hill Public Schools were represented by Supervising Principal D. Rose, Mr. Garnet McDiarmid, Principal of L. M. McConaghy School, Mr. Eldon Gooding, Principal of MacKillop School; Mr. C. Davidson, Principal of Walter Scott School; and Mr. Grant Nighswander, Principal of Beverley Acres School, and a number of teachers of various grades. Present also were Inspectors Maynard Hallman, and W. J. McLeod, of the Ontario Department of Education.

Election of officers followed the dinner, resulting in the re-election of the 1957-58 executive, President, Hugh Grant, Newmarket; Vice-president, Karl Kinsinger, Richvale; Secretary, Treasurer, Grant McDiarmid, of Richmond Hill. Federation business was discussed by the members and motions carried. The guest speaker, Mr. J. McCarthy, Assistant Superintendent in charge of Curriculum, Ontario Department of Education, was introduced by Inspector Hallman and Inspector McLeod. During his address, in a dynamic and humorous manner, the speaker concisely covered a great number of phases in the educational field, which proved of great interest and value to those present. First citing the demand for teachers, due to the increase in population, also the opportunities existing in the profession, the speaker stressed the need for improvement in many divisions and predicted constructive changes within a year.

At the conclusion of Mr. McCarthy's extremely enlightening and valued talk, the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. John Day was received with loud and sincere applause by the federation members present.

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