

Playground Heads Ask To File Applications Now

The summer months of 1960 will see Richmond Hill entering its second season of full playground activities in five school areas.

Some 1300 children have happy memories of a five week period of town playgrounds when they decorated their wagons or tricycles for "Wheels Week" and the Weiner Roast of "Wild West Week" where the warrior braves displayed their own teepee or totem poles. The children will remember too the thrills of Sports Week, Get Acquainted and Pet Week.

Early July will see the second official opening of the town's playgrounds under the direction of Jean Thomson, Richmond Hill's newly appointed Recreation Director, with a capable staff of playground leaders. These leaders will have completed a comprehensive course in playground activities and admin-

istration sponsored by the Recreation Committee, and held in Richmond Hill during May; Mrs. Thomson will visit each playground daily.

Registration of the 5 to 10-year old children of necessity will be carried out the last week of April in order that purchase of equipment and supplies may be completed and staff arrangements finalized. In the playgrounds' first year last-minute registrations meant a shortage of many small items on the supplies list.

Application forms for both Junior and Senior Playground leaders will be available at the Richmond Hill High School office or at "The Liberal" office.

At least five Senior leaders will be required as well as a minimum of twelve Junior leaders. Those applying will be expected to take the course offered by the Recreation Committee.

Curtain Club Presents "Chalk Garden"



Shown above are the cast of the "Chalk Garden", the Curtain Club's spring production which enjoyed very appreciative audiences during its presentation at the Lions Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last

week. From left to right, Margot Crack, Margaret Bergin, Elisabeth Jackson, Bob Urquhart, Tom Paton, Mary Monks, Beth Jones, Lee Stewart and Peggy Harris.

— Photo by John Thomson

Teen Talk — by Wendy

"Where do we go from school?" Teenagers are asking. "Thousands of Canadians, 14 to 18 years of age, are set adrift every year on the ebb and flow of the business tide. Too often they are literally 'at sea' with no place to turn for the help they need in applying for their first jobs."

With no Community Job-Counselling Service to advise them, an 18-year-old youth who evidently felt very keenly the need for a central Community Counselling Service, went on to describe his feelings as he left the protection of high school.

"When I realized the old school doors had closed behind me for the last time and, sink or swim, from that moment I was on my own, I don't mind telling you it was an awful feeling. 'What in the world, I thought, am I going to do now? Where do I go? How do I get started?'"

A sixteen-year-old girl agreed. "I figured that I could get in with a bunch of crooks without knowing it. Where do we go from school?"

assembled in a bright new hall behind St. Mary's Anglican Church.

The Rev. J. F. O'Neil and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Butlin also contributed helpful ideas to the general discussion.

It was pointed out that large commercial and technical schools usually had a trained guidance specialist who had access to all record cards; and that students rarely left school without the assurance of a suitable job with a reputable firm.

"Good!" said a 17-year-old girl, "I like that idea. If the Board of Education of the service clubs do set up a Community Placement Bureau, I hope there'll be a real close tie-in with the schools, because, after all, it's your teachers who really know you. It might take a new person a long time to size you up and get the true picture."

"I agree," said a 16-year-old boy. "Your teachers know, not only what you can do on an exam, but what you can contribute to the spirit of an office."

"We'll need to be on guard against too much organization and systemization," a 19-year-old member of Teen-Town warned. "It might cut down on personal initiative."

"Teen Talk" will continue the discussion of serious topics of real interest to people 13 to 19 years of age. Send in your ideas. The address is Teen Talk, c/o The Liberal, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

The Curtain Club's production of "The Chalk Garden", directed by Richard Barrett, was performed at the Lions Hall last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This is the club's entry for this year's Central Ontario Drama League Festival which it won successfully last year with "Clerambard".

Enid Bagnold has written a most interesting play which provides a new experience with its light-hearted symbolism and rich sounding dialogue. Laughs are plentiful and yet the theme has an inherent seriousness climaxing on a note that is both pertinent and moving.

Mrs. St. Maughan, courageously portrayed by a good actress, Elisabeth Jackson (who was called upon to depict a grand dame some forty years her senior), is an amateur at gardening and in

the bringing up of young souls. Into her irrational household which is ruled by the dying butler upstairs, representing the static tradition of the past, comes Miss Madrigal who is a gardening genius. The unfolding of the character of Miss Madrigal, well played by Mary Monks, is the play's chief delight. It requires an actress to lay bare in detail the soul of this woman for whom a life sentence has revealed the secret of life. Miss Madrigal is engaged as companion to a complex and unfortunate grandchild Laurel, very nicely acted by talented young Lee Stewart whose voice at present is very light, but she shows real promise.

Olivia, Laurel's mother, who has married a second time was sympathetically played by Peggy Harris.

The parts of the first and second applicants for the job of companion to Laurel were made nice vignettes by two experienced actresses, Margaret Bergin and Beth Jones, the same can be said for the tart nurse by Margot Crack.

Maitland is the manservant, a general factotum who once did a term as a conscientious objector and has an over romantic interest in all perpetrators of real crimes.

There is much humour in this part, amusingly but over broadly played by Bob Urquhart.

The other male character is the Judge, an old friend of Mrs. St. Maughan who by terrible coincidence was instrumental in convicting Miss Madrigal. Tom Paton acted this role convincingly, but without perhaps the dignity it demanded.

This was a good play but it is also a very difficult one; it is like Congreve in that "it goes from peak to peak", therefore

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Few Juvenile Cases

During the year only one local juvenile delinquent was sent to jail, ten others received suspended sentences and four were placed on probation.

Liquor Offence

Under the Liquor Act none were jailed, 18 were fined a total of \$250, and three received suspended sentences.

By-Law Infringements

Offences against a variety of by-laws brought a total of \$1173 in fines.

Variety of Traffic Offenders

Police action against traffic offenders led to a total of \$4632 levied in fines. These summonses included those for failing to yield, unsafe vehicles, no wipers, defective mufflers, stop light offences, overload, no signals, improper turns, dirty markers, falling to dim, brakes, following too close, improper passing, careless driving, no markers, failing to notify, speeding etc. Seven drivers were sent to the traffic clinic, none were sent to jail but 22 received suspended sentences. There was also one suspended sentence for a parking offence and 55 were fined including 32 for meter violation.

Total number of traffic accidents for 1959 totalled 149, with 30 persons injured. There were no traffic deaths.

Interesting Cases Detailed

Interest was added to the report by examples of police action in crime which were detailed.

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Richmond Hill's Annual Police Report Shows 1959 Year Of Ever Increasing Demands On The Force

Have you ever wondered by what code the police operate? If you should have reason to call on Robert P. Robbins, Richmond Hill's Chief Constable, you will find displayed on his office wall the "Law Enforcement Code of Ethics" subscribed to by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, by the Ontario Chief Constables Association and by the Police Association of Ontario.

Fundamental Duty

It consists of four introductory paragraphs and eleven articles, too much to reproduce here in full. But the first paragraph will give some indication of this high code of ethics. It reads, "As a law enforcement officer my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception; the weak against oppression or intimidation; and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice."

Near Perfection

The code of ethics goes on in the same high strain to its end. To even try to live up to it must make a police officer something near perfect in his relations with people.

Annual Report — Local Police

We are reminded of these things by the release this week of the Annual Report of the Richmond Hill Police Department.

Introducing his report, Chief Robbins says, "Crime cannot be eliminated entirely, but it can be reduced more than it is, by proper patrols, fair enforcement, honesty, persistence, and above all else, the co-operation of the general public."

Police Committee, Magistrates

The Police Committee for 1959 comprised Councillors James Haggart (now Reeve), Robert Ross and Joseph Paterson, The York County Court Magistrate was Colonel O. S. Hollinrake and the Traffic Court Magistrate was Major P. Kelly.

Two in 1954 — Now 15

In September, 1954, the Richmond Hill Police Force was established with only two men (Chief Robbins was one of them) later increased to three. In 1959, personnel of the police department in addition to the Chief Constable included one sergeant, nine constables, three cadets and one matron. It appears that we have a very healthy police force since only 16 days collectively were lost due to sickness. And the Chief Constable reports that morale is excellent.

Division of Duties

The duties of the police are divided into four sections. The Chief Constable is the administrator. The Matron runs the general office and assisted by the three cadets is also responsible

for communications leaving the sergeant and constables free for patrol duty.

Matron Is Overloaded

Of the matron, Bernice Piercey, the Chief Constable says she handles the main portion of the secretarial work as well as her duties as matron. Busy on general administrative files and reports as well as answering the telephone and handling communications during her regular shift, he feels she is being overloaded and that the time has come when she should be released to secretarial and matron duty only, and a fourth cadet be hired to handle the despatch work.

One Problem Shift

At present there is a problem of one eight hour shift for which no manpower is available except that a constable must be kept in from patrol. The duties are important because they include answering three police telephone lines, taking calls for the V.O.N. answering emergency calls for hydro and keeping contact with patrol cars. Sale of bicycle, dog, petty trades licences, keeping proper logs, recording and despatching warrants and summonses, filing of criminal cards, property cards, and the care of prisoners, recording lost property found and delivered to the station, repair of parking meters, sorting and collecting all monies received, typing reports submitted in rough by the patrols are all jobs which have to be dealt with by the matron and three cadets.

Requires Portable Power Unit

In connection with communications, the Chief makes the point that the system is effective only as long as electric power is available. In a power failure the police radio is useless. To remedy this he asks to be supplied with an automatic power unit for use in lighting, heating and communications.

To Combat Delinquency

The report shows how much police aid has been rendered to organized activities to combat delinquency and to promote police education and public relations. These include the organization of a Police Soccer Team, Police Boys' Band, Police Majorettes, assistance in organizing the Mark 1 Youth Club, membership in the Safety Council, organization of School Patrols, assistance to Minor Hockey, membership and

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