

Police Assoc. Receives Charter



Richmond Hill Police Association received its Charter with fitting ceremony last Thursday evening. Shown above with the Charter are left to right: Councillor Tom Broadhurst representing the Police Committee; Constable Deyman, secretary; Constable Berseth, treasurer;

Constable Edward McBrien, President; Denis Latten, representing the Police Association of Ontario; Richmond Hill Chief Constable R. P. Robbins; His Worship Mayor Ken W. Tomlin.

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Richmond Hill Council Alarmed

(Continued from page 1) for 42 weeks' work". Mr. Haggart said he attended the recent O.E.A. convention and supported a resolution that principals be removed from the teachers' federation.

Chairman Clement - Trustees have supported similar resolutions to no avail.

Councillor Whillans said he is all for spreading out the costs of education. The burden on the home owner is too great he said. He blamed the "hidden population" for some of the excessive cost. He thought an enforcement officer would prove profitable. He was referring to occupants of basement apartments contributing to the hidden school population but not to the costs of educating the children.

Mayor Tomlin said dual occupancy assessment is the only answer.

Reeve W. J. Haggart said he believed the local trustees had presented a sensible budget under the circumstances but he thought as a matter of policy councils everywhere should refuse to accept school budgets even at the risk of going to jail. "This," he said "may bring governments at other levels to take action to ease the burden on the home owner."

"We might need bigger jails," said the Mayor.

Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell - I don't think the action of Etobicoke last year did any good. Paying legal fees just added to the budget.

Chairman Clement stressed the importance of education as a priceless ingredient of our culture.

Reeve Haggart agreed with the importance of education but said other things have importance too. We have to maintain our basic services, he said, roads, waterworks and sewers.

Chairman Clement contended our best asset is a good educational system. "We have an above average system," he said, "but not as good as we would like."

Mayor Tomlin said he was all for a fair standard of wages but there must be some concern for the ability of the people to pay. Teachers now are receiving much more than many of the people who are paying the taxes, he said.

Councillor Whillans - A good teacher should be paid more than the people who pay them.

Councillor Mrs. Southwell - We're paying up now for the many years when teachers were sadly underpaid.

Councillor Broadhurst thought the province should set a schedule for teachers' salaries.

Pointing out that council faces the prospect of an increased tax rate this year Councillor Whillans made a plea to the trustees to postpone the renovation of the McConaghy School. "You got along this far why couldn't it be postponed for a while," he asked.

Trustees contended the work has already been postponed too long. Councillor Mrs. Southwell suggested council members take a look at the rooms.

Council gave approval for a request of the board for a proposed addition to the MacKillop School of four classrooms and a general purpose room at an estimated cost of \$150,000. Approval was given after many comments on the increase in cost.

In expressing support for a motion by Reeve Haggart to refer the budget to the Finance Committee Councillor Broadhurst said, "I think the trustees have presented a sensible budget and under the circumstances I'll go along with referring it to the Finance Committee."

Mayor Tomlin expressed thanks to the trustees for their attendance and explanation of the budget. "The budget isn't padded," said Trustee Sanderson, "and we paid it after we had it prepared." Quoting Shakespeare, Mayor Tomlin remarked, "Methinks thou dost protest too much."

Councillor Broadhurst contended there is a great need for some check on the continuous rising costs of education. He presented a resolution asking the provincial government to give municipal councils the right to refuse school budgets which amount to more than forty per cent of the total levy, or when costs per pupil increase by more than 10 per cent.

Supporting his resolution, Mr. Broadhurst contended that there must be some limit set somewhere. The increased cost is largely due to increased salaries. The Union knows they are dealing with a body with a limitless purse. His motion was seconded by Reeve Haggart but failed to get support of council.

Councillor Bradstock - I don't favor paying our teachers less. I think we should pay them more. It's the most important job in the community. You can replace a spring in your car, or get a new pair of shoes, but the most vital years of a child's education cannot be replaced.

Councillor Broadhurst - The most expensive education is not necessarily the best. It isn't necessarily true that if we spend more we will get a better education.

Council unanimously supported the Whillans motion asking the government to seek new sources of revenue for education costs to relieve the real estate taxpayer.

School trustees gave assurance that should provincial grants be increased the requisition on local taxpayers will be reduced accordingly.

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Curtain Club Hosts To Central Ontario Region

Amateur theatre was well represented in Richmond Hill last Friday evening in the Curtain Club rooms when member groups from the Central Ontario Region sent representatives to discuss aspects of the recent Festival held at Hart House Theatre. Chairman of the Groups Committee, Elizabeth Gray reported that the screener had had to choose from eighteen full length plays to make up the week's bill. So close was the competition that there was only a five play or a seven play week possible. Two plays were so close that if one were chosen the other would have to be.

The Regional Festival was won by the "The Killdeer" written by Canadian author James Rainey and directed by a University Alumnae Club member Pamela Beckwith who was described as "brilliant" by the adjudicator. The Killdeer will represent this region at the Dominion Festival in Vancouver in May and may be seen in Hart House Theatre May 5, 6, and 7. Tickets may be obtained by calling Mrs. J. I. Jackson (TU. 4-3557) or Hart House Theatre.

Groups represented at Friday's meeting were the Aurora Drama Workshop, the North York Little Theatre, the Don Mills Players, the Port Credit Theatre and the Etobicoke Little Theatre, while the Curtain Club acted as hosts for the meeting.

C.O.D.L. President Blanche Hogg clarified the set up of the Ontario One-Act Festival, which is being run this year by the Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce. The president felt that under the C.O.D.L. a more central festival might be arranged, perhaps playing the finals alternately in the Western and Eastern regions.

HUNTERS

Classes in "Hunter Safety Training" under the auspices of York Central Anglers and Hunters Association commence in the Municipal Hall, Richmond Hill, at 7.30 p.m. Friday, June 3rd. Registration at the Police Offices, fee \$1.00. Minimum age 14 years.

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1st Richmond Hill Cubs and Scouts will resume their program this week following the Easter holidays.

This Saturday, the Cubs and Scouts and many of their fathers will be out canvassing in a concentrated drive to collect used pocket novels and National Geographic magazines. Proceeds are for the boys' week-end to be held at Oxtail Camp near Orangeville on May 14 and 15. Watch for your Cubs on Saturday morning.

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