

Welcome To Richmond Hill



Chairman R. D. Little of the Richmond Hill Refugee Committee welcomes the family of Maximilian Polanski on their arrival in Canada. They were met at Malton Airport by members of the committee following a flight from Paris, France. The happy family and their two children are now settled in their

apartment on Palmer Avenue. The children Christian 13, and Karin 6 are already attending local schools. Through the generosity of Mr. Little, Mr. Polanski has been given a job with R. D. Little & Son Ltd., well-known Ford dealers. — Photo by Barbour

Discuss County Library Board—

Appoint A. Sumner and Miss K. Ball To Represent York County Libraries

By Margaret McLean

Eleven of the fifteen Public Library Boards in York County were represented at a meeting in Thornhill Public School on Tuesday, November 29th, when the possible formation of a County Library Board was discussed.

Chairman of the meeting was Mr. Allan Sumner of The Thornhill Public Library. He introduced Mr. William Roedde, Director of Provincial Library Service for the Province of Ontario, who answered questions at some length.

Of particular concern to several smaller libraries was whether or not their libraries would be closed if a County Library Board was formed. Mr. Roedde stated that while no legal guarantee could be given that no library would be closed, he felt it was extremely unlikely as the whole idea is to strengthen existing libraries, not to close them. Besides this, he stated, he felt it possible that some association libraries might close, say where three or four libraries are weak, but this would not be done unless by mutual consent. (An association library is one formed by an interested group of people and not supported by any municipality.) Some of these libraries, he reminded his audience, are open as little as two hours per week.

One strong incentive to form the County Board was provided by the change in the grant regulations which T. Roedde outlined at the meeting. Previously, he stated, grants had been made on the basis of the size of the existing libraries, and larger grants went to larger libraries. Now, however, grants will be on an equalized assessment basis, and the bulk of the provincial funds will go to areas with relatively smaller assessment. Aurora, for instance, with a one mill levy on its taxpayers, is able to raise \$2.13 per capita, while King, with a one mill levy, raises only 88c per capita. The provincial grant to King will be 52 per cent; to Aurora, it will be only 7 per cent. This policy is essential," stated Mr. Roedde, "if we are to develop libraries throughout Ontario."

Although grants to many libraries will be down next year, they will be guaranteed a "floor". The Thornhill grant, for instance, will be dropped from \$1,129 to \$520.00. The Thornhill library, he pointed out, is established for a police village only and receives its grant on that basis and although it does serve a much wider area than just the police village, it gets no grant for this. The Woodbridge grant would also drop, from \$1,120.00 to \$489.00.

In contrast to this, Mr. Roedde assured the librarian from the association library at Kleinburg, Mrs. Eleanor Gillespie, that their library would undoubtedly receive much more money and that joining the county board was really the only way they could further themselves.

On being questioned by the chairman of the Richmond Hill Library Board, Mr. G. MacLaren, as to what would be the disposition of present library buildings, Mr. Roedde assured him that the

would mean that many municipalities would be without direct representation, the Board would have an advisory council which would be more truly representative of the various municipalities.

In outlining the advantages of the County set-up, Mr. Roedde mentioned that whereas no small libraries had adequate reference books, the main County library would have a good reference and subject collection and these books could be sent to the local libraries on request. Further, only in a large library would there be a well qualified librarian and the County structure would make possible the holding of workshops for discussion and plans for improvement of quality. The Bookmobile service would also take care of the needs of rural areas.

On the motion of Miss Ball from Richmond Hill, seconded by Mr. G. Zinkan, Thornhill, it was decided to form an association of Library Trustees of the County of York to aid in the planning of library service for the County of York and to encourage closer relations between existing library boards." In line with this motion, a provisional executive was elected consisting of Mr. Allan Sumner, Chairman, Miss K. Ball, Vice Chairman, and Mrs. Russell of Unionville, Mrs. Campbell of Newmarket and Mr. Sanders of Sutton, Councillors. It was also decided that the Chairman of the County Education Committee, be a member of the executive.

It is expected that a meeting of the newly formed Association will be held early in the new year, and in the interim, the various Boards will discuss the pros and cons of the County system.

Man Who Began Calgary Stampede Andrew Miller Dies — 88 Years Old

The sympathy of the communities of Richmond Hill, Jefferson and surrounding districts is extended to Dickson Miller (Jefferson), and his family, with the recent death of his father, Andrew Miller.

The late Mr. Miller, who was in his 88th year, had been in failing health for some time, but had had a varied and colourful career from the time of his youth.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Renfrew County, he was a Boer War veteran, having enlisted with the Strathcona Horse in Ottawa in 1899; he later attended the coronation of King Edward VII as a member of that regiment.

A well-known figure in the newspaper field, Mr. Miller's newspaper career included work on the Ottawa Journal, the Ottawa Free Press and the Ottawa Citizen. He was at one time news editor of The Mail and Empire, and later, while working for the Toronto Star, began the Toronto Star Syndicate. In 1922 he founded Miller Services Limited, a nation-wide photographic agency, which he headed with his two sons assisting him.

Perhaps his greatest work, certainly the one which gave him the most sense of fulfilment, was his church work at Deer Park United, where he was Clerk of Session for 25 years and an honorary elder at the time of his death.

Surviving are his wife, Rosaline Graham Miller; two sons Hamilton, of Toronto, and Dickson, of Jefferson; and six grandchildren.

Sector Campaign Most Successful

Results of King City United Church's participation in the Sector campaign were "overwhelming" in the opinion of its workers. More than 30 people signified they would join the church by transfer or by profession of faith and at least ten joined the senior choir. Half a dozen teachers and helpers were located for the Sunday School and several offered car service where needed.

Area residents volunteered to visit those who are ill or unable to go outdoors and every church department was strengthened through the visitation.

More than a dozen men agreed to help with church maintenance by painting and doing general repairs. Church attendance has shown marked improvement during Autumn since the Sector drive started to be organized.

Almost all of the \$15,200 objective was reached, this amount including \$5,000 for the Missionary Maintenance Fund over \$7,000 toward minister's maintenance, car allowance and parsonage. The congregation is working towards having King as a one-church charge, instead of including Teston and Laskay Church as at present.

A portion will be used for organ maintenance and choir music and for Sunday School sup-

plies. Under the planned expansion programme, \$500 is earmarked for professional consultants to assess the church's assets and possibilities and to recommend when it is in a position to build. This survey is expected to be done in the coming year.

Heading the community campaign was Mr. Douglas Henderson, with Mr. Gage Love as co-chairman. Mr. Jim Pluckner acted as programme chairman; Mr. Allan Gellatly, bulletins and materials chairman, and Mr. John Kell, resources chairman.

Mr. Harold Gilbert, chairman of visitation, was aided by Division Leader Dr. Glenn Sawyer and five captains, Mr. William Heaslip, Mr. Peter Robertson, Mr. Alfred McBride, Mr. Jack Parsons and Mr. Ray Love. A team of 48 canvassers, a dozen of them women, called on the congregation and prospective supporters.

Alex Young Elected Oak Ridges Trustee

The ratepayers from Oak Ridges held their December meeting in the new gymnasium of the Oak Ridges School last week with over 130 members in attendance. Mr. Alex Young of Muirhead Crescent, Bond Lake, was elected to a three year term as school trustee, defeating his opponent Mrs. Flora Bunn. Mr. Young will be replacing Mrs. Betty Woolnough as she steps down from her third year on the Board.

CONCORD — Tom Roach of this locality has won the A.T.A. single axle championship at the Automotive Transport Association-sponsored Truck Rodeo. This win, the third such in a row, saw Roach (a former Woodbridge resident) chalk up 389 out of a possible 400 point total.

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