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Farewell Presentation To Rev. C. G. Higginson

Shown admiring the illuminated address presented to Rev. C. G. Higginson on the occasion of his last sermon following 16 years of service at Richmond Hill United Church are, (left to right) Elder Ralph Wood, long-time elder and former Sunday School Superintendent Paul Angle who made the presentation, Rev. Higginson, Mrs. Higginson and Mrs. David Howard who presented a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Higginson.

Mr. Higginson was also presented with a purse of \$2,500. Following the service October 29, the large congregation adjourned to the church parlor where refreshments were served by the UCW and all were able to say a personal goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Higginson.

Rev. Albion Wright occupied the pulpit November 5 and on Nov. 12, 19 and 26. Rev. Noble Hatten of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews will preach. Pastoral services for the present will be carried out by Rev. S. W. Pattison of Leaside.

UNICEF Take Almost Trebled

Mrs. R. L. Carter, Beverley Acres, who this year took over as York County representative for UNICEF, reports with pleasure that Halloween shellouts to feed and clothe the hungry children of the world have raised \$2,000 to date. This is almost triple the amount received last year. Returns are not yet quite complete.

Mrs. Carter expresses her heartfelt thanks to school boards, principals, teachers and children as well as to those citizens who co-operate in putting a different light on Halloween. The eager youngsters with their boxes had a real understanding of the good work the pennies they collected would do.

Teachers Polish Skills, 400 Enjoy

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but then has to count the extra five, he is not yet ready but needs more work with the number line," she stated firmly.

(Our nine-year-old added 50 to 25, then the additional 8 — he's much brighter than his mother.)

Her aims with the "discovery" method, Miss Briggs said, were to give the child an opportunity to think, to give him an opportunity to discover an order and pattern and then to develop skills. By teaching the child that he needs to think, he appreciates for the first time the need for such things as multiplication, she pointed out.

Ask any questions you like to make the children think themselves, she further advised but added "Be light hearted about mathematics." She showed a chart made by one English child who had measured the speed at which various insects travelled — the insects themselves neatly taped on the paper. It was noted that at the speed the caterpillar moved, it would take him "from Monday morning to Thursday at noon to reach the guild hall, not allowing for stops for traffic, eating or sleeping."

"This is not an enrichment program you have used here today," she emphasized and suggested that teachers who felt a bit unsure of themselves with the methods might like to try them out on small groups first.

On the termination of all three workshops, the entire group assembled in the general purpose room of Woodland Senior School and saw a film "Make a Mighty Reach". This was introduced by George Waldrum, chairman of the Minister of Education's committee on larger units of administration. It portrayed new concepts in education such as continuous promotion, non-graded classes and team teaching which emphasizes the child-centred philosophy in contrast to traditional subject-centred classroom.



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Hope To Avoid Plebiscite

Cut Sr. School Plan To \$700,000

Following the paring down of their plans for a new senior school and cutting of estimated costs to \$700,000 from \$990,000, members of the board of TSA 2 Markham expressed the hope at their October 24 meeting that no plebiscite will be necessary and that township council will approve debentures for the reduced amount.

It was pointed out that water service is available now \$650,000 had already been in- and sewers are assured before cluded and approved in the freeze-up this year. At the same meeting, the board's 1968 forecast for the school and another \$50,000 is motion of Trustee Gordon Champion that the January class be discontinued for 1968.

The board, under pressure for more classroom space, had these classes have previously tried to move the construction but sixth birthday falls between council had refused to approve the required debentures for this year.

Some areas of the 20-room school, such as the cafeteria, are smaller in the new plan but were felt to be adequate. Trustee Elson Miles felt the new plan was not as well sculptured as the first but the architect said the exterior would receive special treatment which has not yet been settled.

Representatives of Architects Hicks, Marsh and McLean were urged to complete plans as soon as possible. "We want to be ready to move as soon as funds are okayed," they were told.

However, if the senior school is not complete by September, 1968, there will be no alternative but staggered classes until it is ready, nor will kindergarten classes be possible. In spite of this, the board agreed to try and establish kindergarten classes.

Details of the purchase of approximately 15 acres of land for the senior school are now being completed. The property of Mrs. John Madsen, the site is on Concession 7, immediately north of Highway 7. Cost of the land is \$4,500 per acre and the board has been assured that services will be available from Markham Village.

Mr. Morley advised that

North Gwillimbury

Two Constables Say The Chief Beat His Prisoner

North Gwillimbury Township Constables Anthony Bayliss and Alfred Garvey have signed statements accusing Chief Constable Alvin Pollock of beating a young prisoner in the police station at Keswick last August.

The prisoner, Gary Napier, was charged with impaired driving. The chief has refused to comment on the allegation, but Mr. Napier admitted the chief hit him "a few times."

At the police station, Mr. Napier said, the constables were about to take him to the Newmarket lockup when Chief Pollock came downstairs in his pyjamas and housecoat. "I guess I made some noise and woke him up. He said something about smart punks and hit me a few times in the face. He gave me a bloody nose and I believe Garvey was accidentally hit by the chief, when he attempted to stop him."

The constables reported to Sergeant Charles Richardson, who went to the Ontario Police Commission which, in turn, told him the matter should be taken up with the Crown Attorney. The commission advised it was up to Napier's lawyer to advise him whether to lay assault charges. Joseph O. Dales, reeve of the township and former York County Warden, will defend Napier on the impaired driving charge and, according to his client, advised against laying such charges. Mr. Dales said it appears as if somebody is after Chief Pollock's job.

AURORA: Work to increase capacity of the sewage treatment plant is scheduled to start mid-November. Town Engineer J. D. Reid says the job will take about 44 weeks. Present capacity is one million gallons daily and this will be raised to 1.85 million when the work is completed. Contract, in the value of \$249,541, was awarded at a special meeting of council October 23. Cost of equipment to be supplied by the town and delivered to the site is \$71,745, and engineering and inspection fees of \$38,554 bring total expenditure for the project to \$359,840.

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Area Superintendent Maynard Hallman suggested the board might get help from the York South Regional Education Committee. "There are facilities which may be used to assist in improving transportation," he told the board. "This is a facility we should patronize and make use of."

It was announced at the meeting that No. 7 school on Don Mills Road at 19th Avenue will be sold at auction November 11 at 1:30 pm. A reserve bid has been set.

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