

A Woman's Work . . .

Women aren't only equal to men, some of them are even more than equal, or so a would-be thief discovered last week.

Police said that when Mrs. Carole Murphy, 35, of 3695 Major Mackenzie Drive in Vaughan, investigated a noise in the basement of her home, about 9:25 am, she discovered a youth, who had entered through a window.

Mrs. Murphy held him at bay with a butcher knife and called police.

Facing charges of house-breaking, possession under \$200 and being unlawfully in a dwelling, is Edward Shier, 17, of Laurel, Ont.

Need Standards To Get Grant

For some years now councils of the Town of Richmond Hill have attempted from time to time to introduce a minimum housing standards bylaw but with little success to date. However, recent indications from the Province of Ontario that a per capita grant for funding Neighborhood Improvement Programs and Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Programs will be available has sparked renewed interest in minimum housing standards.

These grants will be available only if the municipality has enacted legislation for minimum housing standards. Mayor William Lazenby reported.

Last September council's planning committee had instructed the planning staff to work on such standards to be included in the official plan and at council meeting March 4, it was agreed that the building inspector and the municipal solicitor be directed to upgrade or redraft a bylaw proposed some time ago for presentation to council as soon as possible.

The mayor reported that under the NIP Program a grant of \$3 per capita or about \$105,000 would be available to Richmond Hill. It would be paid to the Region of York which would turn it over to the town. The RRAP Program provides low interest loans to low income home owners (in some cases without interest) to enable them to upgrade their accommodation, he said.

Councillor Lou Wainwright outlined that "What appears minimum to you and to me may not be to others. I can take you to homes within a mile of this chamber which have never been connected to the town water supply although it is available. I can take you to others where there is no furnace but only Quebec heaters. However, I would support such a bylaw."

"It's a can of worms that have to open," stated Mayor Lazenby.

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Neighborhood Notes
Happy birthday greetings to Allan Bredeon of Sixteenth Avenue who is celebrating his 12th birthday today (March 14). A happy birthday is also wished for Nancy Nikolaus of Duncan Road, who will be ten years old March 20.

It's that time of year again when the ditches are dangerously full of water and mud all over and our children will be home for the winter break. Next week we will be enjoying our children all day everyday. Have a nice time children.

Bosworth Trophy
Tom Hare, Georgina Heads York Group

After 12 years as president of the York Region Road Superintendents Association, Fred Bovaird of Richmond Hill stepped down this year and will be succeeded by Tom Hare of Georgina Township. Mr. Bovaird assumed the office in 1962 when the association was formed in York County with a membership of 19, including two county representatives — Chief Engineer Jack Rettle and Maintenance Engineer Denne Bosworth.

Fred Evans, Newmarket, has assumed the duties of secretary-treasurer, succeeding Robert Gillies who has held the position since 1971.

The association, composed of road superintendents and assistant road superintendents, has met through the years to hear speakers in their field, to exchange information and to visit suppliers such as the Canada Cement and Goderich Salt plants. Through the association a system of co-operation between the member municipalities has been developed with equipment being exchanged when needed and available.

The late Denne Bosworth gave much assistance in the organization of the association in 1962 and throughout the years until his death last year. In his honor the association has provided a trophy to be awarded at its annual golf tournament.

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