Markham students attain 12 year accident–free record

Receive safety award

MARKHAM — Six hundred students of Markham's James Robinson Public School applauded the guest speakers as, one by one, they addressed their attentive young audience. But instead of applauding the visitors, they should have been applauding themselves. For mainly through their own efforts and those who had gone before, they had established a twelve-year period without a single accident — a provincial record. A trophy, to mark the occasion and made available through the Markham-Unionville Lions Club, was presented by Hon. Matthew B. Dymond, Minister of Health, to Mr. Lloyd Wideman, staff supervisor of the school safety patrol. It has 48 members.

Three patrol captains and six assistants including Randy Jeffers, Christine Knight, Rod Syne, Sheila Wilson, Dwight Ramsey, Helga Schmidt, Beth Patrick, Dianne Speziala and Christine Miller formed an honor guard at the school entrance and escorted Dr. Dymond to the platform. Others present included Police Chief Fred White, Mrs. Merna Colbourne, chairman of the Board, Mr. Maynard Hallman, area superintendent, Mr. Lloyd Abernethy, supervising principal, Donald Hindson, President of the Markham-Unionville Lions Club and other representatives of village and Ontario governments.

The principal of James Robinson School is Mr. Douglas Ford.

In introducing Mr. Dymond to the children, Chief White recalled that it was nine years ago that Mr. Dymond, then Minister of Transport, had presented the pupils of 1960 with their safety shield. As a former school trustee, Mr. White said that the Minister filled a dual purpose — knowledge of school children, and concern for their health.

Dr. Dymond said that attaining such a record denoted close co-operation between the pupils, the police, the teachers and the parents. "You, the students, could not do it alone, neither could the program be a success without your interest," he said. Reminiscing somewhat, he noted that school conditions had changed drastically since he was a boy and in like maner, so had traffic. He stated that motor traffic accidents account for more ill health among young people than all infectious diseases put together.

He praised the pupils for their achievement and expressed hope that the program could be continued. "You have established a wonderful foundation for others to follow," he concluded.

Mr. Wideman, in accepting the award said that the program had been successful through the co-operation and faithfulness of many people.

Don Hindson said that the Markham-Unionville Lions Club was pleased to play some part in the school's safety program.

In appreciation of Mr. White's efforts in initially organizing the school patrol system, and assisting with its operation, board chairman, Mrs. Colbourne presented him with a plaque suitably inscribed and signed by herself and the board vice-chairman, Walter B. Grieve.

Hon. Matthew B. Dymond, Ontario Minister of Health, was a guest visitor at James Robinson Public School in Markham, to honor six hundred pupils for successfully completing 12 years without an accident. Accompanying the minister is Police Chief Fred White and members of the student safety patrol. —Staff Photo

Staff Safety Patrol Supervisor Lloyd Wideman (right) receives the Markham-Unionville Lions Club Trophy from Mr. Dymond while Village Police Chief Fred White looks on. The 12 year no accident period is an Ontario record. The patrol program was first organized by Chief White assisted by supervising principal, Lloyd Abernethy. —Staff Photo

Eleven year old Beth Patrick, a grade 7 student at Robinson School and a member of the Safety Patrol, holds the Markham-Unionville Lions Club Trophy, presented October 23. —Staff Photo

For Unicef

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Editor's mail

Dear sir:

May I draw it to the attention of the 'powers that be' that I have no desire to see my children hurt or maimed by trigger-happy pheasant hunters.

Our farm is quite clearly posted with 'no hunting' signs, yet, on Thursday, Oct. 17, just as my children walked out our farm lane to catch the school bus, the sound of shots appeared very close. Upon investigation, I discovered a hunter right behind the house. When I informed him that hunting was not permitted on the property, he had an answer ready. He said that it was too foggy to see the signs. I would suggest that it was also too foggy to use a gun.

We feed the pheasants on our grain and although we have raised many young ones, we do not kill them. Yet some gun-happy city-slicker is allowed to endanger the lives of our children and animals.

Soon it will be necessary for all of us to carry guns for the purpose of self defense.

Here's hoping that this practice of destroying these beautiful birds will soon stop.

Mrs. C. Trimble
Markham, R.R. 2

Faulty workmanship

Dear Sir:

There is something wrong with the building inspection in Stouffville.

In June, I purchased a house in the village for $24,000 cash. It was to be completed by August 31.

On that date, the builder had not finished but never-the-less I paid him. Now, he says it is finished but the workmanship is terrible.

Yesterday, I approached the Building Inspector who is engaged (appointed) by Stouffville on a spare-time arrangement to issue permits. It is impossible for him to inspect the work during actual construction. He came to see the house, accompanied by a real estate salesman. Both agreed that the workmanship is terrible but they can do nothing about it.

I ask you, where is the authority who can protect future buyers from similar problems as I have experienced.

Disheartened owner.

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