Crimes kept from public

NEWMARKET — Some serious crimes that occur in York Region are never made public, Police Chief Bruce Crawford told regional council last week.

"Although we don't have the quantity of major crime that Toronto has, we have the same quality," he said.

"We've had extortion bids on people that you don't know about. There are hostage - taking incidents that you people don't know about."

Chief Crawford was explaining police activities in the light of an 11 per cent budget increase. Council, meeting as a committee, later endorsed the budget and will consider final approval March 30.

Chief Crawford said in a telephone interview later that information about certain crimes is not given to the press and public "when it is not in the best interest of the public."

He added that the York Regional Police commission is kept informed about police activities in such cases.

Police commissioner Gladys Rolling told regional council that crime is creeping north from Toronto. "I wish the rate of crime could be known to the people but apparently this is not possible," she said.

She told The Era later that she has had doubts about the withholding of information, "but I assumed it was in the best interest and I have accepted it."

Some of the incidents kept secret have involved threats to commit crimes which did not come about, Mrs. Rolling said.

"If you print it, you could give some other kook the idea."

Commissioner Ray Twinney also said reports of extortion only give other crooks ideas. "We're not hiding anything. We're just protecting the innocent persons involved."

Mr. Twinney said hostage - taking is another matter and he had not heard Chief Crawford mention it before.

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Local chamber plans May fair

Planning for an Annual May Fair is under way at the Whitchurch — Stouffville Chamber of Commerce. One of several community projects slated for the year, the May Fair is expected to attract hundreds of residents to the park for a welcome day of fun and relaxation.

Final details are still in the planning stage but it is anticipated that a variety of entertainment will be provided including contests for adults and children, pet shows, prize draws, fancy dress, music, dancing, clowns, food and drink, to make a full day of enjoyment in the May Day tradition.

Chamber President Jack Chambers told The Tirbune that the date and complete program will be announced in the near future.

The fair is viewed as a follow-up to the highly successful Country Fair held last year by the Library Fund-raising Committee. Local sentiment was high after the fair to stage some sort of an annual event.

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First step in the re-channelization of Duffin's Creek came last Wednesday when the former Stouffville Printing office was quickly torn down. Contract for the job went to National Building Demolition of Highway 48. The fate of the buildings on either side of the printing office, New Image hair dressers and the laundromat are still undecided. The re-channelization of the creek is a necessary step in laying the groundwork for the Dulverton subdivision.

Child abuse discussed at Library

STOUFFVILLE — Child abuse is one of this country's most pressing problems, Gordon Cone, co-ordinator of Family Services, Region of York, told parents attending a Thursday morning meeting in the Whitchurch - Stouffville Public Library.

While statistics point to no peak periods, the months of January and February appear to be prime times, he said.

It is suspected that more incidents of child abuse occur during the summer holidays. However, this is difficult to verify, Gordon Cone explained, because children are out of school. Schools, he said, are a main detection agency.

At the present time, an authoritative order is being prepared that states all suspicions of child abuse should be reported to the Children's Aid Society. If approved, all professional people, including physicians and teachers, will be obliged to report incidents of this kind and can be charged if they don't.

A key to determining if a child has been abused by his or her parents, is learning more of the father or mother's background. In the majority of cases, Mr. Cone said, parents who injure their children, were themselves beaten when they were young.

Another factor, he explained, is a poor self-image on the part of the parent. A reversal of roles results. The child is expected to be what the parent isn't. When he (or she) is unable to fulfill these expectations, the son (or daughter) becomes a prime target for abuse.

Child beatings can also occur in homes where a parent refuses to "spare the rod", Gordon Cone observed. He pointed to cases where a father (or mother) will openly admit to abusing members of the family because they believe it is their right.

The majority of cases, he said, involve children three years old and under, he said.

The law, as it stands now, leaves much to be desired. "Let's hope," he concluded, "that the time will soon come when children have rights too".

Teachers' federation

Says society 'penny-pinches'

AURORA — Society "penny-pinches" when it comes to the education of its children, and spends lavishly on self-indulgence, said the president of the York County Elementary Teachers Association of Federations.

Speaking to the finance committee of the York County Board of Education, Billie Hurley said society spends "money freely for a variety of luxury items of a self-indulgent nature while not being prepared to spend comparably on what is society's real future -- education."

One of seven submissions to the last of three specially called public meetings of the committee, Mrs. Hurley's disagreed with the other submissions in that she expected the board to be prepared to spend more money, the others said spent less.

She told the committee society spends 60 times as much to equip a soldier than it spends to educate a child -- about $8.50 a day for each elementary pupil in 1978.

"What we are essentially suggesting to you is that in looking for a popular decision respecting the budget, you do not prejudice the needs of the children in the schools," she said.

Richmond Hill Trustee Bob Houghton questioned Mrs. Hurley on the need for special courses such as instrumental music, out-door education and French.

"Define need," she responded. "Do you mean survival?"

Representing the Town of Aurora, Councillor Richard Isaacson supported Aurora Trustee Norm Weller's efforts to institute major budget reductions. He said in an era of restraint, we should all be saving the taxpayer's money.

Councillor Andy Chateauvert, representing Richmond Hill council told the committee the board has to learn to say NO.

"In the interests of economy, Richmond Hill council has cut out services I felt to be needed," he said.

"I've done my job, now you do yours."

A spokesman for the German Mills Homeowners Association (Thornhill) said the issue of a lower budget or higher budget is the wrong one.

"What I and others in the community are looking for is a sensible budget. And that is one in line with the money available," he said.

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