

Mud Bogs Firemen Feud Flares Anew

E.K. Chief Blames Local Council

The feud between East Kildonan municipal council and fire department has flared up anew.

Thursday acting fire chief, Capt. G. R. King, charged that the municipal council must assume full responsibility for his department's failure to answer a call to aid a man who was badly burned.

Stanley Chester, 41, of 477 Giroux avenue, suffered severe burns and shock when he picked up a high tension wire while working in East Kildonan Thursday. Although the local fire department was called, it never arrived at its destination.

The reason — bad roads. Capt. King said the department received the call about 11 a.m. Thursday and immediately set out for the Linden avenue destination.

BOGGED IN MUD

His troubles began when the engine became bogged down in mud at the corner of Sidney avenue and Watt street. It required 15 minutes and the efforts of two other trucks to free the vehicle. In the meantime, Mr. Chester had been freed from the high tension wire and was receiving artificial respiration from a doctor who fortunately lived near the scene of the accident.

The engine returned to the fire hall at Watt street and Munroe avenue, and while backing into the building, became stuck once again.

Capt. King said it wasn't the responsibility of the fire department to have good roads in East Kildonan and that present conditions, especially in the area immediately in front of the new fire hall, did nothing but "hamper" his men in carrying out their work. He said the municipality should know they could not make roads passable by putting loose gravel on top of soft mud.

'JUST OUT OF LUCK'

"If there had been a big fire somewhere Thursday, the owner of the building would just have been out of luck," he said.

In April, Capt. King had said that any charges of "inefficiency" on the part of his fire depart-

ment could be laid directly at the steps of the municipal council.

"They're an awful bunch of fellows," he commented, "I just can't figure them out."

Mr. Chester is being treated at Winnipeg General hospital for deep shock and burns on his head, left hand and feet. He is in fair condition.

East Kildonan police reported that Mr. Chester an employee of Simkin's Construction Co. Ltd., was operating a crane on Linden avenue between Roch and Watt streets when the boom of the machine snapped the wire which carried 4000 volts.

Apparently Mr. Chester thought the line was a telephone wire and picked it up. He was knocked unconscious. Dr. J. Ward, of 146 Linden avenue, attended minutes after the mishap and applied artificial respiration.

\$90,574 HIKE IN PROVINCIAL RCMP BILL

Manitoba is going to have to pay \$90,574 more a year for services of Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers in province.

In Ottawa Wednesday, commissioner L. H. Nicholson, of RCMP, said the provincial governments and municipalities employing members of the force would have to pay \$2,358 a year for each member instead of present \$2,000 a year.

The Manitoba government's 200 constables of the RCMP increase will mean a \$71,600 increase in the government's annual police bill.

Manitoba municipalities employ 53 members of the force which means they will have to spend an additional \$18,900 a year for this purpose.

3 Of Provencher Corp Get Top Cadet Award

Canada's highest cadet award was presented to three Provencher collegiate cadets at the annual inspection of the 323 Provencher Cadet Corps in Provencher park Thursday.

Cadet Lt. - Col. Leslie Helman, a Grade 11 student; Capt. Raymond Raiche, a Grade 11 student and Capt. Paul Clement, a Grade 10 student received the Master Cadet award. Clement and Raiche have both accepted

appointments to the M.C.C. cadet camp at Banff this summer.

Other awards were: best officer trophy, Lt. Col. Helman; most successful instructor Roland Marion; most prominent NCO, Sgt. Edward Guyon; shooting awards, Sgt. C. Beaulieu; highest average, Robert Janssens; L. Cpl. Dufault was named the beginner and the most cooperative trophy was awarded to Lt. Edward Demetrio and Mikalchuk.

Acting mayor of St. Boniface Jack McGurran presented following hockey awards: bantam provincial championship, M. Picher; city bantam A cup, R. Bellegem; Provencher municipal championship, G. Croft; most valuable player, R. M. highest scorer, C. Normand; best goalie, R. Novog; club player, R. Brunel.

Two bowling trophies were presented to Major R. Beyer and CSM

What Every Policeman Should Know

Winnipeg police recruits are taught not to be meddling or officious in performing their duties, a Griffons club meeting was told Thursday.

Sgt. Ernest Wareham, city

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