



**Members of the PACE course, students and staff of Rockingstone Heights Elementary School.**

Spryfield. The school is named after a large boulder, which was found on the property. Students through the years, with much diligence, caused the stone to “rock” back and forth, hence its name.

At the outset of the course, the principal, Mr. Rob Spicer, challenged the candidates — from Halifax Police Department and the RCMP — to move the stone. Candidates mingled with students at the school during recess and lunch breaks, thus building a foundation of mutual trust and respect for each other, and establishing a rapport.

On the third day of the course, candidates and students took part in a friendly softball game (the winners will remain anonymous). The next day, before receiving their certificates, the principal spoke to the candidates again. Mr. Spicer stated that even though the police officers had failed to

move the stone, they had accomplished something much greater — moving the students and the whole school.

Mr. Spicer highlighted that while some of the students had been lacking love and proper guidance in their home and academic lives, the candidates had risen above that, and touched the hearts of many students and school staff as well. The police candidates felt both pride and a sense of accomplishment in knowing that they had made a positive impact in the school.

The change of venue was such a success, that future courses may be held in a similar school environment. More was accomplished during those four days to enhance police-community understanding and relations than can be imagined.

*by Cpl. F. Landry*

*“H” Division Drug Awareness Program*

**FAREWELL RUBY** On March 22, 1996, a retirement luncheon was held for Mrs. Ruby Beals, Secretary to the Commanding Officer “H” Division, who retired after working for the federal Government for over 41 years — the last 35 of which she worked with the Force at “H” Division Headquarters. Many retired, former and serving employees attended this event.

**FAREWELL TONY** Commissionaire

Tony Corano retired after 18 years of working security at the “H” Division Headquarters front desk. He had served with the Canadian Armed Forces for 23 years, in both the Navy and the Air Force. He had then joined the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires on May 25, 1965. After several postings in the Halifax area, Tony was assigned to the “H” Division HQ front desk in August 1977, where he remained until his retirement last March. Tony

**(L-R) Sgt. Dave Waterhouse (Ruby’s chauffeur for this special event), Mrs. Ruby Beals, A/Commr. Ralph Falkingham, CO, “H” Division.**



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