

Victoria Square News

Last Wednesday evening the W.A. had a pot luck supper, everybody bringing what they liked. The program was given by a number of the little boys from the orphanage. This little program consisted of chorus, recitations and drills. It was well given considering they had to perform in rather small quarters for a drill. The ladies in charge of this home certainly have a great responsibility and are to be congratulated on the behaviour of these children, whom we have had visit us several times, and never once was there anything to complain about. We wish once more to thank them for their help and co-operation.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. R. Gee in the loss of their brother-in-law and nephew recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Willis of Vancord had tea with Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Haig one day last week.

Rev. J. MacDonald was able to be in his usual place this Sunday. In a few remarks before he started his sermon he said "It was 30 years since he left College and never before has he been absent two consecutive Sundays from his pulpit through illness." We all hope that he will be able to stand this changeable weather we are having and will not get another cold.

Mrs. Norman Fennell, Miss M. Warmley, Mr. Milton Fennell of Cherry Valley, Prince Edward county, and Mr. R. Rosseau of Toronto called on Mr. and Mrs. Bennett on Saturday.

Mrs. Maynard of Unionville, accompanied by Miss Mabel Sanderson, attended the Scarborough Institute meeting on Tuesday afternoon both giving short addresses. Mrs. Maynard spoke on the war work and general Institute work and Miss Sanderson on Community Activities and Relief.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13th at the home of Mrs. R. E. Sanderson. There will be an instrumental by Mrs. John Snider, a solo by Miss Dorothy Oliver, and a Christmas story by Mrs. Rumney. The scripture will be read by Miss Eloise Perkins. As this is also the election of officers a large attendance is expected. Everybody welcome whether members or not.

Congratulations to Mrs. Maynard of Unionville, District President of the East York Junior Women's Institute who has been given the chairmanship of the Toronto Centre Area Convention.

The J.W.I. and J.F.A. meetings were held on Tuesday evening and both were well attended. The girls' speaker, Mrs. Maynard, in her usual pleasant manner, gave her general talk on the work, urging that all secretaries and those responsible for reports please be prompt. Owing to the illness of Rev. Wrixon, Dr. Smith of White Rose spoke to the boys on Petroleum. Both meetings were well spoken of by the members and thought those who were not present missed interesting and educational facts. We wish Rev. Wrixon a speedy recovery.

The neighbours and friends of Mr. C. Martin will be sorry to hear he is a very sick man with pneumonia. However he has been a healthy and active person all his life and therefore is still one step ahead of his sickness. I'm sure we wish him better and hope that he will be able soon to retire to his new home in Newmarket.

Keep the date Thursday, December 21st open for the school concert of S.S. No. 7 at 8 o'clock. Silver collection.

Mr. Samuel Lady is still holding Evangelistic services in the Brethren in Christ Church, Gormley. These meetings are well attended and any one wishing to attend is welcome.

I wonder why all the smiles these days. Who wouldn't smile, Mr. Ross Nichols just made a good sale of one of his Holstein cows to Dr. Smirle Lawson and still has a few more to sell.

The J.F.A. and J.W.I. are holding a social evening of Crokinole and Euchre followed by a dance on Friday evening, December 29. Everyone is invited to come.

Our social evening last week was a great success. The prizes were awarded as follows: Euchre, ladies, 1st, Miss Marion Smith; consolation, Mrs. Ratcliffe; gentlemen, 1st, Mr. Harold Mortson; consolation, Bruce Graham; Crokinole, 1st, Miss Eloise Perkins; consolation, Miss Marion Boynton. About 60 were present.

School Newsy Notes
Our school magazine is now "off the press" and you may have a copy from any of the school pupils. The price is ten cents. We hope the advertisers are pleased with the advertisements we have made for

them. We are particularly proud of our cover page which was designed by Margaret Mortson who is in grade four and nine years of age. It was coloured by all the other pupils including Margaret, and each cover page represents three hours work, and when you consider we have done fifty-seven copies with 13 pages each (we are not superstitious), we have completed seven hundred and forty-one pages.

The magazine is a Christmas number, and includes stories of the first newspaper, how to tell the weather, Christmas stories and poems, a page of stories by the juniors, printing and drawing by the primary grade, music, health, story of the development of lighting, how to care for birds in the winter, cooking recipes, rhymes and news of the school and pupils, Christmas greetings, splendid advertisements etc., and the magazine is all in colour, hand done by the pupils. (Listen in to "Tea Time Topics" with Claire Wallace for a discussion of our magazine.)

Be sure to keep open the evening of our school Christmas programme, Wednesday evening, December 20 at 7.45 p.m. Next week there will be given details as to the fine program we are arranging.

We are kept busy these days making Christmas decorations for our school room and learning our songs and dialogue parts.

Sylvia Meads has a real record in spelling, not having one mistake in daily spelling or tests since school began in September. Margaret Mortson has only had two errors.

The mild weather and rain have melted the ice from the creek so there is no sliding for a while.

The days have been so dark lately that we have needed to use the electric light most of the afternoons.

The answer to last week's puzzle was "Joan of Arc."

MUSSOLINI

By Barry Collard

You have seen the word "Fascist" in the papers. It comes from the Latin word "Fasces", meaning a bundle of fagots tied about an axe which was the Roman symbol of justice.

Mussolini is an Italian born in 1883 and the creator of the Fascist party. After the World War (in which he received a serious wound) when Italy was threatened with a radical revolution, he formed the Fascist Party. In 1922 the party had become strong enough to stage a famous "March on Rome". The King of Italy named Mussolini as Prime Minister. In beginning "Il Duce" (the leader) as the Italians call Mussolini, had many bitter enemies.

He is utterly fearless, indeed he courts danger on horseback, on the motorcycle, and in the airplane. At the same time he is a well-read, cultured man. Visitors are amazed at his knowledge. He speaks several languages and plays the violin well. He is a fiery orator and looks "every inch a Roman".

We would rather have him for a friend than an enemy I am sure.

The Man Who Purchased Happiness

By Mina Stickleby

There was once a handsome boy who loved fun and amusements. He thought of little else except how he and his companions could enjoy themselves, yet he was generous and often gave gifts to others. Animals knew he was fond of them, for his horse showed pleasure at his appearance, and birds came at call to perch on his shoulders. As he grew older he had more serious thoughts of the world about him—and puzzled over his own existence till he came to realize that love—love to mankind, to the birds and the beast and the flowers and above all to God was in costly garments. He gave away all he had, and went about speaking kind words and doing good actions, trying to teach people the real secret of happiness. Who was he? (Answer will be given next week.)

A Christmas Nut

By Bertie Forster

As Christmas is drawing nigh and we all like nuts to eat, I am going to tell you about one of the most popular Christmas Nuts that we eat, one which grows in Brazil.

One of the most extraordinary nuts in the world is the Brazil nut of South America, which grows on a tree from 100 to 120 feet high. The nuts as we buy them are shaped like the sections of an orange. They are contained in a large woody seed vessel nearly as big as a man's head, and so heavy that if one fell from seventy or eighty feet on a person's head they would probably be killed.

Inside the massive wooden seed vessel there are four divisions, and

Red Cross Notes

The Red Cross Sewing Room will be open on Friday afternoon, December 8th, Wednesday afternoon, December 13th and Friday afternoon, December 15th. The Sewing Room will be closed from December 15th to December 29th. Wool will be available and interested knitters are asked to get a supply for the holiday period.

The Richmond Hill Red Cross Society reported to Red Cross Headquarters on November 24 (the close of National Campaign Week) receipts to date totalling \$650.82, and its decision to postpone a local drive for funds until a later date. The following letter was received from Headquarters:

November 29th, 1939.

Mrs. P. C. Hill,
President Richmond Hill Red Cross Society,
Dear Mrs. Hill:—

We were pleased to receive your note regarding your part in the National War Appeal.

Richmond Hill is certainly to be congratulated on the wonderful sum of money that has been raised without any deliberate campaign.

Yours truly,
H. C. H. Miller,
Field Secretary.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST

The annual Public School Oratorical contest sponsored by the School and Home Club will be held in the High School Gymnasium Friday evening, December 15th at 8 p.m. More than ordinary interest is being shown this year by the public school children and it is hoped the public will encourage this annual event by their attendance. Silver collection in aid of the Cocoa Fund.

In each of those divisions lie a number of the triangular nuts. This massive seed vessel grows in fifty or sixty days. The outer wooden case is at least half an inch thick and is difficult to open even with the sharpest instrument. The nuts contain as much as 56 per cent oil, and this is pressed out by the natives and often used for lighting purposes. If we cut a Brazil nut flat at one end and sharpen the other end to a point like a wick, we can stand the nut on a plate, light the wick and see it burn brightly enough to lighten a room. This will give us an idea of how much oil it contains. The Brazil nut is sometimes called the "juina", but more commonly known as the "nigger toes".

The Story of The Willow-Pattern Plate

By Coral Perkins

On certain old china there is a painting in blue which is known as the willow-pattern. It is perhaps the most famous china in the world, and it really comes from China, or so did the first plate, for the story is Chinese. This is the story:

There was once a Chinese girl named Koong-Shee. She was in love with a poor man named Chang, but her father wanted her to marry a rich man. Because she wouldn't marry the rich man her father sent her to live in a house at the end of the garden. Chang wanted to go on a trip and he wanted Koong-Shee to go with him, so in order to get word to her without letting Koong-Shee's father know it he had to put a letter in a coconut shell and send it across the water to Koong-Shee. Koong-Shee soon answered. This is what she said. "I will go if you are brave enough to come and get me." Soon after Chang came to Koong-Shee and carried her jewel box. Just as they were going across the bridge Koong-Shee's father saw them and soon he was chasing them with a whip. They managed to get away. They lived in a little house and in a short time the rich man burned the house and they were both killed.

The picture on the willow plates in verse:

Two pigeons flying high,
Chinese vessel sailing by,
Weeping willow hanging o'er,
Bridge with three men, if not four.
Chinese temple, here it stands,
Seems to cover all the land;
Apple tree with apples on,
A pretty fence to end my song.
"Sailboats" for Christmas Place

Cards

Pry the half shells of a walnut apart and cut through the kernels with a paring knife. A toothpick stuck into the half kernel holds the coloured paper sail on which you can print the name of the person. Try it.
Margaret Mortson.

Cooking Teacher: "Now, students, describe a gum-drop."
Movie-fan Sue: "A marshmallow in technicolor!"

Social and Personal

Next Wednesday evening will be the last meeting of the Badminton Club before Christmas.

Mr. James Pollard returned on Sunday from a business trip by plane to Winnipeg.

The Presbyterian W.M.S. met today at the home of Mrs. Alexander, Arnold Street.

We regret to report that Mrs. E. M. Sanders is ill at the home of her daughter Mrs. Clara Pattenden, Richmond Street.

A record crowd is expected at the Richmond Hill Glee Club concert to be held in the Masonic Hall tonight in aid of the Red Cross.

Mr. Norman Snell, manager of the Bank of Montreal, Hamilton and Mrs. Snell, were guests of their aunt, Mrs. H. A. Nicholls last weekend.

The Lions Club meets in regular meeting tonight at 6.30 p.m.

The December meeting of the Richmond Hill High School Board will be held tonight.

Everyone is invited to hear Mr. John F. Clark give an illustrated talk on home beautification in the Municipal Hall next Wednesday evening.

Mrs. M. A. Hunter of Belleville who is in her 86th year and travelling alone, called on her old friend Mrs. Wm. Cook before leaving last Tuesday to spend the winter with her daughter and family Rev. and Mrs. M. Perley in Sydney, B.C.

The Euchre Com. of the Orange Lodges wish to express thanks and appreciation to those who generously donated prizes and helped to make the Euchre a success. Half the proceeds will be given to the local branch of the Red Cross and the balance is to be used to purchase wool to knit soldier comforts to be given direct to boys on active service.

Reserve the evening of Wednesday, December 20th for an event which you will not want to miss. The United Church choir is holding a Candle Light Service in the church at which the program will be entirely in the spirit of Christmas, including carols in which the audience will join, solos, quartette and choral music. Mr. Norman Vorster of Toronto will be baritone soloist. A collection will be taken for the choir funds. Complete programme to be announced in next week's paper.

IDEAL GIFTS

The ideal Christmas gift for father, brother or boy friend would be something from our complete line of men's and boys' furnishings. See us for Christmas gifts. Richmond Tailors, Richmond Hill.

FINE NEW STORE OPEN ON YONGE STREET

Richmond Hill business section has been greatly improved by the fine new radio and electrical store opened by Gar. Yerex, well known radio dealer. A new front and extensive improvements have made it one of the town's most modern and attractive places of business and in this issue Mr. Yerex extends an invitation to all to visit him at his new stand.

IN MEMORIAM

FRISBY—In loving memory of our darling Leonard, who passed away December 9th, 1938, age 4 years. The memory of his dear wee ways will linger with us all our days; Sweetest flower, too sweet to stay, God took him home to show us the way.
—Sadly missed by Mamma, Daddy and brother Graham.

RICHVALE RED CROSS

December 11th—There will be a Euchre sponsored by Richvale Red Cross held in Richvale School at 8 p.m. Second playing of three games for aggregate prize. Prizes for high score as well.

December 14th—Royal Tour Movies will be shown in Richvale church. First showing at 7.30 p.m., second showing at 9. Admission 5c. and 10c., but more would not be refused.

December 18th—This will be a special occasion and last euchre for this year so the organization hopes to have a full house. Special attraction will be the draw for the Silver Fox Fur donated by Mrs. E. T. Stephens. Last game for aggregate prize (blanket donated by Mr. J. J. Taylor) which will be presented to the winner. Prizes for high scores as well.

OBITUARY

LATE MRS. C. L. MAPES

Alice Ann Dooks, beloved wife of C. L. Mapes of West Hamilton died suddenly in Toronto on Saturday, December 2nd, in her 71st year.

The funeral was held from the home of deceased's niece, Mrs. W. H. Wellman at Headford on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. McDonald of Headford United Church had charge of the service. Pallbearers were S. Barraclough, Freeman Barker, Geo. Barker, W. H. Wellman, Jas. Robson, Robert Dooks. Interment followed in Headford Cemetery.

LATE MRS. D. PHINNEY

Zillah Dixon, widow of the late Duncan Phinney, passed away on Monday, December 4th, at her home Vaughan sideroad, after a lengthy illness, in her 75th year. Mrs. Phinney was a resident of Richmond Hill for a great number of years during which time she made many friends. Of a quiet disposition she was devoted to her home, and was a kind friend and neighbour ready to help when needed.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon from Wright & Taylor's Funeral Home. Rev. J. D. Cunningham of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church had charge of the service and pallbearers were, a son, Mr. Allan Phinney, a grandson, Randolph Phinney, and G. Topper, W. S. Scott, D. McGibbon, T. Ransom. Interment followed in Richmond Hill Cemetery.

DONATIONS WELCOMED

Clerk A. J. Hume as treasurer of the Richmond Hill Christmas Basket Fund will be pleased to receive donations for this fund from all citizens willing to help. A meeting of the committee in charge of the work will be held Monday evening next in the Municipal Hall at 8.45 p.m.

BAKING SALE

The United Church Women's Association will hold a sale of Home-made Baking in the School Room of the Church, Saturday, December 9th at 3 p.m.

SHOOTING MATCH

A Shooting Match will be held on Saturday, December 16th at 1 p.m. for geese on the farm of H. D. McCague, Lot 28, Con. 3, Markham. Shotguns and 22 Rifles. Shells supplied for shotguns.

Gift Shoppe

SHOP EARLY

"A lady spied a little gift
Within a little shop—
But Christmas Day was far away
And so she didn't stop.

A lady spied a little gift—
But when she looked again
Some wiser miss had purchased this
And so she looked in vain.

The moral is, that those inclined
Their shopping to postpone,
Like Mother Hubbard find the cupboard
Bare of any bone.

For Christmas comes and presents go
And so, if you'll allow,
We would suggest we'll do our best
To meet your wishes now."

Mrs. Jerry Smith

30 Yonge St. Richmond Hill

Now Open For Business in Our New Store

We are now located in our new premises on Yonge Street and we extend a cordial invitation to the people of Richmond Hill and surrounding district to visit us in our new home.

We extend thanks to our valued customers and friends for past patronage and look forward to increasing patronage in the future.

It will continue to be our aim to handle only the finest quality merchandise and give the best possible service.

We carry full lines of Radios, Refrigerators, Washing Machines, Electrical Appliances and Equipment of all Kinds

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Yonge Street Richmond Hill

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TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
BASIL RATHBONE, NIGEL BRUCE, IDA LUPINO in
"THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES"
Also THE JONES FAMILY in "QUICK MILLIONS"

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DEC. 8 - 9 TWO FEATURES
JOHN CARROLL, MOVITA in
"WOLF CALL"

Melodrama based on the novel of the same name by Jack London.
A thrilling, action tale of the north country.
Also JOHN TRENT, MARJORIE REYNOLDS in
"STUNT PILOT"

Aviation melodrama, packed with a goodly amount of thrills and action. The second of the "Tailspin Tommy" series.

MONDAY & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 12
HEDY LEMARR, ROBERT TAYLOR in
"LADY OF THE TROPICS"

Glamorous picture. A beautifully produced and appealing story.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DEC. 13 - 14 TWO FEATURES
LLOYD NOLAN, PANICE LOGAN, J. CARROL NAISH in
"UNDERCOVER DOCTOR"

An interesting gangster film with ample suspense and thrills.
Also ROBERT YOUNG and ANNABELLA in
"BRIDAL SUITE"

You'll get a lot of laughs out of the mix-ups—A grand comedy drama.