

Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church Will Observe 130th Anniversary Sunday Sept. 21

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada Coming as Guest Preacher — Parish of First Preacher Extended From Whitby to Caledon Hills

The story of the early beginning of the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church is closely interwoven with the life story of a Scottish Missionary of the Secession Church, who for 12 years before coming to Upper Canada had been a missionary to the Gneida Indians in New York State. This staunch hero of the Faith was the Rev. William Jenkins, a graduate of Edinburgh University, who learning of the religious plight of his fellow-countrymen in the British Dominion north of the Great Lakes entered Upper Canada at Kingston in 1816 and travelled westward preaching the Gospel and making a survey. So well received were his ministrations that on February 12, 1817 the residents of Scarborough Township gave him a Call to become their Minister, and on April 10 of the same year the pioneer settlers of "a portion of Markham Township and Whitchurch" invited him to be their Minister. He accepted both Calls and became Minister of the combined Charge of Richmond Hill and Scarborough. As he took up a homestead of 200 acres near Cashel Richmond Hill became the centre of his labours. His Parish extended from Whitby on the east to the Caledon Hills on the west, and from Toronto to Lake Simcoe.

Under the leadership of Mr. Jenkins the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church was organized in the summer of 1817, and the Scarborough one in 1818. As there was a log meeting house in Richmond Hill there was no immediate need to build a place of worship. This log building sufficed until 1821 when the first church was built. This one was replaced in 1880 by the present edifice during the ministry of the Rev. Isaac Campbell. The first Presbyterian service is said to have been held by Mr. Jenkins in the pine grove now the site of the Richmond Hill Presbyterian cemetery. During his pastorate of 26 years Mr. Jenkins travelled over his wide field through forests preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments wherever he could gather even a few devout people. Records show that he performed upwards of one thousand marriages. Many were the hardships endured by this sturdy and loyal servant of the church in ministering to the spiritual needs of his people, and it must be said that his people too were very zealous. They travelled long distances on foot to attend the public worship of God. One young couple is said to have walked from Caledon East carrying their infant to be baptized.

Mr. Jenkins was a member of the Saratoga Presbytery of New York State until 1834 when he along with several other ministers of the Secession Church formed the Missionary Presbytery of the Canadas in connection with the United Associate Synod of Scotland. Since that date the history of the Richmond Hill congregation has been associated with the several unions of the different branches of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

On September 25, 1843 the Rev. William Jenkins died having preached the previous Sunday. His body rests not far inside the entrance to the local Presbyterian cemetery.

The congregation now suffered from a long vacancy of two years followed by a short ministry by the Rev. Walter Scott who remained two years, and of his ministry there is no record. Then another vacancy of nearly two years. Then in March 1849 the Rev. James Dick was called. The church now entered upon a period of growth.

Thornhill became a separate congregation within the Richmond Hill charge. Other congregations were organized by Mr. Dick throughout the County of York. In 1877 the minister's health failed and he resigned, but his congregation elected him Pastor Emeritus with a stipend of two hundred dollars and free use of the Manse, now the residence of the caretaker. The congregation erected the present Manse and called the Rev. Isaac Campbell.

During the past 130 years this charge has had 17 ministers of whom five and possibly six are still living. Of these three are still in the active service of the church, and a fourth retired last June. The present minister of the congregation is Rev. S. W. Hirtle.

The 130th anniversary of the church will be observed next Sunday, September 21, at 11 a.m. when the special preacher will be the Rev. C. H. MacDonald, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. There will be special music by the choir and the guest soloist will be Mrs. Courtney Knappett. A cordial invitation is extended to people of the district to join in these special services.

Open Night At The High School

Friday, September 26th is "Open Night" at Richmond Hill High School. This is an occasion on which the parents of the students are given the freedom of the school. It is the hope of all the members of the staff that parents will accept this notice as an invitation to be present.

Promptly at 8 o'clock educational sound films will be shown in the gymnasium, after which parents may acquaint themselves with any of the teachers in the classrooms. A social hour may be enjoyed in the halls at the close of the evening.

This will be Richmond Hill's first opportunity of welcoming Principal and Mrs. Robbins as well as other new staff members, Mr. O'Beirn and Mr. Wiggitt. The invitation to be present is cordially extended to all parents.

Local Citizen Is Honored At Denver

Mr. H. H. MacKay, Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, was honored this week by election to the office of president of the American Fisheries Society at the annual convention of the organization at Denver, Colorado. This was the seventy-seventh annual gathering of the society. Mr. MacKay is a member of the staff of the Ontario Game and Fisheries Department.

Scientists at the University of Saskatchewan are making plastic from flax.

Women Are The Heroes In Economic Battle Of Britain

'Canada's Plenty—Britain's Scarcity' Local Rector's Harvest Festival Sermon

The Rev. W. F. Wrixon, Rector of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, lately returned from a visit to England, preached to a large congregation on Sunday evening last, the occasion being Harvest Festival Services. The Rector took as his text, Psalm 116, 12 and I John 3, 17. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" "But who so hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

"We in Canada," said the Rector, "are living under conditions which should call forth from our inmost being an attitude of genuine gratefulness and thanksgiving. Our lives are constantly filled with those blessings which should not only drive out of our minds all animosities, jealousies and suspicion, but cause us to look about us on a world where there is much need and where people do not enjoy the high standard of living while we in these parts seem to take for granted."

"Is it not a fact," said Mr. Wrixon, "that we enjoy the conveniences and provision of modern life with scarcely a thought of how we came to have them. With little or no thought of those whose labours and in some cases sacrifices make it possible for us to enjoy the blessings of this land of plenty."

"Twice during the life time of most of us here, Great Britain and her Allies have been called upon to do battle against forces, which, had they been victorious, might have made life for us in Canada very different from what it is today."

Speaking of his recent visit to England, Mr. Wrixon told of visiting Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch, London, Southampton, Dorchester, Winchester and much of the counties of Hampshire and Dorset. He spoke of the courageous women who did as much as any other body of people to win the Battle of Britain, and are doing as much or more than any other group of people today to win the economic battle of Britain.

"I take my hat off to those courageous women," said Mr. Wrixon. "They go out morning after morning in order to get the necessities of life. They seem to queue up for everything but going to church. They queue up to catch a bus or tram to go to their work and do the same to get home after the day's work is done. In addition to having to queue up for everything, they have to have coupons and points for everything in the way of food and clothing. We grumble about odd shortages and high prices, but we are 'in clover' compared to those people over there. People ask me, 'Are the people in Britain really hungry?' My answer is yes and no. It isn't the hunger of malnutrition; it is the hunger of boredom and monotony, the certainty of still another winter of worse than wartime restrictions. It is the hunger of doing without the extras. It is the prospect of facing more months of eating bread, scarce and not too appetizing, with little butter or margarine on it. It is the prospect of 21 meals a week, only one of them with the possibility of a good meat course. It means, for those who have cars, giving up the week-end drive into the country and of foregoing a vacation trip. It is day after day of increasing queues for fish in limited varieties, for an occasional orange or egg. It is the thought of another winter with little fuel."

"Canada's Plenty and Britain's Scarcity should make us think; should make us thankful for our land; should make us want to share more of our plenty with those who live in the land of scarcity. Keep the food parcels going to Britain and thus help to raise the spirits of a great people who have become depressed. Depressed, because having given their all to save all, they find less favourable position than the nations they conquered and the nations they helped to win."

After dealing further with his text and speaking of the application of its lessons today, Mr. Wrixon closed the address by quoting from "What Has England Done?" by Vilda Sauvage Owens: "Great-hearted England, we have fought the fight Together, and our mingled blood has flowed. Full well we know that underneath that mask Of cool indifference there beats a heart, Grim as your own gaunt ships when duty calls, Yet warm and gentle as your summer skies; A nation's heart that beats throughout a land Where Kings may be beloved, and Monarchy Can teach Republics how they may be free. Ah! What has England done? When came the call, She counted not the cost, but gave her all!"

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Thornhill Made Creditable Showing At The Exhibition

In various ways a number of Thornhill residents contributed to the success of the Canadian National Exhibition this year. Possibly we would never have realized what an active part the village as a whole took in the big show if it had not been for the alert observations of Mrs. Percy Bone.

As wife of an Associate Director of the C.N.E., Mrs. Bone attended luncheons and assisted with the receiving at the teas held daily in the Women's Building, under the capable direction of Mrs. H. M. Aitken. She also managed to visit most of the exhibits in the grounds. Finding herself frequently confronted with familiar names and faces she made the mental memos which formed the basis of this summation.

The first building to claim her attention was naturally the Horticultural, as her husband Mr. Percy Bone is past president of the Thornhill society, and 1st vice-president of the Ontario Horticultural Society. Thornhill was exceptionally well represented at the Flower Show.

The beautiful display of Tuberous Begonias entered for Mr. George McCullagh by Mr. M. Marsbergen won an Award of Merit. The Thornhill Horticultural Society made four entries and won four prizes (for a basket of garden flowers) and individual members also acquitted themselves well. President Ernie Kohler with 9 entries won 9 prizes, 5 of them firsts. Competing at the Ex. for the first time Mr. K. Mackintosh took 3 firsts with 3 entries and Mrs. W. Banks won a total of 31 prizes with her 33 entries, among them 10 firsts and 10 seconds.

At the Art Gallery Mrs. Bone saw paintings by F. S. Haines, R.C.A. and Yvonne McKague (Housser). Mr. Haines was the Art Commissioner of this exhibit, and the cover of the Art catalogue was designed by a Thornhill artist.

In the Women's Building "Canadiana", arranged by David McLean of the McLeah Trading Co., attracted thousands and thousands of visitors. Great interest was also evinced in the demonstrations of weaving by Mrs. Blackburn of La Grove Beauty and Gift Shop, and of spinning by her daughter-in-law Mrs. W. Blackburn, which were held in the Handicrafts section during the two weeks. The Women's Institute also had a booth in this building, and Mrs. K. Mackintosh and Mrs. A. Nightingale gave their time one day to look after it. Incidentally Mr. C. Scarlett (son-in-law of Mrs. Nightingale, and former resident of Thornhill) who is a patient at Christie St. Hospital, took first prize for a water color and another for a plaster head wall plaque, both of which were on view in the east wing. Another winner was Mrs. H. Swabey whose knitted dolls are always sought after at local bazaars. She took a second for her Cowboy doll.

At the Dog Show all the cockers shown by Mr. F. Lacey of Glen Mar Kennels won ribbons, and Miss Evelyn Juno's collie got a second. Mr. Earl Richards received a prize for his rabbits.

Local winners noted by Mrs. Bone at the Horse Show included Mr. W. Herbinson, Mr. G. B. Heintzman, Miss Gillian Watson, and Heather and Hamilton McLean who rode their ponies. Dr. G. Watson came second in the Inter-municipality jumping contest.

This list does not claim to be comprehensive. A few participants may have been inadvertently omitted. Also missing are the names of many other talented people in the district who might have won honors if they had had a mind to compete at the Ex. However, all in all, this small community made an excellent showing at Canada's largest Fair. —D.M.F.

WEDDINGS

BAILEY-BROWNING

Knox College Chapel, Toronto, was the setting for the marriage of Miss Jessie Lindsay Browning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, Nobleton, to Mr. William H. C. Bailey, son of Mrs. Bailey and the late G. W. Bailey, Maple. Rev. J. F. Donald heard the marriage vows and Mrs. George Swan, Weston, played the wedding music. Mrs. Roy Howard was soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a portrait gown of white satin, trimmed with Chantilly lace, long imported illusion veil and white ostrich tips headdress. She carried a cascade of white gladioli. Miss Agnes Hill, Nobleton, and Miss Marjorie Bailey, Maple, sister of the bridegroom, were bridesmaids in ice-blue bengaline with headdresses of pink cornflowers and bouquets of pink gladioli. Miss Glenda Blackburn, Toronto, was junior bridesmaid in pink bengaline with headdress of blue cornflowers and matching bouquet. Mr. George Bailey was his brother's groomsman and the ushers were Mr. William Thompson, Aurora, and Mr. Peter Wallace, Toronto.

At the reception held at the Prince Arthur House, the bride's mother received in a grey crepe gown with fuchsia hat and a corsage of fuchsia gladioli. The groom's mother assisted wearing a rosewood crepe gown, flowered hat and a corsage of pink gladioli.

For the wedding trip to New York the bride wore a cherry gabardine suit with navy accessories and corsage of white gladioli. They will reside in Maple.

SUTTON-KENNEDY

Rev. T. R. White officiated at the marriage of Miss Mary Margaret Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, Richmond Hill, to Bernard Howard Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sutton, Aurora, on Monday, September 1.

The bride wore a grey street length dress with rose hat and accessories and corsage of red roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Vennesa Kennedy, in grey with rose

accessories and corsage of roses. James Kennedy was best man. The couple left on a short wedding trip and on their return will reside in Richmond Hill.

BOWLING NOTES

Only ten rinks competed in the Mixed Trebles at the greens last Saturday. The winners were: 1st, G. Hillson, Agincourt; 2nd, G. Winters, Richmond Hill, ably assisted by J. A. Greene and Miss M. Scrivener; 3rd, T. Stewart of Glebe Manor.

Don't forget your entries for the Turkey Tournaments on Saturday, October 4th, Men's Trebles and Saturday, October 11th, Mixed Doubles. Pick your own partners for both these events and enter early as several outside entries have been received.

The finals for the shirts will be played on Friday evening commencing at 7:30 p.m. As it stands W. Scrivener and R. Lynett play A. Harris and G. Yerex; H. Lecuyer and G. Winters meet R. W. Hall and M. Hall with the winners meeting. The ladies' finals will be played the same night.

A ladies' singles competition for club members only will be held at the greens on Wednesday, September 24. The prize, a beautiful satin comforter donated to the ladies.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. John Langman of Cherington, England, a small village in the Cotswolds, was guest speaker at the September meeting of the Women's Institute. Introduced by Mrs. Kennedy of Agincourt, District President of the W.I., Mrs. Langman told of her home village of 140 inhabitants, of whom 30 are W.I. members. She brought greetings and said Richmond Hill W.I. reminded her of the one at home, nobody sitting on the front seats, somebody standing up to move we do this or we do not do that. She felt that the Women's Institutes are going to play a big part in the reconstruction of Britain and also in promoting friendliness among the countries to which the organization has spread in the past 50 years. Several members signified their desire to correspond with members of the Cherington W.I. and in this way establish contacts across the seas.

As the necessary number of members desiring to take out hospitalization protection under the Blue Cross society have been obtained it was left to Mrs. A. Eden and Mrs. L. W. Zuefelt to complete the arrangements.

Mrs. G. Yerex, Mrs. K. Blanchard and Mrs. W. Middleton told of their impressions of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute, held in Guelph. Mrs. G. Cluine brought many helpful ideas from the District Annual meeting. The meeting closed with the usual social half hour with Mrs. W. Middleton, Mrs. E. Little and Mrs. J. C. Young as hostesses.

The Markham-Unionville Lions Club will sponsor an exhibit designed to help in the campaign against cancer at the Markham Fall Fair.

L. B. Heise, Victoria Square, has a peach tree which grew from a pit which this year yielded ten baskets of choice peaches.

Truck Stalls, Man Has Narrow Escape

Mr. Burwell J. Jackson of Maple had a close call when the truck he was driving stalled on the railway crossing at King village on Friday morning about 6:30 in the path of a double engine freight train going south. Endeavouring to start the vehicle, he was warned by Jack Mann of Maple, who was driving west, to jump to safety. Jackson cleared the vehicle by three minutes, in time to witness the most terrific crash ever heard by villagers as the train struck the truck, carrying the rack and baskets of cucumbers 60 rods along the railway track. The truck was demolished, and presented a sorry sight, lying on the east side of the track near the hotel.

The report of the collision was heard for more than a mile away with the screeching of the slowing train adding to the noise, which awakened villagers. Constable Fleury investigated.

ANGLICAN DIOCESAN W.A. BOARD MEETING HELD AT NEWMARKET

Three hundred members of the W.A. Diocesan Board met at St. Paul's Church, Newmarket, Thursday of last week for their monthly Board Meeting. In addition to general business and missionary speakers, a noon day service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. T. Rhodes, and the address given by the Rural Dean of West York, Rev. W. F. Wrixon of Richmond Hill.

Miss Canada, who won third award in the contest to choose Miss America, got her first start on the road to fame by being crowned Miss Bolton. Early this summer she won first prize in the beauty contest at the Peel County centre.

BARBER JERSEYS MAKE RECORD

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OBITUARY

LATE ROBERT MOODIE

The community lost a highly esteemed citizen in the passing last Wednesday, September 10 of Robert Alexander Moodie, in his 73rd year. A son of the late Alexander and Euphemia Moodie he was born in Richmond Hill and spent his boyhood days here. As a young man he went to the St. Mary's district where he successfully engaged in farming for 30 years, retiring to Richmond Hill some nine years ago.

He took a keen interest in sport and was an enthusiastic hockey fan and an active member of Richmond Hill Bowling Club for many years. The funeral service which was private was held last Saturday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. S. W. Hirtle of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church of which the deceased was a lifelong member. Interment followed in Richmond Hill cemetery, the pallbearers being Alex and Andrew McDonald, St. Mary's; Harry and Albert Vanderburgh, Murray Vanderburgh, Melville Walton, Toronto, all nephews of the deceased.

He is survived by one brother, Gideon, and three sisters, Isabella and Jessie of Richmond Hill and Mrs. James McDonald (Florence) of St. Mary's, Ont.

RICHMOND HILL SILVER LACED WYANDOTTES WIN AT C.N.E. Congratulations to S. H. Lumb, Richmond Hill, who with his famous Silver Laced Wyandottes won first award for best collection of birds at the C.N.E.

GIRL GUIDES

Attention! Calling all Guides to meet for a hike on Saturday, September 20. Come to the municipal hall at 11 a.m. Wear your uniforms and bring a lunch.

Men Running Euchre To Let Women Make Up The Delicacies

The third pre-bazaar euchre of the parish of St. Mary Immaculate will take place Friday evening in the parish hall. It will be held to assist in the preparation of the turkey supper which has made the bazaar famous in previous years. The euchre, unlike all the others, will be in charge of the men of the church rather than the women, but on the plea of the men the rules governing their sponsorship were relaxed to permit the women members of their families to make the sandwiches, cakes etc.

"We'll concentrate on getting up the prizes," said one of the men, "and we hope to have some genuinely interesting articles for the winners."

The bazaar is scheduled for Oct. 8 and the committee in charge promises a bigger and better affair than ever before.

REV. DR. ARCHER WALLACE TO BE SPECIAL SPEAKER AT RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH

Rev. Doctor Archer Wallace, widely known author, editor and lecturer will speak at a special Rally Day service being held in the United Church on Sunday, September 28 at 11 a.m. In his own delightful manner Rev. Doctor Wallace will speak to the children of the Sunday school and to the parents and adults of the congregation in the auditorium. Keep the date in mind and bring the family to a service that you ought not to miss.

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