

R. Hill High School Initiation



Part of the initiation proceedings last Friday for Grade 9 students of Richmond Hill High School was the eating of their box lunches with the "help" of a spoon. Above seen as they dine at fresco at MacKillop School grounds are seen from left to right, "boys" Janet Thomson and Diane Hayes, and "girls" Tom Dearden and Colin Barron.

(By One Who Has Been Initiated)

For the students of Richmond Hill High School, Friday, September 26, must have dawned to a wide variety of thoughts and feelings. For the grade nine students, thoughts of "wonder what's in store for me today." For grade 10 and others not in the know, "I wonder what's in store for them today", and for those in the know, "We'll make the little so and so's remember this day for a long time to come." For Friday was Initiation Day!

I was initiated last year, so I entered the school precincts with a faintly superior attitude, fully prepared to enjoy the embarrassed discomfort of the new boys and girls and hoping to be able to catch enough of the fun to be able to submit a comprehensive report.

The first noticeable item was a group of grade nine boys dressed in short short skirts, a girl's blouse and wearing, in most cases one of those silly little things girls are pleased to call hats. They were in the undignified position of being on hands and knees pushing mothballs down the driveway with their noses. They were receiving considerable vocal advice (did I say "Advice") from crowds of spectators and disciplinary supervision from a burly grade 13 student whose job was to ensure that mothballs did not reach the end of the driveway by surreptitious finger flicking!

Inside the school, more grade nines were to be seen crawling along the halls dragging dolls with them. While this might not sound too much fun, it should be remembered that these boys and girls were dressed in short skirts — and they were crawling backwards!

It is interesting to note that some of the actors in this little drama suffered considerable physical damage and I am sorry to report that many had to be discarded with heads or arms off, or their insides falling out. I refer of course, to the dolls and not the students!

It is unusual to hear violin music at this time of the day and naturally this calls for investi-

Official Ordination
Rev. R. W. Irwin

On Tuesday, September 23, a large congregation met at the Richmond Hill Baptist Church, 50 Wright St., at 2 p.m. For the purpose of considering the recognition of the church as a duly organized New Testament Church, and for the purpose of considering the advisability of setting apart Pastor Robert W. Irwin to the Gospel Ministry among the people called Baptists.

Present in the congregation were some fifty-four delegates from twenty-five member churches of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada, including sixteen pastors.

After a brief devotional period led by Deacon George A. Brown, Rev. Wm. Stanley of Christie St. Baptist Church, Toronto, was chosen as Moderator of the Recognition and Ordination Councils. Rev. D. Whitelaw, of Kitchener Park Baptist Church, Toronto, was chosen as Clerk of the Councils. Mrs. W. N. Price, Clerk of the church, read the motion previously passed by the church to call the council, and Mr. T. W. McFadden gave a historical sketch of the church, stressing the growth that had taken place in three years.

The Council then proceeded to consider the ordination of the pastor. Mr. Irwin was introduced by Deacon Brown, and subsequently gave the story of his conversion, his call to the ministry, and his doctrinal statement of faith. A question period followed, after which the council withdrew to consider a motion for ordination. It was moved and passed that Pastor Irwin be ordained to the Baptist ministry. The meeting then adjourned.

A delightful and delicious supper was provided for the members of the councils and friends of the church by the ladies of the local church, who worked very hard to prepare for the first supper to be held in the new building.

In the evening the recognition of the church as a duly organized New Testament Church was completed.

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and ordination services were held, attended by a large congregation of friends and visitors. The Moderator, Rev. Wm. Stanley, chaired the service, and Rev. H. Kettle of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Woodbridge, led the singing. The Scripture was read by Rev. B. T. McSpadden of Langstaff Baptist Church, and Rev. R. Redding of Downsview Baptist Church led in prayer. Rev. D. Whitelaw gave the clerk's report of the motions passed in the afternoon, and Rev. T. L. White of Faith Baptist Church, Toronto, led in the laying on of hands and the ordination prayer. Rev. A. L. Shook of the Queensway Baptist Church, Toronto, a former Sunday School teacher of the candidate, gave the charge to the church. The charge to the church was given by Rev. R. W. Wilson, present pastor of Downsview Baptist Church, Toronto, the church in which the candidate was converted. Rev. P. B. Penny, of Grace Baptist Church, Georgetown, a close friend and former teen-age chum of the candidate, welcomed him into the Baptist Ministry. The ordination sermon was given by Rev. J. W. Boyd of Calvary Baptist Church, Guelph, who was instrumental in the conversion of the candidate. The newly ordained minister of the Richmond Hill Baptist Church, Rev. Robert W. Irwin, pronounced the benediction.

Membership Open
Adults May Join
Sr. Skating Club

Many residents possibly do not know that a senior skating club has been in existence in Richmond Hill for the past two years, and that membership is open to all adults in the district.

Those "seniors" who like to skate and find enjoyment (and healthful exercise) in learning some of the simpler dance patterns, or in progressing to the more advanced dances are invited to join.

For the past two seasons, the members have skated at the Richmond Hill Arena from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Expert group instruction is provided for just plain skating as well as instruction in the simple skating figures and dances. So you don't have to be an accomplished skater to join, most of us are beginners or others who stopped skating in our teens and are practicing to regain our former youthful skating form. Every-body helps each other in the process.

This season also, it is planned to have regular family skating nights when the members may bring their families to skate.

So, the skating club would like to extend an invitation to senior skaters and would-be skaters to join with us. An advertisement in this issue of "The Liberal" gives the phone numbers to call for information. Those interested are urged to join before October 11th to take advantage of the reduced pre-season membership rate.

Mental Health Topic
Men Teachers' Meet

"65 to 100 — the best years of a man's life" was one of the assuring and varied statements made by Mr. J. D. Parks, B.A., D.D., executive director of the Ontario Mental Health Association, when, as guest speaker, he addressed the O.P.S.M.T.F. (Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation) at their September dinner meeting on Tuesday night at the Town Inn. At the conclusion of the dinner, with the majority favoring the Chinese dishes served — President Hugh Grant of Newmarket presented Mr. Wesley L. Jeans with a cheque on behalf of the members. Mr. Jeans, Principal of Oak Ridges Public School, had his home and furniture destroyed by fire.

Introduced by Vice President Karl Kinzinger, School Area No. 1 Markham and Vaughan, the speaker first briefly sketched the history, progress, and objectives of the Ontario branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association, and suggested the utmost co-operation from one and all. Prefacing his main remarks, the speaker stated that as so many people had asked, "What is mental health?", he considered that the most adequate definition would be, "Nobody, at all times, has perfect mental health", and represented by the "grey" on a "black-to-white" scale.

To be of possible future help to the educators present, the speaker graphically portrayed a number of instances of both children and adults who were emotionally disturbed and inadequate to deal with ordinary affairs of life, adding, "Mental disturbances, we all have little ones

of some sort!" Mr. E. J. Sand, supervising principal of the school area appropriately thanked Mr. Parks for his instructive address.

Mr. John Peace, of McConaghy Public School, proved a capable and energetic song-leader, inducing all present to lustily sing a number of old time favorites. In the business session, Secretary-Treasurer Garnet McDiarmid, Principal of McConaghy School, presented the minutes and treasurer's report. Sick Benefit and Life Insurance was presented by Mr. AH Hill; Educational Finance by Mr. Carl Hall; Educational Studies by Mr. Grant Nighswander; Education and Rural Affairs, Mr. Ralph Brown; Honorary Life Membership, Mr. Del Babcock; Legislation by Lloyd Abernethy; Policy by Jack Day; Public Relations by Mr. N. Davison; Superannuation by Mr. Wesley Jeans; Teacher Education and Certification by Mr. Ross Brethour; Benevolent Fund by Mr. Duard Rose, In-Service Training by Mr. E. Sands.

Richmond Hill Schools were represented by Supervising Principal Mr. Duard Rose, McConaghy School Principal Mr. Garnet McDiarmid, MacKillop School Principal Mr. E. Newman, Walter Scott Principal Mr. N. Davison, Beverley Acres School Principal Mr. Grant Nighswander, Crosby Heights School Principal Mr. E. Gooding, and a number of teachers from these local schools. Principals and teachers from schools throughout the York County 1-2-3-4-5 areas were present to make this September meeting of the O.P.S.M.T.F. an enjoyable success.

Mr. A. E. Plewman Pres.
R. Hill Sr. Citizens Club

The Senior Citizens' Club of Richmond Hill held their first elections at their regular meeting in the Lions' Hall on Wednesday afternoon, putting into office Mr. A. E. Plewman as president, Mrs. A. E. Powell as vice-president, Mr. E. J. Healey secretary and Mr. Sheward as treasurer.

With the elections being run by Mrs. D. Fettes, the activities director, a slate of officers was presented to the club and nominations from the floor were called for. As committee heads the following accepted office: telephone membership, Mrs. Davis; telephone transportation, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tilley; social, Mrs. Maud Benjamin; mailing, Mrs. Adlam.

When Mr. Plewman took office he was greeted by Mrs. W. S. Thomson, representing the Richmond Hill Recreation Committee, who welcomed him as the first president of this new club sponsored by the recreation committee. Mr. Plewman for many years has been very active on the committee for the new Christian Education Building just completed by the United Church in the Hill. Mr. Plewman said he had been hesitant in accepting the nomination for he felt it inconsistent with his policy of refusing office since his retirement eleven years ago, as he felt office holding was for younger men. He feels he is the oldest member of the Senior Citizens' Club. "If the organization is to thrive it needs an active head. I will do what I can to get things going," he said in his vigorous way.

On his recent visit to England Mr. Plewman continued, he had looked up some of the thousands

of senior citizens clubs there and found that the "Darby and Joan Societies" were the most like ours.

Committees were also set up, as yet without chairmen, to facilitate the running of the club in its fullest sense... home visiting being among the more important. The programme committee also found volunteer helpers as did the welcoming committee and the maintenance. As yet there is no archivist to maintain the scrapbook on the club's activities.

In view of the interest expressed by so many of the ladies at the meeting in handwork, Mrs. Fettes is considering a sewing and knitting project to assist Mrs. Billideaux in her very worthwhile work of helping an Indian village in Northern Ontario, where she and her husband were stationed for some time, and at the same time an active project for the men is under discussion. Before the meeting adjourned, afternoon tea and cookies, a vote of thanks had been moved to the council on senior citizens' activities who under the chairmanship of Mrs. F. Jackson had worked for almost a year to get the club started. Appreciation was also expressed to "our friends at the library" who have taken telephone calls, kept minutes and looked after the files including newspaper clippings; since the first meeting of the council.

NEWMARKET: Dogs in Newmarket must now be kept tied up all year round, it was decided by council last week.

Expect Final Approval
Vaughan Salary Schedule

By-law approval is expected to be given the salary schedule now in effect for Vaughan Township employees by the council at its next meeting on Monday evening. Already approved by the employees this act will make the schedule based on provincial Civil Service regulations an official statement of Township policy. Council will again submit to

the Ontario Municipal Board for approval a by-law stating that lots of 10 acres or more can only be sold in the Township of Vaughan if the depth is more than twice the frontage. Councilor V. Ryder said the by-law

would be an attempt to "knock out long strip type of development. A letter will be sent to the Department of Highways, and personnel representation made if necessary to back up the Board of Trustees of School Area No. 1, Markham and Vaughan. In their attempt to slow down traffic at the school crossing on Yonge St. at Richvale. Some suggestions made by Council members were a lowered speed limit, a crosswalk, or traffic lights. Deputy-reve R. Kirk stated the Department had put traffic counters up

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