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# Thor Hansen Speaker Horticulturist's Annual Banquet

"With some people you spend an evening, with others you invest it."  
An evening well-invested, was the Annual Banquet of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society held Thursday, November 27th in the Christian Education Building of the Richmond Hill United Church. Nearly 200 members and

friends thoroughly enjoyed an excellent home cooked dinner prepared and served with efficiency and graciousness by the United Church Evening Women's Auxiliary. The tables were attractively decorated with interesting flower pieces arranged by Mrs. B. L. Anderson and Mrs. T. Lamb. Head table guests included Mayor and Mrs. K. Tomlin, Mr. Thor Hansen, guest speaker, Mr. J. Large, president, and Mrs. Large, Miss Gladys McLatchy, secretary, Dr. and Mrs. H. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. George Spratt and Mr. and Mrs. D. Boyd.

The Richmond Hill Horticultural Society came to being 44 years ago and four of its original members, Mrs. A. L. Phipps, Dr. Lillian Langstaff, Mrs. J. Ellis, and Mr. Ira Ramer, were among those present. A fascinating account of Canadian Folk Arts and Crafts, sparkling with wit and humour, was given by Mr. Thor Hansen, Danish born artist and designer. It may be said that Thor Hansen is to Canadian Art and Design, what John Fisher is to Canada. Quoting George Bernard Shaw, that we make plans for immortality but don't know what to do on a rainy Saturday afternoon, Thor Hansen stated that frustration stems from being spectators, instead of participants. Through our minds and hands comes creative power and by handwork, whether weaving, painting, woodwork, etc., we could cut down mental diseases, which now occupy 55 per cent of our hospitals. Culture is the never ending quest for beauty and happiness consists in man's creative imagination. Skilled craft is needed in Canada and is necessary to the economy of the country, \$12,000,000 a year is spent to import articles used for tourist souvenirs. Mr. Hansen included his talk with Kodachrome slides portraying his indescribably beautiful designs, depicting Canadiana, which have been incorporated into the interior decorating scheme of one of the largest industries in the country. Mr. Hansen was introduced by Mr. George Spratt and thanked by Mr. Doug Boyd.

After a brief intermission, Mr. J. Large delivered the president's address, giving a survey of the year's work by the Society. The secretary's report was read by Miss Gladys McLatchy and the newly-elected officers for the coming year were introduced. Honorary president for 1959-60, Mrs. Wm. Redelmeier; president, Mr. G. Longworth; 1st vice president, Mr. George Spratt; 2nd vice-president, Dr. H. McKay; Directors, Mr. W. S. Urquhart, Mr. Alen MacGregor, Mrs. W. J. Large, Mrs. W. J. McLeod, Mrs. D. Boyd, Auditors, S. G. Gurney, Mrs. Frank Dolan.

NORTH YORK — Costing \$1,500,000 a new branch of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association is to be constructed in North York to provide indoor and outdoor recreational facilities for an estimated 10,000 persons.

## Mr. M. Black, Crest Theatre

# "Play Production" Theme York University Women

It was "Theatre Night" for York County's university women at Kingcraft House, King City, last Monday evening when they were privileged to have as guest speaker Mr. Malcolm Black, Production Manager of the Crest Theatre in Toronto. Mrs. Bruce Davis of King introduced Mr. Black who, although still a young man, has a record of some ten years in the theatre. His career commenced with a scholarship to the Old Vic, he was later Studio Manager for radio and television with the B.B.C., and is now in his third season with the Crest Theatre in Toronto.

Mr. Black spoke on "Play Production" with special emphasis on "Pygmalion" which he is directing for the Crest and which will open at that theatre following the current production of "Inherit the Wind." It stars Douglas Rain as Prof. Higgins, William Needles, and others well known to all Toronto theatre-goers. Mr. Black traced the progress of a Production at the Crest from the time a play is first read until it reaches the stage on opening night. The short rehearsal period of only two weeks for every play often creates problems for those in charge of production. When it comes to acquiring properties for a period piece such as "Pygmalion," for instance, steps must be taken well in advance as the hunt for some elusive item can prove to be a long one.

In choosing a play for production, consideration must be given to such questions as: Are the rights available? Are the settings and number of characters practical for our stage? — Does this play, considered with the other plays already chosen for production this season, make for good programming? A director is chosen whose style suits the type of play to be produced. Actors and actresses are chosen for their parts more on the basis of whether or not they fit the type of character the author had in mind.

# Earl H. Graham Passes Resided Markham 57 Yrs.

The death occurred at Toronto on Sunday, November 23, of Mr. Earl H. Graham of Markham, in his 57th year. A son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Graham, he had lived in the Village of Markham since boyhood. For many years he had operated the store and post office in North Markham. He was secretary-treasurer of Markham Citizens' Band when it was flourishing and a Past Noble Grand of Markham Oddfellows. He took a keen interest in Markham Fair and had been a director for nearly 20 years. In 1951 he was president and in later years was in charge of the children's exhibits and the luncheon for the directors. He was secretary of the R.H. D.P. authority before it was amalgamated with the present authority. A member of the United Church he had served on the

Board of Stewards. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, the former Nelda V. Maxwell, and one son, Robert Earl, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Graham and three sisters, Mrs. S. Pipher (Helen) of Richmond Hill, Mrs. G. Gauslin (Lillian) of Clarendon and Miss Hazel Graham, Hamilton; three brothers, Howard and Murray living in Markham and Gordon of Toronto. The funeral on Wednesday from Dixon Funeral Home, at Markham, was largely attended and conducted by Rev. Norman Pick, United Church minister. The pallbearers were Messrs. Frank Grove, Fred Williamson, J. V. Fry, Charles Reesor, Gordon Lunau and Russell Burkholder. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery.

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350	62.00	61.00	33.00	22.00	22.00	25.00	17.00	22.00
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## Candidates Speak

# MacKillop Home & School Hear About Health Unit

Vice-president Ken Smithies presided at the November meeting of the MacKillop Home and School Association on Wednesday, November 26. He asked the parents to help support the current drive for retarded children and also invited any interested mothers to assist in the Well-Baby Clinic, which is being held at MacKillop School the first four Mondays of each month. Mr. Robert Newman, principal, read a letter of thanks from UNICEF for \$127.27, gathered by pupils of grades 4, 5, 6 on Halloween. Miss Staunton, a MacKillop teacher, is recovering nicely after surgery and hopes to be back after Christmas. There will soon be two additional portables at the school to accommodate the ever-growing attendance. Mr. Trevor Pierce, programme convener, introduced Miss Verna Smyth, supervisor of York County Health Unit, who spoke about the public health program in our community. The Health Unit was started in 1950 and now maintains a staff of a doctor, 18 nurses, plus health inspectors. The nurses will go into the home to instruct new mothers in the care of a baby or show how nursing procedures should be carried out for the sick at home; they conduct a pre-school round-up each year and maintain a school health program during the school year; they oversee hospitalization of TB patients, family and follow-up on return from hospital; they record cases of communicable disease; conduct x-ray clinics, well-baby clinics and immunization programs; check on foster homes, homes for the aged and nursing homes. Their contribution to community living is invaluable. Mr. Newman played back a tape recording of a grade 1 class, singing a morning health check — a delightful experience.

Mrs. Buckley, the nurse for MacKillop School, is leaving to become senior nurse for the York County Health Unit and Mrs. Blanche Gordon will be taking her place at the school every Monday morning. Mrs. Buckley explained the Health Program carried out in each school — a health record for each child, immunization program, vision testing

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