LIFE IN THE HILL

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Reeve James Haggart and Mrs. Haggart recently attended a special ceremony marking the official opening of the new wing of the Willows Rest Home, Oak Ridges.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Sweeny accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. Sweeny are spending the weekend ski-ing at the Britannia Hotel, Muskoka.

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"Romeo and Juliet" is the second film in the "Films of Note" arranged by the Library Club of Richmond Hill High School, and will be shown tonight at the Richmond Theatre.

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The Guides and Brownies will this month be making their annual door to door calls to take orders for boxes of their now famous cookies. Not only are these cookies of excellent value but through their sale the Guides and Brownies are making their contribution to the future of guiding in Canada. So when a call comes to your door, instead of buying one box, buy two, and help the companies and packs of the Hill to have a complete sell out.

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The Women's Federation of St. Matthew's United Church held their general meeting on Tuesday, March 1st. Miss Barbara Patterson and Wolfgang Haessler gave very interesting talks on their visit to the Hi Teen Convention at Five Oaks, Paris Ontario. The serving of refreshments concluded the enjoyable evening.

There will be no Group Meeting on March 15, due to the Federation members being invited to St. Paul's United Church at Oak Ridges. Dr. Hinks will be the speaker, and will give a talk supplemented with the showing of slides to illustrate his missionary work in Africa. Those wishing transportation, please call their group leaders.

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Both men and women of the general public are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society in the W. Gordon MacLaren Auditorium of the Richmond Hill Library on Tuesday evening, March 15 at 8 p.m. when Mr. Maurice Grimes, Executive Director of the Ontario Division of the Society will be the guest speaker.

The Unit is also sponsoring the showing of a special film for women only at the Richmond Theatre on Sunday, March 27, starting at 2 p.m. Two thousand women saw this same picture in Sudbury and it is hoped Richmond Hill will top this figure, with two showings on March 27. There is no admission charge. Dr. Lillian Langstaff will be in attendance to answer questions.

Mrs. I. E. Grant and Mrs. Y. T. Lambert are leaving on Friday to attend the annual Horticultural Societies of Ontario Convention being held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton.

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The red winged blackbird — the courier of Spring — is back at Warwick House! Midst flowers and the latest arrivals for Spring — blouses in a galaxy of colours — he is a reminder that its time to be thinking of your own spring plumage.

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Richmond Hill A. O. T. S. Men's Club will sponsor a concert by Metropolitan Silver Band in the United Church Auditorium, Friday evening, March 25th at 8.30 p.m. Proceeds will be for Boys, and Youth's work.

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Two local residents, Mr. Bill Ferguson and Mr. Rex Sevenoaks will next week be appearing in "The Countess Cathleen" which is playing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at The Humbercrest United Church Auditorium, Toronto. Tickets may be obtained by calling TU. 4-1089.

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Tropical islands in the Caribbean Sea provided a delightful warm relaxing winter vacation for Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Mason. After flying from Malton to New York City, they flew direct by Pan-American plane to San Juan, in Puerto Rico. Following a brief stay at this scenic and historic island, they flew on to St. Thomas, the largest in the Virgin Island group to stay two weeks at the "Beachcombers," a resort hotel situated right on the golden sandy beach — enabling the Masons to enjoy swimming in the buoyant salt sea water — especially at a constant temperature of 78 degrees! During their entire stay, the weather was clear and sunny, with the temperature averaging from 80 to 85 degrees, though some of the mainland southern resort areas were not so fortunate.

Their stay was further enhanced by taking advantage of the steamer and trips by airplane to St. John, St. Croix, Tortola, Beef Island in the Virgin Island group — some under the government of Britain and also the United States — providing sandy beaches for shell hunting, and under water coral reefs. The shops with their ancient exteriors were well stocked, with imported goods and with those manufactured by the natives. Food was excellent and the freshly-picked subtropic fruits — mangoes, guavas, bananas, coconuts — all provided a new flavour. On leaving this friendly tropical environment, the trip by air to New York City and on to Malton climaxed the winter vacation of Dr. and Mrs. Mason.

Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Scrivener

Once again, residents of Richmond Hill take pride and pleasure in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. William Scrivener of Centre Street West on a two-fold anniversary — the occasion of their 52nd wedding anniversary, March 4th, and also the birthday — that brought Mr. Scrivener into his 90th year.

"Amazing," "Unbelievable" are terms overheard in referring to the man who has energetically passed so many milestones. It is good to see "Uncle Bill" — as he is affectionately termed by all who know him — who, with his active step, cheery "hullo" and wave as he walks along Yonge Street past "The Liberal" office daily (and Sunday) to his duties as Sexton at St. Mary's Anglican Church, a post he has held for many years, and still does a "wonderful job."

Mr. Scrivener was born on Eglinton Avenue, opposite Taylor's Park, was married in 1908 to Miss Jessie Cooper, at the bride's home in Teston. Following the marriage, he farmed in Teston for 15 years, then moved with his family to Richmond Hill in 1923, living on Centre Street for the past 37 years, engaging in business of painting and decorating. Their own colourful, well preserved home reflects Mr. Scrivener's skilled tradesmanship, and their neat, productive flower and vegetable garden is highly admired by their neighbours — who are also able to testify as to the quality of the vegetables produced.

The Scrivener family consists of Mr. and Mrs. William Scrivener, and two daughters, Bessie, Mrs. Harold Howe of Toronto, and Miss Marion at home, one grand-daughter, Mrs. Dorothea Fendrau, and one great granddaughter, Linda.

The "Liberal" joins with the family and the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Scrivener in extending best wishes for "Many Happy Returns" of these two wonderful events.

Bank clearings through the six Chartered Banks in Richmond Hill (Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Imperial Bank of Canada, Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto-Dominion Bank) showed a substantial increase for the month of February — in comparison to the figure of the same period in 1959. Total bank clearings for February, 1960 amounted to $3,764,628.70.

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The Cancer Society of Richmond Hill are asking for volunteers to drive patients to the Princess Margaret Hospital at Wellesley and Sherbourne Streets. It entails only five trips throughout the year, but this small contribution by you will give immeasurable assistance to those patients and the society. If you wish to help please call TU. 4-4821.

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Local service clubs are co-operating to establish a Counselling Service for this community which they hope will be helpful to many people. Representatives of Lions, Rotary, Kinsmen and Civitans will form a committee to provide free counselling on any problem. The new organization will work closely with the Welfare Committee of the different clubs. Further announcement regarding the service offered will be published at a later date.

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Mrs. Walter B. Douglass has now returned to her home in Dunstable, Mass., after spending the winter with her daughter, Dr. Helen S. Hogg, at Richmond Hill. Her many friends here will miss her very much but hope Mrs. Douglass will have a most enoyable spring and summer in her "other home" down south.

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At the Curtain Club meeting held last Thursday at St. Mary's Anglican Church basement, it was decided to go ahead with the production of two one act plays, 'The Transplanted' written by a club member, Joseph Rabinowitch, and 'Table Number Seven' by Terence Rattigan, with the object of their possible inclusion in the one act festival (Readings will take place in the church basement tonight for "The Transplanted" and Friday for 'Table Number Seven')

It was also carried unanimously that club meetings would in future be held on Monday night instead of Thursday. A radio committee has been set up with the intention of producing several half hour plays to be heard on C. J. R. H. radio. The guest speaker for the evening was Alice Hill (Mrs. Murray Westgate) well known radio and T. V. personality who gave a very enlightening and interesting talk on "Radio for the Amateurs." The meeting closed with refreshments convened by Cicely Thomson and Jan Myers.

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As parents of High School students are you interested in learning what financial aid is available to your sons and daughters to assist them in attaining a higher education? If so, don't miss the Richmond Hill High School Home and School Association meeting to be held next Tuesday, March 15th at 8 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The speaker will be Mr. A. H. McKague, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education whose topic will be "Student Aid." This will be followed by a question and answer period. The executive feel that this is a 'must' for all interested parents, and are hoping for a large turnout as this will be a very informative meeting dealing with a subject continually in the minds of conscientious parents. At the close of the meeting refreshments will be served.

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Miss Beverley Porter has been the guest of honour at several parties prior to her marriage this Saturday to Mr. Kenneth Shulko at the Richmond Hill United Church.

Mrs. Leonard Porter was hostess to forty relatives and friends at a miscellaneous shower, held at her home on Cartier Crescent.

Mrs. Douglas Porter also entertained at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Porter. Sixty guests were present and following the presentation, delicious home made refreshments were served.

The graduating class at Northview Collegiate where Beverley was a student last year, met at the home of Miss Marilyn Miller, Downsview last Monday night, and the bride elect was the recipient of many useful electric appliances for her new home.

Beverley was also guest of honour on Tuesday at a luncheon given for her by co-workers of the Halifax Insurance Company.

Last Sunday a Trousseau tea was given by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Porter at their home on Elmwood Avenue. The bride's mother received her guests wearing a royal blue crepe dress with matching accessories, and the bride elect looked very lovely in an azure blue woollen dress. During the afternoon sixty friends and relatives admired the trousseau which was very decoratively displayed, and later enjoyed dainty refreshments served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Leonard Porter and Mrs. Douglas Porter.

In the midst of all the celebrations the bridegroom, Mr. Kenneth Shulko was not forgotten! A stag party was given for him by Mr. Leonard Porter, Cartier Crescent, and all his many friends were on hand to wish him and his bride-to-be all best wishes for their future happiness.

Ladies' Night Speaker

MISS JEAN BYERS

"Canada's Most Formidable Shopper". Miss Jean Byers, will be guest speaker for the annual Ladies' Night of the Richmond Hill United Church Men's Club, Wednesday, March 16.

As Chatelaine Magazine's investigator of new household products being introduced to the Canadian market, Miss Byers has a fascinating story for the woman who buys and for the man who pays. All members of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend. Tickets may be obained from members of the Men's Club.

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The Richmond Hill Curling Club Ladies section has entered a rink in the Seven Year Filly being held this week at Newmarket. Representing the club will be Anita Brokenshire, Flo Hopkins, Jean Butler and Isobel Davis.

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Someone had a birthday? Or entertained out of town friends? Or maybe went dashing off on a holiday to faraway places? These are the things that make for "Life in the Hill"...and your editor would appreciate hearing about such social 'doings.' Call us at TU. 4-1105 -- drop us a note by post -- or call in personally, any time during the week, we'll be glad to hear from you.

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The Harriet Taylor and the Evening Auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society of Richmond Hill United Church are holding their annual service on Sunday morning, March 13, at eleven o'clock.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Floyd Honey, Secretary of the Overseas Mission Board of the United Church of Canada.

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Mr. Fix-it's in a fix.

Peter Whittall is still hoping to hear from the party to whom he loaned his "888" drill — and we certainly hope he gets results before he needs to use it on his popular TV show, "Mr. Fix-it".

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"Championship Day" will feature the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club's competitive meet on Saturday, March 12. Starting at 1 p.m. in the arena — admission free — an excellent program will be presented, and all interested in this fascinating sport are invited to attend. This event should prove of special interest to parents and others to see for themselves first-hand just the skill and progress exhibited by the younger skaters, due to the talent and patience of the Club's instructors. Trophies will be presented Saturday evening.

The Girls' Auxiliary of St. Mary's had a Mothers' Banquet on February 29th. After a sumptuous dinner all gathered in the west room and enjoyed an interesting demonstration by Mrs. Crawther of the Beauty Counsellor Company. Jane Lepper assisted as a model. After the demonstration there was a skit "She Helped them Decide" with the following taking part; Anne Dewsbury, Glenna Hargreaves, Molly Hardwick, Nancy Munroe, and Jolie Goodier.

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Judy Dick, Beverley Smith and Kevin Gardiner will be among the tiny "Stars of to-morrow" in a skating number of the Ice Revue of '60 being staged by the Rotary Club of Toronto at the Maple Leaf Gardens on March 16 - 18 of next week. These local skaters (Judy and Beverley are members of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club), are being sponsored by the Granite Club, along with 47 other tiny tads, (aged 5 - 6), all of whom are directed in their skating number by Kevin's mother, Annette Gardiner.

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The regular meeting of St. Gabriel's W. A. was held March 8, at the Parish Hall. Formation of a young mothers' group was discussed and approved. The first meeting will be held, Thursday, March 17, from 1.30 - 3 p.m. The programme will include exercising, crafts, and inspiration followed by coffee. Nursery facilities will be provided.

Members were asked to observe Friendship Sunday, March 13, by introducing a new family at our morning service.

The meeting closed with prayer followed by refreshments.

NORTH YORK : Officials and members of the Board of Education for the township of North York conducted the official opening for three new public schools last Friday'

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