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**Safe Driving Winners**



Local Jaycee Jim Sinclair, Chairman of the Safe Driving Committee is seen with the winners in the recent Safe Driving Week sponsored by the local association. The winners were honoured at a dinner.

Left to right: Jaycee Sinclair; Marjory Robinson, Richmond Hill; Paula Barovicka, Toronto; Beverley Lee, Richmond Hill; Wilfred Long Jr., Richmond Hill; and Alan Graham, Toronto.

**Music Night '60 Well Received**

It was difficult to tell just who was happiest about Music Night '60, held in the Richmond Hill High School Auditorium last Thursday and Friday night—the audience, who received each offering of the Junior and Senior Bands, the Girls' Choir and the one act play *The Rose and Crown* by the Library Club, with great enthusiasm and applause; the artists and the actors; or the producers, Mr. S. W. Atkinson, music director, or play director, Mr. N. Roy Clifton. But all in all everyone present had a very good time and enjoyed every minute of the annual affair.

John Seddon, piano soloist rates special mention for his bright rendition of the "Third German Dance" by Beethoven.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the evening was the remarkable progress both Mr. Atkinson and the Junior Band have made in one year. Obviously pleased with the audience response to their sprightly playing and the encore they received.

The Girl's Choir, composed of 21 young girl students of Richmond Hill High School, and said by Mr. Atkinson to be "one of the busiest groups in the school," added a new style to their singing this year, with all sections nicely balanced and in good "time" indeed. During the singing of "The Bell's of St. Mary's" they conveyed to their listeners the distinct tolling of the bells throughout their song.

When the Senior Band swung into their numbers one felt that here was a group who had come a long way along the road of achievement, and one even felt that there should be more heard of this very fine band. Their "Red River Rose" was a joint participation with band, choir and audience (barely audible we fear) joining in the rousing air. Their marches were all in step—and their ballads, such as "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming" were further enhanced by the deep wail of a baritone sax or trombone, in a pleasing way.

"The Rose and Crown," a one-act play by J. B. Priestley, was notable for its adult acting, most especially by Carina Schmarovski, as Ma Peck, who looks like fine material for the future of the Richmond Hill Curtain Club. Carina was a tired disillusioned, faded old woman long past the bloom—and one would have thought—and love of life. Mr. Stone, played by Bradley Bellis, was also a highlight of the play as he clutched his querulous life to his querulous self, despite the fact he seemed to think 'life was not worth living.'

Mrs. Reed, played by Elizabeth McLeod, presented a non-descript woman in her fifties and Judith Maddess, as Ivy Randle and Larry Lucas as her husband Percy, were the typical married couple. Harry Tully, (Michael Burnie) actually the 'hero' of the play won sympathy from the audience for his 'offer to go' with the Stranger, Peter Hiscott who had appeared at the Rose and Crown looking for a shade' to complete his quota for the day.

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**Anyone For Tennis Enrolments Now**

The inaugural meeting of the Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Association was held at the McCoskey Public School at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10. 68 people were present and Mr. Frank Walsh, chairman of the committee, outlined the plans made to enable tennis to be played in Richmond Hill by possibly the middle of June. Several initial members were enrolled at the end of the meeting and most of the remainder present indicated that they would be joining the Association at a later date.

Mr. John Bradstock and Mrs. Cicely Thomson also attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the Parks Committee and Recreation Committee of the town. We urge tennis enthusiasts to join the Association as soon as possible, the more people who support this new association the sooner will tennis be available in Richmond Hill. Phone the Treasurer at TU. 4-3904 for information and application forms.

**Three-Day Spree Of Thefts Ends For Local Boys**

A three-day spree of automobile parts thefts by five local youths and two Richmond Hill juveniles ended May 4 when they were picked up by local police. Out of the resultant investigation, they were charged by the Vondorf Provincial Police detachment and appeared before Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake in Newmarket Criminal Court on Monday.

They were charged with theft, breaking and entering and being in possession of stolen goods which included a car wheel, a quantity of gasoline, a car blanket, two jacks and a number of hubcaps.

The magistrate gave one member of the gang a six month suspended sentence and placed him on probation. Charges against another member were allowed to be withdrawn. Three 17-year-old members were held in custody for one week for sentences and the cases of the two juveniles were held over for hearing on Friday.

A third local youth, age 16, received a two-year suspended sentence and was also placed on probation. He was faced with 12 charges of theft.

**Accident Report Incorrect**

Last week we published a news item concerning an accident on No. 11 Highway on Monday, May 2nd, in which Norman Meval of Richvale was injured. We have been advised that the details as reported were incorrect, and we wish to apologize for any inconvenience occasioned those concerned.

**Curtain Club Wins**

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Bell in the making, unless her husband was very firm with her! Bill Ferguson gave a sincere performance as the retired school master, learned and pedantic, whose only pleasures are his memories of former pupils and their subsequent successes and failures. Be Jones, as Miss Meecham gave one of her delightful performances and provided one of the few moments of light relief in an otherwise grim situation. The final scene, in the hotel dining room, was kept moving at a slick pace by the really professional handling of the plates and cutlery by the two "maids" - Gerlie Smith and Bobby Fitzsimmons - two contrasting characters whom one felt had spent their lives waiting on tables at the Beauregard Hotel.

Previous to its presentation at Kitchener, this play had been performed before an enthusiastic audience in Richmond Hill. The warm wishes of the club's many friends which the group took to the Festival, were matched only by the enthusiasm of the director, cast and production crew. The production was under the capable care of Len Jones, assisted by Neville Cross, John Postlethwaite and Harold Monks.

James Dean, in his adjudication of the play, remarked on the efficient handling of the change of sets, unusual in a one act play, the success of which depended largely on the co-ordination of the "Back stage boys".

**Wm. Riddell Dies 87th Year**

Mr. William Riddell a highly respected senior citizen of Thornhill passed away on May 6, 1960 at his home. He was in his 87th year. A builder by trade Mr. Riddell built many homes throughout the district.

Active in fraternal circles he was a member of Paterson Masonic Lodge. The late Mr. Riddell is survived by his wife the former Bertha Maude Fisher and a son George Watt of R. R. 2 Weston.

The funeral service was preached by the Rev. Calvin Chambers of Thornhill Presbyterian Church. The pallbearers were Messrs. Morgan Boyle, Charles Harper, Fred Porter, Neil McDonald, James Buchanan and Mr. Morton. Interment was in York Cemetery, Willowdale.

**Contest Winner**

Winner of the \$5.00 voucher in the Polaroid "Home of the Week" last week was Mr. Steve Appleby, 100 Centre Street West. Mr. Appleby's lovely home was the house featured in last week's "Liberal".

**Nature Notes**

(The Richmond Hill Naturalists)

On Saturday, 7th May the Richmond Hill Naturalists enjoyed a Field Trip by chartered bus to Presqu'ile along the lines of a similar trip a little later in the season last year. As before, the trip was led by the Society's popular president Mr. C. R. Tilt and thanks to him and to the organization work of the Executive Committee and others, a full bus load of members had an interesting and enjoyable day during which seventy five species of birds were observed.

Of particular interest was the observation of a Lincoln's Sparrow, which is a rare visitor to this area. In fact this may be the first authenticated observation of this bird at Presqu'ile.

Warblers were less numerous than expected for the time of year. Shore birds were not numerous though it was a little early for them. Several redheaded woodpeckers were seen, which was gratifying, as they have been scarce for a while. Numbers of Ruffed Grouse and seven Flycatchers deserve mention, as, in passing, do some black flies.

Deer tracks were numerous, as were stripped stalks in the undergrowth which had provided their winter food.

Though bird watching was the most popular activity as usual, and the customary official records were kept, some interesting botanical observations were made, and a check was also carried out on algae on the various beaches.

Apart from this aspect of this Field Trip dealing with active observation and recording of nature, one of fundamental reasons why every member or guest participated was his or her personal enjoyment of "The great outdoors" in any or all of its many guises, always including a genuine desire that the pleasures they enjoy may remain, and if possible multiply, for future enjoyment by themselves and all posterity. This, of course, is the meaning of conservation.

Anyone who can, for example, look forward to seeing again, in greater abundance in the same wild places for all to see, a beautiful patch of purple trilliums nodding in a fresh breeze off Lake Ontario, is at heart a naturalist, and would, we are sure, not only find all other naturalists congenial, but would be welcome among them, and find greater opportunity and greater scope to derive pleasure from nature, and gain, while doing so, a greater understanding of her fascinating ways.

The Richmond Naturalists are most fortunate in that their membership included a number of well known residents with such great knowledge and enthusiasm, and who are so ready and willing to share with others and thus truly conserve what they themselves have learned. This is one of the principal reasons why, despite a little rain - much less than evidently drenched Richmond Hill - all those who filled the big bus to Presqu'ile on May 7, had such an interesting, enjoyable and mutually stimulating adventure "away from it all," and why also they, and the other members who had to take a rain check, look forward to future meetings and Field Trips.

The final indoor meeting of the year will be held on Friday, May 13th, at 8 o'clock, in the auditorium of the Richmond Hill Library. This is our annual business meeting and the nominating committee will present to the Club a new slate of officers for the coming year. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. T. Boardman will bring a Cornell recording of bird songs with corresponding colored slides.

**Birthday Greetings For 71st**

Birthday congratulations from his friends and neighbours in Concord were extended to Captain W. J. Osborne-Dempster M.C.-M.S.M. who celebrated his seventy-first birthday on Saturday, May 7.

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