

**Wrixon Hall Packed**

**Old, New, In Happy Blend As Spring Fair Is Held**

By F. J. Picking

The exhibits were fine - the attendance was big - the sale of plants was the best ever. But to this observer, attending his first Richmond Hill Horticultural Society event for some years, something else altogether was the biggest feature of the Society's Spring Fair, held in Wrixon Hall last Saturday. That "something" was the welding of the old and the new - a mighty important factor in a town which in recent years has been rightly termed "Canada's fastest-growing town."

The "old" was evidenced by the number of residents who have carried on the effective work of the Society for many years, and who were present at the Spring Fair either as helpers or visitors. Also emphasizing the past was the large number of interesting antiques which had been assembled, plus the costuming of lady attendants in the "bustles and bows" of yesteryear.

The "New" Welcomed

The "new" found its expression in the large number of new - and very welcome - residents of the Hill who were present as visitors and helpers also. Many of them had only made their home on the hilltop within the last five or six years. And, of course, as new and young as springtime itself were the flowers and the plants which were the central motif of the Fair.

One of the "newer" residents himself, Mayor James Haggart opened the Spring Fair for one of Richmond Hill's "older" organizations. He and his family came to live in the Hill six years ago. The Mayor spoke of the work which the Horticultural Society had done for the town, referring particularly to the fact that last year flower beds were planted in front of a number of public buildings. The Society was, he said, the town's largest community organization.

**Old Town Was Theme**

The theme of "Old Richmond Hill" was carried out in great detail throughout all Spring Fair features. Cloaks and dresses and bonnets - and what bonnets - of grandmother's day adorned the belles of 1961 who did a crack-jack job of looking after booths and similar activities. (Of course, a mere male who might make comparisons of those hats with some of today's feminine "lids" had better keep quiet on a somewhat dangerous topic. A retort which might involve Doug, Boyd and his stove-pipe hat, his flowing piratical moustaches and his Prince Albert coat might be the result.)

Many antiques reminiscent of life in an earlier Richmond Hill attracted great attention. Gathered from a number of sources, many of them had been on exhibit in down-town Richmond Hill

stores for the past week, as members of the Yonge Street Business and Professional Association helped the horticulturists advertise their event. Commanding a big share of attention was a display of cards and photographs depicting the Hill in earlier days. The display was loaned by Town Clerk "Curly" Lynett.

**Dancers Well Received**

Another popular feature was the folk dancing staged by the Village Folk Dancers of Jefferson, with Carson Whalen in charge. Experts were on hand to give advice to home gardeners, with many plants being available for purchase. A puppet show, designed to attract the youngsters, found their seniors equally captivated by a presentation of "Jack and the Beanstalk" and the puppet orchestra. Garden slides were another attractive feature of the Fair.

The Naturalists Corner was much admired with its display of a woodland bank. And not the least popular spot was the "Rustic Inn" tearoom which supplemented the snack bar in the main hall, which also did big business.

The attendance, members of the Society said, was one of the largest. The event, usually staged in the Lions Hall, found a keen welcome at Wrixon Hall but all concerned admitted - and quite happily - that the place was jammed.

**President Says Welcome**

Visitors were welcomed to the show by Dr. Hugh MacKay, society president, and Reg. Williams was director of the successful and well-organized event.

Winners of prizes, as the result of drawings made from slips deposited during the week in Yonge Street business houses, were: Mrs. H. MacDonald, Wood Lane, plastic hose; Mrs. M. Gray, 292 Axminster Drive, floral arrange-

ment; Mrs. V. Cobbett, 260 Markham Road, sun glasses; Mr. J. M. Brown, 171 Centre Street West, flowers; Miss M. Worsfold, Box 75, Richmond Hill, bag of Vigoro; Miss Eileen Phillips, 119 Richmond Street, two pounds of grass seed; Vern Hookey, 319 Enford Road, two pounds of grass seed. "Co-operation Magnificent"

After the Fair was over, officers of the Horticultural Society said that co-operation had been

magnificent, once people awakened to the idea of what was being attempted. Chairman Reg. Williams said that many residents had offered antiques of their own to add to the items which the society had collected. Three local ladies, not directly connected with the Fair, had even gone to the length of dressing in old-fashioned costumes, in which they paraded down Yonge Street before visiting the Fair.

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**Shower**

Friends and relatives gathered on Monday night at the Youth Centre for a miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. W. Strybasch (Joan Cober). The happy young couple received many lovely gifts and the good wishes of the community are extended to them.

**Sr. W.M.S.**

The Sr. W.M.S. of the United Missionary Church met on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Ern Hunt. Mrs. W. Paisley conducted the devotional service. Mrs. A. T. Hawkins had the topic. Mrs. Burn Preston had a quiz on Bible Women. Mrs. Lloyd Bolender provided instrumental numbers on her accordion.

**Socials**

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Richardson and girls moved on Saturday to their home north of Ringwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McKendry visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John McKendry and boys in Toronto, on the occasion of their grandson Paul's fourth birthday.

We wish a complete recovery for Mrs. S. N. Doner who is in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto.

Mr. E. Herbert of Stouffville spoke at the morning service at the United Missionary Church. Rev. D. Deeks of Toronto spoke at the evening service in the absence of the minister, Rev. C. E. Hunking.

The young people of Heise Hill Church held their annual Christ Crusaders Rally Day on Sunday, April 9. Rev. Rose Nigh, Pastor of the Falls View Brethren in

Christ Church was the guest speaker. At the fellowship dinner following the morning service, Miss Velma Brillinger who is soon returning to her work in Southern Rhodesia gave an interesting talk on youth activities there, after which she was presented with a gift of money.

Mr. Ake Smith of Stouffville visited Mr. George Baker Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Bowels of Newmarket, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eade and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eade Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farmer visited Mrs. Will Hunsperger and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Green in Hamilton on Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Farmer entertained relatives at a shower for her cousin, Miss Margaret Smith on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Winger,

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wideman, and Mr. George Cober attended the funeral on Saturday afternoon of Mr. Frank Drudge of Elmira, Ont. Mr. Drudge was a nephew of Mrs. Geo. Cober.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Harmon and family and Mr. Gordon Taylor of St. Catharines were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harmon and family.

Visitors last week with Mr. and Mrs. George French were Rev. and Mrs. E. Lucas of Wallaceburg, Ont. Rev. and Mrs. Ross Nigh of Stevensville, Ont. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Nigh and family had Monday night dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Empringham and boys.

Miss Helen Nigh spent a few days with her sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Rush of Ridgeway, Ont. and Mrs. Lowell Brown of Welland, Ont.

**By-law To Govern Sewage Adopted By Vaughan Tp.**

Vaughan Township Council, at its regular meeting Monday, passed two by-laws, covering street lighting and regulating private sewage disposal systems.

The first by-law, No. 2560, authorizes the township to enter into a contract with The Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the lighting of the 18-lot Sylvane Gardens subdivision in the Woodbridge area. Total cost incurred will be assessed and levied on the rateable property in the area.

The by-law, at this stage, merely grants Hydro power to proceed with the project, but before actual work begins considerable detail will be cleaned up between Vaughan and the Commission. It is not known exactly when work will get underway.

By-law No. 2559, a seven-point document, sets out in detail regulations governing the construction, extension and alteration of private systems of sewage disposal and private systems already in

use in the township. The by-law makes it mandatory that would-be sewage disposal systems shall follow written application by the owner involved to the Medical Officer of Health of the York County Health Unit. A \$2 installation, alteration or extension fee will apply, and the permit holder must give at least 48 hours notice to the health inspector when a private sewage disposal system is ready for test.

No private sewage disposal system shall be covered or back-filled until such inspection has been made, and permission given by the inspector.

Contravention of the by-law carries a penalty of not more than \$300, exclusive of costs, for each offence, recoverable under the provisions of the Summary Convictions Act.

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