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### your home & school association

**George Bailey Home & School Association**  
The George Bailey Home and School Association is excited about the November 1st meeting. For the first time in this district, Mr. John Hill will be the guest speaker at this meeting.

If you read the city papers you no doubt have already read about Mr. Hill and his "Instant Education" for Tots.

Now teaching in Etobicoke, Mr. Hill spent 14 years designing and producing a system using children's play blocks, printed with coloured letters, which he says can teach children to read, and read well, by the time they reach grade II.

He has been acclaimed by parents in various Home and School districts, to have presented a valuable experiment. With winning humor and insight into the pre-school mind, he adeptly showed how his method does not interfere with any present school teaching. It simply catches the child at what Mr. Hill claims is the most important period for impressionable reaction - between 4 and 7.

Since Mr. Hill may not be appearing in this district again for some time, the George Bailey Home and School Association of Maple would like to extend an open invitation to other H. and S.'s to join with them for this meeting. Anyone

interested in helping their child to learn to read better should take advantage of hearing this speaker.

The place is the George Bailey School, Keele Street, at the southern end of Maple on the west side. Date November 1st at 8:15 p.m. (See Coming Events)

**McConaghy Home & School Association**  
The first regular meeting of the McConaghy Home and School Association was held on October 16th with a large number of parents and friends in attendance.

President Mrs. Deena Simpson, opened the meeting, welcoming everyone, especially the newcomers to the organization.

A report on the recent skate exchange was most favourable. This annual service grows in proportions each year, and all those participating in any way, deserve a vote of thanks for their efforts to keep our young people, equipped, ready for the skating season ahead.

Mrs. Eleanor Hearn, head of the grade mother committee introduced the ladies who have volunteered to look after the needs of each particular class for the coming year.

Principal, Garnet McDiarmid, introduced his 1961-62 staff.

He cautioned parents once again to instruct their children in the ways of safety.

In keeping with our theme for this season "Explorations into Curriculum, our first guest speaker was Mr. Ross Snetisinger, Art Supervisor for the Leaside Public Schools, who spoke on "The What, The Why And The How of Art in the Public School."

Many readers may be acquainted with Mr. Snetisinger, through the medium of the television screen, as he has been associated with such programmes as "Junior Magazine" and others.

By means of a series of excellent samples of work done by children in his district, from Kindergarten to Grade eight, he explained how teachers attempt to develop the child, first by an awareness of their physical self, then by portraying experiences and environment, involving themselves and others. With the wide range of art materials now available, they strive to achieve a creative independence in the child.

Mr. Snetisinger then divided his audience into three groups, each group working on a project. These included mask making, creating a three dimensional form and tooth pick and plasticine construction. These proved to have colourful and remarkable results.

The meeting came to a close with refreshments being served. It is encouraging to see so many interested mothers and fathers taking part and we hope to see you all again at the November meeting.

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### Nature Notes

By Richmond Hill Naturalists

The October meeting of the Richmond Hill Naturalists was held in the Library Hall on Friday, 20th. The regular reports on bird observations in the area produced several interesting features such as a larger than normal crossbill population, signs of decreasing scarcity of bluebirds and the presence of a peregrine falcon and a young golden eagle. Hundreds of geese travelling through the Metropolitan area on their way South were remarked upon as quite unaffected by the trade regulations and generally irregular progress of mere motoring mortals.

Mr. C. R. Tilt introduced the speaker, Mr. W. J. Lamoureux, conservationist of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton.

Mr. Lamoureux kindly indicated that Hamilton can be located with the aid of any map, lying about 35 miles west of Toronto. Having already provided his audience with attractive and informative bulletins on the Royal Botanical Gardens, he now gave an interesting and witty address on some of the history of Dundas Marsh and its transformation into nearly 2000 acres of forest, grassland, nature trails, wild-life sanctuary and many types of garden areas with as many purposes varying from formal displays to research. Mr. Lamoureux's description of the management of the area with a view to offering optimum benefit to an optimum (not maximum) number of visitors, gave good food for thought, and could well be accepted as a guide for other conservation projects in well-populated areas.

The excellent slides shown highlighted the very wide range of activities undertaken in the gardens and the abundance of wild-life there, notwithstanding that most troublesome animal, the barefoot boy, whose tracks are depicted as a warning on track identification charts. It is very gratifying that the inhabitants of Coot's Paradise Sanctuary are no longer targets for the even more troublesome Captain Coot of his "Hunting Paradise" days, and that the marsh is indeed a notable sanctuary, receiving such magnificent attention.

As for the barefoot boy, the possibility exists that he might be a dedicated gardener-student from the children's garden on a short nostalgic off-duty stroll, and he actually beneficial in the future.

After telling of present features and future plans at the gardens, and of the world-wide resources being tapped to preserve and increase their scope, Mr. Lamoureux, no doubt intentionally, showed a succession of slides of the first of all Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, near London, England, followed by their impressive counterpart in Montreal, in his native Quebec Province, and finally much more magnificent views of his own Royal Botanical Gardens at Hamilton, Ontario.

We were left with the inescapable conclusion that Hamilton has indeed, with the assistance of Mr. W. J. Lamoureux, one of the world's finest of its kind which, if not already, could soon be finest of them all. We should surely study a map and find a regular route from Richmond Hill to Hamilton and get to know more of the fascinating and outstanding paradise that far-sighted, famous and most commendable city has wrested from Dundas Marsh in the midst of tiger-country.

Our well-known president, Mr. Bob Campbell expressed the meeting's sincere thanks to Mr. Lamoureux for his greatly appreciated address. He was also able to add, as a finale to the evening's programme, some reminiscences of his father's of Dundas Marsh before its transformation; including an accidentally discovered and bizarre method of wholesale fishing with the aid of a horse long accustomed to the bed of the Desjardins Canal. This horse is assumed to be the only known member of the genus *Equus Subcanalis Campbellicus*, a *Peskypterous Mutation* found in conjunction with *Amiuridae*, and not to be confused with *Hippocampus* despite the close proximity of McMaster University.

### VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS

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**W.A.**  
On October 18, the regular monthly meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Norman Bell, with 24 ladies in attendance. The guest speaker, Mrs. Wilford, told of some of her experiences as a missionary for over 40 years in China.

Following the refreshments, a "Bring and Buy" sale was held. The receipts from this sale were \$22.00.

**Euchre**  
The first euchre of the fall series was held in the community hall on Friday evening of last week. Prize winners were: Ladies, Mrs. A. Frisby, Mrs. R. Britnell, Mrs. J. Dewsbury, Gents: G. Almstedt, E. Vanderkooy, Roy Glover.

A lucky draw for a hamper of groceries was won by Herman Mortonson.

Another euchre party will be held in the Community Hall on November 3, at 8:15 p.m.

**Guides**  
Dinah Wilcox and Captain Mrs. P. Runney of the 1st Gormley Guide Company were disappointed after having been chosen to represent York Division of the Girl Guides to attend Lady Baden-Powell's address at Massey Hall, Toronto, when due to her sudden illness, this event was cancelled.

Work has started on the building of the new hall in the Victoria Square Community Centre. Material being used is what the men dismantled when they were at Elliott Lake recently.

**Lions Charter Night**  
Victoria Square and District Lions Club 2nd Anniversary Charter Night was held on October 17 in the Buttonville Hall. Following the dinner, catered for by the ladies of the Buttonville Women's Institute, the address of welcome was given by Lion President Frank Williams. Introduction of head table and visiting clubs was by Art Wilson, Lion Secretary. Introduction of the guest speaker was by the immediate past president, Lawson Mumberson. Guest speaker was Dr. J. W. Mohr. He was thanked by Lion Aubrey Stephenson. Toast to the ladies was proposed by Lion David Houck, 3rd vice-president. It was reported by Mrs. John McCague, District Governor Jack Filkin also gave a short address.

The entertainment was given by members of the club, assisted by Mrs. A. Orr and Mrs. W. Brunwell.

Visiting clubs were: Steffville, Markham Unionville, Thornhill, King, North York, Toronto York, Aurora and Richmond Hill.

Lions are planning on having a turkey shoot in the Community Centre on Saturday, November 25; and a bingo in the Community Hall on Tuesday, November 28.

**Anniversary Services**  
Anniversary services of the Victoria Square United Church will be held on October 29.

At 11:30 a.m. guest speaker will be Rev. Sheridan Bole. Music by the Victoria Square Senior Choir.

At 7:30 p.m. guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. J. Davies of Sutton. Music will be by a male choir under the direction of Mr. Cyril Redford. The choir will sing one-half hour before service (7 p.m.) and during the service.

**W.A. Rally**  
The semi-annual W.A. Rally of York Presbytery will be held Tuesday, October 31, in Mt. Al-

### Crestwood Rd. News

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Entertain Powell Road Graduates

The Powell Road annual graduation banquet was held October 13 in Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall, Thornhill.

Mrs. Olive St. John and Mrs. Fran Genu were conveners, helping were eight mothers from grade 7 and 8. This year's grade 8 girls did the serving.

President of the home and school welcomed the graduates and their parents. The toast to the Queen was made by Mrs. Wm. Cripps and then Grace by Rev. Veals of Thornhill United Church. Principal McRoberts toasted the graduates advising them to choose their goals wisely and don't be led astray.

Graduate Nick Paczkowski responded thanking teachers for having the patience and helping the students along when necessary.

Guest speaker, Mr. D. R. McDonald was introduced by Mr. Miller. Mr. McDonald is public school inspector for Vaughan Township. Parents and teachers do everything in their power to provide the best conditions in which to learn. The graduates must look to the future and to the past in order to determine what life holds for them and then set their own goals.

To make a success of life depends on your effort and how you apply yourself. Mr. McDonald read Chapter 4 Philippians.

Former Trustee Sydney Griffiths presented the Citizenship Trophy which he donated to Powell Road School. A replica was presented by James Hayes, last year's winner to Susan Buchanan, Crestwood Road. Congratulations Susan.

Principal McRoberts and former teacher Mrs. Creteau presented the graduation pins.

Graduate Fred Morgan presented Mr. McRoberts with a lovely pen.

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