

LIFE IN THE HILL

Editor Margot Crack



Visiting over the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ashkanase, Leisure Lane, were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pritchard from Montreal.

Miss Barbara Southwell, a student at McMaster University, Hamilton is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Southwell, Church Street S. Miss Southwell is studying social sciences at the university.

Visiting old friends in the Hill over the Christmas holidays were Dr. and Mrs. Leon Bloom and their sons Martin and Brian from New York. Dr. Bloom left in June for Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, where he is doing post graduate work in surgery.

John Seaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seaton, Yonge St., who was recently involved in a car accident at Elgin Mills, is now making satisfactory progress at Branson Hospital. His many friends join with "The Liberal" in extending best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The annual "Euchre and Turkey Draw" held by the Victoria L.O.L. 2368, Richmond Hill, took place recently at the Victoria Square Community Hall. Lucky winners were: Euchre, Ladies; Mrs. George Patterson, Centre St. W. Richmond Hill; Mrs. Stan Ransom, Roseview Avenue; Mrs. John Leece, Maple Men; Fred Thomas, Elgin Mills; Lloyd Beatty, Gormley; Charles Sinclair, Thornhill. Draw for cakes: Mr. Mizen, Thornhill; Mrs. A. Patton, Richmond Hill; Mrs. C. Sinclair, Thornhill; Bert Smith, Elgin Mills; Jack Leece, Maple; Mrs. G. Patterson, Richmond Hill; Mrs. Wilt Young, Richmond Hill; Mrs. John Stong, Richmond Hill. Lucky door prizes; Mrs. James Torrance, Willowdale; Mrs. John Stong, Richmond Hill; Mrs. Deadman, Richmond Hill. Turkey draw winners; Mr. Alex Baird, Langstaff; Sharon Ransom, Roseview Avenue; Jim Bovard, Richmond Hill; Joe Egerton, Muskoka.

The cold weather and brisk wind did not prevent the ladies of St. Paul's Lutheran Church from turning out in record number for their monthly meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. Harvey Duffert of Kerrybrook Drive. Together, the women learned how Christmas is celebrated in other countries, sang a couple of well loved carols, and prayed for hearts and minds filled with the Presence of Our Savior this Christmas. Items for the layette, which the ladies had been working on, were presented and bundled up to be sent to a foreign mission field. Plans were made to help a family in the community with gifts of clothing. Small gifts were exchanged and coffee and homemade pastries were enjoyed by all.

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Home from Westwin, Manitoba, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Roy, Baker Avenue, was their son Gerald, who is a flight cadet on an R.C.A.F. officer's training course.

Lynn Jackman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jackman, Roseview Avenue, is at present on three weeks leave from Laorya, Peru, where he is a junior metallurgist with the Cerro de Casco Corp.

When telephoning Tuesday regarding incidents that occurred 50 years ago — a cheery "Hello" greeted this reporter from three active, genial gentlemen — Dr. Rolph Langstaff, Mr. Wellington Hall, and Mr. William Scrivener, who are on long road to recovery. All three have joined with "The Liberal" in wishing this plucky teenager, a happy and very successful New Year.

Miss Mary Dawson spent the Christmas holidays at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gordon Gray and family at their home in Parkhill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison of Amherstburg, near Windsor, are spending the holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Max Leeson Taylor Mills S.

Visitors over the festive season? Christmas entertaining? End of term parties? Spending the holidays with relatives or friends? As a service to our many readers, "The Liberal" is always pleased to receive any newsworthy items for this column. Drop us a line or call TU. 4-1105 for inclusion in "Life in the Hill."

The non-appearance of two of their guests in time for Christmas Day dinner and family reunion of Mr. and Mrs. William Neal caused some concern to them and to the sixteen guests that were present from Woodbridge, Langstaff, Wingham and Nashville.

Later, word was received from Branson Hospital indicating that Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller of Kleinburg (sister of Mr. Neal) had been injured in an automobile collision at the detour on No. 7 and 400 Highways.

A visit to the hospital revealed that Mr. and Mrs. Miller had both been severely cut on face and neck, due to impact with the broken windshield. Both cars were completely wrecked.

Later visits to the hospital by the Neals, indicate that the condition of the Millers had improved, and it was hoped that they will shortly be able to return to their home in Kleinburg.

The many parents and friends attending the Carol Concert given at the Walter Scott Home and School meeting last Thursday were pleasantly surprised by the introduction into the programme of a nativity play. The play, which was written, produced and directed by Mrs. Mary Donnelly, was the result of many hours of research and hard work, and was an adaptation of an original Coventry nativity play performed in the churches in the middle ages.

The cast included, reader, Irene Winkhardt; Narrator, Janice McCormick; Mary, Shirley Taylor; Gabriel, Janice James; Joseph, Garry Kaszper; Shepherds, Timmy Hill, Alistair Gorman, Ken Morrison and David Kinsley, Kings, David Coles, Wayne Buttersworth, Harvey Gordon, Singing Angels, Peggy Nicholls and Heidi Neugebauer. Angels appearing to the shepherds, Shelly Orme, Donna Armstrong, Susan Tolchard, Pamela Barrington and Margherita Munsey.

The remainder of grade six, under the reliable leadership of Ronald Robbins, ably supported the cast with their background of Christmas carols.

Mrs. Donnelly, who is well known in school and social circles for her talents as a teacher and artist, was assisted with some of the writing and direction by her husband. She has been responsible for many of the plays and pageants produced by the schools at which she was art specialist in England, before coming to Canada in 1956.

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Rambling Around

By Elizabeth Kelson

New Year's Greetings and Best Wishes to all for the coming year from eight women of good will, holders of public office in our area, who have some wishes of their own which they would like to see come true in 1962.

Mrs. Margaret Southwell, the first and only woman member of the Richmond Hill Town Council: "If I have a wish for 1962, it would be that the thoughts of the world's leaders would be diverted from bombs for war to atoms for peace."

Mrs. Ruth McConkey, the first and only woman member of Vaughan Township Council: "As a person who is interested in world affairs, and as a wife and mother who desires the feeling of peace in her home and community, I look forward to peace on earth and good-will between all the nations. On the home scene, as a municipal officer, my theme is for more co-operation between our municipalities for the further good of all our people. I refer to Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan in particular."

Mrs. Kathleen James, member of the York Central District High School Board: "My wish for 1962 is that the cause of education be supported with enthusiasm, and that the parents realize how important it is for their boys and girls to get a good education. I wish to see these youngsters adequately prepared to face life in this complex world and that they may enjoy a good life as well as make a good living. As for me . . . 'God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.'"

Mrs. Mona A. Robertson, Vice-Chairman of the Township of Vaughan Public School Board: "My wish for all of us, and especially for the children who will be the future citizens and leaders of tomorrow, can best be expressed with a quotation from a poem written by a woman and given to the world by King George VI in a Christmas message, which reads: 'I said to the man that stood at the gate of the year, Give me a light that I may go out into the unknown -

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Curtain Club Receives Greetings From Russia

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The men of St. Gabriel's Chapter of the B.A.C. held their Christmas dance at the church. The new executive for 1962 was introduced by past president, Lorne Prosser. These are as follows:- President, Ted Collier, vice president, Jack Hughes; treasurer, Al Lauder; secretary, George Taylor.

The recently formed local Bridge Club held its final game night of the year last week and, as a special feature, gave two turkeys to the individual winners of the evening.

Turkey winners were Marshall Thompson, 148 Lucas Street, Richmond Hill and Lloyd Green of Doncaster.

The next meeting of the club, which plays bridge every Monday in the Richmond Theatre Grill, will be held January 8.

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