

# LIFE IN THE HILL

Editor Margot Crack

"Progressing favourably", is the latest report of Miss Annie Stong who is at present a patient in St. John's Convalescent Home.

Her many friends wish her continued good progress and hope to see her home in the very near future.

Peter Purvis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Purvis, Bridgeport Street, will be playing the comedy lead of the Lord High Executioner in Western University's production of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, "The Mikado". It will be presented in Convocation Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Mrs. Gerald Crack attended the Drama Festival announcement tea held at the Doncliffe Drive home of Mr. Justice C. D. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart on Sunday last. Tea was poured by Mrs. Samuel Hershoren and Mrs. Arthur Cuttill and guests included Festival Director, Mr. Arthur Davies and representatives of the competing drama groups.

Residents of Richmond Hill will be interested to hear that Mr. Cyril Bell is the author of the leading article in this month's "Cost and Management" — the journal of the Society of Industrial and Cost Accountants of Canada. The article entitled "Great Britain, The Common Market and Canadian Industry" has been well received in commercial and industrial circles throughout Canada, where it has been acclaimed for its comprehensiveness and objectivity. We recommend for those who take an interest in world affairs, that they should read this article which is the only one we have read outlining the history of the Common Market from its inception to date. Those who can not get a copy of "Cost and Management" and who would like to read this article should phone TU 4-1909.

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RICHMOND HILL

Best wishes for a speedy recovery is wished Mr. Herbert Sanderson, who returned to his Church St. home on Friday following major surgery at Toronto General Hospital.

Mrs. E. T. Elliott of 431 Fernleigh Circle N., who is a nurse on the staff of the Toronto Orthopedic and Arthritic Hospital was featured recently in a news story in a Toronto daily telling of the work of this unique hospital and its plans for the future.

On Sunday morning, February 18, at St. Gabriel's Anglican Church, the executive and members of the Junior Auxiliary will be installed. The leaders are Mrs. Violet Haggart, Mrs. Margaret LeMoine, Mrs. Eleanor Lowin and Mrs. Hilda Smith. This is one of the newest organizations in the parish, being a junior branch of the Women's Auxiliary.

Are you in the winter doldrums? For an hour of fun, excitement and games, Walter Scott Y.W.C.A. may be the answer. Under the direction of Miss Pat Bell, physical education instructor at Bayview High School, a varied programme of activity has been planned. Classes are continuing in driftwood finishing and all local homemakers are welcome. The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 22nd at Walter Scott School.

Getting to know one another was the business at hand when engineers' wives met at a coffee party on Friday evening in Richmond Hill Public Library. On hand to pour tea was Mrs. Meagher, incoming president, Toronto E.L.C. Wives' Auxiliary. The forming of a professional engineers' wives auxiliary was thoroughly discussed by the thirty-six wives present. A business meeting will be held in the near future; all members will be notified as to where and when. March 15 will bring wives and husbands out to enjoy a theatre night at the Curtain Club, Richmond Hill. Tickets are available from Mrs. J. Miller, TU. 4-4190.

The Y.W.C.A. Neighbours' Group in Pleasantville had a most interesting meeting last Thursday morning. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Wence Barton and their guests were Mrs. Fred Jackson and Miss Henrietta Van der Puy. Miss Van der Puy, who will be national programme secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in Ghana on her return, showed slides of the World-Wide Y.W.C.A. Conference held in Jamaica last August.

After the slides, coffee was served and Mrs. James Critchley instructed the group in the craft of flower making. The women moved to Mrs. R. E. McMonagle's home for a pot luck luncheon and Miss Van der Puy gave an informal talk on "Life in Ghana" which was followed by a question period. New members are most welcome in this group. For information please call Mrs. McMonagle, TU. 4-4860.

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Richmond Hill W.I. The February meeting was held on Thursday, February 8, in the library auditorium. There were thirty-five members in attendance, with Mrs. L. Clement as convener. The members were most enthusiastic in their praise of the talented young guest artist, a Richmond Hill High School student, who played several pianoforte concertos. A brilliant future is predicted for this fourteen year old musician, John Siddon. Mrs. H. H. McKay was the guest speaker — her subject "Herbs and Spices" which was most informative.

In the absence of Mrs. Charles Harding, Mrs. E. Burnie was the pianist. Mrs. H. Sorenson gave a brief report on the "Workshop" activity held recently. The roll call project, i.e. — an article made from one yard of material was not fully supported, so it was decided to reserve the articles on hand for sale at the "Bring and Buy Auction" to be held at the May meeting. As this was the "Valentine" meeting, refreshments and decorations were carried out in keeping with this theme. Hostesses were Mrs. Marsden, Mrs. Hawks and Mrs. Elliot.

Richmond Heights Merchant Tom Surgeoner has been elected chairman of the Newmarket Recreation Commission. Mr. Surgeoner who also operates a clothing store in Newmarket is a resident of that town.

Welfare Officer Norman Lewis is resting comfortably at his home after suffering a heart attack at his office in the town and neighbours wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will soon be back at his office and well again.

Next Sunday evening the monthly Youth Service at St. Mary's Anglican Church will be held at 7 p.m. The young people of the parish will be singing and meet afterwards in the parish hall for a pre-Lenten programme of discussion on a film and the playing of the 20th Century Folk Mass record.

Celebrating her ninth birthday on January 27th was Loris Adamson of Sugar Maple Court, who along with all her friends enjoyed an afternoon of games, and tea highlighted by a gaily decorated birthday cake. Joining in the fun were, Lynn Temple, Alda Bacci, Debbie McVean, Susan Duffy, John Barnett, Barbara Whillans, Susan MacBeth, Kim Perdieris and Cathy Maxwell. Unable to be present due to prior commitments was Andrew MacDuff.

Thirty-six friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fairfield, 29 Starlight Crescent, on Saturday, February 3rd, for a surprise dinner party given with the help of Mrs. L. Cameron and Mrs. Thomas Findlay, for their son Paul, who leaves for England this Thursday to take up an appointment with Fine Fair Stores, affiliated with Loblaw's of Canada. A happy evening of dancing was enjoyed by all, and Paul was the recipient of many lovely gifts.

Paul has his application in for the R.C.M.P. and hopes to return in two years to continue pursuit of this career.

Members of the Curtain Club listened with interest to the speaker at their meeting held in the Theatre on Monday night. Taking as his subject "Publicity", Mr. Douglas Stuebing spoke from his own wide experience as editor of a Toronto daily. His remarks will doubtless be used to good purpose in the future by the club, since it is a group which does not believe in hiding its light under the proverbial bushel.

Preceding the speaker, an improvised skit by D. Stainer, Cicely Thomson and Mary Monks was well received. The evening's program was completed with refreshments served by the coffee committee.

A local resident received by the same mail this week, two letters from widely separated parts of the world — the first from Mrs. D. McAllister (a former Richmond Hill public school teacher) for the past five years living in Brisbane, Australia, where her husband is in charge of a new housing development programme, who says, and we quote "it's 98 degrees and no relief in sight, the children wish they were back skating on the Mill Pond".

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Large bouquets of roses and daffodils decked the Chez Pauline Beauty Salon on Tuesday of last week, when over eighty attended a tea and hairdressing demonstration, held in aid of the York Central Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary. The height of hairstyling fashion was demonstrated, including a "Pauline" special "Woman in Orbit" which caused gasps of astonishment and delight.

The Resale Shop, kindly loaned for the afternoon and evening, was transformed into an attractive tea room, with the main deck being a large red hearted with paper dollies inscribed with the names of all the merchants who had contributed to the afternoon's enjoyment. Another interesting feature was a three sided screen covered with photographs of the ladies' auxiliary at work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. (Bill) Brady, residents of the Hill for the past year, left their Kerrybrook home last week to take up residence in Willowdale.

Profile: A voyageur on the Indian Book circuit. Guess who? None other than Mr. Angus Mowat, a former resident of the Hill now living in Port Hope, who makes interesting reading in the current issue of Maclean's.

St. Gabriel's Friendship Circle held their regular weekly meeting, with twenty-two members present. A social period served by Mrs. L. Reed and Mrs. I. Stringer. Members worked enthusiastically on their hat making, and many styles are beginning to take shape. The meeting was adjourned until next week.

The junior choir of the Richmond Hill United Church held a very enjoyable party on Wednesday of last week, when under the direction of Bob Shepherd, they skated on the Mill Pond, returning to the Sunday school department of the church for hot dogs, cookies and pop, convailed by Mrs. G. Fraser.

The evening concluded with a sing song and skits, the latter proving that among the choir there is considerable acting ability as well as fine voices!

It is a great joy to know that some of Richmond Hill's young citizens are bringing their musical education to the enjoyment of not only themselves, but to others as well. Recently 11-year-olds Robert Freeman and Jane Dean, both students of Miss Ruth Garson, A.D.C.M., were asked to play the piano for assembly at Crosby Heights School. Jane played Schumann's "Ten Little Drops" and Robert played "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach. Teachers and students alike were pleased with the performances of these youngsters.

A "bon voyage" party was held on Saturday evening for Gary Donald who is leaving on Thursday for England.

The party organized by his sister, Mary Anne, assisted by Ken Mitchell and Robert Percival was held at his Oxford Street home, and fifty guests were on hand for an evening of dancing and fun. A flight bag and an engraved cigarette lighter were presented to Gary by his many friends, along with their best wishes for a pleasant stay.

For some time Gary has been working on a part time basis with Loblaw's in the Hill, and it was through this association that he obtained an appointment with Fine Fair Stores in England, where he expects to remain for the next two years.

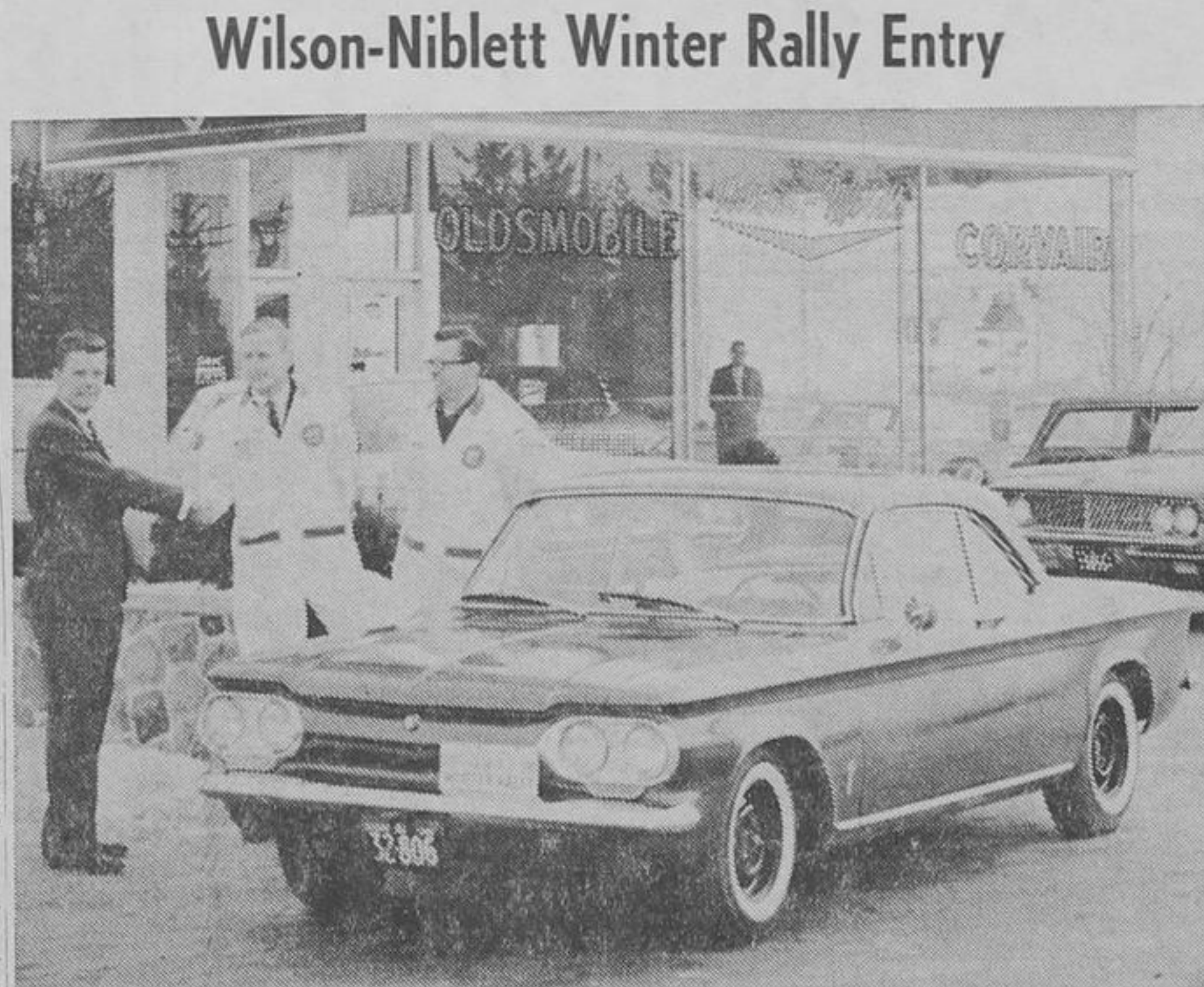
At Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning at 11 a.m. a Memorial Stained glass window depicting the Burning Bush, the symbol of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be dedicated. This is a memorial to those members and adherents of the congregation who have passed on since the local congregation was organized 144 years ago. It is a tribute to those whose lives and service were devoted over the years to the Church of their fathers. Dr. H. H. McKay, clerk of session, will assist in the service. He will narrate the events leading up to the installation of the window above the front door, and receive it on behalf of the congregation. Special music will also feature the occasion, by the senior and junior choirs under the direction of Mrs. Vera Diamond, organist and choir leader.

The men of St. Gabriel's B.A.C. held their Valentine Dance on Friday night. A highlight of the evening was a proclamation by King John (Freeman) asserting the ancient superiority of the male species. The ladies, good sports that they were, helped the men cherish their illusion by waiting on them at supper. No doubt by early Saturday morning things had returned to normal.

The Drama Club of Bayview High School is now in full swing rehearsing for their forthcoming production "The Applied Days of Your Life". This hilarious British comedy concerns adventures and misadventures that occur when St. Swithins, a girls' school is quartered by mistake with a boys' school.

The part of the headmaster of Hilary Hall is played by Dennis Empson, while his female counterpart, Miss Whitechurch, is played by Caroline Wallbanks. Billings, the anti-feminist teacher of Hilary Hall is portrayed by Len McHardy. The love interest is supplied by Barry Menary and Jean Boon who play Tassell and Miss Harper respectively. There is also a thwarted love affair between Billings and Miss Gossage, a gym leader at St. Swithins played by Rita Weller. These principal characters are backed by David Lay, Beverly Bellis, Heather Steven, Gerda Evanson, Mike Burnie Hartmut Haesseler and David Shelton.

This rollicking comedy is being produced by Miss M. Jennings and directed by Brad Bellis for March 2 and 3 at Bayview High School.



The well-known local G.M. dealer Wilson-Niblett Motors had an entry in last week's annual Winter Rally. The Wilson-Niblett entry was a 1961 Corvair Monza Coupe. Firm President Gordon Wilson (left) wishes team member Martin Chenhall best of luck as the other team member John C. Wilson (no relation) looks on. Both Messrs. Chenhall and Wilson are engineers.

The Wilson-Niblett entry finished 12th in the 2,400 mile gruelling test. Of a total of 180 entries some 63 finished the two day course. (Photo by Lagerquist)

## Ice Carnival Held By MacKillop Sch.

In spite of sub zero temperatures on February 1, the children of the O. M. MacKillop Public school held a most successful ice carnival. The many gay and colourful costumes added to the carnival spirit.

Seven major events were contested: costumes, races, puck carrying, figure skating, pair skating to music, obstacle skating, relays and pleasure skating to music.

Costumes were judged by Mrs. K. Butt and Mr. W. Butt from Warwick House, Mrs. E. Redelmeier and Mrs. J. Rabinowitch. Mrs. G. H. Temple and Mrs. D. A. McFadyen judged the figure skating.

All children competed enthusiastically and were delighted with the prize ribbons presented by Mrs. B. Houle, vice-president of the home and school association.

Reds were the winning team, with black, green, yellow and blue following in that order. Each member of the winning team received a candy cane, donated by the home and school association.

Principal Robert Newman handled the commentary chore excellently and Miss Thompson and Earl Orser of the staff held out bravely against the bitter cold and at the same time kept excellent order in the rink.

Appreciation is expressed to all members of the teaching staff who worked so hard to make the carnival so successful.

## St. Matthew's United Hi - C

On Sunday evening thirty-two members of St. Matthew's H.C. gathered in the church for one of the most interesting meetings of the season. Opening worship was conducted by David Shelton, with Barbara Lowens at the piano. The president, Jim Dean, called the meeting to order for business. Linda Price, the secretary, read the minutes of the past two meetings, and moved their adoption. It was announced that the young people from the Hisey Hill Brethren in Christ would visit the group on February 25th next. An invitation, or challenge, was received from the King City H.C. group bidding St. Matthew's young people to meet them in a hockey game next Saturday morning. The invitation was received with enthusiasm, and plans made for the visit. Fifteen teams were organized to canvass for support for the "Invest in Boys Campaign" in support of the work of the Ontario Boy's Work Board. A call to TU. 4-5526 will insure that one of these teams calls to pick up your investment.

The special feature of the evening was an address given by Mr. R. Snider, a teacher at Bayview High School. His address was one of a series being arranged from time to time on other expressions of the Christian faith. He spoke about the Mennonite faith of his boyhood home near Kitchener, and of some of the changes which our present day world has wrought in faith and practice of these worthy people.

The president thanked the speaker, and the social committee served the light refreshments. Next week the group will meet and attend the service at 7:00, then meet separately afterward.

## Presentation Of Better Films Is Aim Of Students

With the aim of introducing better films into the community, an enthusiastic group of Richmond Hill High School students has been engaged in presenting numerous full length films of repute for the past five years.

Under the guidance of Roy Clifton, school librarian, the school's library club has presented a total of eight first class films since students first indicated an interest in better films in 1957. The group is presently preparing for its ninth presentation, to be shown in the auditorium of the Richmond Hill Public Library, Sunday evening at 8 p.m.

The idea of introducing films of repute into the community first came from a group of senior students, said Mr. Clifton. A number of them had seen some Toronto Film Society presentations and decided they would like to institute a similar group within the school library club.

The first film, Great Expectations, was shown late in 1957, in the school auditorium. The "Films of Note" committee, set up to prepare for the presentations, decided to hold the films in the Richmond Theatre. The first theatre showing was held in December 1959. Sunday's film will be Orpheus, a modern French version of the story of Orpheus, a Thracian musician and poet in Greek mythology.

The present "Films of Note" committee consists of Jane Clifton, who is the supervisor, and Edward Jansen and James Glover. The committee is in charge of mailing notices, looking after ticket sales and book-keeping. Members also help choose the films to be presented. Former supervisors were Paul Brent and Jeffrey Leman.

## Charles C. Mitchell

A highly respected resident of Richvale and widely known in real estate and business circles, Mr. Charles Campbell Mitchell of Scott Drive, died at the Women's College Hospital, Toronto, on February 2nd, in his 66th year.

Born in Brandon, Manitoba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Campbell Mitchell, Charles Mitchell received his education in that city, and after graduation, he was associated with his father in the hardware business for 20 years.

In Brandon, he was an alderman of the city council, member of the Anglican Church, Masonic Lodge and Kinsmen Club. On moving to Toronto, he was engaged in business as manufacturer's representative, and on residing in Richvale was engaged in real estate for a number of years. As an active parishioner at Emmanuel Anglican Church, he was a leading member of the stewardship committee.

The late Mr. Mitchell is survived by his wife, the former Bernice Porterfield, sons James, Langstaff, and Peter, Northern Manitoba; stepfather of Mrs. J. D. Hardy (Frances) Willowdale and George Brimmell, Ottawa; brother of Mrs. Verner Gordon (Marguerite) Halifax and John, Brandon, Manitoba; also survived by nine grandchildren.

Mr. Mitchell rested at the Wright and Taylor Chapel of the Pipher Funeral Home, the Rev. Fred C. Jackson, Rector of Emmanuel Church, officiating at the service, with interment following in the Richmond Hill Cemetery. The pall bearers were: Dr. Peter Gordon (nephew), Messrs Ken Shields, Denis Smith, R.H. Baker, H. Bulger and M. Endicott.

## St. Matthew's United Church Marks First Year In Its New Building

On January 31 the congregation of St. Matthew's United Church met in the church building to review the work of the past year, and make plans for the year 1962. This meeting has special significance as it was reviewing the work of the first year in the new church building. A goodly number of the members were present, and keen interest was shown in the various reports.

The session reported an increase on the membership roll of forty-one members, but through reduction of the number of non-resident members, this represented an increase of fifty-three in the active list. Six hundred and twenty-one families are listed as a charge upon

## Students Look, Listen At Town Council Meet

Students from grades 8 at the Walter Scott Public School are keeping their eye on local governing bodies with a vengeance. A few days ago a group witnessed the public school board in action and another group, at a recent meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council, sat through an evening's deliberations of that body. Fourteen were present, in charge of Mrs. R. W. Robertson. The students were welcomed by Mayor James Haggart, who, during the session, explained to the students the various matters with which council was dealing.

Students from both groups will write essays describing their reactions to civic government. The best essays, with pictures of the authors, will appear in "The Liberal".

The services of the church. Sixty-six baptisms were performed, twelve marriages, and four funerals.

The youth work showed the largest increase of any department. The Sunday School roll now numbers five hundred and forty-eight, an increase of approximately twenty-five percent. At year's end seventy-five girls were enrolled in C.G.I.T., and explorer programs. A vigorous group of teen-age young people continue to support the activities of Hi-C. A number attended camp during the summer, and vacation school was held during July for the children who were available.

The auditors reported a total sum of \$20,700, raised by all organizations for all purposes, twelve hundred and fifty dollars of which was for missions. The capital statement shows \$146,300, as total liabilities, being a slight reduction from that shown a year ago.

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