

Local Artist Plans Exhibition Paintings



Otto N. Grebbe, an internationally known Richmond Hill artist, is shown here working on his latest painting, "Sugar Maples". The photo was taken as Mr. Grebbe was working in the Baker maple bush on Bathurst Street in Vaughan Township recently. Appropriately enough, Mr. Grebbe painted the picture during sugaring off time, as can be seen by the buckets hanging on the trees in the background of the photo.

The artist is presently preparing for an exhibition of his work in the Richmond Hill Public Library, April 14, at which he will be exhibiting some 70 paintings, both oils and water colours,

which he has created during the past two years. This exhibit is only a small part of the 2,500 paintings he has worked on since he came from his native Latvia in 1947.

Some of Mr. Grebbe's works, which have been exhibited in such places as Toronto, Montreal, Sault Ste. Marie and Grand Rapids in the States, belong to the Ontario Hydro, with whom he worked for a time, to Abitibi Pulp and Paper and to former Premier Leslie Frost. His art also hangs in such places as the Ontario Legislative Buildings and Canada House in London, England.

Following his Richmond Hill exhibition Mr. Grebbe expects to exhibit in New York.

Police Officers Of Area Present At Traffic Meet

Local police department heads and members last week attended the Ontario Traffic Conference, an annual event, held this year in Hamilton.

Chief R. P. Robbins of the Richmond Hill department and Chief James Davidson of Vaughan, along with Constables Doug Young of Richmond Hill and James Nugent of Vaughan were present. Deputy Reeve Jesse Bryson of Vaughan Township also attended.

Primary reason of the conference, which deals with all phases of highway and road safety, is to enable various municipal officers such as engineers and road department men, as well as police officers to discuss their mutual problems and to work out answers to these problems.

The conference is influential as provincial legislation is often changed or instituted because of recommendations arrived at by the delegates at the conference.

Consideration was given to such things as an attempt to have speed limits in rural school zones lowered to 35 m.p.h. and the institution of legislation allowing townships to pass by-laws varying speed limits between 35 m.p.h. and 60 m.p.h.

Each time a conference is held, committees are set up which work on various phases of traffic safety throughout the year. During the conference the following year these committees give their reports. Some of the committees are for studying problems surrounding school bus operations, transportation or planning problems. A new committee set up this year was the school safety committee on which Constable Nugent of Vaughan Township was named secretary.

**Robbed Grandparents Youth Called Unfair As Jail Terms Given**

A youth recently convicted on two charges of theft, one involving a car, was sentenced to six months definite, six months indeterminate and six months concurrent by Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake in Richmond Hill Magistrate's Court Thursday.

The youth, John Angliss, evidence showed, had stolen a number of articles from his grandparents, with whom he was living, and had sold them. This offence occurred last February. The car theft occurred March 26, at which time the youth was living at the House of Concord where he was to await sentence following a conviction for the first theft.

The youth had been sent to the home because Magistrate Hollinrake had thought it unfair to return him to his grandparents, to whom he is said to have been "very unfair". As he wasn't welcome at his father's home, he was sent to the House of Concord. While at the home he was to have taken mental treatments, however he neglected to keep any of the appointments which had been made for him for that purpose.

Gerald White of Willowdale, convicted of consuming liquor while under 21, was fined \$25 plus costs. The boy was 19 years old.

The trial of Robert W. Marshall, a Toronto resident, appearing on a charge of driving while his licence was suspended was adjourned until June 7.

Thousand Houses Are Proposed In Jail Farm Area

A proposal to build 1,000 houses on approximately 300 acres north of Thornhill south of No. 7 Highway and facing on Yonge Street was offered to a joint meeting of Markham Township council and planning board last week. If accepted, said the proposers, Edward and George Donnefeld, they and owners of other property in the area would install a sewage disposal plant in the neighbourhood and would lay mains along the Don Valley to No. 7 Highway. This would serve a hoped-for industrial development on the former jail farm, recently offered by the City of Toronto for industrial development.

The promoters also offered to sell school sites to the township at cost. Two sites were mentioned, for which the would-be subdividers said they had paid \$6,000 an acre.

**Would Spark Industry**

The Donnefelds said that the sewage system would be installed in lieu of the usual payments of \$625 per lot to the township. They estimated that the system would cost them \$734,000, and believed that it would serve to attract industry to the area to balance residential development at the present time only a quarter of that capacity would be installed. Council and planning project. Capacity of the system, board did not make any decision they said, would eventually belong to the proposal.

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**New Officers And Council Named By C.W.L., St. Paschal Babylon**

At the April meeting of the Catholic Women's League of St. Paschal Babylon Council, presided over by Mrs. G. Baxter, president, a cheque for \$600.00 was presented to Rev. Father Vincent LoSavio, PSSC, pastor, by Mrs. M. Jackson retiring treasurer, to reduce the amounts of the C.W.L. pledge to the church for the Communion Rail.

A special film on cancer was shown. Mrs. Baxter announced that a Leadership Training Course is to be given in September. Those interested in taking it were requested to give their names to Mrs. A. Collins, recording secretary.

A St. John Ambulance Course in First Aid will start in the church hall on Wednesday, April 11th and continue for six weeks.

A rummage sale is being held in the church hall on April 14th from 11 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., under the convensorship of Mrs. F. A. Anderson.

A C.W.L. regional bridge is being held on April 25th in St. Gabriel's auditorium, proceeds going to St. Bernard's Convalescent Hospital. Mrs. G. Baxter is ticket convener.

**Will Visit Hospital**

The Civic Action committee, under Mrs. H. Kane, has a busy month ahead. On the 11th of April a group of ladies will visit St. John's Convalescent Hospital to chat with the patients.

A United Nations TAG DAY is being held on April 13 and 14, and Mrs. Kane is responsible for organizing taggers to cover the allocated area.

On Saturday, April 28th, a cancer blitz will be held starting at 1:30 p.m. and canvassers are needed for this for a few hours.

New and good used clothing is being collected for the Catholic Family Services for pre-school and school children and a display is to be held on 1st May of all clothing collected by various groups.

Several ladies are busy sewing and knitting for the Catholic Children's Aid Society and their work is to be turned in 8th April.

A Lenten "Day of Study" was held recently at Holy Rosary Church Hall, sponsored by the Toronto Archdiocesan Council C.W.L. to study the work of the C.W.L. Education Convensorship and this was attended by Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. M. Fox.

**Executive Is Named**

Mrs. G. W. Marlatt, nominating chairman introduced the new executive for the coming year: president: Mrs. G. Baxter, by acclamation; first vice-president, Mrs. G. R. Durrant; second vice-president, Mrs. H. Kane; third vice-president, Mrs. J. Mather; recording secretary, Mrs. A. Collins; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. Lahey; treasurer, Mrs. J. Heritage. The following councillors have been appointed: Mrs. E. Field, Mrs. Westcrae Drive in Maple

R. Goodeve, Mrs. F. A. Somerville, Mrs. S. Repath, Mrs. T. J. Deacon, Mrs. E. G. Christie, Mrs. M. Jackson, Mrs. L. Corbierre, Mrs. S. Woolhough and Mrs. F. A. Anderson.

A record crowd was present to see the film presented under the auspices of the North York Cancer Society entitled "Time and Two Women" and Mrs. G. W. Marlatt introduced Mrs. M. C. Shirriff, past president of North York Cancer Society and Chairman of the Cytology Committee of Metropolitan Toronto, who gave a brief account of the fine work done by the North York Cancer unit. Following showing of the film, Mrs. Shirriff introduced to the meeting Dr. Alwyn Parchment, who answered questions submitted by the audience.

**Seasonal Grass Fires Are Cause Of Local Department's Activity**

Local fire departments were active again last week with the usual spring grass fires supplying most of the action. However, the wet weather during the first days this week kept the fire hazard at minimum.

Richmond Hill Department fought three grass fires last Wednesday, the largest of them burning off about 15 acres of grass. It occurred on the Calder property near Headford. The other two outbreaks occurred on the third concession of Markham Township north of 18th Avenue, and behind Town and Country Food Market on Markham Road in Richmond Hill.

Of the three fires that broke out Thursday, one, near the G.E.M. Store south of Thornhill caused the greatest amount of damage. About 45 acres were burned in that blaze. Seven acres of grass covering six properties were lost in a fire on Hillside Drive south of the Hill in another fire the same day, and a small fire behind the Lions Hall in Richmond Hill burned about one-half acre.

There were no outbreaks Friday or Saturday but Sunday saw two minor grass fires, one in the Selkirk subdivision near Langstaff and another on Dufferin Street in the Hill.

There were no outbreaks on Monday and only one grass fire on the Elgin Mills Road on Tuesday.

**Vaughan Also Active**

Vaughan Township Fire Department was also seasonally active last week, answering about a dozen fire calls.

Wednesday was Vaughan's busiest day, as they fought nine fires. They occurred on Brookside Drive north of Elgin Mills when a barn, a roof cellar and a number of lumber piles were lost as a result of a grass fire. The Edgar Drive in Richvale, Powfollowing councillors have been appointed: Mrs. E. Field, Mrs. Westcrae Drive in Maple

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