



LIFE IN THE HILL

Editor Margot Crack

HOUSEWORK is something you do that nobody notices unless you don't do it.

A quick recovery is wished Mrs. G. McEntee, who is at present a patient in Wellesley Hospital, where she is recovering from a broken arm.

Mrs. McEntee is the mother of Mrs. M. Maxwell of Kerrybrook Drive.

At the last regular meeting of Richmond Hill Masonic Lodge the degree work was exemplified by the Past Masters. The Master's Chair was occupied by V.V. Bro. Fred J. Graham, ruling master in 1920 and a member of the Lodge since 1912.

Mr. Harry Freedman, internationally famous Canadian composer and musician, will be a platform guest at the public meeting next Tuesday evening in Richmond Hill Public Library being sponsored by the local committee in support of the recent campaign of the Canadian Peace Research Institute, headed by former nuclear physicist Dr. Norman Z. Alcock.

Mr. Joseph Round, a member of the speakers panel of the Canadian Peace Research Institute, addressed the monthly meeting of the Beverley Acres Home and School Association on Wednesday, April 18th. He was introduced by Mrs. Virginia Sully, who is actively engaged with a group of local citizens in promoting information and education on the Canadian Peace Research Institute, headed by former nuclear physicist Dr. Norman Z. Alcock.

George and Al Hill, for fifteen years proprietors of Richmond Hill Hardware on Yonge Street, left this week to start a new business in Creemore, Ontario.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. Rice and family spent the Easter holidays visiting relatives in Windsor.

Putting away your winter clothes and bringing out your spring ones? The W.A. of St. Gabriel's would appreciate any unusable articles being sent to 35 Rockport Crescent, TU. 4-3623, for their Rummage Sale on May 5th at 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Miss Beth Clelland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Clelland, is one of forty-six students who will be graduating from the Toronto Bible College on April 27th, in the Varsity Arena, Toronto.

At the graduation service, between four and five thousand people gather annually to see this unusual religious service. Outstanding music by the Toronto Bible College Student Choir, the Chorale, the Male Chorus, and the Chorale Trio will highlight the evening of music and Christian witness.

Miss Clelland, a former Leaside High School student, will be continuing studies at the college next year, taking a course in theology.

Public speaking contests occupied an important part of Richmond Hill C.W.L. activities during the past month. In the preliminary contest held on March 21st the winners were Robin Taylor of Elgin Mills and Lynn Sullivan of Richmond Hill, both pupils of St. Mary Immaculate School, Trayborn Drive.

Both winners then went on to compete in a major contest sponsored by Region No. 7 in which competitors entered from as far afield as Bradford. This event held in St. Mary Immaculate School was chaired by Mrs. A. Smith, and musical selections played by Mrs. Southcott, were enjoyed during the intermission.

Judges were Mrs. Clifford Noble, Archdiocesan Convent of Education, Mrs. Bruder, Archdiocesan Treasurer, Mrs. J. Matthews, Recording Secretary and Mr. V. V. DeMareo, of the C.W.L. Club. Congratulations are extended to the winners of this contest, Brian Bell and Sylvia Pheel, both of Markham Parish. Among those attending from Richmond Hill Parish were Mrs. William Henderson, President of Region No. 7 and Mrs. John Lawlor, President of St. Mary's C.W.L. Richmond Hill.

Immediately following the presentation in Richmond Hill of "Ladies In Retirement", the Curtain Club will take their festival winning play "Don't Listen Ladies" to Hart House for a run of three nights, beginning May 3 prior to making the trip to Winnipeg for the Dominion Drama Festival, when the Curtain Club play will be presented on the final night of the festival, May 19th. Tickets for both plays may be obtained from members of the club, and while Friday and Saturday night are sold out for this week for "Ladies In Retirement", tickets are still available for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. and tickets \$1.00.

Hart House tickets are \$1.50 and curtain time 8:30 p.m. and since the proceeds of the three nights in Toronto will help to finance the club's trip to Winnipeg, it is hoped that those who missed the play in Richmond Hill will make an effort to support the club at Hart House.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Keith Fraser and their children Miriam and Graeme from Ottawa, are spending the Easter holidays with Mrs. Fraser's father, Mr. Frank Tate at his home on Church Street South.

Due to Easter, there was no regular meeting of St. Gabriel's Friendship Circle this week but final preparations were made for the presentation of the play, "Wanted a Leader" on the afternoon of May 10th at St. Mary's Anglican Church Dearey meeting.

The Delta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will celebrate the 31st anniversary of the organization's founding with a banquet at The Summit View Restaurant on May 1st at 7:30.

Thirty-one years ago the first chapter of the Sorority was formed in Abilene, Kansas. There are now 7,000 chapters and 150,000 members in fourteen countries.

In addition to the banquet, traditional ceremonies will be observed. The guest speaker for the evening is Mary Monks well known member of the Curtain Club.

Annabelle Black has been selected for the honor of presenting a special message from the sorority's founder. She has received the message from the International Headquarters in Kansas City.

Every night is "Ladies" night at the Curtain Club Theatre. "Ladies In Retirement" that is following so closely on the previous play "Don't Listen Ladies", it is not surprising that some people are confusing the titles of the two plays. The casts are having difficulty. When you have seen "Ladies In Retirement" however, you will have no difficulty at all in separating the two plays. This is a thriller, which while it has a definite comic appeal, has a macabre theme, heightened by the excellent setting of Mrs. Mary Donnelly. The mistletoe over the Essex marshes, the tolling of the priory bell, the bricked up bake oven, (what lies behind that wall?), are all evocative of the sinister mood.

It is certain that audiences will delight in the two old ladies who in the modern idiom could be described as "kooky" to say the least, and who have obviously "retired" long before the play opens, one into her dreams of her long-dead sea captain, whose telescope she still cherishes fanatically, and the other with a mission in life to "tidy up the river banks". Her collections of driftwood and dead sea birds are the despair of her hostess, (and incidentally the property mistresses of the production!) It is the strangeness of these two which brings tragedy into an apparently charming manage of single ladies, the play being helped along in no uncertain terms by a quite obnoxious nephew and a flighty maid.

As this was the annual meeting reports on the year's activities were submitted by various convenors, and highlighting the report of Mrs. Basil Paxton, welfare convenor was a letter of thanks from Sister Paul Germaine of the Assumption Hospital, Moosesee, expressing gratitude for the boxes of clothes and toys collected by members for the children in her charge. Welfare activities played an important part in the C.W.L. year and Mrs. Paxton listed the many community projects in which members had participated. Two Red Cross Blood Donors Clinics had been organized, members had assisted in the March of Dimes and Cancer Campaigns, as well as volunteer driving for the Children's Aid Society and assistance at the York County Health Unit Clinic. Mrs. Lawlor announced that events for the month of May included a Rummage Sale being held by the Girl Guides of the Parish on May 5th and a Bridge and Euchre to be held on May 11th in the new school on Trayborn Drive.

Guest speaker of the evening was Mr. John Lawlor who spoke on the expansion of the Parish Credit Union, and stated that by virtue of the charter, membership was open to anyone living within five miles radius of Richmond Hill. Father McGinn closed the meeting with the League Prayer, and a social hour followed with refreshments served by Mrs. Lynn Evans and Mrs. J. Coughlin.

Teen Town
 RICHMOND HILL
 by Joan Buchanan

This Saturday night, April 28th, there will be a "Route to Rhythm" dance you certainly will not want to miss! Entertainment will be provided by a really great group called "Johnny Ray and the Snades" who have recently been appearing at Club 51 in Toronto. Also as an added attraction — the latest dance crazes will be demonstrated by "Mr. Popeye" who is another fast rising Toronto performer. Recorded music will feature rhythm and blues plus the top thirty.

This last dance for the school season will be "open" which means everyone is admitted for just 50 cents. Dancing begins at 8:30 p.m. in the Lion's Hall.

Richmond Hill W.I. Institute members are asked to keep in mind the following dates (more detailed information will be given later).

May 12th — Achievement Day, Aurora High School; May 23rd — District Annual Meeting at Wexford; June 16th — York Pioneers Picnic at Sharon Park; July 12th — The District Annual Rally at Vellore.

"Bring and Buy Auction" will be held at the May 10th meeting.

The Inner Wheel of the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill held its annual desert-bridge on Wednesday April 18th at the Summit View Gardens Restaurant.

President Doreen Ryland convoked the event, assisted by Isabel Butler, Jean Clarke, Dorothy McIntyre and Lorna McDougall.

One hundred and eighty-eight ladies participated, resulting in a satisfactory sum being raised for the club's welfare work in the district. Draw prizes kindly donated by local merchants were very well received.

Almost as common in spring-time as our old friend the robin is that popular spring event called a rummage sale. People everywhere flock to these sales, hoping to find something they really need for next to nothing — and they usually do! The one sponsored by St. Matthew's United Church Women is no exception and this year's committee, headed by Mrs. S. G. Dennis, is preparing for the expected influx of bargain hunters this Saturday morning, April 28. The sale opens at the church on Crosby Avenue at 10:30 and will last until 1 p.m. Clothing, books, china, jewellery will be among the many items offered for purchase.

The annual election of the executive of the Catholic Women's League of St. Mary's Richmond Hill was held on April 9th in Our Lady of Fatima School.

The nominating committee headed by Mrs. Lynn Evans and Mrs. J. Coughlin presented the slate of officers for 1962 to 1963. Mrs. John Lawlor will serve as president for a second year and her executive include Mrs. Clive Betles, Mrs. John Harris of Maple, Mrs. R. Szeller of Oak Ridge, Mrs. C. Cameron and Miss Grace O'Brien. Mrs. William Henderson, president of Region No. 7 of the C.W.L., reported on her recent visit to the Inter-Faith Rally in Toronto. Accompanying Mrs. Henderson was Mrs. Ned Hill, regional citizenship and immigration convenor.

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Obituary
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Born in London, England, George Hollowell in his youth came to Canada with his parents. After living in Toronto for a number of years he and his family moved to Richmond Hill, Yonge and Oxford Streets, where he established a specialized cabinet manufacturing and bicycle building business, some of his products being distributed in all parts of Canada.

Living for 20 years in the white home built by George Hollowell and his sons (afterwards removed) at Yonge and Oxford Streets also planting the high stately blue spruce trees that to-day perpetuate his memory and grace the entrance to the Yangtze Pagoda.

George Hollowell saw overseas service during World War I, and for many years was a member of Richmond Hill Masonic Lodge No. 23. He is survived by his wife, the former Violet Elizabeth Lyon and by sons Jack of Richmond Hill, Leonard of St. Catharines, and William of Toronto, also by brother Leonard in California and three sisters in the western provinces.

The late Mr. Hollowell rested at the Wright and Taylor Chapel of the Pipher Funeral Home, the Rev. J. F. O'Neil, Rector of St. Mary's Anglican Church officiating at the service, with interment following in St. John's Cemetery, Jefferson-Oak Ridge. The pall bearers were: Messrs Gordon and Keith Hollowell (nephews), Ken Hirtz of Thornhill, John Wilson of St. Catharines, Joe Carnell of Richmond Hill, and Jack Watkins of North Bay.

Mrs. J. S. Salmon from London, England, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Storms, Highland Lane, for the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gibson and son Gary of Montreal were visitors at the home of Mrs. Gibson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Angle, Bedford Park.

Mrs. L. Jones, daughter Carol and son Michael, are spending the Easter holidays on a car trip to Washington, stopping at various places of interest on the route.

They are accompanied by Mrs. Jean Sullivan and her daughter Frances of Toronto.

Any social event is news! Why not share it with us? Relatives and friends abroad love hearing from you — send US the news and send them the clipping — it's always appreciated. Call to the editor, Margot Crack, at TU. 4-1105.

The Pleasantville Branch of the auxiliary to the York Central Hospital held its organization meeting on March 28th, at the home of the temporary chairman, Mrs. Grenville Temple.

Mrs. W. Pocknell a member of the provincial executive nominating committee discussed the plans, organization of the hospital and its auxiliary to date.

The officers of the Pleasantville Branch are Chairman Mrs. Gordon MacKenzie, TU. 4-5212; Co-chairman Mrs. G. H. Temple, TU. 4-7767; Secretary, Mrs. J. Symington, TU. 4-3883; Treasurer, Mrs. George Fenwick, TU. 4-1436.

In order to complete the membership list the executive would like to hear from anyone who has taken out a membership as part of this group and not been contacted.

The next auxiliary meeting will be held at 305 Richmond Street on Thursday May 3rd at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. R. J. Millar, hospital auxiliary chairman as guest. It is hoped that the architects sketches will be available and should be of interest to everyone. Come and bring your questions.

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Ceylon Experience Described

Pilgrim Mountain Climb Is Aided By Local Girl

(A Richmond Hill girl, Miss Grethe Dahl, is serving as a public health nurse in Ceylon with Canadian Overseas Volunteers — an organization providing graduate technical service abroad. The need for such service — the conditions under which work is being carried on — the story of the religious practices of people in a faraway land — are told by Miss Dahl in these extracts from a lengthy report recently sent to Canada by her. EDITOR.)

"I was totally fascinated by the small sections of India that we saw on this short introduction. (A three week trip in South India, Editor.) Our three week trip became almost one month for me since I was detained at the Mandapam quarantine camp for six days. Yes it was most embarrassing for a Public Health nurse to have forgotten to have her certificate signed when she received her last cholera shot. My stay in the hot, sandy camp was quite unexpectedly pleasant. The superintendent and his wife very kindly took me into their home and I relaxed and learned a little Indian cooking."

"Well, it's back to home visiting, clinics and delivering babies. This morning we arrived on the scene without a minute to spare. There had been little time to prepare for this delivery but that didn't upset the waves of the birch of an eight pound girl. The new-born was bathed within a half hour after her entry to this new environment. A small lock of her hair was cut and her first haircut will be only on an auspicious day. Once the baby was dressed the mother took off her wedding band to wash the gold in a small amount of water. A little sugar is added and the mixture is spooned to the baby in order that she might have prosperity in the future."

"A few years ago the health department encouraged all mothers to go to hospitals or maternity homes for confinement but it is now being discouraged due to overcrowding and lack of hospital staff. Delivery in a one-room, dark hut with no bed or equipment other than a pot to boil water is difficult and unsafe. We just completed mass vaccination for smallpox after an epidemic and now an epidemic of polio is spreading quickly. Approximately 200 cases have been reported around Colombo in the past three weeks. S.O.S. calls have been sent to Russia, Canada and France for vaccine."

"I have been taking part in other voluntary organizations. One of these is known as 'Sanku yadana' made up of doctors, nurses and other volunteers. Its aim is to give free medical aid to the poor. During this season Sanku yadana is supplying medical aid to the pilgrims who go to Adams peak for the gaining of religious merit. During the months of March, April and May thousands of pilgrims climb the 7300 foot peak known as Sri Pada, particularly on full moon days. Buddha is said to have visited this peak and a temple known as Maluwa has been built around the footprint of Buddha. People from all parts of Ceylon and of all ages complete the strenuous climb. The climb is started in the night so that pilgrims can reach the peak by sunrise. The sun is extremely hot throughout the morning while a heavy mist usually settles in the afternoon, followed later by cold winds and rain. It could be compared to our March weather but without the frost."

"We had 60 volunteers for our four day camp at Sri Pada. We had five camps along the route including one at the base and one at the peak. I spent the first few days at Camp No. 2, 5000 feet above sea level. We set up our provisions in a small cajan hut. Throughout the day and night the young men went out on patrol duty where they often had to assist fainting women or aged people suffering from angina pain. Our most common treatment was giving glucose orally and intravenously to those who had drained their last bit of energy and were fainting. The pilgrims do not carry food supplies with them nor can they afford to buy even a cup of tea which is three times the normal amount at the small boutiques scattered along the route."

"On the third morning our group climbed to the next camp in the hot sun. There was one continuous line of people right to the peak. At about 6000 feet we crossed a cold river that flowed quickly over the rocks. Here all the pilgrims stop to bathe and wash their clothes and rest before going to the top. It is also part of their religious ceremony to wash some coins in the stream and wrap them in a clean white cloth, then tie the cloth around their wrist. These coins are placed on the altar at Maluwa along with flowers. We met a spy lady climbing by herself. She said that she was not less than 75 years old. She liked to be independent and to go at her own pace. She didn't have to wait for the others while they bathed, rested or worshipped."

"The small open air temple contains the statues of Buddha and the god Sumana as well as a large cemented replica of the footprint of Buddha. The pilgrims kneel before the footprint and make three vows and worship, particularly on their first visit. A large bell is rung according to the number of visits to Maluwa. There are two large lamps on which oils and medicinal herbs were burned by the pilgrims. According to western standards of sanitation the conditions here were deplorable. There were few proper bathroom and washing facilities for the crowds. The sea is visible. Gradually, the clouds and mist enveloped us, giving the effect of a ship at sea."

"This is one time when all classes and castes travel together and live together. Throughout the climb the pilgrims sing and chant praises to Buddha and Sumana, the god who guards Sri Pada, and they shout blessings to one another. Many shouted blessings to Suda Nona (white lady) and frequently I was offered sweets by the pilgrims. On the final day of our work we climbed to the peak at noon, just in time to gaze down at the green valleys on all sides. On clear days the sea is visible. Gradually, the clouds and mist enveloped us, giving the effect of a ship at sea."

"The pilgrims were rewarded for their fortitude by experiencing the breath-taking beauty of the sunrise at 6.15. I was losing all hope of seeing the sun rise until miraculously the mist lifted and the pink, gray and golden hues burst forth. The dark, Heles valley suddenly sparkled and white streams of water-falls could be seen in the distance. We then changed our direction to gaze at the perfect shadow of the famous Sri Pada against the gray sky and valley."

"The Sanku yadana volunteers enjoyed many hours of work together. These organizations are now beginning to play an important role in Ceylon's future economic development. I'm looking forward to more work camps with the Sanku yadana movement and the Ceylon Service Civil International during my few remaining months in Ceylon."

BOLTON: Work on the new post office building was halted by council some weeks ago, when it was complained that the building was not set back in accordance with zoning regulations. It was started again when Ottawa officials agreed that local regulations must be followed.

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