

COMING EVENTS

MAY 25 Friday, at 8.15 p.m. The pupils of Miss Garson present "Music Box Concert" in the auditorium of St. Mary Immaculate School, Traybourn Drive, Richmond Hill.

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT — Euchre, Legion Hall, Carrville Road West, 8.15 p.m. **tf39**

MAY 26 — Saturday. Bayview High School commencing 7.30 Midmer Dance Studio presents Show Time 1962. **clw47**

MAY 27 — Sunday. Hope United Church Sunday School Anniversary, 11 a.m. Speaker Rev. Charles Ferguson, secretary for Church Vacation Schools and Junior Boys of the Board of Christian Education. Testimonies and music will be given. Music supplied from Teston choir. **clw47**

MAY 28 — Monday, 8 p.m. Euchre at Buttonville Hall, sponsored by Doncaster Community Ladies' Club. Refreshments and good prizes. Admission 50c. **clw47**

A MODERN PARABLE

The Federal Highway authorities say that last year the AVERAGE motorist travelled 9529 miles on 672 gallons for 17.3 miles per gallon.

It's a curious trait of human nature that most of us like to exaggerate a little about poor or good mileage. It's best to add a grain of that proverbial salt to most folk's testimony on mileage matters.

If you are dissatisfied with your mileage, check it against the official figures and chances are you'll find you're pretty close to normal.

Reminds me of a story going around some years back that had more truth than fiction. It concerned an economy-minded motorist who set his sight on gas savings to the exclusion of all else. He finally decided to buy one of the smallest small cars.

He equated about mileage of every owner he met and all the figures seemed to average out about 23 MPG. But despite the most careful record keeping over a thousand miles, the best figure he could come up with was 17 MPG.

When a second thousand mile check failed to raise that figure, he took his problems to his dealer, offering to pay for it if the dealer would adjust the motor to "get 23 MPG like the other owners are getting."

"You'd only be wasting your money," the dealer replied. "There's only one way to get that mileage and that's the way they do it."

"How's that," asked the motorist.

"By lying about it." Plan to attend the Rummage Sale in the basement of the Church of St. Theodore of Canterbury, Moore Park and Cactus Ave., Willowdale. Stop 12B on Saturday May 26th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Howard Sale Ends Link With Past

By Doris FitzGerald

Articles ranging from ancient farm implements, china, glass and furniture, to a 1951 Plymouth Station Wagon with matching luggage trailer, will be auctioned by Alvin S. Farmer, at the old Pearson homestead at the corner of Yonge and John Sts., Thornhill, on Saturday afternoon, May 26. They represent the excess accumulation of 66 years of family living in one house, augmented by furnishings and effects left by relatives. Such sales have always been popular and well attended country pastimes, but too often, hidden beneath the stir and excitement there is an element of sadness. No tragic circumstances are involved in this instance, but "old timers" feel deep regret that it is virtually a farewell to a respected family who have been leaders in church and community work, and in musical circles, in the Thornhill area for many years; and a good-bye too to the last vestiges of a picturesque Yonge St. farm. The property was recently sold for undisclosed commercial purposes, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Howard plan to move to the vicinity of Beeton where their son-in-law and eldest daughter Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas Wilcox, and their two small boys have a farm. Their other daughter Mary, and her husband, Alister Matheson and their three little girls live near Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Howard, only child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pearson is the sole remaining member of the Pearson family, founded in this district in pioneer days by James Pearson who came out from England on a sailing ship. His son also James, farmed on lot 27, Yonge St. in Vaughan Township until 1870, when he traded it for lot 38, Yonge St., through which Rosevelt Drive now runs. James had five children. Four of them were Sarah, whose fiancé was Dr. Albert Wood, who died, Wesley and Will, never married, but remained together on this farm until it was sold in 1944, when they bought and moved to a house on Centre St. Thornhill. The fourth son, another James, took his bride Ida Melosh of Carrville, to the comfortable farm house at the corner of Yonge and John Sts., in 1896, and it has been the family home ever since. Here the Pearsons daughter Cecile was born, and here they celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. At first Mr. and Mrs. Pearson were tenants, as the Ebans family who owned the property were reluctant to sell, but in 1921 Mr. Pearson who was a butcher and drover, finally acquired the house and 27 acre farm. After the second

World War he sold most of the John St. frontage to the Department of Veterans Affairs for building lots, and we missed the sight of his two red cows ambling down to drink at the willow creek.

The roomy old clapboard house, an interesting link with early days in the village, was probably built in the eighteenth century. The property on which it stands was bought in 1824 by Jordan Post, a well known watchmaker in York, and eventually passed to his granddaughter Martha Milburn who married John R. Arnold of Thornhill in 1847. The Arnolds lived here for some years before moving to Richmond Hill where they gave a corner of land as a site for St. Mary's Anglican Church. At one time the house is believed to have been used as a private school for young ladies. Wallpaper had been pasted on the floor of the large upstairs school room, and then varnished. At another time it gained a reputation for being haunted. Mr. and Mrs. Wood, an older couple lived there just before the Pearsons claimed that they often heard a great rattling of dishes and other unexplained noises. "But said Mrs. Wood, "we have never harmed anyone

and I'm sure they (the ghosts) wont harm us". The Pearsons experienced only one spooky visitation and that happened during Cecile Howard's childhood. Her mother was out and she was sitting with her father on the verandah when there was a loud clatter and commotion indoors. It was still daylight and they made a thorough search but could not find the cause of it all.

St. Mary's To Observe Ascension Day May 31

On Ascension Day, Thursday, May 31st, there will be special services at St. Mary's Anglican Church to celebrate this great Christian festival. At 7 a.m. there will be a Choral Communion service at which time as last year the teenagers of the parish especially come and business folk who cannot come later on. A snack breakfast will be provided in the parish hall afterwards for those who have proceeded to school. At 9 a.m. there will be a special public school children's service which lasts for half an hour. Parents are invited to come and share in this service with their small children. At 10 a.m. there will be celebration of Holy Communion for those who are at home and a nursery is provided.

C.N.R. Doesn't Favour Grade Separation

Vaughan Township officials have been advised that in recent correspondence with the Board of Transport Commissioners, the C.N.R., expressed itself still of the opinion that a grade separation is unwarranted at the railway crossing on Concession 6, between Steeles Avenue and No. 7 Highway. This road, known as Main Street is the site of the 400 Drive-In and Sportland Park and the township has asked for a grade separation here. They feel that the new Signal Road now being constructed to the south in North York will bring heavy industrial traffic to Main Street, thus making a grade separation desirable. If the township is successful in getting the grade separation here, it will mean that they have been successful in getting separated grades at all the new crossings in the township with one exception, the level crossing at Steeles Avenue where the access line passes from Vaughan Township into Etobicoke. Steeles Avenue is closed here and just used for local traffic.

Annual Spring Fair —

(Continued from Page 1) weren't spray-painted for the occasion either). Exhibitors from all districts, including and surrounding Richmond Hill, had prize winners and attractive entries in this show.

We noticed entries from Norval, Bridgport, Scarborough, Uxbridge, Brampton, Woodbridge, Thornhill and Toronto too. And we predict, small boys and girls who visited this exhibit, will be trying to raise rabbits for next year's Fair Day in Richmond Hill.

Art Exhibit Welcome Pause What a pleasure it was to find the quietness and beauty supplied by the Richmond Hill Art Group, in their most interesting Art Exhibit in the southeast wing of the arena.

This talented group of artists study under Otto N. Grebbe of Maple, whose painting, "Maple Woods" caught our sun-wearied eyes and took us back to the sunny, yet frosty days of early Spring, as we gazed at the

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Rev. R. Williams Maple Minister

An induction service will be held at Maple United Church on Sunday June 21st to formally install the Rev. Ralph C. Williams as minister of Maple United Church. Mr. Williams will preach during the month of July at the joint services at the Maple Presbyterian Church and after a month's holiday in August, will take up his duties at the beginning of September.

Rev. Williams graduated from Emmanuel College, University of Toronto in 1937 and served overseas as a chaplain with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. On his return from overseas he had a pastorate at Espanola and for the past seven years has been at Birchcliff United Church, Scarborough. Mr. Williams is married and has one son, a graduate of Western University, who lives in British Columbia.

Nursing Graduate

MARY L. MASON

Who is a member of the graduating class of Women's College Hospital School of Nursing. A graduate of Richmond Hill High School, Miss Mason is the eldest daughter of Dr. Walter Mason and Mrs. Mason of Church Street North.

NEWMARKET: Town Council will be asked to approve the proposed Sokol Building Subdivision located on Alexander Road. So far council has been deadlocked on the issue. Planning board has looked more sympathetic on the proposal since it was built on sewers in ers instead of septic tanks as originally planned.

8 Town Barbers Will Seek Change In Hours

At a meeting of the eight owners of barbershops in Richmond Hill on Wednesday of last week, it was decided to make application to the Richmond Hill Town Council at its next meeting to change the 1945 bylaw relating to local barbershops.

Dayle Wagner B. Acres Is Talented Musician

Dayle Wagner of South Taylor Mills Drive, is a comparative newcomer to the Hill, being a resident of the past two years, and a student at Bayview High School. Dayle was rather dubious when her teacher, Ruth Garson A.D.C.M., entered her into the piano solo class of the York Music Festival. Her comment was "I don't know about now, but someday I'll make good." She really did make good, and this was the day - Monday, May 7th. She came through first in her class obtaining 85 marks, and comments from the adjudicator such as "goof" tonal quality". Dayle realizes that a good musical background is essential, and is proud of the fact that she is the president of The M.T.H. Musical Club. We foresee a promising future for Dayle in music, this being only the beginning!

She will be performing the piece that won her first at a concert being given by her teacher on May 25th at St. Mary's Immaculate Auditorium.

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Keswick Legion Hall Tuesday, June 5th — 8 p.m.

Sharron Community Hall Wednesday, June 6th — 8 p.m.

Richmond Hill Public Library Monday, June 11th — 8 p.m.

Newmarket Public Library Thursday, June 14th — 8 p.m.

Channel 3 T.V. Stan Hall — June 6th, 6.15 p.m.

Rally at The O'Keefe Centre Tuesday, June 12th — 8 p.m. Hear Tommy Douglas

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