

Former Principal Toasts Miss Izzard



Mr. James Stewart, former principal of Richmond Hill High School, is seen above toasting Miss Edna Izzard at a banquet in her honour held last Saturday evening in the high school auditorium.

(Photo by Lagerquist)

Miss E. Izzard Recalls Her Early Life, Teaching

(By Mona A. Robertson)

If you are one of those who can sing of Richmond Hill High School: "Hail to thee our Alma Mater — Loyal and true every son and daughter", you will have accepted with regret, the fact that Miss Edna Izzard, Head of the English department, is retiring at the end of June. And your thoughts will be tinged with nostalgic memories of Miss Izzard's own particular, and inspiring, brand of philosophy, which she has imparted to her students, over the past 32 years; even as you wish her happiness and a well-earned respite, and freedom to follow her star along a different route.

Recently we interviewed Miss Izzard, in her charming home on Mill Street, surrounded by birch trees just coming into bloom, as we glimpsed through them the old Mill Pond, shimmering and sparkling in the warm sunshine. We told Miss Izzard we wanted to do a story on her life and she replied, "Don't make it sentimental. I like to be considered as a thorough-going Canadian with a pioneer spirit. Every one of my own teachers was a pioneer."

She then stated she thought a history of the Town of Richmond Hill would make more exciting reading but we pointed out her friends and students, in the past and present, wanted to hear about her and her life as a teacher.

Born in Woodstock, the daughter of the famous Dr. Helen Banting (who was the first cousin of the late Dr. Banting), and Herbert Steven Izzard, an Englishman from Kent, Miss Izzard has a sister, Mrs. Gallinger, living in Richmond Hill, and a brother Frank, in Calgary. Her eldest brother, Bert, was killed in action in the 1st World War, and her youngest brother, Thomas, died in 1959.

After graduating from Woodstock Collegiate, Miss Izzard attended Trinity College where she majored in English and History and took the classics, Greek and Latin.

She was taught at two different private schools, St. Helens, Quebec, and Branksome Hall, Toronto, before undertaking a one-year course at the Ontario College of Education.

In 1930 she joined the staff of Richmond Hill High School, and James H. Stewart was principal. (Here Miss Izzard pointed out that our local high school is 110 years old this year, and is the 17th oldest in the Province of Ontario. Thirty-two years ago the school's boundaries stretched from Lansing to the townline at Jefferson, and from Maple to Victoria Square. There was an enrolment of 350.)

Miss Izzard said she felt at home in Richmond Hill immediately after her adoption. She recalled the route of Yonge Street from Markham Road, north to the limits, in those days, and a radial car, which ran up to Sutton from the city of Toronto, brought Richmond Hill High School students from the west boundary of the RRHS fence line, was non-existent at that time, being opened as a thoroughfare in the 40's.

In '58 when the RRHS's official year-book, "Orbit", was published, that issue was dedicated to Miss Izzard by the editorial staff. "Orbit '58" contains an article written by her, which is entitled "Retrospect", which she stated, "The year '31 was typical of the years which preceded and followed it. RRHS has sent to the seats of higher learning year after year young men and women who have distinguished themselves in many fields."

"How do they (the boys and girls) compare with the so-called terrible teenager of today?" she wrote. "Among them, as among the latter, were the pranksters, the serious-minded, the light-hearted, the grave and the gay. Most of them look back upon their years in RRHS as 'the happy times'."

As a result of teaching in Richmond Hill, Miss Izzard lived a full and busy life. Aside from her teaching, she was a producer, and until the

High School Bd. Confirms Teaching Appointments

At their meeting on Monday night, the York Central District High School Board made 19 permanent appointments to the staffs of the four high schools. Depending on their previous experience, teachers are hired on either one or a two year temporary basis, at the end of which time they are given permanent appointments, if the board sees fit.

At Thornhill Secondary School, permanent appointments were made respecting Miss P. J. Wiley and Messrs. Fedak, Jefferson, Malmo and Youle-White. At Woodbridge High School, permanent appointments were given to Mrs. Ruth Stephens, Mrs. Eva Taube and Messrs. Bruce Brown and O. A. Kostyk. Messrs. Booth, Munro-Cape and Sgro were permanently appointed to the Richmond Hill High School staff. At Bayview High School, Miss J. Barber, Mrs. M. Farr, Mrs. J. Waterford and Messrs. Everard, Mills, Rawlings and Thomas were given permanent appointments.

Sixteen teachers were also made department heads. Heads are divided into three categories, depending on the size of the department. Heads of the largest departments receive an allowance of \$900 yearly. Appointments in this category at Thornhill Secondary School were Mr. M. Youle-White, Mr. W. Kerr on the caretaking staff.

Mr. N. V. Jefferson, Mathematics; Mr. F. E. Gillan, Science; Mr. J. Turko, Moderns and Mr. C. M. Seath, Physical Education.

Heads of smaller departments, with possibly only two or three teachers under them, receive an allowance of \$600 yearly. Appointments in this category at Thornhill were Mr. D. M. Anderson, Guidance Department; Mr. J. Kajioka, Geography; Mrs. B. J. O'Shea, Girls Physical Education; Mrs. H. A. Furse, Latin and Mrs. D. S. Scovell, Home Economics.

BUTTONVILLE NEWS

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Neighbourhood Notes

Barry and Carol McWhirter are the proud parents of a baby girl, seven pounds and 7 1/4 ounces, born May 24 on her father's birthday at the Branson Hospital. Colleen Elizabeth is the first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Russell of Hughson Dr. and Mr. and Mrs. McWhirter, Gormley.

The Russell family is in a whirl these days with a new baby and a wedding in the offing. On June 9, Sandra will be married to Freddy Brown, of Unionville, in Brown's Corners United Church, and her Russell grandparents will arrive from Nova Scotia June 5. On June 4 Mr. Russell's brother and his family are coming from the west to attend the wedding; and on June 11 Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sr. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Last Sunday was a busy day at the A. W. Miller farm home, where a family reunion took place. More than 75 members of the Miller clan gathered, some from as far away as Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Many people were interested in political activities last week at King, where John Addison held a reception for Hon. Lester B. Pearson, some of those attending were Dr. and Mrs. George Kelly, Mrs. Russell Boyington, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fuller, Mr. Jack Rodick and Miss Mary Rodick, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Walton. At the Don Mills reception for Prime Minister Diefenbaker, people who were present were Mrs. Charles Hooper and Mrs. Wilfred Dean poured at the coffee tables, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mingay (Rena Miller) were in the reception line. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Brown and Mr. Charles Hooper were among those present.

Dr. George Kelly Jr., of Newmarket injured his right arm in a fall, last Saturday, which will interrupt his dental practice for some time, unfortunately.

There will be a vacation Church school workshop at Wesley-Vandorf United Church on Monday and Tuesday evenings, June 4 and 5. Miss Sylvia South with the assistance of several local people will conduct the leadership programme, and all V.C.S. workers are urged to attend these valuable sessions.

Buttonville W.I. members catered Friday evening of last week at Buttonville W.I. community hall, when a bowling group from Victoria Square and Richmond Hill held their closing banquet. At the dinner which followed, Councillor Allan Summer was the caller.

Friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. John Brown is at home again, after spending a month in Scarborough Hospital with a heart ailment.

Art Storey returned home recently after completing his first year at Mount Allison University where he is taking Theology. Last Sunday he conducted the service at Victoria Square Church.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Henry Clark Brumwell (Darlene Fay Kennedy, of Unionville) who were married privately at the manse, Victoria Square, with Dr. A. F. Binning officiating, on Saturday evening, May 19.

At a recent baptismal service conducted in Brown's Corners United Church, children christened were: Brian Edward Stiver and David Wayne Stiver, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stiver; Suzanne Marie Parton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parton; Hughson Dr. and Gerald Winford Reesor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reesor.

Next Sunday at Brown's Corners Church there will be the annual Decoration and Memorial Service, and old friends are invited to attend.

More Brown's Corners United Church news: Margaret Patterson led the meeting, Sunday evening when the Y.P.U. met at Victoria Square United Church. The Christian Education Committee of the church met last week, and it was agreed to form two C.G.I.T. groups for teen-age girls next September. One will meet in Brown's Corners Church and the other at Victoria Square. Last year two Explorers groups were formed.

A shortage of Sunday School teachers is also a problem, and the committee will pay particular attention to finding youth group leadership. The solist at Brown's Corners Church last Sunday morning was Mrs. George Hooper, and Rev. G. Fitzpatrick preached a fine sermon.

On Friday evening men of the church will gather for a general clean up of the cemetery, to prepare for memorial Sunday. All volunteers welcome.

This Wednesday evening will see the first father and son banquet sponsored by the Sigma C and Tyro groups, to be held in the church. Rev. W. W. Patterson of Richmond Hill (St. Matthew's) will speak.

Graduation Service Saturday afternoon of last week the Brown's Corners United Church "Messengers" met for their first graduation service of this group which was formerly the Davidson Mission Band. The children's parents, and leaders of the Explorers and Tyro groups were guests. Linda Jones and Irene Craigie were welcomed to the Explorers group by leader Mrs. Sam Snider and Explorer Mary Lyn Snider. Frazer McTavish, Tyro leader welcomed Paul Steffer, Paul Craigie and Danny Tooley to Tyro. Miss Evelyn Turner who is on vacation from the mission hospital at Hazelton, B.C., showed pictures of the work there, and a games period was enjoyed.

The group was in charge of leaders Mrs. Wilfred Turner, Mrs. Bob Hood, Mrs. Lloyd Tenyson and John Buchanan. Among the parents attending were Mrs. Bert Craigie, Mrs. Lohman, Mrs. H. Steffer, Mrs.

Brillinger and Mrs. Copp

This was the final meeting of the season. The group will resume in September.

Police Report Quiet Weekend

Fine weather brought many motorists to local highways, but Markham Township Police report a quiet weekend despite this fact.

On Saturday, at Bayview Ave. near John St. two cars were involved in collision with \$300-\$200 in damages, but there were no injuries.

Sunday on Don Mills Road, scene of so many accidents, there was only one slight incident near Lunar Cres., at Richmond Heights, when less than \$100 damage was caused in a collision.

Miss Izzard Honoured

When former students met at Richmond Hill High School on Saturday evening of last week to honour a former teacher, Miss Edna Izzard, who will retire after 32 years as an English teacher at the school, several of young people were present. Among them were Mrs. John Brumwell, Mrs. Don Reesor, Mrs. George Hooper, Miss Isabel Hood, Sgt. Bob Hood (M.T. Police), and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller. Mrs. Miller, the former class of '35.

Local Girls Escape Injury

Three local girls found themselves surrounded by panic on Friday afternoon of last week when a portion of the GEM store roof gave way, injuring 6 people, and badly frightening many others.

Margaret Patterson, Janet Craig and Sandra Burr were in the store at the time, and were dismayed to hear falling timbers, cracking steel girders, and with people running back and forth trying to get an exit, it was fortunate that the incident occurred during a slow time in the shopping day. The girls offered their services as St. John's Ambulance first aid workers, but there was little they could do.

New Owner —

Vaughan & R. Hill Will Continue Ambulance Subsidy On Trial Basis

Mr. Alf Bagley, 377 Balkan Rd., Richmond Hill attended a recent meeting of the finance and general purpose committee of Vaughan Township and advised that as of May 1st he had taken over the Richmond Hill Ambulance Service, formerly operated by Roy McBrien. Mr. Bagley had been employed by Mr. McBrien for the last two years. In accordance with Mr. Bagley's request, the committee recommended to the Vaughan Township Council that the \$100 monthly subsidy formerly paid to the ambulance service be continued for the next three months, but that Br. Bagley be required to submit a financial statement at the end of August, when the continuation of the subsidy will again be discussed.

The ambulance service also receives a \$100 monthly subsidy from Richmond Hill, which have agreed to continue it on the same trial basis.

Mr. Bagley states that the service answers between 30 and 35 calls a month, the majority of which are emergency cases. In a busy month, he would have 40 calls, but during January, February and March of this year he averaged only 25 calls per month, which makes the operation of the service uneconomical. He states that his expenses are very high as he must keep an assistant on call at all times. The ambulance, a 1959 model, cost him \$8,700 and insurance on the driver, helper and patient costs over \$500 per year. The vehicle must be equipped with blow-out proof tires which cost close to \$100 each.

At the present time, Mr. Bagley is awaiting permission to change the name of the concern to Vaughan-Hill Ambulance Service. He covers calls in Richmond Hill and in Vaughan Township as far west as Highway 27, as well as the odd call from Markham Township. The next closest similar service is in Woodbridge.

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