

LIFE IN THE HILL

Editor Margot Crack



Beverly Higgins Bride Of Naval Lieutenant

Lt. and Mrs. Kingsley Arnold following their recent marriage in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill. The bride was Beverly Ione Higgins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Higgins, Harding Boulevard. Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, Lt. and Mrs. Arnold will reside in Victoria, B.C., where Lt. Arnold is director of recreation at Venture Naval Academy, Esquimalt.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Finn and their daughter Deborah, Church Street South, spent the weekend as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Fugard in Ottawa. On Sunday they attended the christening of the Fugard's youngest son, Lee J. Fugard, for whom they acted as godparents.

The 1st Beverley Acres Cub and Scout Auxiliary held its monthly meeting at Beverley Acres School on November 20 with Mrs. Audrey Davenport presiding. Report from bazaar conveners were read, and scouting games played. Refreshments were served by Mrs. G. Hamilton and Mrs. D. Richards. The December meeting will be held December 13 at 8.30 p.m. at Beverley Acres School. Ladies are asked to bring a 50¢ gift to exchange, also a boxed lunch. Members who attended conference luncheon in Markham will give a report.

The Allenbrae Hospital Auxiliary Bake and Gift Sale held recently at Allencourt Plaza, was a very successful event with \$170.00 net being raised for the hospital. The auxiliary would like to extend their thanks to all those who helped in serving at the sale and also the many kind people who donated baking and other saleable items. A note of interest was the pink uniforms worn by the girls, these are the official uniforms to be worn by voluntary workers in the hospital. The lucky draw of the poodle dog was won by Muriel Oliver.

Over 20 prospective IODE members attended a buffet supper at the home of Mrs. W. Barnes on Tampico Road. Mrs. A. MacNaughton and Mrs. J. Ashworth assisted the hostess. Mrs. D. Adthead, municipal organizing secretary from Toronto, spoke to the members of the aims and purposes of the IODE. Mrs. MacMillan, former organizing secretary, was also present.

The organizing meeting will be held on January 7, 1963, at the home of Mrs. Barnes, to which all former members are invited to attend. Mrs. MacBain, municipal Regent will attend.

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Former resident Mrs. Connie Matthews has been elected to the Aurora Public School Board. While living in Richmond Hill, Mrs. Matthews served on the local public school board. She was also active in the Progressive Conservative Party.

The Richmond Hill Presbyterian Primary Sunday School will hold its annual Christmas party this Saturday at 2.30 p.m. (not 12.30). White gifts will be received on Sunday morning - and the Senior Sunday School will entertain on Monday evening at 7.

Although bad weather prevailed Sunday afternoon, December 2nd, a very good turnout of the M.T.H. Musical Club members met enthusiastically for a well planned program.

After all members received their club ribbons and new members received their pins, more plans were discussed regarding the exciting club project. Those present enjoyed very much the talk and demonstration of the castanets and finger cymbals by Mrs. Sylvia Garson, local dance teacher.

As each member tried the instruments it was realized that these require a strong power of concentration and flexibility of the fingers. Some more chapters from the book titled "How Man Made Music" was read by Janice Grainger. Also a reading was done by Judith Jones on the composer Chopin.

Refreshments were enjoyed by members attending: Judith Jones, Pat Shelton, Judith Dodson, Lloyd Parker, Janice Grainger, Jane Deane, Geraldine Bruce, Suzanne Clayton, Robert Freeman, Ian Sandy, Jolene Goodier, Leigh Rootman and Maureen Hay.

The Dance Studios of Sylvia Garson are very proud indeed of three students Brian Toogood, Susan Kirkpatrick and Lesley Nicholls who did so well in the auditions held last Sunday for young dancers by the famous Bolshoi Ballet of Russia to appear in Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens this week.

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Mrs. Gayle Powell, has been invited to attend the YMCA annual convention at Toronto, December 27-29 as the guest of Thomas Knott.

R. Hill Senior Citizens Mrs. W. J. Haggart, wife of Mayor Haggart, opened the annual Christmas Bazaar of the Richmond Hill Senior Citizens on December 5. Mrs. Steele, senior lady of the club thanked Mrs. Haggart and presented her with a bouquet of red roses. Over 300 were in attendance.

Included among the many attractive booths were, Christmas decorations, conveys by Miss Janet Hall; quilts, Mrs. W. Polard and Mrs. Thompson; aprons, Mrs. A. Morrison and Mrs. W. Sayers; woollen goods, Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Kennedy; Christmas gifts, Mrs. Doner and Mrs. Strigley; appetizing bake table, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Embury, Mrs. Walton and Mrs. L. Clement.

The tea tables were gaily decorated and afternoon tea was convened by Mrs. J. Sheehan, assisted by Mrs. B. Cook, Mrs. J. Lewsbury, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. J. Levy, Mrs. Lomax, Mrs. G. Masters and Mrs. Shearer.

The committee and all senior citizens extend sincere thanks to everyone who supported them in this very successful annual event.

At Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening the young people's society elected the new executive for 1963, which will be installed into office at the first meeting in January. These are, Ian McAllister, president; Miss Sandy Young, vice-president; Sharon Gemmill, secretary; and Roy Taylor, treasurer. Permanent officers are, Ray Bennett, director of activities, and Jim Ewing, recreational director.

It was a well attended meeting of 35 young people. Christmas gifts were exchanged, and final plans completed for the candlelight service to be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, December 23rd, in conjunction with the senior and junior choirs of the church. Those taking part in this will be Ray Bennett, Lorraine Phillips, Alfred Lindsay, Sandy Young, and Ming Wong.

Following the candle light service the society will help the choir entertain the congregation at a social hour.

At Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church on December 7th, a pre-communion service was held and the following, members welcomed into the fellowship of the church.

By profession of faith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Culham, 120 Pugsley Avenue; Mrs. C. Ablett, 62 Hunt Avenue; and Mrs. R. Noble, 354 Wenlock St.

By certificate from other churches, Mr. George Russell, 295 McConvey Drive, from Holburn Central Parish Church, Church of Scotland, Aberdeen; Mr. and Mrs. R. Shaw, 82 Wright St., from St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Sarnia; and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Drymond, 267 Iredale Road, from Renfrew Presbyterian Church, Renfrew.

A social hour followed with refreshments served by the Women's Auxiliary.

Mr. Angelo was best man and the usher was Mr. Tom Mills. The reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mills, Sussex Avenue where the bride's mother received in a navy blue dress, white hat and a corsage of red roses.

Leaving for a trip north the bride wore a black two-piece suit and green orchid, black shoes and accessories.

Guests were present from Welland, St. Catharines, Toronto and Prince Albert, Sask. The couple will reside in Welland where Mr. Cumisky is assistant manager at the S. S. Kresge store.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Setting Cumisky - Eckert Nuptials

The Rev. Father F. C. Robinson officiated at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church on December 1st at the marriage of Vicky Eckert of Prince Albert, Sask., and Chris Cumisky, former assistant manager of S. S. Kresge Store Richmond Heights Centre.

Pink and white flowers decorated the altar of the church. Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a white lace gown over taffeta and a short veil. She carried a white prayer book with a pale green orchid.

Mrs. Margaret Mills was matron of honour gowned in turquoise organza over taffeta matching shoes and hat and carried turquoise carnations. Bridesmaid was Rosemary Monahan gowned in pink organza and flower girls were Susan

and Marni Mills dressed in pale yellow organza over taffeta and carried baskets of white and yellow mums.

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The regular meeting of the Friendship Circle of St. Gabriel was held with twenty ladies present. The exercises were led by Mrs. Dorothy Price - in her usual inimitable manner - plus some humorous and energetic variations, enough to enable the members to become winners at any New Year twist party.

Coffee was served by Mrs. Adelle Woolnough and Mrs. Marg Lomax. Instruction was given by Mrs. Lomax in the making of bows for the Christmas party and auction sale on December 13 at the Church of St. Gabriel - and - it is expected that a jolly time will be had by all!

Did you ever hear of the same dancing act being presented at the same time, in the same place, in cities 130 miles apart? Eddie Midmer of the Midmer Dancing Academy did it with his famous Hungarian dance.

This takes some explaining so here is how it was done! Chris Dunlop, George Allan, Allen Johnson, John Dagger, Linda and Marilyn Chartrand, Judy Jenkins, and Linda Stokes all travelled to Hamilton last Monday to have this unique dance video-taped at TV station "CHCH" for presentation on the popular children's program "Tiny Talent Time" on December 9.

On December 9 this same group travelled to Orillia with another spectacular group of Mr. Midmer's for a show presented by Billy O'Connor, of TV fame for 800 patients of the Ontario Hospital.

Mr. O'Connor went to great expense in presenting professional acts from Montreal, Buffalo and Toronto, for the enjoyment of these less fortunate people. This was Mr. O'Connor's annual Christmas show at this hospital, and the four numbers presented by Mr. Midmer were well received by both the patients and the professionals who applauded appreciably for the children's efforts.

The other children who made the sojourn were Linda Christie, Torel Samuelson, Melanie Dagger, Kathy Goode, Kathy McCauley, Linda Midmer and Diane Mowat.

Mr. Midmer has made further arrangements with TV station "CHCH" for an audition of a Can-Can number by his ballet students for presentation on television early in the new year.

Mrs. May Warham, former resident of Richmond Hill, and now living at Niagara Falls, was in Richmond Hill last week visiting a number of friends.

The regular monthly meeting of St. Mary's Catholic Women's League was held Monday, December 10th at Our Lady of Fatima School, with Mrs. J. Lawlor in the chair.

The president thanked Mrs. M. Stephenson and all the ladies who worked and helped to make the pot-luck supper such a successful and pleasant event. Father F. McGinn gave a very interesting talk.

The annual bridge and euchre party to be held December 14 at St. Mary Immaculate School, "Trayborn Drive" was then discussed and final arrangements made. The meeting was then adjourned. Refreshments were served by Rita Houlihan and Norrie Paxton.

Guests at the home of Dr. Dennis Stainer and Mrs. Stainer, Centre Street West, are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Maltby and their children, Andrew, Stephen, Graeme and Joanne from Alberta.

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On Tuesday last, Mrs. J. Beresford Anderson, Centre Street West, entertained a few friends who were interested in hearing her daughter Cecilia Anderson, perform the Prokofiev 3rd Concerto with the CBC orchestra on the Talent Festival Show.

Mrs. H. O'Rourke, Axminster Drive, attended a testimonial dinner last week for Mr. Fred Denning at Trinity Recreation Centre, Toronto.

Mr. Denning was a playground supervisor in Toronto for 45 years. Mrs. O'Rourke acted in this capacity in the end of Toronto prior to moving to the Hill.

El Shamalay Shrine Nobles entertained at their first "Ladies' Night" and election of officers on December 3, at the Summit Golf and Country Club.

Among the guests were Mrs. Jim Waddell, Driscoll Road; Mrs. Mel Carter, Centre Street West; and Mrs. Phil MacFarlane and Mrs. Charles Fraser, Maple.

It has been reported that Farley Mowat, distinguished Canadian author and Richmond Hill old boy has settled at Burgess an isolated community on the south coast of Newfoundland and has announced that he has become a confirmed Newfoundland. His next book, the twelfth, will be a history of the inhabitants of the rugged island province.

Author Mowat is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Mowat, who for many years were popular citizens of Richmond Hill and he attended public and high schools here.

The C.W.L. of Our Lady Queen of the World Parish held a successful bridge and euchre party on December 7th, convened by Mrs. Marg. Parks.

Prizes for bridge were won by Vivian Rawlinson, John Lawlor, John LeClaire, Mrs. Eva Gervais, Mrs. Marg Lawlor, and V. McCullough. Euchre prizes were won by Bev Kimmery, Don Stoddart, Mrs. Helen Kehoe, Pat Baupre, Jack Longman, Pat Hall and Peter Darling. Cribbage prizes were won by Mrs. Rene Snowdon and Bob O'Toole.

A number of lovely door prizes were won by lucky people, and during the evening two prizes were raffled.

A delicious lunch was served under the convenship of Mrs. J. Tucker.

Arriving home in time for Christmas is Miss Grethe Dahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dahl, Richmond Street who having spent the past eighteen months in Ceylon is expected home on December 18th.

With the festive season fast approaching social activities gain momentum - Christmas parties, club activities, students home for the holidays - all make interesting news items for "Life in the Hill". The service is free - write to the Social Editor Margot Crack at 63 Yonge Street South, or call TU. 4-1105/6 - we'll be pleased to hear from you.

"Arms and the Man" presented by the Aurora Drama Workshop on Thursday and Friday of last week, was enthusiastically received by capacity audiences which included over 300 students from surrounding high schools - the play being part of the grade 13 English course.

In the role of Major Petkoff was Tony Miller, Harrygan Crescent, who also designed the effective scenery.

Singing a carol, holding self-made bells, followed by the French song Frere Jacques and dancing to Sur de Pont D'Avignon 21 four to five year olds in the senior group of the Richmond Hill Co-operative Nursery School, delighted the audience of mothers attending an "open house" at Wrixon Hall last Wednesday morning. The children's paintings and handicrafts on display around the classroom, were also admired, the work was a credit to the instruction abilities of the teachers, Mrs. D. Wood and Mrs. P. Harris.

Visiting the junior room next, they listened while Mrs. T. Munsey coaxed a song from her group of very young charges.

As part of the morning program, Mrs. J. Downey took the opportunity to inform the mothers of an interesting Parent Education Course to be held in the Richmond Hill Public Library.

This course will be given by Mrs. G. C. V. Hewson, of TV's "Free and Easy" show on Channel 9 Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m., and begins on January 14th.

The school president Mrs. O. Verrioco considered the event a success and plans a similar function in the Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hunt and family of Shannon Park, Nova Scotia, are visiting their parents in Aurora and Richmond Hill this holiday season.

Readers will be interested to hear that Mr. Axel Sjoberg, formerly associated with "The Liberal", was married last August and is now residing in Ottawa.

Mrs. L. W. Zueflit is convalescing at the home of her sister, Miss Mary Dawson, 121 Yonge St. South. Mrs. Zueflit was a patient in York County Hospital for four weeks undergoing treatment for injuries received when she was struck by a car.

Mrs. M. H. Cunningham's nursery group of the Richmond Hill United Church held a very successful Christmas party on Tuesday last in the Christian Education Building.

Mrs. F. Jackson and Mrs. L. Clement were among the many guests at the Y.W.C.A. of Canada Christmas tea held on Wednesday afternoon in Toronto.

Receiving the guests were the president, Mrs. M. N. Vuchnich, and the executive director, Miss Agnes Roy.

The Sunday School of Richmond Hill United Church will hold their White Gift Service this Sunday.

Before the 11 a.m. service the three, four and five year olds will present their gifts. Worshipers may bring gifts of clothing or money to be included with the pupils' offerings. The Sacrament of Baptism will be observed at this service.

At 7 p.m. the C.G.I.T. will hold their annual vesper and Candle-lighting Service.

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