

RICHVALE NEWS

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Brownies and Guides

On May 23, 1st Richvale Guides and Brownies with their mothers held a banquet at the Legion Hall Carville Rd. This supper was in the form of a pot luck supper. At the head table were Mrs. M. McDermott, president of the mothers auxiliary, Mrs. G. McCarthy Tawny Owl, Mrs. F. Bigley Brown Owl, Mrs. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan division commissioner, Mrs. H. G. Currie, deputy area, Mrs. E. Jarman district commissioner and Miss Caroline Miller Guide leader. A toast to the mothers was made by Wendy Purvis with response by Mrs. R. Alexander. Susanne Fitchett made a toast to the leaders with Mrs. Betty McCarthy doing the response.

A speech was given by Mrs. McTaggart-Cowan. Mrs. Currie spoke of the new campsite in the Haliburton area with the opening day being July 28 at 2 p.m. Mr. R. S. McLaughlin as honor guest. Mrs. McDermott spoke to the mothers and daughters thanking them for the lovely supper. While movies were being prepared by 7 up, the Brownies and Guides entertained the guests with a sing song. The movies were called "Craftsman Young and Old", "How to build an Igloo" and "World in the Marsh". The evening came to an end with a song by Miss M. Ross and Guides and Brownies singing their closing songs. It was very nice to see three young grandmothers, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Jacobs at the supper.

School News

On May 22, 16th Ave. boys softball team defeated Henderson Ave. boys by the score of 10-6.

On May 23, 16th Ave. girls softball team defeated Henderson Ave. girls by the score of 23-6. Home runs of the game were Joan Lewis (2), Sharon Hills and Eileen Churchill all for 16th Ave.

Once again we remind you of the fun fare and rummage sale at 16th Ave. School. Doors will be open at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 1.

Socials

Deepest sympathy go out to four families in the area in the loss of a dear one. Mrs. W.

Norris Birch Ave. in the loss of an aunt, Mr. N. Brettell, Duncan Rd. in his loving father, Mr. T. Coneyduck, Garden Ave. in the recent death of a dear wife and Mrs. S. Sparkes, Spruce Ave. of her loving husband.

Baby Hinton whose parents reside on Duncan Rd. is still gaining weight but as yet she is still at the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

Mrs. A. Cliff, 16th Ave. is spending some time at St. Michael's Hospital. Here's hoping that Mrs. Cliff will not be there too long.

Miss Mary Pukers of Peterboro and Mr. D. Rukaruk were visitors on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hewitt, 16th Ave.

A bundle of joy arrived at Branson Hospital on May 24 weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 ozs. Proud parents of the baby girl are Mr. and Mrs. J. Ridder, Duncan Road.

Mr. John Hills, 16th Avenue, is home after spending a week on a fishing trip. Mr. Hills was quite successful.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, Birch Avenue, are having a wonderful week as they are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. A. McPherson and son Angus Jr. from Auchterarder, Scotland.

SYDNEY SPARKES

A resident of Richvale for the past 39 years, Sydney Washington Sparkes, 105 Spruce Avenue, died May 19 at Sunnybrook Hospital from a heart attack. Mr. Sparkes, a member of the local branch of the Canadian Legion and the Richmond Hill United Church, had suffered from heart trouble for the past eight years.

He was born at Melbourne, Quebec, on May 13, 1890. The deceased is survived by his wife, the former Della May Burroughs; four sons, John, Kenneth, William, and Walter; and three daughters, Dorothy, Elsie (Mrs. G. Brown), Helen (Mrs. S. Middleton). Also surviving is his brother Howard.

Rev. C. G. Higginson, assisted by Rev. J. O'Neill, officiated at the funeral service at the Pipher Funeral Home and at the interment in Highland Memory Gardens. Pall bearers were Stan Woods, Brian Bailey, Ed Balley, Frank Gates, and Wilf Sutcliffe.

On June 3rd and 4th, the York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association will conduct a county-wide campaign to support its activities for the year. At that time, representatives of the Branch will call at homes and businesses throughout the County to explain the work of the Association and solicit donations.

As is well known, the Canadian Mental Health Association is a volunteer organization dedicated to the aim of improving the level of mental health and extending treatment services for the mentally ill across our nation. In pursuit of this aim, the Association organizes educational programmes designed to inform the public about mental health problems and the services available to the mentally ill, and co-operates with the professional workers in the field in sponsoring projects to reduce the incidence of mental illness and the unfortunate victims of this type of illness.

In order to bring the benefits of their efforts to the local level, the National Association has organized Divisions in each province which, in turn, provide valuable help with the organization and operation of branches in local municipalities.

The York County Branch, which was organized in 1958, has been one of the most active branches in the province and can take justifiable pride in its record of accomplishments. During the four years that it has been in operation, the Branch has developed an extensive programme of activities planned to expand and improve the mental health services available to the residents of York County. In addition to providing the original impetus for the organization of the York County Mental Health Clinic, which has now been in operation for two years, and the inclusion of a psychiatric wing in the York County Hospital at Newmarket which will be open in 1964, the Branch has organized a band of 160 volunteer workers who regularly visit the out-patient centres in the area and supplement the work of the professional personnel in the treatment and rehabilitation of patients.

The programme also includes the bringing of information about the problems of mental illness and the services available for dealing with them, to groups such as teachers, public health nurses, the police, the clergy and others who are directly involved with them, as well as the general public.

Financial support for research projects in the field of mental health has been provided through the Provincial and National Associations.

In the coming year, plans are being made to provide one or more White Cross Centres in

the County where out-patients can take part in activities under the direction of volunteer workers, which will help with their rehabilitation into the social and vocational life of their communities.

It is also planned to co-operate with the Mental Health Clinic in establishing and operating a camp for emotionally disturbed children where activities of a therapeutic nature will be carried on under the direction of highly trained professional leaders.

Apart from limited grants from the county and municipalities and a very small revenue from membership fees, the Branch depends entirely on voluntary donations from the people of the County for the financial support necessary to carry on its programme. During the two former campaigns, we responded splendidly and we trust that we will again have their generous support during the 1963 campaign. When the White Cross Canvaser knocks at your door on June 3rd or 4th, we trust you will receive them warmly and donate in the same liberal manner that you have in former years.

D. R. MacDonald, President, York County Branch, C.M.H.A.

For the first time in 10 years, the World Ploughing Contest will again be held in Canada. The international event which has attracted ploughmen from 19 countries is scheduled for October 8-12 at Conn Smythe's farm near Caledon. In past years, Richmond Hill area farmers have participated.

About 30,000 people are expected to visit the event each day. It will be run in conjunction with the Canadian championship and the annual Ontario International contest.

The contest, one of the world's most prominent agricultural events, was started in Canada in 1953 at Cobourg. Canada's champion ploughmen, Tony Trimble of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba and Stouffville's Grant Wells will represent Canada at the match.

STOUFFVILLE - Dr. M. B. Dymond, minister of health, will open the new two-room Glasgow Public School in Uxbridge Township May 31. The \$50,000 building was completed in March.

Mr. Bailey said he hoped to attract about 10 people to put up the necessary repair funds and re-group a board of management to run the hall. "I'm still trying but there isn't much time. It would be a shame to have the building torn down although the township has little alternative."

"If the township had voted in favor of the liquor plebiscite, the hall would have been ideal for banquets with permits and we could have easily raised the maintenance costs."

"Another alternative would be to have it re-zoned from residential to commercial and rent the building temporarily," he said. "Sold as strictly a building lot after the hall is ripped down," Mr. Bailey said, "it would be worth about \$3,500 a far cry from the time and money spent on it in the first place."

Mr. Bailey said about \$1,000 is needed to renovate the hall but that's not the end of it; we need some way of maintaining it. The fuel bill was approximately \$700 a year.

He put a value on the building of \$20,000. The land was owned by the ratepayers and to develop it, they qualified for a government grant of \$5,000 and turned the land title over to the township.

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R.H. Citizens Aid Rose Show

As Saturday, June 22, the date of the Canadian Rose Society's annual show nears citizens are recognizing the great honour being accorded Richmond Hill. The local Chamber of Commerce, sponsoring organization, is asking the co-operation of the citizens in seeing that the town puts its best foot forward on that date and impresses visitors from out-of-town favourably.

The co-operation which has already been extended will be exemplified on show day by the commercial

growers of roses in Richmond Hill who will welcome visitors to their greenhouses. The Richmond Hill Symphony Orchestra will also contribute to the success of the day by playing throughout the afternoon. Also heard will be Miss Kathleen Stokes at the organ.

Among the many, many trophies which will be awarded in both specimen and decorative classes is a rose bowl donated by Mrs. Schuyler Snively of Glen Lonely, Oak Ridges. Other awards have been donated in memory of the

Hon. George S. Henry and Sir Harry Oakes.

Another award of great interest comes from California. Twelve bushes of old-fashioned roses, donated by Will Tiltonson's Roses, Watsonville, California, to be delivered in April 1964, will be awarded to growers of the best old-fashioned roses.

Every citizen of Richmond Hill and the surrounding area can help the Chamber of Commerce make this show the outstanding event of the year in the "Town of a Million Roses."

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Demolish Richvale Hall Unless Residents Rally

A valuable Richvale building may fall to the wreckers' axes unless residents act at once.

Vaughan Township Council has agreed to defer opening tenders to demolish the Richvale Community Centre for a week to give a small group time to save the building if they can.

Built in 1949 at the instigation of the East Vaughan Ratepayers Association, the masonry 56 foot x 54 foot recreation hall on Spruce Street was damaged by fire last fall.

Spearheading the drive to keep the building intact is Mr. Brian Bailey, Birch Avenue.

"People in the area don't seem to realize they own the building. I know the township doesn't want to tear the hall down but they have no choice," he said.

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Rotary Sponsors R. Hill Student

Jolene Goodier, grade 11 student at Richmond Hill High School and vice-president of its students council represented the community at a recent Rotary-sponsored youth meeting in Ottawa.

Miss Goodier was among 230 senior high school students who took part in the 13th annual Rotary Club's "Adventure in Citizenship."

For four days, the teenagers were taken on a whirl of the capital to meet cabinet ministers and civic officials, held discussions and visited points of interest - Parliament Hill, Rideau Hall, City Hall, Carleton University and the Supreme Court.

Purpose of the gathering is "to promote better understanding of the meaning and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship."

Most of the delegates were billeted with Rotarians and friends who were responsible for food, lodging and transportation to and from events. Miss Goodier's trip was sponsored by the local Rotary Club. Candidates were chosen for their academic ability, personality and interest in national affairs.

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