

LIFE IN THE HILL

Editor Margot Crack

Mrs. E. Whitmore of Surrey, England, was a weekend visitor at the home of Mrs. J. Bayley, Yonge Street.

Mr. Michael Butt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Butt, Elizabeth Street, received his Civil Engineering degree at the University of Toronto Convocation held on Tuesday.

Mr. William Whelan, 129 Duncan Avenue, is at present staging a show of his own paintings in the Richmond Hill Public Library, which will continue until June 2nd.

Included are abstracts, portraits, still life and outdoor subjects. Mr. Whelan has been painting for two years.

Mrs. Donald Plaxton, Sugar Maple Lane, attended the 12th annual nurses re-union at Toronto General Hospital on Friday last.



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Mr. and Mrs. Keith Mayhew and family, Tormore Drive, spent a pleasant weekend in Kingston, Ontario.

Members of Delta Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their last regular meeting of the season on May 21st at the home of Mrs. Judy Smith, Centre Street East.

The next meeting will be held in September.

At a Mother's Day baptismal service held in the Richmond Hill United Church the following children were received in baptism: Shawn William James Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Armstrong; Arlene Wendy Cheney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Cheney; Stephen Charles Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Jackson; and Douglas Lorne Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne D. Keith.

The Richvale Legion Bowling League held their annual dinner at the Lion's Hall on Friday last.

During a short business meeting after dinner, a vote was taken to change the name of the league, which will in future be known as the Thorndale Bowling League. Elections of officers took place for next season, with Clare Greenfield being re-elected to the presidential chair. Prizes were awarded to series and individual winners.

Dancing concluded the league's activities until the fall.

Midmer Dance Academy
Wednesday last was "E-Day" for the pupils of the Midmer Dance Academy. "E-Day" was entertainment day for the residents and patients of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Baycrest Hospital on Bathurst Street.

Eight cars converged on the home and the 50 young entertainers created an interest among the patients seldom seen by their attendants. The audience, considering some are in their 90's, applauded vigorously and they were the most appreciative observers that the children had ever danced for.

They wore their new costumes for their "Up and Coming" recital and this show could be called a dress rehearsal.

At the conclusion chocolate milk and cookies were served to the young performers.



MRS. FRED SWARD

Heads Drive

Is campaign chairman for Richmond Hill for the 1963 financial drive of the York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association. The appeal is slated for June 3 and 4. A resident of Pleasantville Mrs. Sward is a member of the board of directors of the county branch.



PETER NISBET SMITH

Graduates

Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Smith, Centre St. W., who received the B. Eng. Degree in metallurgical engineering at McMaster University convocation on May 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ablett, Yonge Street South, entertained relatives and friends following the christening of their son, Leo Marcel, on Sunday at St. Mary's Anglican Church.

Reeve Floyd Perkins and Mr. W. T. Taylor, former reeve of Richmond Hill and Warden of York County, attended the testimonial dinner in honour of Warden Clarence Davis, 103rd warden of the County of York, held at the Aurora Highlands Golf Club last week.

Next Sunday evening the Richmond Hill Senior Citizens will attend evensong at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Anglican Church.

This will initiate Senior Citizens Week in the community and many activities are planned for its observance.

Public School Trustees Basil Pappas and D. W. Stephenson will attend a short course for new school trustees to be held June 1 in Niagara Falls. Trustees Harold S. Sanderson, D. Simpson and Ruth Castle will also be at the conference at the General Brock Hotel at sessions dealing with resolutions June 4.

On June 3, 4 and 5, a getting-acquainted program will be held at all Richmond Hill area schools for the new teachers joining the various staffs in the fall. Trustees Ruth Castle and Deena Simpson have planned a tea for the new staff at 3 p.m. June 5 at McConaghy School.

"Commonwealth Week" was proclaimed by the Ontario Department of Education for last week and the subject specified for study by certain grades in public and separate schools was the continent of Australia.

At the invitation of the principal of MacKillop Memorial School, Richmond Hill, Mr. M. C. Fry, of "The Liberal" newspaper staff, spoke on the subject of Australia to 140 students of grades 4, 5 and 6, their teachers Miss G. Scott, Miss C. Herrema, Mrs. H. Nesbitt, Mrs. M. Gilbert and the school's principal, Mr. R. Newman.

Conversant with his subject, having been born in and lived in Australia, also re-visiting it several times in recent years, the speaker, by means of maps and a world-globe, indicated to the students the size, distance and location of this 3,000,000 square mile island-continent in the southern hemisphere — from which it was evident of just how the term of "the land down under" originated.

On the map the fertile, crop producing regions were observed also the sandy and salty desert areas of the interior — referred to as the "dead heart" but, perhaps someday, when water is available, may be productive.

The agricultural, timber, mining resources and industries were briefly mentioned. Australia being a large producer of wool and wheat, also exporting quantities of canned fruits and raisins that are sold in our local stores.

The "Ottawa" of Australia — Canberra the capital Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia was indicated on the map. This federal district in the state of New South Wales has an area of 940 square miles. There is no certainty for the origin of the word Canberra, and there are varied pronouncements. However it was decided in 1913 — at the laying of the foundation stone by Governor General Lord Denham — that the name would be as Lady Denham pronounced it at the ceremony. She accented the first syllable and said deliberately: "CAN-bra".

The girl students present were interested in the coloured illustrations of wild flowers such as the waratah, flannel flowers, Christmas bells, and Christmas bush, which, of course, bloom at that time of the year. The showing of furred skins of animals native to Australia proved of great interest to the boys present. These included marsupials — mammals that carry their young in their pouch — which included the skin of a kangaroo, a Tasmanian devil (a small ferocious carnivorous marsupial of the dasyne family).

A well preserved and striped skin of a Tasmanian wolf or tiger (thylacine), belonging to the 60 million year period was exhibited. This marsupial is now considered extinct, and specimen skins are indeed rare. The furred skin of the duck-billed platypus was also shown — an aquatic, burrowing, egg laying mammal — one of the few animals carrying a poisonous offensive weapon, a hollow spur, from which a liquid is discharged and injected similar to the action of a hypodermic needle.

On conclusion of the talk, the speaker was thanked by the principal, which was followed by spirited applause from the students and the barrage of intelligent questions indicated their interest in the subject — Commonwealth of Australia.

Taking a well earned rest from municipal affairs, Mayor William Neal returned on Monday from a three day fishing trip in Temagami.

Residents of the Hill for the past 15 years, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bradshaw left their Highland Lane home on Monday to take up residence in Toronto.

The students of Mrs. Audrey Parker will be giving a ballet demonstration this Friday, May 31st, at Our Lady Help of Christians School on Bayview Avenue.

Refreshments will be served and following the demonstration, an informal get-together of parents, friends and dancers.

The L.C.W. of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Ev. Miller, 300 South Taylor Mills Dr. on May 22nd.

Guest speaker for the evening was Miss Grethe Dahl, who spoke about her work in Ceylon. This proved to be a very interesting evening with 26 members and guests present.

Following the program refreshments were served.

June is the month for brides, showers, trousseau teas, trips to the cottage, vacations and graduations. All make interesting reading for "Life in the Hill" and your editor Margot Crack would appreciate hearing about these social events. Call us at TU. 4-1105, drop a note in the mail to 63 Yonge Street South, or call in personally, we'll be pleased to hear from you.

The annual communion dinner of Our Lady Queen of the World parish was held at the Summit Restaurant in Richmond Hill on May 15th. A mass preceded the dinner.

The new executive for 1963-64 was seated at the head table with Rev. Father F. Robinson. The members of the new executive are as follows: Mrs. H. O'Toole, president; Mrs. R. Carter, 1st vice-president; Mrs. H. Bryan, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. V. Hanna, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. J. Riswick, recording secretary; Mrs. R. Gallienne, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. P. Killeen, treasurer.

Mrs. O'Toole announced the names of the councillors for the coming year and thanked Mrs. G. McMahon for her wonderful job in organizing the dinner.

Father F. Robinson urged the members to keep up the spirit of co-operation that made each event a success. He was thanked by Mrs. H. Bryan.

This year entertainment was provided by the Harty Minstrels, a group of four boys — David Englehart, Mike Lyne, Keith Maitland and Rick Lautamus.

Thirty-three members of the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church Couples Club met on Saturday last at the church for their final meeting of the season.

It was a pot luck supper, the main course was made by the ladies, and the dessert by the gentlemen.

After supper, Rev. J. N. Hepburn moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing executive and the installation ceremony of the new officers for the coming season was performed.

Later in the evening the members participated in a varied programme of games, followed by coffee and dessert.

Gary Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Caldwell, Elgin Mills Road West, received his General Arts degree at York University Convocation held on Wednesday.

Gary will be taking a summer course in French at Laval University, Quebec, and in the fall will continue studies at that university towards his M.A. degree in political science.

Richmond Hill W.I.
The local club was hostess for the York East District Women's Institute's 63rd annual rally held in the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, Yonge Street.

President Mrs. H. MacKay of Richmond Hill district was in the chair. Representatives from 17 clubs comprising East York district were in attendance — 140 institute members registering at 9:30 a.m.

The morning session was held in the church which was followed by a luncheon of salads and hot casseroles served in the church basement.

At the afternoon session Mrs. A. Lander sang two beautiful solos accompanied at the organ by Mrs. C. Harding.

The session closed at 4 p.m. with the singing of the national anthem.



Four Candles For Eastern Star

Richmond Hill chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star held its fourth birthday party last week at the Masonic Hall. Admiring a specially-decorated cake are from left, Worthy Assistant Patron Herb Ludlow, Assistant Matron Mrs. Cora Hughes, Past Matron Mrs. Alma Hill, Worthy Matron Mrs. Eleanor Gates and Worthy Patron Hardie Nelson.

The Rev. Fred Jackson and Mrs. Jackson returned this week from holidaying in Kentucky.

Mr. Jackson is rector of Emmanuel Anglican Church, Richvale.

Dr. G. T. Kean, Mrs. Kean and family from Montreal, spent the weekend with Mrs. Kean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Butt, at their home on Elizabeth Street.

On Friday, Mrs. Kean attended the 12th annual nurses re-union at Toronto General Hospital.

Mabel Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Robertson, Brookside Drive, has recently been elected vice president of the Inter-Christian Fellowship at Orangeville District High School.

Mabel, who inherits her mother's flair for journalism, is editor of the school paper, and always a keen guide, is now acting guide captain, and next weekend will be going to camp to obtain her camper's certificate.

Mrs. Albert Hillaby, Centre Street West, was thrilled last week end when a cactus plant bloomed for the first time in twelve years.

Mrs. Hillaby is not sure of the name of the plant she added to her collection a dozen years ago, nor were neighbours and friends able to identify it. The bloom, white and lily-like was very beautiful and when first opened had a distinct perfume.

Mrs. Ruth Cook, 79 Centre Street West, graduated on Monday from the University of Toronto School of Social Work.

Attending the ceremony were her husband, Mr. Wm. L. Cook, and children Steven and Diana.

Heigh Ho, Come to the Fair!
There will be fun for the whole family at the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church this Saturday, June 1st.

Amusement stalls for the children, delicious home baking, household articles, refreshments and horseshoe pitching are but a few of the attractions that have been planned by the enterprising co-convenors Harold Lemon and Ray Bennett.

Time, 1:00-5:00 p.m. See you there!

On May 22, Richmond Hill United Church C.G.I.T. held a mother and daughter banquet and graduation service.

Approximately 70 members and guests enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner prepared by the ladies of the church. Welcomes were extended to the group by Superintendent Mrs. Joan Barnett and President Miss Joan McFee who acted as mistress of ceremonies. The grace was led by Linda Beacock and the toast to the group proposed by Rosemary Stewart and played by Jean Sanderson. Ruth Scrymgeour, vice-president, introduced the head table and proposed a toast to the guests which was responded to by Mrs. J. McFee.

An interesting review of the past year's undertaking was presented by secretary Peggy Savage, following which a financial report was read. Yvonne Link proposed a tribute to the church to which Mrs. C. G. Higginson made the response. The banquet closed with a sing song led by Lois Perkins.

After a brief intermission a graduation service was held in the chapel in honour of the two graduates Sheri Symington and Jean McFee, both of whom had been with the organization six years. During the service the girls were presented with graduation pins and welcomed into the adult life of the church by Mrs. J. Dedlow and Mrs. M. H. Cunningham. The evening's address was given by Miss Gwenyth Griffith, a counsellor at the central Y.W.C.A. in Toronto, and former C.G.I.T. member and leader. Her topic was youth and where it is headed — and centred round the C.G. I.T. purpose which leads the girls to "cherish health, seek truth, know God and serve others."

We are pleased to report that former Reeve P. C. Hill who suffered a stroke on March 5th is making some progress to recovery at St. Michael's Hospital.

Mr. W. J. Babcock, Richmond Street, received his Bachelor of Physical Education degree at McMaster University Convocation held on May 20th.

Mr. Babcock is head of the physical education department at the Richmond Hill High School.

Mr. John Burns celebrated his 80th birthday on Sunday at a dinner party with relatives and friends at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barker, and granddaughters Kerry and Lorraine, at 154 Centre Street West.

Members of the Richmond Golf and Country Club will enjoy an evening of dining and dancing this Saturday, June 1. This is the club's first social event of the season and an opportunity for old and new members to get acquainted.

John Martin, manager of the Imperial Bank of Commerce in Beaverton was in the news last week when his branch was the scene of a bank hold-up.

Mr. Martin is well known in Richmond Hill and district as some twenty years ago he was assistant in the local branch of the then Bank of Commerce. Herded at gun point along with other staff members Mr. Martin was locked in the vault but was unhurt. After a gun battle with police the bandits were captured and \$40,000 in stolen money recovered.

The Couples' Club of St. Mary's Anglican Church held their last meeting of the season last Saturday evening in Wrixton Hall.

Forty members assembled for a "games night" and to bid farewell to the Rev. J. R. F. Moore and Mrs. Moore who are leaving for the parish of Lakefield. A delicious "pot luck" supper was served at the close of the evening. A gift of two Royal Doulton figurines was made to the Moores on behalf of the group. A new "working" executive was appointed under the sponsorship of Bill and Dorothy Matheson.

Rev. J. F. O'Neil expressed thanks for the enthusiastic leadership of John and Audrey Walker and their executive.

Members of the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club will be competing for prizes in the men's "Get Started" Tournament this Saturday morning, June 1. Prizes will be awarded at the club's dance the same evening.

Mr. J. A. McTaggart returned to his home in Vancouver, having spent the past three weeks with his brother, Mr. Mayne D. McTaggart at his home on Tyneview Lane.

The Richmond Hill Chapter No. 302 of the Order of the Eastern Star celebrated its 4th birthday on May 21st.

Distinguished guests were warmly welcomed by the Worthy Matron Mrs. Eleanor Gates. At the close of the business meeting a penny sale was held, convened by Mrs. Grace Sanderson, and musical entertainment provided by Mr. Douglas Moore and his son Louie.

A buffet dinner was served by convener Mrs. Evelyn Miller and her committee.

The annual dinner of the Inner Wheel of the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill was held at the Yangtze Pagoda on May 21st, followed by a short meeting and social evening at the home of Mrs. Ralph Butler, Muirhead Crescent.

The officers for the coming year were elected: president, Isobel Butler; vice president, Dorothy Plaxton; treasurer, Betty Dixon; secretary, Doreen Ryland; social welfare, Dorothy Plaxton; and Rita Beaumont; fund raising, Trudy Veysiare; telephone, Joy Crosier and publicity, Helen Pipher.

Mr. Clarence Jones of Jones Gardens, well known resident of Elgin Mills, is at present a patient in Newmarket Hospital where he underwent an operation last week.

His many friends wish him a speedy recovery, and hope to see him around again in the very near future.

Mr. Clarence Heise called in at "The Liberal" office on Friday last, his first visit since leaving this area for Welland 25 years ago, where he is the chief engineer at the Plymouth Cordage Co.

During his stay he will be visiting relatives and friends at Victoria Square and Gormley.

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Hill Chapter of the I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. T. Hobden, Bedford Park, on May 6th.

Mrs. H. Schenoff, convener of world affairs, read a very interesting report on the government. Mrs. W. Houston, services secretary, reported on different phases of the services at home and abroad. Mrs. J. Ashworth, educational secretary, explained to members how the I.O.D.E. assists students by presenting bursaries, scholarships and prizes of books.

The next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Houston on June 10th, and will be in the form of a pot luck supper.

June 16th is the date of the next baptismal service to be held at the Richmond Hill United Church.

Parents are invited to make arrangements to bring their children to be received in baptism on that date. Please telephone either TU. 4-1675 or TU. 4-1301.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. H. Redelmeier and Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Redelmeier, Don Head Farms, were guests at a dinner tendered by the agriculturalists of eastern Canada, in honour of the Hon. Harry Hays, newly appointed Federal Minister of Agriculture, at the Royal York Hotel on Saturday.

Mr. Hays is the present mayor of Calgary, a prominent politician, and on several occasions has been the auctioneer at cattle shows at Don Head Farms. He is also the host for the annual breakfast party preceding the Calgary Stampede.

Mr. John Spanner, Mill St., recently returned from attending the graduation of his granddaughter, Miss Judith McMahon, who received her Bachelor of Commerce degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Following the ceremony he returned with his daughter and son-in-law, Rev. J. R. McMahon and Mrs. McMahon, to spend a few days in their home in Annapolis Royal, where Mr. McMahon is the rector of St. Luke's Anglican Church.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Veysiare, Tampico Road, entertained friends at cocktails in honour of Mr. Veysiare's brother, Guy, who spent the weekend with them having attended the recent NATO conference as a delegate from Paris, France.

This Sunday, June 2nd, is Communion Sunday, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being observed at the morning service at the Richmond Hill United Church.

New residents of the Hill and others who are not members are invited to transfer on this occasion.

WANTED — good pictures of the Richmond Hill United Church — exterior or interior views of the church or chapel to be used on "Hasti-notes", which will be sold by the United Church Women. Anyone having any please telephone Mrs. Clement, TU. 4-1252.

Mrs. Ruth McMullen was a visitor in town last weekend. Mrs. McMullen who now resides in Campbellford attended the Sunday service marking the departure of Rev. J. R. F. Moore assistant curate of St. Mary's Anglican Church. Mr. Moore will serve in the parish of Lakefield.

George Allen, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Allen, 24 Zelda Crescent, received word on Friday last that he has been cast in one of the leading roles in a televised serial "Son of a Hundred Kings", which will be shown over CBC from June 10 to August 27.

George, a boy of many talents, was a winner in the solo dance class at the Peel Festival, is busily engaged in TV commercials, and recently played the role of Ben Rogers in the CBC production of "Tom Sawyer".

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Redelmeier were head table guests at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Lorne W. Duguid at the Granite Club on Thursday last in honour of Mrs. Georgina MacKinnon, chairman of the board of the Drambie Liquor Co. Ltd., Edinburgh, Scotland. Mrs. MacKinnon is also an enthusiastic breeder of Jersey cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drew, Elgin Mills Sideroad, leave Saturday to take up residence in Toronto.

They both regret leaving their many friends in the area, and extend to them a cordial invitation to "drop in" and visit them in their new home.

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B.A. At Carleton For P. Kerslake

Peter Kerslake, 22 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Kerslake, 16 Knollside Drive, Richmond Hill, received his Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English May 24 at Carleton University's 19th spring convocation.

He was among 259 students who received degrees, certificates and diplomas at the university's outdoor ceremony on the Rideau River campus.

Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, former governor-general of Canada received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the convocation and delivered the convocation address. He was honoured for his outstanding contribution to the development in Canada of the arts, letters and sciences.

Mr. Kerslake was a student at Richmond Hill High School before attending Carleton.