

# Magic Carpet For Far East Trip

BY MISS EDNA IZZARD  
 "A Magic Carpet" carried Miss Izzard and Dr. Lillian Langstaff to the Near East this spring. Miss Izzard has consented to share some of the highlights of their trip with our readers. Following is her commentary on their visit to Egypt.

Although our magic carpet was nothing more than an aeroplane, our sequence of descents into Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey, followed by unanticipated events and impressions has, for us, something of the character of a tale from Arabian Nights.

To arrive at the Cairo airport in the quick-coming darkness of an Egyptian evening; to meet unexplained delays at the airport; to have my handbag mysteriously disappear next day from our private touring car, as we made our way to the Sphinx; to sit two hours in a police hut in the desert while a corps of police argued vehemently with our guide and a young officer, who had invited himself into our car en route to the Sphinx; to have another session with

the police four days later in Cairo; and finally to be called to the police station at the airport to show my passport just as the passengers were boarding the plane for departure — these are riddles that the Sphinx showed no interest in answering. We, however, felt that we had our first experience with the frustrations of life in a police state.

One other impression of modern Egypt, purely personal, is that the people generally are a little interested in political matters. The beautiful avenues of Cairo were flag decked; troops were rehearsing manoeuvres to meet some visiting VIP. No one whom I asked knew or cared who the visitor was. We learned later from an Athenian paper that he was a Minister from Algiers and that the reason for his visit was consultation with Nasser over the eventual union of the whole of North Africa.

But it was the juxtaposition of the amenities of modern living with such primitive conditions evident in the fields along the highway that impressed us. For ex-

ample, the Nile Hilton is approached by limousines from a beautiful avenue which runs along the Nile; reed-and-mud hovels stand in fields, ploughed by a primitive plough drawn by a team of camel and donkey or ox. It was this startling contrast which made us feel our remoteness in this land, ancient and unchanging and mysterious.

Of that other Egypt, the Egypt of Amen-hotep and "the endless dynasties", many volumes have been written. One word might catch our attention, grandeur. We went up the Nile to Luxor, ancient Thebes, the capital of Egypt for several dynasties. We expected to go on to Assuan to see the great masterpieces of ancient Phylae, doomed to be flooded this year by the great Assuan dam. However, we learned in Luxor that we should not be able to see them as the steamer plying between Abou-Simel and their site had been completely booked for months. There is much resentment felt by European archeologists over this loss. What dreams of grandeur

haunted the ancient Egyptians who raised the mighty statues and temples in Thebes? In spite of their enormous size, there is harmony and beauty expressed in the symmetry, the decorative designs, and the colour (some of which has been preserved). Since the carvings on the walls present scenes of every day life, and since the designing of temples, courts and statues must have required an extensive understanding of the laws of physics and mathematics, we could agree with our scholarly guide that there is nothing new under the sun. Ancient Thebes to-day has a twofold name: Karnak, given to that part lying on the east bank of the Nile,

the city of the living; and Thebes across the Nile, the city of the dead, Karnak was so named by the French because it called to mind Karnac in Brittany, which is somewhat like Stonehenge. From Karnak an imposing avenue of Sphinxes leads to the Nile; in ancient days, the body of the pharaoh was carried in a ship across the river to be entombed in the glorious city of the dead. For the life after death was the dominant theme of ancient Egyptian culture, no doubt the vision of that after life was influenced by what he saw as he looked up the Nile, where on either side stretched lands of luxuriant vegetation, richly interspersed with groves of the grace-

ful date palm and which reach down even to the water's edge. Behind and beyond lie the stately Arabian hills — a dream of delicate tinting in the light of the low sun. Across the Nile rises in the distance the Theban hills, beyond which the sands of the desert fade into the illimitable distance.



## And The Winner Is Mrs. P. Sexton

Mayor William Neal draws the winning ticket and announces the name of the winner of a quilt raffled off on behalf of York Central Hospital. Listening attentively for the name of the winner are (left to right) Mrs. Marjorie Black, Mrs. Margaret Snell and Mrs. Eve Locke. Winner of the draw which realized \$155 for York Central Hospital was Mrs. P. Sexton of Altamira Road, Richmond Hill.

## Recommends Stage 2 Markham Development

Markham Township Council and Planning Board met in joint session Thursday evening last to receive and discuss the report of Director of Planning Ron Forrest on the proposed release for development of the south-west corner of the township, stage two area.

Stage two area consists of North Thornhill neighbourhood Nos. 1 and 2 and Thornlea Neighbourhood No. 2. Total potential population of this development stage is estimated at 9,500 in approximately 2,500 dwelling units. About 2,000 of these will be single family homes and the rest multiple family units.

The development can be broken down into the southerly area consisting of the Shouldeice Hospital and Ladies Golf Course lands, for which no plans for development can be foreseen at this time. Major developments in the northerly area are: Markham Highlands - 480 lots and 350 multiple family units; Romfield Developments - 390 lots and 170 multiple units; and the Selkirk subdivision - 380 lots.

Section 7 of the new official plan of the township requires that the release of respective stages of developments will be dependent upon a satisfactory ratio between residential assessment and commercial and industrial assessment, and that it can be maintained satisfactorily; and that municipal sanitary sewers and water are adequate to provide for the full development of the stage.

The report claimed that the township engineer is of the opinion that the supply, mains and pressures of the water system are adequate to serve the area. It also claimed that the developers have submitted a proposal to council and the board in which they state their willingness to construct a 750,000 gallon disposal plant and the necessary trunks to serve the area.

The planning director reported that 16 firms have sites and plans to construct commercial and industrial buildings in the near future in the township, with a total of more than 225,000 square feet of floor space.

## Apt. Assessment To Be \$1,000,000 By End Of Year

Richmond Hill can count on about \$1,000,000 worth of apartment building assessment by the end of the year, Assessment Commissioner Robert Johnston said.

Present assessment for existing apartments totals about \$800,000 and three new large buildings in the construction stage will likely boost the total. Figuring, too, in apartment development in Richmond Hill will be the opening of new industries and the 125-bed York Central Hospital in the fall.

Although there are no requests for apartment building before Building Inspector Jack Hollowell at present, Planning Director Harold Deeks said there are "a few in the wind."

Mr. Deeks said apartment building would be encouraged in the central commercial area but there are a number of blocks zoned for multiple dwellings which would be suitable. He pointed out that plans in Markham for the area north-east of Thornhill (which call for 510 multiple family units in the foreseeable future) might put large-scale Richmond Hill apartment building on too costly a competitive basis.

Among the new construction is the Richmond Towers, a 41-apartment block on Traybourn Cres. in the northwest end of town. According to a report, a quarter of the space in the six storey building has already been leased.

In the southeast section near Markham Road and Bayview Ave. two more blocks are under construction, the Markridge and Markview apartments. Builders of all three blocks are Mr. Ben Freedman and Mr. Sam Lazaroff. The latter apartments will each contain six bachelor suites, 10 one-bedroom and 26 two bedroom suites.

Completion of the apartments under construction will give the builders 191 suites in their Richmond Hill operations. One of the Markham Road apartments will have an indoor, heated pool available to tenants and also those in other Freedman-Lazaroff buildings. Each of the apartments are regulation four-storey to conform with the zoning bylaw. Rents are expected to run from \$92.50 for bachelor suites to \$115 for two bedrooms.

The buildings will be operated with supervisors in each building.

## Nurses Raise \$175 With Theatre Night

Richmond Hill nurses have presented \$175 towards furnishings for the York Central Hospital.

The money was raised by a theatre night program May 27-29 at the Richmond Theatre. Chairman of the theatre night Mrs. Edith Bull said she was very pleased with the results of the ticket selling. The project was sponsored by the York Chapter of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.

About 75 registered nurses live in Richmond Hill and are eligible to belong to the chapter although Mrs. Bull said it is hoped a separate one will be formed here when the hospital is opened.

Her committee included Mrs. M. Hogan, Mrs. I. Abna, Mrs. E. Taylor, Miss A. Lindsay and Mrs. A. Carter. Mrs. Bull presented the cheque to Mrs. Edna McNab, chapter president in Newmarket.

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### Keep Cans Cool

All canned foods should be stored in a cool place according to Philip L. White, secretary of the Council of Foods and Nutrition of the American Association. Storage of canned foods at relatively high temperatures causes a slow deterioration of certain vitamins, he said in a recent AMA publication. The net loss of nutrients, the author reported, depends both upon the food and the vitamins, and some vitamins are less stable than others.

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## Many Attend Spring Fair

Shown (left to right) in attendance at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church spring fair last Saturday are Mrs. C. Breedon, Richmond Hill, Peter Smith and Mrs. Joan Breedon of Scarborough. The three are discussing the folding table in the background, one of the wide variety of items offered for sale at the fair.

## BUTTONVILLE NEWS

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A CBC-TV camera crew was at Braedon Farm last week making a film strip in which Michael Tully was playing. This was a film on health, and Michael portrayed a boy subject to allergy.

There was a good supply of used clothing turned in for last week's bale packing at Brown's Corners United Church.

When Sandra Burr completes her special commercial course at Thornhill Secondary School this month she will join the Markham Township Municipal office staff.

Clayton Jones is ill with mumps, now that the children are all over them; and Geoffrey Miller has been very ill with measles.

It was apple blossom time in the St. Lawrence valley last week, and Jack and Mary Rodick, accompanied by Rhea Scott of Markham, made the most of it. They visited Upper Canada Village, Montreal, Ottawa, and returned home by North Bay and Muskoka.

Mr. Alex Young, who returned home from the Scarborough General Hospital some time ago, is up for a while each day now and we hope to see him in the garden before long.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jones are enjoying free Sundays for the first time in a good many years. Since May 12, their store has been closed for business on the week-end.

On Friday of this week the Buttonville branch of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary will hold a luncheon meeting at the Summit View Restaurant, Oak Ridges. Time is 1 p.m. to allow homemakers to feed the people at home first.

There is a record growth of hay this year in neighbourhood fields, and spring grain promises to be tall and abundant.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robinson have been entertaining guests from Calgary recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Hill will attend a family wedding this week-end, when their granddaughter Yvonne Robinson will be married at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Thomas Cobb early last week, and extend sympathy to Mrs. Cobb and his daughters, Mrs. Jack Stewart and Mrs. D. Melvin. Until recently, when they moved to Richmond Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Cobb lived in this neighbourhood. A funeral service was held Wednesday at the Piper Funeral Home, Richmond Hill, and interment was at Highland Memory Gardens.

Party For Christiansen Family  
 Friends gathered at Brown's Corners United Church Thursday evening of last week to bid farewell to Edwin and Ruby Christiansen and their son Philip, who will leave the district shortly.

The Christiansens home at the corner of No. 7 highway and Don Mills Road has been expropriated to make way for a new traffic lane, and they have purchased a new property on the sixth concession of Whitechurch near the Van Dord road.

At Brown's Corners Church Mr. Christiansen has been a member of the Stewards and

Mrs. Christiansen has been active in the women's organization as well as junior choir mother.

Mr. Norman Reid was master of ceremonies for the party, and after a rousing sing-song he and Don Reesor showed pictures which they, the Aubrey Stephensons and John Donaldsons had taken locally. Mrs. John Wilkins gave a reading and Mrs. Clayton Jones sang two solos.

A presentation poem, written by Mrs. S. J. English, was read to the guests of honour when Don Reesor and Ross Hord presented a living-room chair and table lamp. There was also a wallet and a book on nature lore for Philip. Mrs. Harold Steffler, president of the U.C.W. presented Mrs. Christiansen with an engraved sterling brooch from the women of the church. Refreshments were served and the evening concluded with a friendly visit.

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### Community Shower

On May 28, in the church hall, many friends and neighbours of Carrville gathered to honor Mr. Lynne Morris and his lovely bride to be Miss Sandy Gourley with many beautiful gifts and lots of good wishes. Lynne and Sandy are to be married in June and we would like to wish them all the good luck and happiness for a long married life together.

### Socials

Mrs. Luigi Del Brocco spent a few days with her son Mr. Vince Del Brocco and his family last week and was able to attend the bridal shower for Lynne Morris and his bride to be.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker on the birth of their baby daughter, Connie Wynne on May 28 at the Branson Hospital.

Communion services will be held at the Carrville United Church on June 9, at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Just a gentle reminder not to forget the strawberry festival which will be held in the Carrville United Church hall on Wednesday evening, June 26.



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