



Charles Howitt Pupils Visit Ottawa

A group of happy pupils of the Charles Howitt School, Richvale, pose on the steps of the Houses of Parliament with John Addison, Member of Parliament for York North, on June 14, during their recent visit to Ottawa. Mr. Addison welcomed the group to the Parliament Buildings before the daily sitting was called and introduced them to the Prime

Minister Lester B. Pearson, who talked to the group informally for a few minutes.

Accompanying the boys and girls on their educational trip were Principal Ralph W. Brown, Roy Robson, Miss Marianne Lacey, Mrs. A. Miller and Mrs. L. Cazaly. They enjoyed visiting many historic sites and the boat trip in the capital

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Community Happenings In Thornhill

Brebeuf High School

The new Brebeuf High School presently under construction on Steeles Avenue between Yonge Street and Bayview has just announced the list of scholarship winners. Among them is Neil Enright, son of Mrs. and Mrs. C. T. Enright, 131 Elgin Street. Neil has just finished Grade 8 at St. Luke's School and we congratulate him and St. Luke's. Other scholarship winners were Michael Williams of Blessed Sacrament parish, Peter Dunagan and Thomas J. Mahar of St. Paschal Baylon parish, and Kenneth Carty, Neil Kearney, Michael Malloy, Maurice Kanary, John McKernan, Peter, Joseph and James Marrin, Gordon Burns, Brian Menton and Richard Mullin of St. Edwards parish.

Cornerstone of the school was laid recently with His Grace, Archbishop Philip Pocock in attendance. Operated by the Jesuit Fathers, the school will open this fall with grades 9 and 10, other grades being added later. Principal of the school is Rev. Robt. W. Meager.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Slaunwhite of 8718 Yonge Street had as their guest recently Mrs. Slaunwhite's cousin, Miss Susan McCully of Moncton, N.B. Next week, Mrs. Slaunwhite's niece, Mrs. Patrick Darrah of St. John, N.B., will be their guest.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stratton, 96 John Street are Mr. and Mrs. Blair Calvin, Mrs. Stratton's sister and brother-in-law. With the Calvins are their small daughter Carolyn and their large dog Toby. The Calvin's are from Clarkson and Mr. Calvin is on a one year's sabbatical leave from the high school there, to take his M.A. in geography. After visiting the Strattons, the Calvins will spend the summer at Georgian Bay and then winter at Gainesville, Florida while

Mr. Calvin attends the University of Florida.

Another Thornhill youngster sampling the air and fare of the West is Johnnie Maver, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maver of 154 Arnold Avenue. John Jr. is spending the summer at Jasper Park working as a caddie at the golf course there.

Jay Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Perry of 102 Arnold Avenue will again spend the summer as a counsellor at Camp Illahee for handicapped children. Out of a cast finally, Jay is still getting around with the help of crutches, after having broken his leg twice in the past year, but expects to be back to school in the fall with the help of a cane only.

Kathy Percival, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Percival of 128 Elgin Street is to fly to London, England on Saturday where she will be met by her aunt, Miss Helen Coleman also of Elgin Street. Helen has been in England for two or three months and will take Kathy with her on a tour of several European countries, their itinerary being as yet undecided. Drop us a card, Kathy, and let us know how you like it.

Keith Corkill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Corkill of 27 Idleswift and Ron Willey, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Willey of 18 Cavalier Cres. got away last week on the first leg of their trip out west. They went with Mr. Corkill who was taking them as far as Fort William and then intended to hitch-hike right out to the coast. Dave Corkill is finding things very pleasant at Banff, has been promoted to assistant to the head gardener and given a raise. He writes that there are 700 youngsters on the staff at the hotel and it seems as if they are all having a

good time. Dave mentions such activities as mountain climbing, over-night canoe trips, tennis and swimming, so it seems as if they don't spend ALL their time working. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, son Grant Corkill is ambling around with one leg in a cast, the result of a fall during a baseball game. Grant is with Union Carbide and was playing with a company team. His knee cap was apparently badly dislocated, necessitating a complete cast. Bad luck Grant, but remember - nothing lasts forever. This too will pass.

Tom Tamblin, son of the R. T. Tamblins who recently moved from Elgin Street to R.R. No. 2 Gormley will spend two weeks at the beginning of July at Rimouski, Quebec. Tom, who has just finished grade 11 at Thornhill High will be on a student exchange visit arranged by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. When he returns to Thornhill he will bring with him a French student, Louis Lavoie, so polish up your French kids and be prepared to meet him.

Last week-end Tom went with Jim Pigott of Helen Avenue and another chum on a boat trip which took them through the Trent canal system from Lake Simcoe right down to Peterborough. The boys camped out on the way - and I hope they didn't freeze to death in the cold weather we had last week!

When I wrote the piece last week about the grades 7 and 8 of Thornhill Public School on their trip to Penetanguishene, I forgot to mention that this is only one of SEVEN trips Mr. Martin has had grade 8 class out on this year. They had already been a trip to Niagara Falls, to sing for the senior citizens at Richmond Hill, to

the Vaughan Township inaugural, to a meeting of the York County Council at Newmarket, to Vivian Forest and for a conducted tour of Boyd Park. If Mr. Martin kept up the same type of interesting commentary on these trips as he did on the one to Penetang, these children must have had a rewarding year at school. These excursions are something from which all children can benefit. The important thing, however, is that the children be not just taken on a trip, but that they also learn about and see points of geographical and historical interest, with which this area abounds. I am particularly pleased to see Mr. Martin including the observation of civics at the local level. This could well be followed up with a trip to observe the Ontario Legislature in session. Certainly every child should leave school with a clear idea of the functions and purposes of every level of government and what better way for them to learn than seeing them in operation?

At the time of writing, a group of some 85 grade 8 students from T.S.A. No. 1 Markham are in Ottawa studying the science of government at the federal level, and I hope to have a report on this for you next week.

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Garden Tea Very Successful

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Well over 300 people turned up at the Thornhill branch of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary's second annual garden tea held at the homes of Mrs. Stuart Parker and Mrs. John Sumner on June 19th.

The attractive tea table was set up under a large tree in front of the Parker home and guests were graciously welcomed by Mrs. H. R. Howden, president of the Thornhill branch of the auxiliary. Pouring tea were Mrs. Ernest Redemeier, 1st vice-president of York Central Hospital Auxiliary; Mrs. Kedwell, the treasurer; Mrs. Schuyler Snively, honorary president; Mrs. Fred Jackson, past president; Mrs. R. Miller and Mrs. G. Chatfield, wife of the hospital administrator. Convener of the tea was Mrs. H. Spafford.

Two innovations were included in this year's tea. First was a showing of "Patio Fashions" from the Anne Shop. These were shown, appropriately enough, on the patio of the Sumner home, with the audience grouped on the lawn seated in lawn chairs or standing under trees.

Here the ladies saw Ann Jeffery, trim and pretty in a pink check swim suit by Darlene. "It keeps its shape - and so does Ann" noted the witty and amusing commentator, Kay Burgess. Next came Judy Wilgar in an attractive silk blend shift dress with a vertical floral pattern. Then came Pat Vlassoff, making a small "self-contained Dominion Day parade" in a red, white and blue striped terry beach coat with a trim swim suit in the same colors. Joan Morse appeared in a smart shorts and blouse set

- the shorts, of two shades of orange and white stripes coming just to the knee. Ruth Hunt modelled a stunning ankle-length hostess skirt in a bold floral print of bronze, gold, yellow and black.

Very attractive also was Isabel Huckvale in a pair of Mediterranean blue silk shorts teamed with a blue and white scarf print shirt, wearable all year round. Lynn Law appeared in a printed knit shift dress, to dress up or down and wear just about anywhere.

Commentator Kay Burgess, who added so much to the show with her gay comment, appeared in a side-buttoned shift dress in bold horizontal stripes of shocking pink, vivid green and yellow, carrying off the outfit with complete aplomb. Following the fashion show, the crowd drifted down the hill to the Parkers' pool where they watched a display of synchronized swimming by Pat Vlassoff, Ann Jeffrey and Kelly Burkhardt. The girls did five numbers, singly and in pairs, the best of which was the final one called "An Impression on the Faceless Beatnik". Here the girls appeared in black long sleeved outfits and black tights, wearing white make-up on eyes and lips to do a very brisk and well synchronized routine.

Close to the tea table was a table and stand displaying a variety of handcrafts - toys, infants wear, knitted goods - all produced by members of the various branches of the York Central Auxiliary and which will be on sale in the gift shop at the hospital when it opens. Members of the Thornhill Auxiliary were identified by name tags trimmed with a

pink ribbon. Mrs. D. Robson wore a sun dress of beautiful sari cloth, in shimmering violet with gold coin dots. Mrs. Peter Morse appeared in a beige sleeveless dress with an all-round pleated skirt. With this she wore a stunning, very tall, stove-pipe hat of green and black straw. Mrs. N. R. Burgess wore a full-skirted dress of airy sculptured nylon, printed in black and white with a black satin insert at the waist, gathered with a rosette at the front.

What with the gay gowns, the sparkling pools, lush green grass and stately trees, the whole affair made a picture to delight even the dullest eye. The weatherman of course co-operated beautifully with lots of sun but enough breeze to keep everyone comfortable. I'm sure the ladies must already be looking forward to next year's tea.

Irish Roses Find A Home In Thornhill

Mr. T. Stothers of 298 Centre Street spoke to the members of the Thornhill Horticultural Society at their June 18 meeting and his informal address proved both interesting and amusing, enlivened by touches of his gentle Irish humour.

Mr. Stothers accused many Canadians of being conformists, particularly with respect to their gardens. Many plant a few evergreens, set out some petunias and feel the job done, he said. He then proceeded to show some splendid coloured slides of gardens in Scotland and Ireland which he had photographed on a recent trip. Particularly interesting were the pictures taken at MacGredy's rose gardens in Ireland. MacGredy's, between Belfast and Portadown are one of the three largest exporters of rose bushes in the world. From as many as 1,600 seedlings in their nurseries, they will get two roses they wish to reproduce and throw all the rest out, Mr. Stothers related.

Mr. Stothers was particularly interested in seeing the MacGredy roses as the original briar root stock on which they grow their roses had come from his father's farm nearby. He had over 30 roses shipped to him the next year and every one survived, he reported. He was told to place the shrivelled cans in a shallow trench and keep them well watered. He did this and saw every one swell up and produce new shoots whereupon he set them out in his garden.

That the roses grew well was amply proven by the lovely shots taken of his garden in subsequent years. Mr. Stothers showed pictures of his property (which lie immediately to the west of the Oakbank pond) as it was six years ago when they moved in, and as it is now. Particularly noteworthy was his transformation of the pond, into an attractive terraced garden, full of bloom of every description. Along with the pictures, Mr. Stothers gave a running commentary of just how he had coped with particular problems, how he had successfully used Bordeaux mixtures on his phlox and hollyhocks, for instance.

One problem he didn't cope with however was an abundance of dandelions around the edge of the pond. After using some \$15 worth of weedkiller, he reports, in desperation he wrote to the Agricultural College at Guelph for help. Their advice - "learn to love them!"

Several beautiful pictures of the pond were shown, taken over several years and showing the geese which make their home there. Last year Mr. Stothers reported there were 24 geese living there over the summer. This year there are seven families in residence.

Mr. Stothers finished up with a picture of what he called the most rewarding thing to grow in a garden - his grandchildren. His final picture however was of a wee-begone little mannikin made from spoons which he said was a picture of himself when he came home after the May 24th week-end and found he had lost some 200 annuals in the frost.

The group then heard Mrs. Marian Martindale comment on the flowers displayed at the rear of the hall for the annual rose and peony show. In spite of the lack of roses - there were only two or three exhibited - Mrs. Martindale found the show very interesting and with exhibits of good quality. She felt that the junior exhibitors particularly, had used good quality flowers in their arrangements and would soon give the senior members of the group some stiff competition.

Prize-winners in the show were as follows: Spray climbing roses, The Kings, Mrs. Funnell. Hybrid tea rose, Mrs. Biggs,

6 specimen roses, Mrs. Given.

Aquilegia; the Mannings, the Healeys, Laura Wakely.

Peony, any colour: Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Joan Hayes, Mr. Williamson.

Peonies, white: Mrs. Riley, Mr. Williamson, the Healeys.

Peonies, light pink: Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Riley.

Peonies, dark pink: Mrs. Hayes.

Peonies mixed colours: Mrs. Riley.

Lupin: Mr. McCulley, The Mannings, Mrs. Thompson.

Bearded iris, any colour: the Mannings, the Healeys, Mrs. Given.

Bearded iris, mixed: Mr. Teasdale, the Mannings, Mrs. Given.

Siberian iris: Mrs. Given, Mr. Housen, the Mannings.

Day lily: Laura Wakely, Mr. McCulley, the Mannings.

Perennials: the Kings, Mrs. Given, Joan Hayes.

Biennial: the Healeys, Laura Wakely.

Arrangement for a coffee table: the Healeys, Mrs. Thompson.

Date-Bate (corsage of roses): the Kings.

Peony arrangement: Mr. Williamson, Mrs. Thompson.

Arrangement in a silver container: Mrs. Thompson, the Mannings, the Healeys.

Arrangement of iris for a mantel: the Healeys, the Mannings, Mrs. Whitehead.

Summer Show (arrangement of white flowers): the Healeys, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Williamson.

Asparagus: Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Mowat.

Basil: Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Thompson.

Leaf lettuce: R. M. McLean, Rhubarb: Mr. Williamson, R. M. McLean, Mrs. Thompson.

Green onions: Mrs. Thompson, R. M. McLean, Mrs. Williamson.

Strawberries: the Mannings, Mrs. Riley.

In the section for junior members, prizewinners were: Tom Thumb, an arrangement not more than 4 inches high, Stephanie Hayes, Jennifer Leonard, Frances Bishop.

An arrangement of flowers in a lunch box: Stephanie Hayes, Jennifer Leonard, Mary Riley.

Father's Day, an arrangement for father's desk: Stephanie Hayes, Frances Bishop, Jennifer Leonard.

During the business meeting, letters were read inviting the members to take part in the Canadian National Rose Show at Richmond Hill on June 22; to take part in the Brampton Festival of Flowers, held by the Brampton Horticultural Society on June 28-29-30 and July 1; to join in a tour of the McLaughlin estate on July 3.

Mrs. V. J. Tremaine announced that the parish guild of Holy Trinity Church were taking orders for dutch tulip, daffodil and hyacinth bulbs which they were selling as a fund raising venture, and several members placed orders with her after the meeting. Anyone interested in ordering bulbs may call Mrs. Tremaine at 285-1288.

Garden visits in the Thorn-

hill area will be arranged for the end of June or early in July and members will be informed of the dates shortly.

The Thornhill Horticultural Society this year has 101 members, although the membership secretary Mr. A. Eisey would like to tactfully remind them that 28 of last year's members have not yet paid their 1963 dues. New members are very welcome. Fees are \$2 per member or \$3 per couple. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month at Thornhill United Church on Dudley Street. For further information, call Mr. Eisey at 285-4162.

NEWMARKET: Criticism was levelled at "too many freeloaders" using town facilities without paying for them. The council learned many businessmen and industries were using the town dump to get rid of waste. A schedule of dumping fees was suggested.

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