



### Enjoying A Florida Holiday

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cattermole, 146 Driscoll Road, Richmond Hill, enjoyed a winter holiday in Florida in December. They are shown on a balcony overlooking the palm-shaded pool at the Jolly Roger Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. This beachfront hotel is patterned after a pirate ship.

### Curtain Club Feature

## Christmas Pantomime Is Rapidly Becoming Richmond Hill Tradition

The Christmas pantomime has long been a Christmas tradition in Great Britain — a tradition which is treasured by children and adults alike. A few years ago members of the Richmond Hill Curtain Club, feeling their children were missing an important part of the holiday season, introduced the Christmas pantomime to

Richmond Hill. In a few short years it has become a local tradition, and each succeeding year's presentation is eagerly awaited by a devoted following. The audiences are naturally composed largely of people who have come from Great Britain to make their homes in Canada and their children, but each year more Canadian-born people are discovering the delight of the pantomime and are forming a larger proportion of the audience.

### Engagements

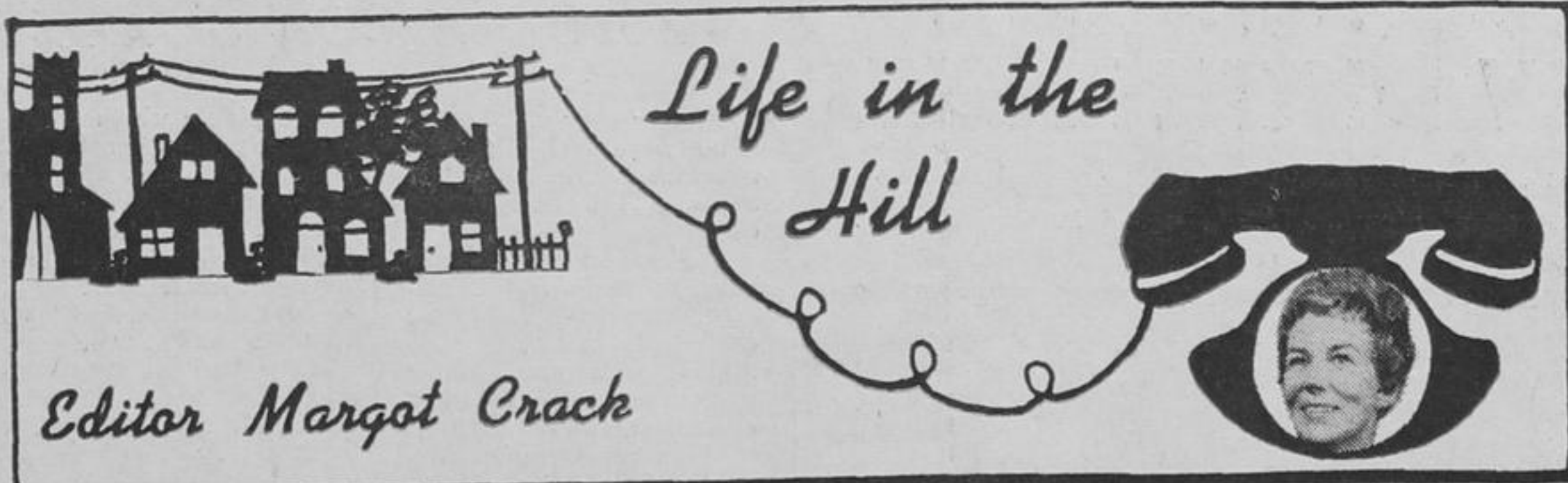
Mrs. Arthur Stevens announces the engagement of her daughter Marjorie Anne to Lawrence Arnold Oelze, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Oelze, Los Angeles, Calif. The wedding will take place January 17, 1964, in Los Angeles, where the couple will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Dowsett are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Mary-Elizabeth Anne to Mr. Alvin C. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Thompson of Cedar Valley, Ontario.

The engagement is announced of Olwyn Gilder of Richmond Hill to Mr. Clarence Espey of Elgin Mills, the wedding to take place January 18, 1964 at 3 p.m. in Richmond Hill United Church.

This year's presentation of "Cinderella", the first pantomime to be presented in the club's own intimate theatre, is a children's delight, but the adults enjoy it also. Particularly endearing are the eight little magic mice whose singing and dancing reflect the many hours of hard work put into rehearsal by the children under the direction of Audrey Parker.

Proof of the universal appeal of the pantomime is the fact that the club has had to add to the originally scheduled eight performances due to the overwhelming demand for tickets. An additional performance will be held on Sunday night, January 5, and if necessary a matinee performance will be held that afternoon to accommodate all who wish to see the performance.



Joy Wilson, Charlene Smith and Pat Barnes left on Boxing Day for a skiing holiday in the Laurentians.

The cast and stage crew of the Curtain Club pantomime "Cinderella," members and friends, enjoyed a Christmas party on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bell, Elizabeth Street.

Carol singing on a hay wagon on a ride through the Elgin Mills area, preceded the Christmas party given by Miss Pat Barnes, Tampico Road.

Over forty guests then returned to her home for dancing and refreshments.

The W. I. will start the New Year with a pot luck luncheon on January 9 to be held in the library auditorium at 1 p.m. Please bring your own plate, cup and cutlery.

The executive will furnish the programme.

Twenty-one members and guests of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women met at the home of Mrs. Betty Harvey, 294 Ruggles Avenue for their annual Christmas program.

Carols were sung, followed by a film "Holy Night".

The business meeting was kept to a minimum, after which members enjoyed a few games under the direction of Mrs. E. Miller, and small gifts were exchanged.

A talent table with various items made by members was on display, the proceeds to be used for the needy in the community.

Refreshments were then served. The next meeting will be held on January 15, at the home of Mrs. Margot Wirt, 290 Browndale Crescent.

The members of Delta Lambda of Beta Sigma Phi held their last regular program of the year at the home of Mrs. Irene Dowden, 438 Marybay Crescent.

The program for the evening was very ably led by Mrs. Libby Henson on the topic "People". Anthropology proved to be a subject of interest to everyone, and a lively discussion followed.

The regular business meeting was held, followed by Mrs. Callie Israel giving a few points about parliamentary procedure. Members will hear more on this subject at future meetings.

Refreshments were then served during which time a "baby shower" was held for two members, Mrs. Sandra Eveleigh and Mrs. Alice Smith, who recently gave birth to a boy and girl respectively.

Holidaying with their parents in North Bay over the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Laforte, Yonge Street.

Mr. J. Rabinowitch and his son Royden, Kerrybrook Drive, left on Boxing Day for a few days in New York.

Home for the holidays from Western University, London, were Peter Purvis, Bruce Wilson, Royden and David Rabinowitch and John Clement.

Judy Purvis returned from Macdonald College, Quebec, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Purvis, Bridgeport St.

Robbie Loudon and Ian Hunt of Richmond Hill and Wayne and Bruce Morrison of Victoria Square are holidaying in Florida.

Wayne Bowerman, who is in training at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery, Camp Shilo, Man., is holidaying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bowerman at their home on Lynett Crescent.

He will return to camp following the New Year.

Home for the Christmas holidays from McMaster University, Hamilton, are Miss Barbara Southwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Southwell, Church St. S., Steve Burnie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Burnie, Yonge Street South, and Kelvin Tonner, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Tonner Oxford Street.

The members and husbands of Delta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Holmberg, 92 Lawrence Avenue.

Preceding the party Mr. and Mrs. M. Thomson served dessert, coffee and liqueur at their Yonge Street home. Program Director Callie Israel poured coffee.

The party was a great success, followed by a buffet supper of Chinese food.

Midmer Dance Academy Pupils from the Midmer Dance Academy have been busy during the festive season. They entertained for local citizens at the Lion's Hall, and on the Sunday before Christmas, they combined with Billy O'Connor and TV stars to entertain over 3,000 patients of the Ontario Hospital in Orillia.

Among the acts chosen by Billy O'Connor was a group of Midmer's youngest ballerinas, who with their grace and perfect timing were a delight to both Billy and the audience. The show was filmed and will be seen at a later date on CKER.

Mr. and Mrs. Mary Walker, Sharron and David spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols of Victoria Square.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sayers, Centre St. W. spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Chesney and family at Winona.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hawkes, formerly of Edgar Avenue, have arrived safely in Victoria, B.C., where Mrs. Hawkes, after twenty years, was reunited with her sisters for Christmas.

The Christmas party celebrated at the Elmwood Avenue home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ruttan was attended by 34 relatives and friends from as near as Burlington and New Liskeard. Among the guests was Mrs. J. Kelly of Barrie, mother of Mrs. Ruttan.

The pleasure of dancing was enhanced by music from almost a complete orchestra provided by the guests, led by Ernie Ruttan, whose orchestra in the past provided fine entertainment and music for dancing in Richmond Hill.



GEORGE ALLAN

### Young TV Star

Thirteen-year-old George Allan, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Allan of 241 Zelda Crescent, is a busy young man these days. Residents of Richmond Hill may look forward to seeing him on CBC TV twice early in the new year.

On January 5 he will play a comedy part of Scratchy Needles and also a small dramatic scene in "Time of Your Life". This will be seen on Channel 6 at 2 p.m.

On January 12 he will play the principal part in "The Boy King", which will also be seen on Channel 6 at 2 p.m.

George has already appeared in "The Great White Wash," a scene from the life of Tom Sawyer, and in six of the ten episodes of "Son of a Hundred Kings," recently completed on "The Serial." He also played a role in the CBC film "Russian Cadet."

Altogether young George has appeared in five radio recordings, two of which were commercials, the others for school broadcasts and ordinary radio broadcasts, six TV commercials and five films.

George started his career two and a half years ago when he appeared twice as a tap dancer on Channel 11's Tiny Talent. He won a medal at the Peel Festival. Later he was advised to attend drama school and is still studying under Miss Barrington in Toronto.

### Wilfred Allen

A resident of Richmond Hill for the past six years, Wilfred Allen of 218 Anzac Road died of a heart attack on December 19.

Mr. Allen was born in Lancashire, England, and came to Canada seven years ago, living for a year in Downsview.

He was a member of Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church and of the Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his wife and two daughters, Patricia (Mrs. Len) McLean of Richmond Hill and Mrs. Marian Rawding of Ottawa.

On December 21 Rev. F. C. Robinson, parish priest, sang requiem high mass at the church and interment took place in Holy Cross Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ronald Ribbons, Douglas Brown, Fred Murphy, Robert Palethorpe, Stan Kucharski and James Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Charles, Bedford Park Avenue, were in London for Christmas, staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Charles and family.

David Agg, student at Western University, London spent the holiday period at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Agg and family, Hillsview Drive.

Entertaining on New Year's Eve were Ron, Donna and Wendy Ashkanase, who held a combined party at their home on Leisure Lane.

Holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bork of Yonge Street South were Mr. and Mrs. N. Hoffman, Mrs. Bork's sister, and their two daughters, Judy and Marilyn of Pembroke.

Staff members at Richilda Camp were entertained by camp directors Mr. and Mrs. William Babcock with a skating and skiing party last Monday at the Kettleby campsite.

Chief Constable R.P. Robbins, Mrs. Robbins and family, were in Clinton for the Christmas holidays where they stayed at the home of Mrs. Robbins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sutter.

Mr. and Mrs. Heber McCague, Mr. and Mrs. George Joyce and Mr. and Mrs. McLean were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. John McCague at Victoria Square.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sayers and family and Mrs. W. Sayers, had dinner on Saturday with Mrs. Beulah Jones and Mr. Joe Jones at their home in Gormley.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett of Victoria Square were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bennett, Markham Road. To mark Randy's third birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bennett and family were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett on Sunday.

Members of St. Matthew's United Church sang and danced out 1963 and prayed in 1964 at a New Year's Eve party and Watch Night service. The party began at 9 p.m. with the service at 11:30. A pot luck salad and dessert supper was featured.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bayley Sr., Yonge Street, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayley and daughter, spent Christmas Day in London at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bayley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker A. Locke and family from Williamsburg were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lennox, Mill Street for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. W. Lennox from Thornhill joined them for the Christmas Day festivities.

Travelling with a group on a trip arranged through the Visites Interprovinciales were Miss Joan Featherstonhaugh, Arnold Street and Alastair Sweeney, Highland Lane, who left on Boxing Day for Lac Beauport. They celebrated New Year's Eve in Quebec City.

### Richmond Hill W. I.

The President Mrs. J. Dewsbury and the executive extend New Year's greetings to the members with a cordial invitation to be on hand for the first meeting of 1964, which is to be held in the library auditorium, Wright Street, on January 9 at 1 p.m. (not 2 p.m. as per usual).

Members will please bring their own plate, cup and cutlery, along with their favourite casserole, salad or dessert etc. Remember the date — January 9 — the executive will be in charge of the programme.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Avison and family spent Christmas at Victoria Square with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Boynton and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harding of Vineland (formerly of Richmond Hill) spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Roberts, Elmwood Avenue.

The Richmond Hill Co-operative Nursery School recently held their Christmas party in Wrixon Hall.

The children entertained their parents with nursery songs with actions, and Christmas songs.

With the arrival of Santa Claus, the children collected gifts from him that they had made themselves, and proudly presented them to their mothers.

Coffee and refreshments were served. Carol Miller celebrated her December 20 birthday by attending the Saturday matinee performance of The Curtain Club's Christmas pantomime "Cinderella".

Following the show, with her two guests, Debbie Hook and Gale Hollowell, Carol returned to her Harryway Crescent home for a birthday celebration.

With the height of the social season, parties are in full swing, guests coming and going, ski-ing enthusiasts enjoying ideal weather conditions, and preparations in hand for holidays in warmer climates.

We are always interested in receiving news items for "Life in the Hill" — the service is free — call the social editor, Margot Crack, at TU. 4-1105, drop a line to 63 Yonge Street S., or call in personally, we'll be pleased to hear from you.

"The best you've ever had" — "The most enjoyable party I have been to" — were only two of the many complimentary comments made to Ruth Garson, A.D.C.M. on the occasion of the Christmas party which she held at Richmond Hill United Church for her pupils and their parents.

The party was most informal in a very cheerful atmosphere. Many of the students performed in piano, voice solos and duets; although several pupils had only been studying for a short period of time, it was most evident that these youngsters were confident and sure of themselves in their music.

The guests joined in the singing of carols. Miss Garson sang "Greensleeves" accompanied by her student Patricia Shelton, after which she presented gifts to her pupils, and delicious homemade refreshments were served.

On December 22nd the combined senior intermediate and junior choirs of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church together with the young peoples association presented their annual Christmas candlelight service.

The music was under the able direction of the organist and choir director Mrs. Vera Diamond. Once again Miss Shirley Mann of Toronto was guest soloist singing "There Were Shepherds," while Mrs. Etna Shaw regular choir member sang the solo part in "Silent Night." The programme also featured an "Indian Carol" by the junior members and the newly organized intermediate group did a lovely version of the Spanish Carol "Go 'Ye To Bethlehem". The congregation joined in the singing of some of the old favorite carols.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with candles attractively arranged.

Mr. Ray Bennett, director of the young people addressed the congregation and announced that something a little different was arranged for this service; two brother and sister participants. The scripture and prayer were read by Wilf Holland and his sister Peggy, while stories were told by Ian and Susan McAlister.

Following the service, refreshments were served and a social time was enjoyed with the young people serving.

Mrs. Esther Bork, president, presented Miss Mann with a gift on behalf of the choir in appreciation of the many times she has favoured us with her singing.

Mrs. Diamond was then presented with a gift by Mr. Wes. Middleton, who commented on the trials and tribulations of an organist and choir leader in preparing a candlelight service and praised her efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Dickie, Driscoll Road, spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hewitt, 16th Avenue.

T.V. HIGHLIGHTS Barby Peirce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Peirce, Rockport Crescent, will be appearing this Sunday, January 5, on CBLT "Time of Your Life".

Barby is at present appearing in the Curtain Club pantomime "Cinderella".

Mr. and Mrs. H. Monks, Louise and Charles, Wood Lane, spent the weekend in Buffalo, at the home of Dr. Charles Lewis, Mrs. Lewis, and family. Louise and Charles are remaining in Buffalo until after the New Year.

One of the many parties held during the festive season was that given by Mrs. Garson of the Sylvia Garson Dance Studios at St. Joseph's Separate School.

Mrs. Garson goes to a great deal of work and preparation for the party each year so that pupils, friends and parents alike can join in celebrating the wonderful holiday. Unlike years previous, the party started at 10 a.m. in the morning on December 21; pupils entertained and demonstrated (with explanation) the work they have learned in the short space of time from September to date.

Everyone in the audience joined in a square dance and the finale.

Refreshments were served, and favours and gifts were then presented to the students by Mrs. Garson.

The monthly meeting of the 1st Beverley Acres Cub and Scout Auxiliary was held at Beverley Acres School on December 17th. Business soon concluded, the ladies served refreshments, the ladies served refreshments at the Scout Christmas party. When the boys were fed the ladies returned to their own party and exchanged gifts.

Queen Scout Robin Derrick showed his world Jamboree films and accompanied it with a very entertaining commentary. He also had his souvenirs on display.

Mrs. Derrick presented Mrs. Dunlop with her gold past presidents pin.

Refreshments were served while the ladies opened their gifts.

Next meeting will be January 21, at Beverley Acres School in the form of a penny auction in aid of the Scouts going to Halliburton camp next summer. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend!

Mr. and Mrs. Sil Steffan, and children Laurie and Val, Elmwood Avenue, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Steffan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Valentine, at their home in Kirkland Lake.



Rev. Arthur A. Chote

## Annual Service For Councillors At St. Gabriel

For the evening service on January 12 at the Anglican Church of St. Gabriel, Richmond Hill East, the councils of the Town of Richmond Hill and Markham Township are invited to be present. This has become an annual feature of the year at St. Gabriel.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Arthur A. Chote, former rector of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, and presently rector of the Church of the Messiah in Toronto. Mr. Chote made many friends while he was in town who will welcome this opportunity of hearing him again.

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