

Band Has Duplicate

The name "Hill Toppers" is a natural for bands in Richmond Hill, it seems. The choice of this name for the local drum and trumpet corps a few years ago appeared a very novel idea. However, this week we are in receipt of news that Richmond in Yorkshire, England, also has a Hill Toppers band.

A letter from Mrs. J. M. Lines of 31 Lancer Drive, Maple, enclosed a clipping from the Darlington and Stockton Times—Ripon and Richmond Chronicle which features a picture of the English Hill Toppers taking part in a carnival parade. The band was preceded by a bemadalled drum major and a bevy of drum majorettes. A large banner featuring a castle on a wooded hill and two band members identified the group. There is one important difference, however. The English Hill Toppers are a jazz band.

Mrs. Lines describes Richmond, Yorkshire, as a quaint old place with cobble marketplace in the town centre and the remains of an old castle just on the outskirts overlooking the river. It was about this locality that "The Lass of Richmond Hill" was written, she informs us.

So it could be this Richmond Hill for which our Canadian town was named. William Harrison, local historian, reported that, as far as he could determine, the name Richmond Hill was chosen by the settlement's first school teacher, Benjamin Bernard, who taught all his students to sing the song and persuaded the owner of Dolby's hotel to hang a life-size portrait of "The Lass" in front of his establishment.

Four Car Crash, One Is Injured

Damage was \$1,300 when three cars were involved in a rear-end collision at the lights at Yonge Street North and Levedale Road last Thursday. One of the drivers, William Stephenson of Willowdale suffered a possible whiplash neck, according to Richmond Hill Police.

Other drivers were Wally Smerciak, Taylor Mills Drive, Richmond Hill and Milan Korok of Don Mills. They were stopped at the intersection when the Stephenson car struck from behind around 9:10 p.m. No charges were laid, police said.

Earlier on Thursday, at 5:10 p.m. at Yonge and Dufferin Streets, two cars were involved in an accident and damage amounted to \$225.

Drivers were Hugh Orser, R. R. 3, King, and Gilbert Hodgins of Aurora. There were no injuries or charges laid.

On Saturday, two separate accidents occurred within minutes of each other at the hazardous Yonge Street-Markham Road.

At 8:15 p.m. damage totalled \$265 when a rear-end collision involved four cars but no one was injured.

Drivers were Donald Rothman of Beaverton Road, David Bessell of Toronto, Michael Lyne of Cartier Cres. and Gordon Legge of Richvale. No charges were laid.

At 8:45 p.m. damage was \$600 when cars driven by Frank Pomeroy of Oshawa and Fenn Waligarski of Gormley met in the intersection. No one was injured and no charges were laid.

On Sunday, four-year-old Richard Flynn of Lennox Avenue brushed into a car driven by Lena White of Harding Blvd. when he wheeled his tricycle out into the path of her car from his parents' driveway. He wasn't hurt and there was little damage, police said.

AURORA: Guest speaker at the November 16 meeting of Aurora Rotary Club will be Dr. G. A. Thompson, medical director of the Eye Bank of Canada, which makes possible the transplanting of the cornea of recently dead persons and gives sight to those blind because of a defective cornea.

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