



Editor Margot Crack

Ever have doubt about where the pennies go that you give to Christmas carollers? Contributions given to Linda Marple, Marlene and Irene Louheed for their carol offerings went into the UNICEF box at the Discount Cleaners Store in the Richmond Heights Centre and completely filled it. This is surely giving in the true spirit of Christmas!

The annual congregational meeting of the Richmond Hill United Church will be held on January 27. Organizations are urged to prepare their reports and leave them in the church office by January 12.

Mrs. Hilda Munslow from Montreal spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Clubine, Markham Road.

If you're still looking for a New Year resolution, may we offer this one: "So live that you would not be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the biggest gossip in town."

Enjoying their Christmas party at the Richmond Inn on Monday last, with their respective husbands and boyfriends, were Monica Wood, proprietrix, and the staff of Village Coiffure, Yonge St. South.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Crack, Leonard Street, during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Neville Crack, David and Judith, from London, Ont.

Former residents Mr. and Mrs. Basil Pappas and family report they are gradually settling into their new home at 45 Clydesdale Drive in North York. The Pappas' used to live on Neal Drive in Beverley Acres. A former member of the public school board, Mr. Pappas always took a keen interest in community affairs.

The Richmond Hill United Church will hold their first worship services of the New Year next Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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On January 1, there'll be open ice for any curlers able and on January 2, the Ontario Curling Association playdowns begin at 9:30 a.m. with a cup and saucer bonspiel later at 8 p.m.

Miss Susan Gillard R.N., returned on Tuesday to New York, where she is on the staff at Roosevelt Hospital, having spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gillard, Church Street North.

Pupils with their parents enjoyed a musical gathering during the pre-Christmas festivities as guests of Richmond Hill music and voice teacher Ruth Garson at St. Mary's Anglican Church.

The young artists played and sang Christmas music and everyone enjoyed sandwiches and Christmas goodies. Santa Claus paid a visit and the guests saw the film "The Twelve Days of Christmas" using the Music Guild's newly-purchased 16mm projector.

A baby-sitting Christmas was spent by Miss Mary Dawson of "The Liberal" staff. She spent Christmas in Parkhill with her nephew's family whose mother had undergone surgery in St. Joseph's Hospital, London, just before the big day.

Miss Mae Hepburn flew to Edmonton December 18 to spend Christmas and New Year's with her brother, Mr. Kenneth Hepburn, Mrs. Hepburn and young daughter, Jennifer.

On December 26 W. L. Zuefelt, 402 Markham Road, began his duties as dispatcher in the CNR Toronto marshalling yards at Maple.

Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wagner on Richmond Street was the scene of a very happy family reunion when all of their daughters and their families were home—Mr. and Mrs. Norm Conquerood and family from Islington, Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Allan and family of Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Conzdon and in addition Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Allan of Toronto and Mrs. Jean and Miss Margaret Conzdon of Toronto.

In all twenty-one sat down to a sumptuous Christmas turkey dinner and a real family get together afterwards.

Miss Mabel Louise Robertson, Brookside Drive, left on Tuesday for Regina to spend the New Year's holiday with the Widdfield family. On Sunday she will return to Assiniboia, where she is on the editorial staff of the Assiniboian Times. During the Christmas weekend Mabel Louise visited friends in the Hockley and Orangeville district, and Miss Joan Smith and family in Victoria Square.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Van Duzer and daughter Catharine of Montreal were guests of Miss Minnie Walker, Bridgeford Street over the Christmas weekend. Their daughter Margaret and her husband Fred Cooper of Grimsby joined them for Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Carmichael, Driscoll Road, held 'Open House' on Christmas Eve for neighbours and friends.

A belated "happy birthday" and "merry Christmas" to nine year old Jeffery Woolnough, who missed two celebrations on December 25—his birthday and Christmas—by being rushed to York Central Hospital on Christmas Eve for an emergency operation.

Jeffery, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Woolnough, McConvey Drive, and student at Beverley Acres Public School, is making excellent progress, and is expected home on Thursday, when he will have time to enjoy his presents, during his ten day convalescence.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Robertson, Mabel Louise, David and John, Brookside Drive, spent Christmas morning visiting Mrs. Robertson's sister and brother, Miss Evelyn Eppes in Toronto, and William R. Eppes and family in Willowdale, later going to West Wind Farm, Whitby, to join the Robertson clan with their Christmas festivities.

Visitors at the Johnston's home on Boisdale Avenue on Wednesday last were their son Rev. Weldon J. Johnston of Olean, New York, and his wife's brother Jim Hackney of 105 Eaton Avenue, Toronto. Weldon, Marie and their family, Weldie, Cheryl and Creg, spent Christmas with Marie's family in Toronto.

If you have any bottles or coat hangers you would like to dispose of, put them in a box and leave them outside the house this Saturday — the Royal Canadian Junior Legion would very much appreciate them, and will be collecting between the hours of 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnston, 323 Boisdale Avenue, accompanied by their youngest son, David, a grade XII student at Lorne Park College, spent Christmas day with their son and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Paul G. Johnston (of the Free Methodist Church) in Smiths Falls. On Christmas morning Paul and David drove to Ottawa to pick up their grandmother, Mrs. G. L. Monahan, who spent the day with the family.

During the afternoon Paul showed slides of Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Nazareth, taken on their Missions Award trip to India and the Holy Land in March of this year.

The Social Editor Margot Crack would like to thank readers of "Life in the Hill" for their many news contributions throughout the year, and to wish them a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Mrs. F. Dolan, Baker Avenue, spent the holidays with relatives — with Mr. and Mrs. Wilby in Claremont on Christmas Day, and on Boxing Day, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sharpness of North Toronto.

An innovation for Richmond Hill is the 'Open House' held every Sunday afternoon at the Ruth Calverley Gallery, Yonge Street South.

More and more people are gathering between the hours of 2 - 6 p.m. to enjoy and appreciate the many paintings, sculpture and objets d'art, that are attractively displayed throughout the gallery.

The UCW of the Richmond Hill United Church will hold their general meeting on January 11. Please note change of date.

Following the last meeting of Richmond Hill Public School Board Monday evening, Chairman Harold Sanderson invited members of the board and the administrative staff to his home in Rosemar Gardens for a social evening and refreshments.

During the evening the retiring chairman of the board was presented with a watercolor painting of the L. M. McConaghy School as it was before the addition was made to the east side. David Van Brusset of Aurora who received much help from Carl French of the maintenance staff who produced photographs which showed the school as it was.

The presentation was made by Superintendent Gordon McIntyre and Vice-Chairman W. R. Hutchison. Trustee Mrs. Deena Simpson presented Mrs. Sanderson with a dozen red roses in appreciation of her hospitality during the years her husband has been a board member.

We understand Mr. Sanderson plans to put the picture on display in a central spot so that all citizens can see it, the exact location has not been decided on yet.

Mrs. Michael Wilson wife of the general manager of the Richmond Inn was the lucky winner of the beautiful doll at the Christmas draw sponsored by Fabric Fair, Yonge Street South. The lovely lifelike gift is 36 inches high and comes complete with a wardrobe. Liberal Editor Sam Cook made the lucky draw.

Two R. Hill Entrants Chosen For Lions' Public Speaking Contest

Richmond Hill High School is ready with its entrants for the Lions Club public speaking contest to be held at the end of January or early in February.

Finals were held at the school December 18 and at the senior assembly, for grades 11, 12 and 13, Dennis Paxton, grade 11 was declared the winner. Sharon Bowman, also of grade 11 won second place and Marcia Sully,

Songs in French and English, dancing games and a lively costumed grand march highlighted the Christmas celebrations at the close of the term for tots at the Top O'The Hill Nursery School.

After refreshments were served, the children in costumes ranging from Little Miss Muffet and the Spider to the Fairy Princess marched into the hall led by a band. The children told the Christmas story in carols and greeted Santa as he sat beside a huge tree handing out candy canes and presenting the children had made for their mothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Brydon Ellis, Mill Street, spent the Christmas holidays in Detroit, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Corriveau.

Rev. Albert E. Myers, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, will be the speaker on "Plain Talk" next week.

The program is heard Monday through Friday at 10:33 a.m. over CBL radio station.

50/50 Club Draw Our Lady Queen of the World Holy Name Society held its monthly meeting on December 13.

The winner of this month's 50/50 club draw was Mr. George Turbach of 25 Gentry Crescent. The amount was \$246.

Twenty seven members of the Richmond Hill "Blue Corp." Majorettes, ages 5 to 9, directed by Miss Judy Williams and Gerry Sargeant, entertained the primary Sunday school of the Church of St. Gabriel at their Christmas party.

In their smart blue full dress uniforms, made by their parents, they executed a musical routine of "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer". This was a most interesting and clever adaptation of this popular Christmas song.

The story characters were depicted by clever head-dresses with the exception of Santa Claus, who appeared in full costume.

Playing Rudolph was Carol Byers; Santa Claus, Danny Jones; the reindeer Michelle Giansman, Mary Louise Thompson, Brenda Mollison, Kim Mahon, Sherry Robinson, Jeanette Mordas, Nancy Wehrens, Dianne Frater; soldiers, Kim Williams, Donna Byers, Patti Mollison and Debbie Jones.

Following the event Mr. and Mrs. P. Jones, Brownvale Crescent, entertained at a Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shewell, Maralim Road, entertained at a Christmas Eve party for neighbours and friends.

The "Green Room" party following the final curtain of the Curtain Club's Christmas pantomime "Dick Whittington" will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bell, 4 Elizabeth Street North.

"Many Happy Returns of the Day" to Percy Knight, who has rather an unusual day, Christmas day, to celebrate his 13th birthday.

However, due to being away in the country over the Christmas period, his birthday party will be held on New Year's day.

Percy, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Knight, Crosby Avenue, is also a carrier for this newspaper in the Crosby Heights area.

Richmond Hill Post Office advises the following schedule during the New Year period. Full regular services will be in effect on December 31, and Saturday January 2. On January 1, New Year's day, the post office will be closed, no services and no mail box collection service.

The Royal Canadian Junior Legion will hold a bottle and coat hanger collection on SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Tall Singers, Small Listener

At least one member of their audience is completely entranced with the carols sung in the corridors of York Central Hospital December 23 by members of the St. Matthew's United Church choir. Choir leader Mrs. R. P. Robbins is shown, left, with her back to the camera, leading the singers.

Curtain Club Pantomime Lacks Colour And Action

BY MARGARET McLEAN

During the past five years, the Curtain Club's annual Christmas pantomime has become something of an institution in Richmond Hill. Perhaps it is the fact that institutions, by their very nature, tend to be rather dull that this year's production of "Dick Whittington" directed by Tony Hiscoke, failed to make much of an impression on either the children or the adults in the audience Monday night.

Granted that pantomimes are intended to have some appeal to adults as well as children, this is extremely difficult to accomplish. Certainly, when Dick Whittington appeared at the beginning of scene 1, act 1 and sang "Where is Love" the three to ten-year-olds in the audience couldn't have cared less. And the rest of scene 1, with comers singing about the glories of Toronto was really of no interest at all to children.

While the union organizer who paraded silently across the stage at intervals carrying placards reading "These songs are sung by non-union musicians, don't listen to them" and "This play was produced by scabs and child labor — but thanks for coming anyway" was amusing enough for the sprinkling of adults (mostly harried mothers) but he was merely confusing for the children, most of whom couldn't read in any event.

The acting, with two or three exceptions was wooden throughout. Margaret Queen as Dick Whittington both spoke and sang clearly and was heard even at the back of the hall, but she failed to get any feeling into her part. If she had been able to show some emotion at either parting from her sole possession, the cat, or at getting it back, the youngsters would have been much more involved in the whole business.

The cat, portrayed by Mary Monks, was the most alive of all the characters. How she managed to look both charming and graceful with her posterior so much in evidence is a matter of considerable wonder and admiration.

Louise Monks, as Alice Fitzwarren, was charming and attractive also, but her voice was a little thin, and particularly when singing, she was not always audible.

Woody Comeau certainly stood out in his performance as King Algernon and was the only thoroughly comic actor in the play. As his wife Queen Abigail, Kay Tidswell was also quite effective and sufficiently regal for the two of them.

Lyle Nickle as Mr. Fitzwarren and Bill Hasall as Captain Anderson were uniformly colorless. John McArthur as Agatha the cook was merely fussy rather than funny, although he did draw the biggest laugh of the evening when chased off the platform by the cat.

Hugo Jackson made himself noticed in each scene in which he appeared. As a commuter, an oriental servant and a reporter, he hammed it up delightfully and was so obviously enjoying himself that it was quite contagious.

Half a dozen youngsters also enjoyed themselves playing mice — Darlene Harcourt, Pixie Jackson, Debbie Lounsbury, Josephine Matyas, Marianne Neill and Nancy Trott. As the littlest mouse, Pixie Jackson was most appealing.

Whether or not it is because my own small sprout, who has been taken to the pantomime for the past three years, is just becoming too old for them, it seems that they have slipped badly the past two years. Three years ago, at four years of age, he loved "Aladdin" and exclaimed on the way home "Oh, I wish I were more still there." Viewing "Cinderella" at five years, he was mildly amused. At six, Dick Whittington bored him.

Perhaps by six or seven our youngsters are just too sophisticated to be amused by fairy tales. Compared to "Aladdin" three years ago, this year's production lacked both color and action, both of which attract children.

And do adults really need to be appealed to in a Christmas pantomime? It has always been my impression that they were intended primarily for children. Surely the parents, who must perforce accompany their children would take more enjoyment out of seeing them captivated by a completely child-centred production. "Dick Whittington" attempted to amuse both children and adults and as a result, really interested neither.

John David Brown

John David Brown, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, 128 Weldrick Road, Richmond Hill, passed away at the Toronto General Hospital, on Thursday, December 10, 1964, in his 29th year. Although David had been in failing health since suffering a heart attack at Niagara Falls in April, his friends were shocked to hear of his sudden death as a result of another attack.

Except for the year he had been employed at Niagara Falls, the late Mr. Brown was a lifetime resident of Richmond Hill, attending both public and high school here and working for some years as bookkeeper at the Jones Building Supplies Company Limited.

Rev. J. F. O'Neill officiated at the funeral service held in the Wright & Taylor Chapel of Saturday, December 12. Interment was in Maple Cemetery. The pallbearers, all close friends of the deceased were: John Sanko, Joseph Dol, Ted Drieuhus, Bob Barker, Alfred and Ronald Stong. Left to mourn his loss are his parents and one sister, Mrs. Ronald Borchuk of Whitby.

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