

Life in the Hill

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St. Matthew's UCW Honors Past Presidents

At the close of the morning service of worship in St. Matthew's United Church last Sunday, life memberships in the United Church Women were presented to past presidents, recognizing their leadership in women's work in the local church.

The presentations were made by Mrs. James Pollard, Church Street North, vice-president of York Presbytery UCW. Following the ceremony, which had been preceded by installation of the executive of the UCW, morning group number 1 served tea.

Left to right in the above photo are Rev. F. James Burn, minister of St. Matthew's; Mrs. Spence Urquhart, Mrs. Robert Wallace, Mrs. Robert Robbins and Mrs. Ralph Smith, the four past presidents; and Mrs. Pollard.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knapp and staff members John Long and son Bob Knapp attended the annual convention of the Paint and Wallpaper Dealers Association held on Monday and Tuesday of this week at the Skyline Hotel, Toronto.

Paul Craine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Craine, Paliser Crescent South, left on Sunday for preliminary training with the RCAF at St. John's Quebec.

Since September Paul has been attending the Provincial Institute of Trades in Toronto, taking the air conditioning and refrigeration course.

Andrew Murdison of Newmarket, a Yonge Street resident of Richvale for a number of years, has just recorded "The Curlier's Song" and "The Curlier's Alibi" for Arc Sound. Two other records, "Scottish Memories" and the "Lauder Story," will be released shortly.

Mr. Murdison made his first record, "A Wee Bit of Scotch," over a year ago and it has proved quite popular across Canada.

Mr. David Porter, attendance counsellor for York Central District High School Board and Richmond Hill Public School Board reported to Richmond Hill Rotary Club on the modern approach to truancy, recently. January 25 has been announced as club assembly night. An invitation has been received for local Rotarians to attend a meeting in Oshawa to be addressed by Rotary International President Charlie Pettigill, on February 19.

"The Spokesman", club bulletin reports that fundamentally, Rotary is concerned with the development, encouragement and fostering of understanding, goodwill and peaceful relations among people throughout the world, based upon the ideal of service. Each Rotarian is expected to make his individual contribution to the achievement of this object.

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The annual vestry meeting of the Church of St. Gabriel will be held on January 25 at 8 p.m. The special preacher at the morning service on January 31 will be Rt. Rev. F. H. Wilkinson, Bishop of Toronto.

Dennis Thatcher, Hunt Avenue, well known in commercial and television fields, is at present in rehearsal for "La Ronde" playing the role of the count. The play, directed by Robert Christie, will be presented at Poor Alex early February.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Robert Wallace and children Bobby, Bonnie Jean and Blair, residents of Palmer Avenue for the past nine years, left on Tuesday to take up residence in London, Ont., where Mr. Wallace has been transferred to the head office of Pumps and Softeners Ltd.

Their many friends and neighbours wish them every success in their new home.

More volunteer knitters are needed to make children's socks and sweaters for the Red Cross. Anyone willing to assist the local branch with this work is asked to call Mrs. M. Poore at 884-1824, who will arrange for the wool to be delivered, and the garments picked up on completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Craine, Paliser Crescent, entertained at a dinner party on Saturday for their son Paul, who left on Sunday for preliminary training with the RCAF at St. John's, Quebec.

Guests included Diane and Dale Dash, Barbara Lentine, Warren Hurren, Dave Amos and Len McHardy.

Members of the Inner Wheel of the Local Rotary Club held their monthly meeting on January 12 at the home of Mrs. G. McIntyre, Lucas Street.

The Hi-C group of the Richmond Hill United Church attended Yorkminster-Park Baptist Church on Sunday for the Toc Alpha Youth Rally, where the guest speaker was the well known columnist Ann Landers.

Following the rally, the group returned for a supper meeting at the church.

The Engineers Wives met on January 13 at the home of Mrs. Z. Kafarowski, Lucas Street, for their regular meeting.

An interesting and stimulating book review was held, with books supplied by the local library.

The group are holding a theatre night — the Curtain Club's production of "A Diary of a Scoundrel" — on February 16, to raise funds for a bursary for a local engineering student. Tickets are still available and may be obtained by calling Mrs. J. Knowles at 884-4513.

The first general meeting of 1965 of the Richmond Hill UCW was held January 11.

A pot luck supper was enjoyed and a business session conducted by president Mrs. L. Clement, followed. Mrs. D. Miller introduced a coloured film on South America which was extremely informative, giving a basis for the study of Brazil, later this year.

The meeting closed with worship in the chapel. At this time John Spanner installed the officers for 1965 and also dedicated a bible to the glory of God. This bible was presented to the UCW in loving memory of a dear member, Mrs. Jane Williams by her friends.

Another "first" is being offered in the Hill — evening entertainment at the Richmond Inn, Yonge Street South.

Mary Stuart, an attractive brunette from Weston, sings and accompanies herself on the piano in the Red Lion Room, and Harry Nellis, local resident, a most versatile musician, entertains with piano, organ and accordion in the Coach Room.

The Richmond Inn is fast becoming the meeting place of the Hill, and the first class entertainment offered by these two performers, is yet another attraction the management have provided for the added enjoyment of their many patrons.

"This is one of the Crest's most honourable and notable productions, worthy of your prompt attention" — just one of the excellent reviews "The Deputy" received from Toronto drama critics.

In view of its outstanding success "The Deputy" has extended its run to February 6 — and local Richmond Hill lawyer, Joseph Robinowich, one of the cast, considers it "one of the most dramatic and exciting plays I have ever been associated with."

You would like tickets? We suggest you call HU, 7-4541 today to make sure of your reservations.

At the last meeting of the CWL of Our Lady Queen of the World final plans were discussed for their Valentine bridge and euchre which will be held on February 12 in the parish hall.

Mrs. J. Daley presided and Father E. Robinson was in attendance.

Mrs. McArthur thanked the ladies for their gifts and donations to the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, and on behalf of the CWL, Mrs. R. Carter thanked Father Robinson and all the ladies who helped make the New Year party such a success.

The short business meeting was closed with prayer and Mrs. L. Wilson, programme convener, introduced Gasorama, a very interesting hour, which was followed by a question and answer period.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. S. Park and her committee.

Richmond Hill Senior Citizens held the first meeting of the year on January 13 in the education building of the Richmond Hill United Church.

President E. Lomax wished the 109 members present a very happy new year and welcomed two new members.

Percy Walton sang some old songs that brought back memories to many people. This was followed by bingo games and winners received gifts.

The bowling trophy and tray was presented to H. Cook, whose score was 379 flat. The trophy was given by John Allen of the Allencourt Bowling Lanes.

The president announced that the ladies auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 375 are holding a concert this Friday (January 22) at 8 p.m. in the Legion Hall, and that an invitation was extended to all senior citizens and friends.

The Richmond Hill Chapter of the IOOE held its nomination meeting on January 11 at the home of Regent Mrs. W. T. Barnes, Tampico Road.

After the business meeting the members put their donated clothing in order, in preparation for mailing.

The next meeting is the annual meeting which will mean "dining out" for members.

At next Thursday's meeting of the Friendship Circle of the Church of St. Gabriel Anglican Church will hold election for the new executive for 1965. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Last week members enjoyed their first lesson in conversational French which will be continued.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. W. Wicken and Mrs. R. J. Faer.

The annual vestry meeting of St. Mary's Anglican Church will be held in Wrixon Hall on Monday night, January 25 at 8 p.m.

The treasurer will present the financial statement; election of officers will be held; and the rector will present his report to the congregation.

All members of the parish 18 years and over are entitled to attend and vote.

What is a festival play? This is many times asked, but never a satisfactory answer given.

In this writer's opinion it should be well written and essentially entertaining. The Curtain Club's festival entry "The Diary of a Scoundrel" is both. Even the cast, who have been diligently rehearsing for the past month are still laughing!

This Russian comedy is being presented at the Curtain Club theatre on February 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 26 and 27, and tickets selling fast.

Why not reserve yours today by calling 884-2528?

Two studio workshop productions — O'Neill's "Ile" and the recognition scene from "Anastasia" — will be presented on Monday next (January 25) at the regular meeting of the Curtain Club.

Directed by Mary Neill, the cast includes Eleanor Beatty, Margaret Bergin, Margaret Cross, Tony Hiscock, Sam Neill, Kingsley Owen, Ron Solloway and Lars Thompson.

This promises to be a most interesting evening, and an invitation is extended to all prospective members and friends of the Curtain Club.

Perk up these dreary January and February days — learn to draw! A creative design course is being sponsored by the local YWCA with excellent instruction given by Mrs. E. Gardiner. This is a tremendous tension releaser — why not throw your worries away for a couple of hours a week and learn something at the same time?

It is being held on Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the YWCA centre in the Allencourt Plaza. Hurry though, the course is already in progress.

A warm welcome to the community is extended to new residents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson and their son, who have recently moved from British Columbia and are living at 173 Trayborn Drive, and to Mr. and Mrs. F. Martin and their children from St. Mary's, now residing at 340 Crosby Avenue.

Members of Delta Lambda Chapter Beta Sigma Phi who have completed four or more years in sorority met recently to discuss forming an Exemplar Chapter.

Application was made to international office and permission received to form Exemplar Chapter Xi Beta Rho. The movement to this new chapter enables these members who have already covered the specified four years of programmes to progress to more extensive and varied programmes without repeating any already completed.

The first meeting of the new chapter, which was a business meeting, was held at the home of President Alice Smith.

The December meeting which was a pot luck supper, followed by a programme was held at the home of Bridie Killen.

The chapter plans to meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Dorothy Wood on January 26.

The Allenbrae Branch of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary held their first meeting of this year last Monday evening.

The new slate of officers nominated for this year are the following: Mae Maitland, chairman, Jean Lay, co-chairman, Doris Weston, secretary, Evelyn Lazenby, treasurer, Mary Campbell, publicity, Shirley Bruce "Sunshine Fund," with seven members as telephone convenors.

The Allenbrae Branch has selected Joan Jones as ticket convener for the "Theatre Night" to be held in May.

The November bake sale was most successful — the sum of \$260.00 being realized. Suggestions were given as to what articles are to be made and sold at the bake sale in May.

The next meeting will be a "fun-evening" to be held on February 8 at the home of Mary Campbell, 85 Highland Lane.

The annual general meeting of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary will be held on February 11 at the hospital cafeteria. The Allenbrae Branch is responsible for the refreshments.

Re-Appoint Committee

25% Initial Pool Stage Remains To Be Finished

The Richmond Hill and District Centennial Swimming Pool Committee was re-appointed by town council Monday evening. Members are Cliff Bennett, Mrs. John Vernon, Miss Carole Hayes, Donald Benette, Peter Sale, Dr. Cameron Cowan, Craig Bowden, Len Push, John Bradstock, Bill Babcock, Mrs. Fred Jackson and Councillors Scudds and Hancey.

The mayor commented that roughly 25% of the initial stage which will provide outdoor swimming facilities remains to be done.

Reeve Donald Plaxton was critical of promises made by canvassers which have not been kept. Councillor Scudds replied that no time limit had been set on building of the pool since the committee knew it was going to take time. He told Councillor Eric Handbury that about \$40,000 had been raised in the canvass, which was almost entirely from the residential area of Richmond Hill and represented more than \$2 from every man, woman and child in the town. "It's the most money ever raised in a canvass in Richmond Hill," he stated. Councillor Handbury commented that it was a very poor response, but later qualified this remark that there are a great many people who make a lot of money out of Richmond Hill who don't live here, but should contribute.

Councillor Scudds noted that some industries and some commercial enterprises had been very generous, but on the whole the response from these two groups had been disappointing.

He also noted that in 1963 when an attempt had been made to put a question about a swimming pool on the ballot, council had asked the group to go out and try to raise the money by other means.

There will eventually be a closed-in pool, he asserted. We have invested about \$30,000 in footings, plumbing and electrical work to provide for closing in of the pool in the future. "This is only the first stage of an indoor pool," he averred.

Mrs. Clare Lagerquist and baby daughter Karen Maria arrived on Sunday by Air Canada from Montreal, to spend the next few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lagerquist, Yonge Street South.

Former residents of Harryann Crescent, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Abbott, daughter Lesley and son Kevin, who have spent the past eighteen months in England, have returned to Toronto, occasioned by Mr. Abbott's appointment as president of the Amalgamated Electric Co.

The family plan to live in Markham, but in the interim are staying at the Andore Hotel on Charles Street. Lesley, a natural ballet dancer, has already been accepted as a boarder at the National Ballet School.

A 24 hour Vigil of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held in the chapel of St. Mary's Anglican Church from 8 a.m. Sunday until 8 a.m. Monday.

Various members of the parish have taken a duty watch of one half hour each that a chain of prayer may continue for the cause of unity.

F. C. Lagerquist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lagerquist, Yonge Street South, has recently been appointed marine manager of Parker and Holman Ltd. in Montreal.

Elected a Fellow of the Insurance Institute of Canada in 1954, Mr. Lagerquist has specialized in marine insurance for the whole of his career, and has held senior underwriting positions in both Toronto and Montreal, the past seven years as the Quebec Marine Underwriter of one of the largest companies in the field.

PICKERING TWP: A determined bid by Councillor John Campbell to relocate the site of the proposed new \$300,000 municipal building was unsuccessful. His suggestion was the corner of Liverpool Road and No. 2 Highway. He opposed the site at Brock Road and No. 2 Highway because of a large wrecking yard in the immediate area.

MARKHAM: Only 36 hours after the Ed Thorne family of six lost their home by fire a citizens' committee had collected enough furniture, bedding, clothing and household equipment to set the family up in a newly rented home. Cash donations were also being received. The family escaped from the blazing home through bedroom windows.

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Harris-Lewis Wedding

The marriage of Miss Margaret Jocelyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lewis, Hillsview Drive, to Dr. Lewis Harris of London, England, took place January 8 at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill.

After a honeymoon in Torres Melos in Spain, Dr. and Mrs. Harris will live in London where Dr. Harris is on the staff of Grey's Hospital.

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