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Month Of Hope And Daffodils

By **MONA ROBERTSON**
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In The Spotlight

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Plume, Lily Martin, Bev MacDonald, Dawson Lang, Lloyd Linderman, Russ Urquhart, and Neil Crowe are also in the cast.
There will be no charge for the performance, but a collection taken during the service will go into a fund for the St. Matthew's Players' future productions.

If you are looking for a family hobby that is available to those between the ages of eight and eighty, you should investigate the Richmond Hill Coin Club.
Not only is it inexpensive, with a two dollar membership for adults and one dollar for children, but there is the added fillip of possibly making money if you study the weekly newspaper Coin World, and do your homework.
Last Saturday the coin club was out in full force for its fourth annual coin show at the Lions Hall. This event lasted all day and attracted many visitors as well as local numismatists. On the stage, the trophies were impressive with the much coveted Best of Show Award standing majestically in the centre. The displays filled the entire hall and were divided into seven categories: foreign coins, Canadian coins, tokens, medals, Canadian decimal, paper currency and juniors.

A most interesting exhibit in the Canadian coin group was the large cent display, with coins dating back to the First Province of Canada coinage in 1858. Dominion of Canada issues with reigning monarchs began in 1870, and ended with the George 5th 1920 issue when the large cent was discontinued.
Looking for varieties in everyday coinage is one of the many tributaries off the mainstream of coin collecting. The Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association makes a study of these errors by examining thirty-five points in the date, initials, letters and numerals.

President of the club Ron Bennett says "The highlight of the annual show is the auction. Everyone gets into the spirit of it, and the event has a good, lusty, rural sound to it. The coins are all on display for examination, and without necessarily spending a lot of money, a beginner can have as much fun as an experienced collector."
The best of show award was presented to James Bowdery and his son Peter of Richmond Hill.

They arrived at York in the early summer of 1794, and had to camp nearby for several months until the Township of Markham was surveyed, and land could be allotted on the concession lines. This delay meant another winter of discomfort with many families living in tents or in hastily contrived shelters. Unfortunately the settlement at German Mills was not a success. Some of the pioneers were unfitted for farming and moved away, some had trouble obtaining their patents.

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partly because of insufficient water power. No traces of the once impressive group of buildings now remain but the outlines of the old mill dams could be seen in the beautiful valley of the Don until a sand pit began operations there after World War II.
Before Simcoe left Upper Canada in 1796 he met with his executive council to review the grants of whole townships made to Berczy, and about a dozen other individuals. Some who had not fulfilled conditions were not given patents, but the axe did not fall on Berczy until the next year when Administrator Peter Russell learned from the British Ambassador in Philadelphia that Berczy was suspected of conniving with Aaron Burr and other American anti-monarchists who were unfriendly to Canada. Berczy took his case to England without success.
Back in York he became a contractor (one of several) and designed some of the better looking buildings and houses before moving to Montreal where he supported his family as a portrait painter. He died in New York, in 1813, leaving two unsolved mysteries. Why was the coffin which supposedly contained his body filled instead with stones? and what happened to his personal papers, among them the Statistical Account of Canada which he had compiled and taken with him to the States? In 1818 Berczy's son was granted 2,400 acres of land in full settlement of all claims of his dead father against the government. So ends the story of an adventurous, and perhaps altruistic man who expected to make a fortune, but instead incurred colossal debts. My sympathies are, however, with the German colonists who wanting only a chance to make a better life in a new country, became bewildered pawns in the hands of speculators, and spent more than two years in homeless wandering. Those who remained in Markham soon lived down the label "deserters from the Genesee" and their descendants have proved excellent citizens, and the backbone of a prosperous and well run community.

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Last week, the Canadian Cancer Society commenced its annual drive for funds. Canada's objective for 1968 is \$3 million dollars, to be collected by April 30. Of this amount, Richmond Hill and District Unit, the area in which YOU live, must raise \$27,500.
On April 2, Mayor Jean Drapeau of Montreal announced the initiation (in May) of Canada's first municipal lottery. He promised that 151 winners (who can correctly answer certain questions of skill), will share in about \$150,000 monthly. This "legalized" lottery will, he believes, make it possible for the people of Montreal to avoid a rise in taxes this year. It's a kind of share-the-debt for those who like to take a chance.

And that's why we are going to put the question to YOU, again... (think about it: time's up only when you hear the volunteer canvasser from the Canadian Cancer Society ringing your doorbell)... which prize comes first with you? The message of Hope, or the ticket of chance?
It doesn't require SKILL to answer that question in the right way. Just HEART. You see, since 1935, when the Canadian Cancer Society became a part of the National Cancer Society with its varied research and medical program, life and freedom from fear of cancer has benefited approximately 200,000 known persons. And that knowledge should bring a warm glow to the heart of all those who have put their dollars to work in cancer research and education over the years... and who are continuing to support the cancer campaign today.
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Window Of The Past

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There were unforeseen delays and emergencies during the long trek to the Genesee Valley. Berczy had to borrow money for food and other supplies, was thrown into jail for debt, and was constantly at loggerheads with company officials. When the weary colonists finally arrived at the Pulteney Settlement they learned that they would be tenants instead of land owners. Simcoe was at that time advertising free 200 acre lots to settlers, so Berczy secretly applied for large grants between Lake Erie and the Thames River.
Simcoe responded by offering the whole of the still unsurveyed Township of Markham, 64,000 acres, plus a possible 9,000 acres more if Berczy and his followers would settle near York where their labor, and skills would be useful. With financial backing provided by a company of well to do American and Canadian citizens, Berczy and his party made another under cover departure, but were pursued for some distance by angry officials and members of the Pulteney Settlement.
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Mr. Edmunds is a member of the National Council of Canadian Music Educators; honorary vice-president of ORMTA (Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association); secretary-treasurer of CAMA (Canadian Amateur Musicians Association); the Canadian String Teachers' Association and the Canadian Accordion Teachers' Association. He is an honorary life member and treasurer of the Canadian Band Masters' Association.

This amazing man travels constantly in the interests of the Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music. His name is known everywhere in Canadian musical circles. In April, Mr. Edmunds will be off to Victoria on his tireless mission of helping to bring music within the reach of as many people as possible.

Rambling Around

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I tried to hear as many of the contestants as I could. It was surely rewarding to hear "Forest Glen" by Tchaikowsky being expertly played by an eight-year-old, and a free bass solo like "Dance of the Dwarfs" by Borgstrom from a 10-year old.
I could go on and on talking about solos, duets, quintets, octettes performed by all ages of accordion students from eight to 18 but I couldn't do justice to them. I'd like to mention the contribution of Thornhill's Debbie Spires. She was the only one from this district, and she played the "Cat and Mouse" from Camilleri in the 11 and under competition. She has been a student of the National Conservatory at Willowdale for the past four years.
I talked with Helen Milne, of the Milne Accordion School in Hamilton. She is a well known arranger of accordion music and the chairman of examinations for the Accordion Teachers' Association. She volunteered a brief history of the association.
It was started in 1952 by Dixie Dean, Gus Mauro and Eric Munding. Eric Munding is the man behind Munding Music Centre in Richmond Hill.
These three men began the association for the purpose of gathering together the accordion teachers of Canada, introducing them to each other and promoting harmonious relations among them. Another aim was to draw up a code of ethics and raise the level of accordion artistry everywhere.
Helen Milne said that these aims have been accomplished. Examinations were instituted in 1956. The standard of teaching has steadily improved over a period of 15 years. Ontario has a high average of good accordion teachers and students. Sudbury won the world championship four years ago. The standards are parallel to piano teaching.
The association has a Canadian charter with branches in Montreal, Quebec and Winnipeg. The home base is Toronto. There are 285 teachers in the association, registered under four categories. The student teacher, 17 years and under who is under the wing of a qualified principal; the associate member, 18 years and over with two years' teaching experience and qualified with grade two theory from a recognized school; the associate member is not qualified to be an active member. The active member has a grade eight standing and grade two theory. The accredited member has five years' teaching experience, grade 10 standing and five grades of theory from a recognized school.
The biggest headache and problem of the association comes from the fact that the Department of Education does not recognize the accordion at the grade eight level.
Mr. Edmunds says it's a slow process but he's confident that the recognition will come eventually. In the meantime more and more of these accomplished youngsters are being turned out yearly by some very fine accordion studios. If their number increases and their artistry continues to improve, the Royal Conservatory may have to sit up and take notice and so will the Department of Education.

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