



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Gleanings from basements and attics, and from the back of the kitchen cupboard found their way to the white elephant table at the recent rummage sale at St. Mary's Anglican Church. The giant sale brought in nearly \$1,500 for church work sponsored by the Anglican Church Women of St. Mary's.

Bargain Hunters At St. Mary's

By MARGARET LADE
One person's trash is another person's treasure, and the women of St. Mary's Anglican Church in Richmond Hill have more than \$1,425 to prove it. For weeks the members of St. Mary's ACW had been collecting donations for their annual rummage sale, and at 1:30 pm on September 27 the doors of Wrixon Hall were thrown open by a stout hearted and nimble footed male. He had to be, for the person opening the doors to the public at a rummage sale is in imminent danger of being trampled to a pulp. This less stout hearted reporter took the precaution of arriving on the scene half an hour before opening time, to browse around and view the merchandise. Old hands know what to expect, but to the uninitiated it is a revelation. There was the French Room, with good quality clothing, evening gowns, bags and shoes, more than 100 fur jackets, hats, purses, and children's wear. Then in another room dozens of tables were stacked high with children's clothing. Socks and mittens for as little as five cents, blouses, dresses, slacks and jackets for less than a dollar. When the crowd swarmed in it was easy to identify the experienced rummage sale shoppers — they came armed with shopping bags or cartons and expertly picked out items that would keep their children warm and comfortable through the winter. It took them less than half an hour to select complete wardrobes, including shoes and overshoes, for every child in the family. The dealers, too, were easy to spot. They were not concerned particularly with size — they were interested in the quality and condition of the garment, and the price. Quickly and expertly they made their selections, packed them into car or truck and returned for a second, and even a third round of the racks and tables. Their purchases will go to replenish the stock in their second hand stores in the heart of Metro, to be resold to people who can never afford to shop anywhere but at a rummage sale or in a second hand store. In an alcove under the hall pensioners rubbed elbows with workmen and students, examining jackets, suits and topcoats priced as low as \$5, and making their selection — hoping they were guessing right as to size, for there are no fitting rooms or obliging tailors to make alterations at a rummage sale. In the main auditorium first arrivals gleefully pounced on tables laden with costume jewellery, tons of assorted clothing, drapes, table linen, shower curtains, and hastily examined racks of dresses, coats, blouses, skirts and slightly ratty fur jackets. A mirror was provided in the hat boutique, but not in the auditorium. Shoes the customers were not prepared to gamble on, even for 25c. They tried them on before they bought. Books, records, lamp shades, picture frames went like hot cakes. Several tables were borrowed from Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church next door to display the merchandise, but there were still reserve supplies tucked away under the tables in large green plastic bags or cartons, and as the sale went on fresh items were brought out to fill the empty spaces. The white elephant department was a real treasure trove — displaying everything from garden hose to skis. Sets of glasses that had come from the supermarket full of bouillon cubes, shrimp cocktail or production of the service to areas which do not now have the service. No indication has been given as to how long the policy will continue. And people who run rummage sales soon learn the value of the neighbor's discards. Convent Carol McDonald was picking up a parishioner who had volunteered to help in sorting when she spied a discarded banjo in a pile of trash at the side of the road. She promptly popped it into her car, and it was sold later for \$1.50. The buyers benefit, too. The son of another parishioner was observed trundling a bundle buggy, loading it with all sorts of oddly assorted items. He is a student at university, and was collecting treasures to help furnish his apartment. But however successful a rummage sale may be, there is always something left over. The women of St. Mary's took left overs from the French Room to the YWCA re-sale shop, and hope to make a little extra as these items are sold. Women from the Roman Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Annunciation in Oak Ridges were invited down to pick out anything they wanted for a rummage sale coming up in their parish. The balance of the leftovers were picked up by the Salvation Army and will also be put to good use.

Response Is Lukewarm To School Board Appeal For Aid In Planning

When it plans new schools and buys school sites, York County Board of Education wants to be sure they are located where the pupils are. This can only be done, the trustees agree, if they know what development is taking place in all parts of the county. At its October 14 meeting, the board agreed to pay the \$40 per month fee and become a member of the Central Ontario Regional Development Council for the balance of 1969, and to pay the \$1,200 membership fee for the years 1970 and 1971. Municipal councils pay \$2,500 for a two year membership. CORDC is made up of representatives of municipal councils in Halton, Peel, York, and Ontario Counties, together with representatives of industry and business. It considers development plans for municipalities in the four counties, and passes along its opinions on these to the provincial government. CORDC also conducts surveys and studies of development in the region. The board has also appealed to Education Minister William Davis, asking him to approach Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough on behalf of the board, to discuss possible advantages of having one or two boards of education representatives on the advisory committee set up by Mr. McKeough to study regional government in York County. Mr. Davis replied that, "I shall be pleased to suggest to the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs that he consider the possibility of having your board represented on the committee."

Province Offers Aid Water, Sewer Works

Municipal governments in Southern York County are at present discussing the recent recommendation of the Ontario Water Resources Commission to provide this area with water from Metro and with sewage treatment at a plant on the waterfront. When each municipality has reached a decision on its own, all municipalities which will be affected will then have to make a collective decision as to whether it will be an economically feasible and practical solution of the area's water and sewerage problems. Municipalities concerned include the Towns of Richmond Hill and Markham and the Townships of Vaughan, Markham, Scarborough and Pickering. A program of provincial assistance announced last week by Minister of Energy and Resources Management George Kerr would appear to be applicable to this proposal. The province has offered to contribute 15% of the total capital costs of area water and sewer lines built overseas to allow for development. Mr. Kerr said that assistance for oversized will insure services installed are adequate for predicted populations. Provincial aid will be granted only "after a careful review of the program to insure that growth in the area is in the best interests of the province," he also stated.

A second program of financial aid, announced at the same time, applies to water and sewer works in municipalities under 5,000 population. The provincial assistance in this case will hold the municipal share of costs to \$120 a year a home for sewer works and \$100 a year a home for water works.



Honeymoon At French River

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Harry Stanley are shown above as they left St. Mary's Anglican Church in Richmond Hill following their wedding on September 6. Rev. David McGuire officiated.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stanley, 127 Harding Boulevard, and the bride is the former Theresa O'Neill of Downsview.

The couple honeymooned in the French River area and are now living in Toronto.




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