



life in the hill editor margot crack

Mr. and Mrs. John Asher of Galt are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len Jones on Knollside Drive.

Miss Mary Dawson is spending this week in Florida. She will celebrate Christmas with her brother, Alex Dawson, Mrs. Dawson and their daughter, Mrs. Kathy Burnie of Oshawa, at Brandon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Painter arrived on Friday from Liverpool, England, to spend the Christmas holidays with their son and family, Dr. Robert Painter, Mrs. Painter, Charles and Cathy on Vaughan Road.

Members of St. John Ambulance Brigade held a very enjoyable Christmas get-together on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Doherty of Mill Street.

Christmas greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hemstad, who are currently on a world tour, and will be spending the festive season in Australia. Mrs. Hemstad is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins, Church Street South.

Thar's Gold In That Thar Legion

Looking at the attractive chorus line of "The 375 Golden Nugget" presented recently by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion, one would never think that four of the members are grandmothers and the remainder admit to being "39 next birthday".

From the opening number of the show, a Can Can, one realizes that the cast has boundless verve and vitality, dexterously exercising the high kicks and rhythmic movements of this invigorating dance.

Versatility and variety was the keynote of the program — Down By The Old Mill Stream, lulled the audience into a delightful reverie — but not for long! Somebody Stole My Gal and Give Me That Old Soft Shoe and similar songs from the good old days soon had the audience audibly tapping their feet in accompanying rhythm.

Many of the numbers were accompanied by the Auxiliary Highsteppers displaying their dancing ability and one cast member in particular should have auditioned for "Hair" — her convolutions were in perfect accord with the rhythm, be it Can Can, Waltz or soft shoe!

Obviously a very popular item in the show was "Welcome To Our Guests" by Producer Gloria Sanford — this caused many a reverberation from the audience, especially when hearing their individual names mentioned.

The show was a delight with an infectious gaiety which permeated Legion Court from the opening to closing number and the producer and assistant producers, Audrie Appley, Mabel Brooker, Ethel Buck, Elsie Burnie, Gerry Chapman, Joan Dickson, Ida Ellis, Marie Finnerty, Vi Lawrie, Lucy Rickard, Mary Robson, Nancy Sutcliffe and Edith Titshall, are to be congratulated on "a jolly good show".

Corporal Wayne Bowerman, Mrs. Bowerman and children, Edwin and Ronald, of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, are spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bowerman of Sussex Avenue. Corporal Bowerman, a member of the Canadian Armed Forces Air Services Branch, is stationed in Moose Jaw.

A confirmation class for adults and young people at least 15 or in high school will be held at St. Matthew's United Church in the New Year. Those wishing to attend are asked to contact the minister, Rev. James Burn.

Members of the Richmond Hill Jayettes held their Christmas Dinner on December 8 at the home of Joyce Nakamichi, 343 North Taylor Mills Drive. Homecooked Oriental food was served and an attractive display of Oriental articles and penny auction rounded out the evening.

Christmas wishes were exchanged and a jolly time was had by all. Three pupils of Miss Ruth Garson successfully auditioned for the Christmas concert held December 13 by the Canadian Trinity Teachers' Association at North York Public Library. Pianists Linda Hare and Diana Bubeloff played Christmas music and a selection from their own repertoire and Singer Judith Dodson sang The Bells Of Christmas and The Carol Of The Birds and played a recital arrangement of Christmas numbers.

Happy Christmas to Jim Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hamilton, of Rockport Crescent, who will be spending the festive season in Germany, staying at the home of Mrs. Margo Worm, mother of local resident, Alfred Worm of Centre Street East. Jim, currently on a tour of Europe, went to Germany from Ireland where he had spent a nostalgic holiday seeing his birthplace, Ballymena, Northern Ireland, and stayed with his grandfather, Robert Hamilton.

A tape of Leon Major's adjudication of "A Delicate Balance" was the program for the last meeting of the Curtain Club held December 8 at the theatre, 25 Yonge Street North. Leon Major attended the December 5 performance of the play and later met the director, cast and crew at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Crack, for the adjudication, followed by an informal discussion of the play and playwright, Edward Albee.

YWCA The campaign committee of the Richmond Hill and District YWCA has a message for all — "As the campaign draws to a close we extend our thanks to the residents of the Richmond Hill area for your generous support. To date we have received over \$5,000 and donations are still being accepted at 25 Yonge Street North. This will enable us to carry on with our program to serve you in the New Year.

"Greetings of the season and best wishes for a year of happiness." 'Tis the season to be merry — how about you? Entertaining at Christmas Parties? Guests from out of town? Going away for the festive season? Keep "Life in the Hill" columns up to date with your activities by calling the Social Editor Margot Crack at 884-1105-6 or by dropping a line to 63 Yonge Street South.

The service is free — but news items must be in the office by Tuesday noon for inclusion in the current issue. The editor would like to take this opportunity of extending to one and all every good wish for the holiday season and a very Merry Christmas.

Trees, Trees, Trees It's still not too late to get your Christmas tree from the Rotary Club's lot in front of Town Auto Body, Yonge Street North. They have an excellent selection of pine and spruce trees and the salesmen (club members) believing in the old adage "the customer is always right" couldn't be more solicitous in helping you find exactly what you are looking for.

The lot will be staffed until Christmas Eve — why not drop in and make your personal contribution to the Rotary Club for the many community projects undertaken annually by the club from the proceeds of this sale and other fund raising events?

The Couples' Club of St. Matthew's United Church is holding a New Year's Eve Party at the home of Robbie and Eileen Robbins. Interested couples are asked to sign the list on the vestibule bulletin board.

St. Matthew's United Church Adult Study Group for couples and singles will meet for six sessions at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, 433 Osiris Drive, beginning January 8. They will study the book "Man In Life". Christmas came a little early at the Villa Hospital this year with Mrs. Santa (ho! ho! Margaret Barenthin) entertainment director, sliding up the chimney to spread cheer and gifts.

Following dinner the festive evening continued with entertainment provided by Mrs. Santa's busy helpers. A program of songs appropriate to the season was provided by pupils from the vocal studio of Miss Joan Hall. The singers included Miss Jean Hamilton, Beverley Charbanick, Bruce Plunkett, all residents of the Villa, and Judith Thomas, Carlotta Barber, Cathy Maxwell, Ann Beckwith and Joan Plume. Mrs. Gloria Park accompanied them on the piano. Dancers Denise Sexton and Carolyn Lismore, from the Dennis Moore School of Dancing, rounded out the program with several enjoyable dance routines. The evening concluded with everyone joining in Christmas carols.

"Away In A Manger"

Last Sunday morning the nursery department of Richmond Hill United Church presented their Nativity Tableau to the congregation. In a real manger filled with straw and tended by a donkey and a little lamb, lay the Baby Jesus who was three-week-old John Somers of Markham. The Mother Mary was Mary Jane Paton, gowned in blue and white, praying at the Babe's head, while Joseph, Cameron McKittick, knelt at the foot of the manger with staff in hand.

The angels in white gowns, some with wings and stars, were Jane Perratt, Jennifer MacKenzie, Ingrid Trulsen, Susan Roseblade, Kathryn Hunter, Katharine Thomson, Gillian Booth, Joan Whittingham, Christine Gerber and Barbie Ann Lexk. The three wisemen in colorful robes bearing gifts were Drew Thompson, Glen Dimpfel and Mark Merner. The shepherds with lambs and crooks were Neil Suter and Mark Dimpfel. As the children grouped around the manger, the junior and teen choirs and the kindergarten department sang "Away In A Manger".

A feeling of goodwill and fellowship prevailed as visitors from other churches came to share the Christmas tableau. Mrs. Dorie Hiscott led the children, assisted by Marion Babcock, Elizabeth Miller, Sheila Watters and Jane Hiscott.

Rotary News The speaker at the December 8 meeting of the local Rotary Club was Art Robertson, principal and headmaster at Variety Village. A vocational school for physically handicapped teenagers, the school is sponsored by Variety Club, which is a service club in one sense of the word with one very distinct difference. To be a member of Variety Club, you must derive part of your income from the entertainment field.

Since the Toronto club was started they have had 255 boys, all but 8 being employed. In 1968 they paid the government a total of \$70,000 income tax and this year Mr. Robertson reported that between them they will make \$1,000,000 in income. He then showed 40 slides of the boys and school, all of which were very interesting. The theme of the school is not the disability of the boys, but their ability to graduate and take their places in society. Mr. Robertson was introduced by Ken Brown and thanked by Ed Nokes. On Monday last the annual children's Christmas party was held, complete with Santa, magician, fun and games. Next week Jack Reid will give his classification talk.

The many friends of Mrs. Floyd Perkins, Church Street, South will be sorry to hear she is in the intensive care unit of York Central Hospital having suffered a coronary on Tuesday last.

What's Cooking?

Almost everyone has a special dish which family or friends enjoy — why not share the recipe with our readers, be it main course, dessert or snack? Each week one will be published in this column — how about yours? This holiday mould makes an excellent accompaniment for your leftover turkey.

CRANBERRY CABBAGE SALAD

2 cups finely shredded cabbage 1/4 tsp. salt 2 cups fresh cranberries 1/4 cup water 3/4 to 1 cup sugar 2 pkgs. (3 ounces each) lemon jelly powder 1/2 cup cold water 1 cup boiling water 8 to 12 ice cubes Sprinkle shredded cabbage with salt. Wrap in damp cloth and crisp in refrigerator. Cook cranberries with 1/4 cup water and the sugar over medium heat for five minutes. Drain, reserving syrup. Dissolve one package of lemon jelly powder in hot cranberry syrup, add drained cranberries and cold water. Pour half of the mixture into a 1 1/2 quart ring mould. Chill until set but not firm. Dissolve second package of lemon jelly powder completely in the 1 cup of boiling water. Add ice cubes and stir constantly for 2-3 minutes or until jelly starts to thicken. Remove unmelted ice. Stir in shredded cabbage. Pour over set layer of cranberries. Chill until set but not firm. Pour in remaining cranberry-jelly mixture and chill until firm. Makes eight to 10 servings.

Mrs. Santa, The North Pole.

Wondering what to do with the children during the holiday season once the excitement of playing with their new presents has worn off? The Curtain Club has the answer and you'll enjoy it too! Take them to see the delightful Christmas musical "Rumpel Stiltskin" being presented December 27 at 7:30 pm and December 28 at 2 and 4:30 pm at Bayview Secondary School.

Directed by Ronald Chudley, Rumpel Stiltskin received critic's acclaim when it played last year to packed houses at the Colonnade Theatre in Toronto, and with the present cast of Kay Turner (the popular barnmaid of "The Pig and Whistle Show"), Ron Scott, Trevor Stanley, Yvette Steel, Ed Moriarity and Nancy Bukovec, it should be bigger and better than ever. Reserve your tickets today — \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children — by calling Beth Jones at 884-6947 or from The Players, Levedale Road, and give the children a jolly post-Christmas surprise.

R. H. Senior Citizens There was a full turnout of Senior Citizens, 180 in all, for the annual Christmas Show held December 11 in the Richmond Hill United Church. The dinner, served by members of the UCW, included tender roast beef with three vegetables and a choice of any kind of homemade pie.

After dinner, entertainment was provided by the Senior Citizens Choir who sang several carols and a solo by Mrs. Mary Duckworth. Everyone then joined in a general singing of the Dennis Moore School of Dancing who gave an excellent program of dancing, showing their versatility with a variety of classical, tap and modern numbers. This was very much enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the evening was a drama on school life in the good old days, presented by club members. The costumes were hilarious, with members dressed in children's clothes of 50 years ago with pantaloons and plenty of ribbon! This show made a real hit with all the seniors. Mrs. Verdella Dixon, leader of the seniors' choir, was the talented director of the show. Mrs. Elsie Aston accompanied the choir on the piano. Ed Lomax extended a vote of thanks to the UCW and Dennis Moore dancers and Mr. McPherson thanked everyone who had worked so hard to make the party such a success.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

All Eyes On The Ping-Pong Ball!

"We'll huff and we'll puff" — and as one can see from the above photograph taken at the Christmas party held by the Couples Club of Richmond Hill United Church, there are obviously a few experts in this field among members as the ball is well over the line of no return. The party, held December 13 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dilworth on Boisdale Avenue, was a great success and over 18 couples enjoyed a delightful buffet dinner, games and dancing. Joining in the fun were the ministers, Rev. Robert Smith and Rev. Allen Hallett, and their wives.

On Christmas Morning

A star may glow in its orbit; Moons may wax and wane; The wondrous sights of northern lights Shall come and go again, But never a shining light Has brightened land and sea As that which lies in children's eyes Around the Christmas tree.

ROBERT D. LITTLE



As shepherds watched, the angels came to tell of Christmas glory. Our personal greeting to you, and may many blessings be yours.

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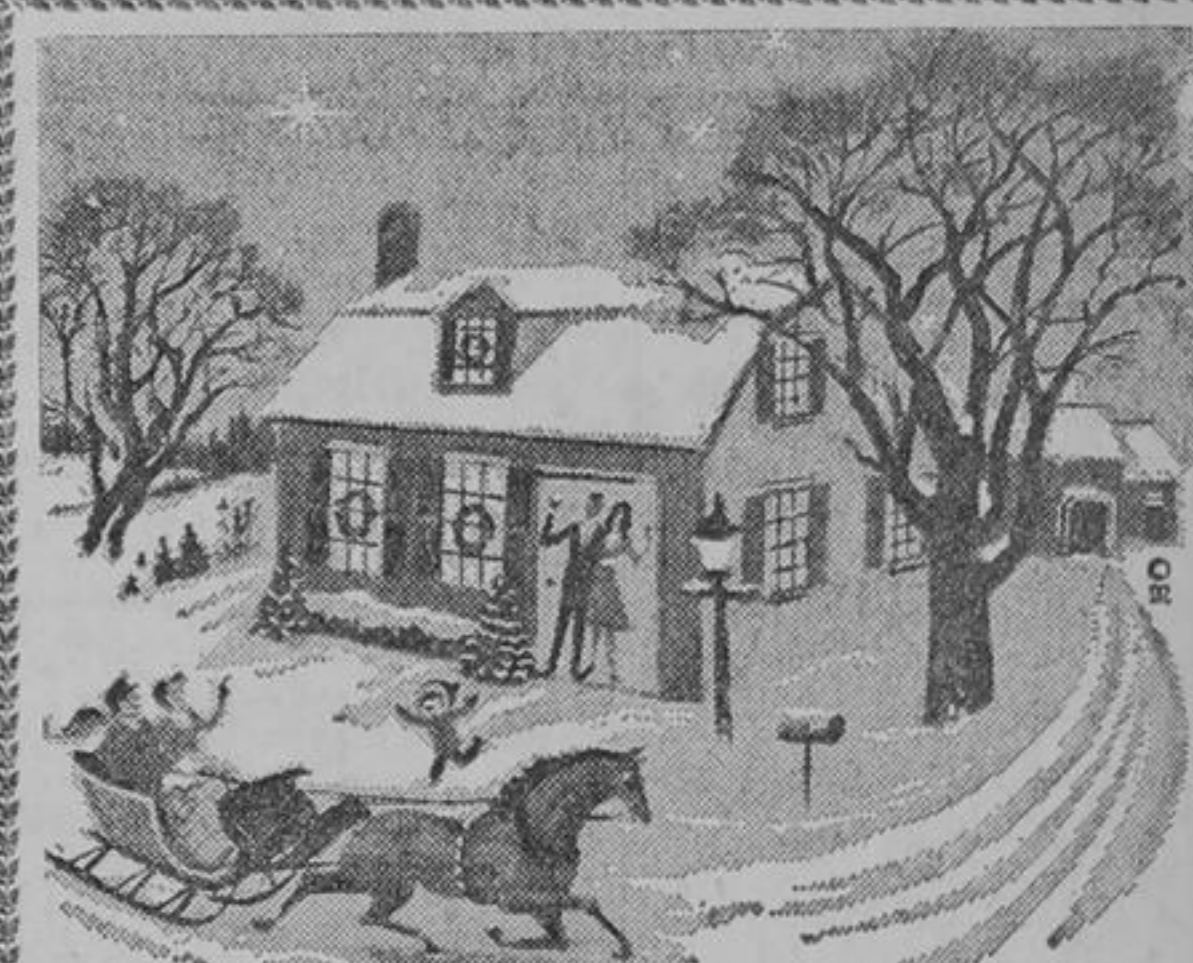
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