



The editor of this column wishes one and all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

"Christmas In The Market Place," of appeal to all members of the family, is being presented by St. Matthew's Players this Wednesday (December 22) in the church.

Christmas greetings to Bob Leishman, formerly of Richmond Hill, and his wife, Renata, in Sydney, Australia.

They left for Australia in October where they have both accepted teaching positions.

Mr. and Mrs. John Steele of Jaczy Ann Drive attended the wedding of their son, Robert, in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Kapuskasing. Robert exchanged wedding vows with Dianne Kennedy of that northern town.

Ron and Diane Chudley entertained on Friday at their new apartment in Toronto.

Friends were delighted to see them both after their sojourn in Sault Ste. Marie and to make the acquaintance of their three-month-old son, Aaron.

The Local Association of the Girl Guides, West District, has arranged a unique event for February 9 — an exhibition of silver, with Doug Boyd as guest speaker.

A Valentine dessert will add to the occasion which will start at 1:30 pm in the chapel of St. Mary's Anglican Church. Tickets at \$1.25 may be obtained by calling 884-2115.

A group of students from MacKillop Public School — Cheryl Paxton, Gayle and Lynne Giles, Peter Hayes, Joyce and Marion Brown, Debbie Walke, Joan Majarale, Leslie Rogers, and Barb Martin sang carols door to door three evenings last week to raise money for their foster brother Kadamandila in India.

A total of \$50.61 was collected and the group would like to thank all those who so generously supported their project.

Last week, Bob and Ruth Biglin held a very special first anniversary party at their home on Mill Pond Court.

In October 1970, after 14 years as president of a large Toronto real estate firm, Bob resigned to become general manager of the newly re-organized real estate division of the Guaranty Trust Company.

To celebrate its successful first year, Bob and Ruth hosted a wine and cheese party for 70 or more members of his staff, plus husbands and wives, and a swinging time was had by all.

What are your plans for Christmas? Expecting members of the family home from school, university or faraway places? Entertaining guests from out-of-town? Or maybe spending the holiday season in the sun?

News of your social activities make interesting reading for "Life in the Hill" columns — also for distant relatives and friends — so why not call the Social Editor Margot Crack at 884-1105/6 or drop a line to 63 Yonge Street South?

The "Christmas Star and Story" were featured at the December meeting of the Mary & Martha Guild of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church held last Wednesday evening at the home of Lois Graham, Mill Pond Court. About 25 members were present.

Participating in the worship service were: Jean Mirreles, Mavis Cates, Betty Moorley, Ethel Edwards and Betty Hazell.

Following a brief business session, the members learned the identity of their 1971 secret friend through exchange of gifts and drew names to be used in 1972.

The Richmond Hill Coin Club held its annual Christmas party on Tuesday in the Lions Hall.

At last month's meeting, Norm Derry, past president of the York Central branch of the Canadian Progress Club was the guest speaker for the evening.

He gave a most interesting and informative talk on "how to make money without working" as he phrased it. Relating to his past experience in law enforcement agencies and related areas, Mr. Derry gave an outline of the methods used by criminals to defraud unsuspecting public in various areas, primarily in the area of negotiable instruments.

While his talk did not dwell on numismatics, it was evident that all in attendance learned a few things from his talk. A lively question period followed his presentation, with practically everyone, including the juniors, participating.

It was the York Central branch of the Canadian Progress Club which sponsored the April walkathon in aid of Day-break in which Danny Donnelly walked as a representative of the club.

Entertaining on Saturday evening were Heather and Walter Smithurst who held a Christmas party at their lovely home on Church Street South.

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly" ... and the Young People of St. Mary's Anglican Church did just this on a recent visit to the Villa Hospital where they spent several happy hours decorating for Christmas.

If you'd like to participate in the activities of a fun group and are between the ages of seven and 12 years old, you'd be most welcome as a member of the young auxiliary of St. Gabriel's Anglican Church.

The next meeting is being held January 3 at 4:30 pm in the church basement. Further information on the auxiliary may be obtained by calling Jackie Waugh at 884-3623.

R. H. Senior Citizens

The bowlers had a delightful surprise last Friday at Alencourt Lanes — as they arrived each lady was presented with a Christmas corsage and a bag containing perfume, gum candy, cigarettes, cook books, note books and needle kits with tobacco instead of perfume.

Al Plewman, who was unable to bowl, received a Christmas box of goodies. Seasonal refreshments were served and a draw for a Christmas cake was won by Mrs. Rachel Ley.

Yvonne and John Allen, his mother and friends worked very hard organizing the party, Yvonne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Wright did all the phoning and Mrs. Blanche Hughes made and donated the corsages.

Everyone had a wonderful time and before going home sang "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" which they dedicated to Yvonne and John and friends as a sincere thank you.

Bowling notes — high singles, Bob Gilles 236, Bert Cook 225, Vi Clark 222, High triples, Albert Hunt 646, Bill Low 607.

An enchanting presentation of Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales" was the program for the December 13 meeting of the Curtain Club.

The cast included Ron Scott, Brian Moore, Dilys Rubow, Heather Smithurst and Gordon Diver, who also directed the show.

Rehearsals have already begun for the "Giacinda Smile" by Aldous Huxley, the club's entry in the CODL Travelling Festival. Heading the excellent cast is Derek Miller with Kim Colyer, Tot Monks, Dennis Stainer, Brian Moore, Kay Griffin and Peggy Gosling.

Patrons of the "First Nighters Club" are reminded that the next meeting will be on February 11 for the opening night of this play. Last month's get-together for "Joe Egg" was most successful and after a short discussion on the play by Director Tony Miller, the cast and members of the audience enjoyed wine and cheese, with many discussions resulting from the subject of the play and an encouraging interest shown in the new theatre.

Enjoy music? Players between the ages of 12 to 22 years are wanted to form a youth concert band.

The initial rehearsal will be held the first week of January at the Parks Recreation Building (the Pump House) on Mill Street, opposite the pond.

Business Manager Herb Smith will be happy to supply further information. Please call him at 884-7420.

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?

SWEDISH FRUIT SOUP

Start a tradition for loved ones with this delicious holiday dessert. Or for a hostess gift, present recipe and ingredients in a lovely Scandinavian bowl —

- 1 11 oz. package (1 3/4 cups) mixed dried fruits
- 1/2 cup light raisins
- 3 to 4 inches stick cinnamon
- 4 cups water
- 1 medium orange, unpared, cut 1/4-inch slices
- 1-1/2 pint 2 oz. can (2 1/4 cups) unsweetened pineapple juice
- 1/2 cup currant jelly
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. quick-cooking tapioca
- 1/4 tsp. salt.

Combine mixed dried fruits, raisins, cinnamon and water. Bring to boil, then simmer uncovered till fruits are tender, about 30 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to boil; cover and cook over low heat 15 minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Serve warm or chilled. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Mrs. Santa Claus

"The Butterfly that Blushed"

by Joseph Golden is Bayview Secondary School's contribution to the Christmas entertainment scene.

It's a whimsical, fanciful children's play, but it is also for all who are young at heart. The characters are delightfully realistic and comical — such as Mushroom, the saucy — little butterfly of the group — and knows it, Cynthia, who is soft and sympathetic. Noname and Man, who are constantly sarcastic; Nurse, a busy body mother image; Sky, who is a big showoff; Howabout, who always expresses his thoughts; Mr. Angelo, the artist; Mr. Wizzer, a very distinguished magician and also quite forgetful and last, but not least, Worm — the most confused and unhappy butterfly in the forest. None of the other butterflies like him because he is not as pretty as the others which makes him a misfit.

All ages will thoroughly enjoy this fantasy insect world — there will be two matinee performances this Thursday and Friday at 2 pm and two evening shows on January 7 and 8 at 7:30 pm.

There's a small admission charge of 25 cents, children, 50 cents, students, and 75 cents for adults.

Mistakes can happen even in the best of circles and we're no exception!

The outlines under the charming photograph of Anne Winstone modelling at the "Men Only Luncheon" which appeared on this page last week, were written by one of Santa's little helpers who was obviously carried away with the Christmas festivities and inadvertently reported "combined fashion show and luncheon sponsored by Rick Butt of Warwick House."

This caused some consternation as (a) the luncheon was sponsored by the Richmond Hill and District YWCA, with many members involved, preparing and serving the food and setting up the Lions Hall, etc. and (b) Rick Butt of Warwick House, at the height of the busy Christmas season, organized the fashion show as his contribution to the luncheon.

We offer sincere apologies for the error and wish everyone concerned a very happy Christmas and every good wish for accurate reporting at the luncheon next year.

Mrs. Vicki White and her 13-year-old daughter, Denise, of Oceanside Drive were the joint winners of a recent contest sponsored by CHUM and will be sharing \$234 prize money.

They are both delighted with their unexpected windfall, which they're banking 'til a rainy day.

York Regional Symphony

The York Regional Symphony aided and abetted by Conductor Philip Budd, offered its Evening of Music at Nobleton Senior Public School on December 14 and scored a bull's eye.

Maestro Budd's target for the evening was the encouraging assembly of young people who formed 50% of the audience, all there at the invitation of the sponsor, the student council of the school.

It is fairly safe to begin with the assumption that the younger generation, a frankly critical segment of the population, would approach symphonic and light classical music with some caution. The general attitude at this concert seemed to bear out that opinion. Watched closely, they reacted with quiet, fixed attention. Significantly, they did not fidget. The conclusion of each selection brought warm, sustained applause.

These people were delighted with what they heard and there wasn't a guitar in sight!

The orchestra, playing well, despite depleted members due to icy roads, offered a tasty menu and served up liberal helpings of good music from Master Chef Godfrey Ridout, Bach, Vaughan Williams, Sir Ernest Macmillan, Handel and the immortal Mussorgsky with his "Night On Bald Mountain."

Conductor Budd further enlivened the evening with humorous asides in explaining the purpose and significance of the orchestra components or choirs; strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion.

Brenda Seed of King City Secondary School commented "The orchestra is good... but good, and that 'Night On Bald Mountain,' well... it's just beautiful!"

Frances Agnew, also 15 and from King Secondary, enthused "I just loved the Vaughan Williams 'English Folk Song Suite' and 'Greensleeves' Fantasia!"

Pat Agnew of Nobleton Senior Public School shared the pleasure of these two students and liked much the same selections. Conductor Budd, advised of these significant opinions, considered them to be the frosting on the cake. They were!



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\$500 For 52 Weeks Prize In YCAMR Draw

Fifty-two people will be \$500 richer, or it could be that one person is \$26,000 richer in 1972 as the result of a draw announced this week by the York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded. The YCAMR "500" offers a \$500 prize each week of the coming year. Only 500 tickets will be sold and the winners will get one-half the proceeds. All proceeds will be used in the work of the association with mentally reared people.

In the above picture, Mayor William Lazenby (left) and Mrs. Lazenby (right) purchase their ticket from Maryjune Warner.

Obituary

Harold Reid Passes In Hospital Half Century Resident Of Hill

A resident of Richmond Hill for 50 years, Harold Reid, passed away December 15 in York Central Hospital after an illness of about a year and a half.

Born in Chinguacousy Township, Mr. Reid owned and operated garages in Richmond Hill and Elgin Mills for many years and was favorably known for his cheery disposition and the quality of his workmanship. After World War II he went into the manufacture of concrete block, which he pursued for some time, then he assumed the responsibility of making express deliveries in Richmond Hill for the CNR.

Following his retirement he spent summers at his cottage in Haliburton and his winters in Florida, but in between seasons has been in Richmond Hill to spend some time with members of his family and keep his numerous friendships alive.

His last address was 76 Dufferin Street, Richmond Hill. Mr. Reid is survived by his wife, the former Anne Louise Hall; sons Lloyd of Richmond Hill, Robert of Fenelon Falls and Don of Richmond Hill; and daughters Dorothy (Mrs. Leo Love) of Willowdale and Carol (Mrs. Albert Hoare) of Richmond Hill.

The funeral service was held from King Secondary.

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What Do You Know About Christmas?

Christmas has generated a wide variety of customs throughout the world. The holiday has deeply influenced art, music, literature, folklore and of course business. The following quiz deals with many known aspects of this festival. How many can you answer correctly?

1. According to the authorities, the birth of Christ occurred on:
 - (a) December 25
 - (b) January 6
 - (c) an uncertain date.
2. In mediaeval England "carol" meant:
 - (a) singing
 - (b) dancing in a ring while singing
 - (c) dancing only.
3. The custom of hanging branches of the mistletoe originated:
 - (a) among the ancient Druids
 - (b) in mediaeval France
 - (c) in 19th-century England.
4. The custom of sending Christmas cards originated in:
 - (a) France
 - (b) Italy
 - (c) England.
5. The Christmas tree was introduced by:
 - (a) the Bulgarians
 - (b) the Germans
 - (c) the Italians.

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