



it's happening in the hill

Margaret Lade editor

Women employees of the Town of Richmond Hill had their Christmas Celebration early, sharing a pot luck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Douglas Bellis, 461 Paliser Crescent North on December 7. There were favors under the tree for all 21 guests.

Miss Mary Dawson, 82 Yonge Street South, enjoyed a pleasant Christmas weekend in Parkhill. She avoided the fog and rush by travelling by train, leaving Richmond Hill Thursday morning and arriving the same day at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gordon Gray. Nieces and nephews completed the family gathering for dinner on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thompson, 164 Parkston Court, spent the weekend in Schomberg visiting their respective families. They left Richmond Hill on Friday and returned Tuesday morning.

On Sunday they dined with Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wood, and on Christmas Day had a family dinner at the home of Mr. Thompson's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Winter. And a good part of the weekend was spent visiting with Mr. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson.

Bayview Secondary School Students will have their usual collection of newspapers today (Thursday) in Richmond Hill east of Yonge Street to Bayview Avenue in the area from Elgin Mills Road to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic School.

Members of the Garbage Club will be around to collect your papers some time after 12 noon. Please have the papers tied in bundles at the end of your driveways before noon for the pickup.

The Advent Service Sunday morning in Richmond Hill United Church was, of course, on the Christmas Theme. Marnee Buckles lit the Advent Candle, and the children of the nursery and kindergarten presented a Christmas Tableau under direction of Mrs. Doris Hiscott.

Nearly all members of the church had participated in preparation of decorative banners for the day, including Mrs. Hiscott, her helpers and her wee ones.

In the afternoon there was a Family Vesper Service with program and music conducted by the youth group, "The Seekers" under the leadership of Mrs. Roslyn McLeod.

Senior Citizens

Richmond Hill Senior Citizens held their Christmas Euchre on December 20 at the club room in Legion Court. There were 16 tables of euchre, and the party wound up with a social time and Christmas refreshments.

Euchres are held regularly every Wednesday afternoon at the club room, except the second Wednesday of each month when the euchre is held on Thursday, giving way to the club's monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.

Members and non-members are welcome to the euchres. Tickets are 35c and refreshments are served. The last day to obtain tickets for "The Great Waltz" at the Glendale Theatre for the theatre party January 17 will be at the regular January meeting, January 10 in the United Church Auditorium.

Richmond Hill and Thornhill Area Family Services

have several programs lined up for the new year, including a parent effectiveness program, marriage preparation course and communication for groups.

Despite a desperate shortage of funds, and a waiting list of individuals and families seeking counselling, these three group education programs will go ahead under supervision of the well-trained counselling staff.

The eight-week Parent Effectiveness Program is based primarily on the book by Dr. Thomas Gordon and will be given, beginning January 22, under guidance of Mrs. Toby Berman. Monday afternoon sessions are available for mothers.

The marriage preparation course will be an intensive two-day session January 13 and 14. It is sponsored by the ministerial associations of the area and runs from 2 to 7 pm. The fee of \$6 per couple includes supper and coffee breaks.

The "Communication For Growth" program is series of six weekly evening sessions for couples starting January 29. It is limited to eight couples.

For any of these programs, register early. Phone 884-8822 or call at the office, 25A Yonge Street North, through the door on the south side of the YWCA building and up the stairs. Mrs. David McGuire is receptionist-secretary, and Dr. Frank Fiddler executive director.

The four part-time counsellors are continuing next year to serve clients of the family services, and three new counsellors will be on the scene in 1973. All have had experience in the educational field as well as in counselling. They are Mrs. Mary Sue McCarthy of King, Mrs. Toby Burman and Mrs. Caroline Shakel who are involved at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE).

After nearly three years of struggling, the family services have a comfortable office and an excellent staff. Now all they need is some money to keep it going. Any suggestions?

Keeping up a tradition of 30 years, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bellis of Paliser Crescent held open house for their friends and neighbors on Christmas Eve.

Duplicate Bridge On December 18, duplicate bridge winners were Ron Dickie and George Laundry in first place, with a tie for second place between Stewart Cole and Flo Laundry and Gill Gordon.

On Friday, Marie Cole and George Laundry were first with Ann Payment and Jean Leonard second. On Monday, there will be a tournament for ACBL members as well as the usual open game.

Bridge as usual on New Year's Day. New members, guests and visitors are welcome. Call Marie Cole, 773-4280.

School Board Has Dilemma

While nationalism is nice, York County Board of Education decided last week that it probably leaves you with even more of a glow when you're warm at the same time.

As a result, the board compromised on a staff recommendation that it provide a Canadian Flag and flag pole at every school under its jurisdiction, and agreed that any such program would depend on the money available.

Trustee Louise Aimeone said she was in favor of the idea, but that the board should consider the cost. At some time it was going to have to decide between buying a flagpole and caulking a window, "whether to be patriotic or cold".

Trustee John Honsberger of Markham also had his doubts about another aspect of the recommendation which called for the flying of the provincial flag of Ontario alongside the Canadian flag.

"If we start putting up a lot of flags, we'll look like Eaton's", was Mr. Honsberger's comment. The matter of the flag grew out of a protest by Trustee Jack Hadfield of Newmarket at the previous meeting that the Canadian flag was not being flown properly at area schools.

He suggested the flag be flown from sunrise to sunset, on days of mourning and that the masthead be kept in good repair.

At last week's meeting, Mr. Hadfield, who moved acceptance of the staff report, agreed to the deletion of the recommendation calling for the flying of the provincial flag, while the board also agreed to a joint suggestion by Mrs. Aimeone and Trustee Jack MacKay of Markham that provision of the flagpoles be contingent on what money was in the pot.

NEWMARKET — Councilor Bill Steele, defeated by a slim 14-vote margin December 4, will not ask for a recount or challenge the right of Peter Hall to sit on council.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

The Greatest Christmas Gift Of Them All

The best Christmas Gift of all is what 125 student and staff members of Bayview Secondary School gave when they made a record number of blood donations at the school's sixth annual clinic. This is the gift of life itself for many surgical patients and accident victims. This year's BSS donors showed a 25% increase over the previous record. Convening chairman was Kathryn Frise of Grade 12. The first blood clinic in the school came about through

the efforts of Patrick Cillis, who lost his life a few months later when he was hit by a car as he crossed Bayview Avenue.

In the picture above as the students registered and had their blood tested before making a donation are: (left to right) Kathryn Frise, Jack Mesley, Rocco Morra, Ian Smith and Pat Sullivan.

Queen's Park Report

William Hodgson MLA, York North

New Direction For Davis Government

Recent days at Queen's Park have witnessed the beginning of what could be described as a new era in Provincial Government. The change has not come without warning, but at the same time the importance of it has been missed by many people, some of them members of the Legislature.

What has happened is that the government has brought about a shift of policy to give new priorities to new things. One of the basic planks of the government in the last election was that we should be concerned about the quality of life. That phrase, "quality of life" has been pretty well overworked lately, but its meaning is simple. It means we should be concerned not so much about what we have, but how we put it to use. It also means that your tax dollars should be spent on the things the people need most.

Two statements of policy read to the Legislature point out this idea. The first was the announcement by Colleges and Universities Minister Jack McNie on November 23rd. The Minister noted that from 1964 the full time post secondary enrolment in Ontario increased from 70,000 to 190,000 students. During this period grants by the government to universities totalled \$868 million. Provincial support for community colleges totalled another \$246 million. Now however, enrolment has levelled off in

is simply that the help people need for home or nursing care has not been available. The thing that the Ministry of Health is attempting to do is provide that help. It is simply a matter of shifting the emphasis and the tax dollars to the area where it is most needed.

This new policy may have an impact in our region. I asked Dr. Potter in the house if the extension to York County Hospital in Newmarket would proceed as scheduled. He said the Ministry would have to take a close look at it. I'm hopeful that the plans will go ahead. The important thing to consider, however, is if we are getting the best kind of hospital care in our area. This is what the government is trying to determine. And don't forget that you have an important role in helping the government make its decisions. Your opinions on the subject are listened to and appreciated.

AURORA—A recount is expected soon to determine whether Councillor William Trent was beaten in the Dec. 4 election. First reports placed him only nine votes behind the last successful candidate, Evelyn Buck, Donald Roberts, Norman Stewart, Peter Miller, Walter Davis, Ronald Simmons, George Timpon and Dr. E. J. Henderson were the successful candidates. Mayor Richard Illingworth received an acclamation.

Public To Get Chance To Air Views On Policing In Ontario

The public will get its chance soon to present its views on police forces in Ontario, it was revealed at a meeting of York Regional Council December 14.

Council received a letter from Hugh Crothers, chairman of the Task Force On Policing In Ontario, seeking its co-operation in notifying interested persons and groups of its upcoming public hearings, at which written submission will be presented.

The task force was appointed earlier this year to study the organization, administration and efficiency of the police forces, and also to analyse present and future needs and to make recommendations.

In his letter, which was sent to council through the regional clerk, Mr. Crothers said that it was "not our intention to engage in witch hunts or in-depth studies of past history, but rather to direct our energies toward determining the needs, resources and application of police services in Ontario during the coming years."

As a result the task force will conduct hearings throughout Ontario with the locations to be determined mostly by the prior submission of written briefs no later than February 15, 1973, Mr. Crothers said.

The briefs must cover matters relevant to: relations between the police and public, future policing needs in the province, division of police services, unification of police forces, or possible alternatives, personnel planning and development, the administration of police forces, including the concept of boards of commissioners of police and other governing bodies, and the role and function of the Ontario Police Commission.

Mayor Dick Illingworth of Aurora, a frequent critic of the police, said that the study was "not to be construed as being critical of various police forces."

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Richmond Hill High School News

By DIANA COOK

Students "Honor" Teachers At Christmas Assembly

Last Friday the grade 13's, with the help of Teacher Patrick Kelly, managed to put on a very enjoyable and smoothly run Christmas Assembly. To begin with, Mark Crawford led the school in the singing of carols, after which there was a song by the newly formed Student-Staff Band.

Three of the staff members; Miss Mary Carmichael, Keith Andrew and Warren Atkinson, each received a gift as a token of appreciation for their dedicated attendance at practices. It seems essential that every grade 13 assembly include a recitation of "Twas The Night Before Christmas", but this year's interpretation of that epic poem was more amusing than most of its predecessors.

Bill Honeyman, elegantly clad in tuxedo jacket and blue jeans, read the part of the narrator while Paul Jones acted as Santa. A dramatic entrance from above was made by David Monk disguised as a sugar plum.

The next skit involved a singing lumberjack (Cam Lander) who was backed by a chorus of fellow lumberjacks until the words of his song became progressively more and more perverted. Eventually he found himself alone on stage, with the exception of Bill Honeyman. The two made an amiable exit together.

Following this, another Santa (Greg Marshall) prepared with the help of his elf, Barb Fenn) to distribute presents to the teachers. Debbie Cook, throughout the rest of the program, assisted by describing gifts and announcing names.

It was also explained that before the actual giving of a gift there might be a mimic of the teacher who was to receive it. Terry May first portrayed Teacher William Atkinson reciting the Lord's Prayer, with a few geographical terms substituted for the real ones. Then Jim Reid and Roy Clifton, both of whom ran as candidates for the NDP in past elections, were presented with certificates showing ownership of 1,000 shares in Denison Mines.

The language teachers were invited on stage in a group and presented with appropriate gifts. For example Mrs. Sharon Hershon received stilt for the students who sit at the back of her class, and Mrs. Astrid Petrie, just recently married, was given a book entitled "Marriage Means Love Forever".

The next imitation, done by Debbie Smith, was of Mrs. Esther Beaupre, who later accepted a "Nancy Drew" mystery to enable her to understand what all those book reports were about.

Representing the maintenance staff, Henry Bradley was called on stage and was given "Janitor in a Drum".

He was followed by Richard Baker, grade 10, who gave a very accurate account of some of Mr. Fleming's well known facial expressions and "smart answers to snappy questions".

Brian Brooker portrayed both Teachers John Munro-Cape and James Muir; in the case of Mr. Muir he quoted the famous "if you don't like it there's the door" line.

Next Cam Lander did two very convincing imitations of Teachers William Campbell and Keith Andrews.

In portraying Mr. Campbell he carefully explained the "physical workings" of the badminton racket. (A miniature fire extinguisher was given to Mr. Campbell to prevent any further mishaps).

(A laboratory and other parts of the school were severely damaged in two recent fires at the school.—Editor).



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

This Junk Isn't Trash, It's Art

Pupils of Mrs. Carol Kretch's grade 6 class at Pleasantville Public School ended the term with a junk art competition. Using whatever materials they could lay their hands on, the students created many interesting and imaginative entries. Winner of a 51-year-old trophy donated by Mrs. Kretch was Marty

Macci who had used empty perfume bottles and shells to create a winter scene complete with "people". Above Christine Lazenby, 11, (left) and Dawn McMeekin, 11, show what can be done with boxes and bottles and other odds and ends they found around the house.

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