



Margaret Lade editor

**Senior Citizens**  
All members of Richmond Hill Senior Citizens Club are urged to make a special effort to attend the monthly meeting at 2 pm next Wednesday in Richmond Hill United Church Auditorium. There are important items of business to discuss, and there will be door prizes and refreshments.

Tickets will be on sale at the meeting for the bus trip to the Ontario Science Centre February 28. There will be 88 tickets available. If more are required names will be taken and another bus ordered if numbers warrant it. Return transportation \$1. Please bring the right change.

Admission tickets at 50c will be available on arrival. This includes admission to the centre and to the show, "Kiss Me Kate", by Cole Porter.

Transportation tickets are also available at the Day Centre in Legion Court on February 19, 20 and 21 from 1 to 3 pm.



**York Regional Symphony** is presenting a special fund raising program at 8:30 pm Saturday in Bradford Memorial Community Centre. The combination of wine, cheese, and good light music along with the company of many friendly people is the orchestra for the evening.

The 50-member orchestra, drawn from many areas, is almost completely self-supporting, but there is urgent need for additional funds to support its ambitious campaign to take its good music wherever interest can be found.

Leader and conductor of the YRS Phillip Budd sees particularly fertile ground in the classroom, and many visits have been made to schools in York where remarkable interest in good music and in the composition and sound of an effective symphony orchestra has been evident.

Concerts for adults have drawn large audiences, and the orchestra is anxious to ride the tide of growing public interest.

The cost of moving a large orchestra with a great deal of impedimenta is considerable, and week to week operational expenses must be met. For this reason the orchestra is inviting the public to support efforts by attending this special concert.

It was a very pleasant afternoon Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Higgins, 290 Ruggles Avenue, when friends gathered to honor Mrs. Higgins' mother, Mrs. Alice Baillie, who was celebrating her 90th birthday. A resident of Richmond Hill for many years, Mrs. Baillie was presented with a plaque from Premier William Davis and with a Centennial pin and flowers from Mayor William Lazenby and members of the town council.

Among the more than 130 guests were Canon James O'Neil and Mrs. O'Neil of St. John's York Mills Anglican Church, formerly of St. Mary's in the Richmond Hill, Canon J. de Pencier Wright of St. Cuthbert's, Leaside, Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Barrett of St. Mary's and Rev. and Mrs. Fred Jackson, also of St. Mary's. Many friends from the Senior Citizens Club, of which Mrs. Baillie is a member, came to offer best wishes and bring gifts.

Mrs. Suzanne Rangel of Ottawa spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Higgins, Ruggles Avenue. With her were her three children, Gregory, Christopher and Julianne, who were here to help celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. Rangel's grandmother, Mrs. Alice Baillie. Mrs. Baillie received a congratulatory telegram from her grandson-in-law, Commander Julian Rangel, who is with the Canadian Peace-keeping Mission in Viet Nam.

Another granddaughter, Evelyn, her husband, Captain Kingsley Arnold, and daughter Noelle, also of Ottawa, were not able to join the party but sent best wishes. Mrs. Baillie received a corsage of roses and carnations from the four great-grandchildren.

The huge birthday cake, 18 by 36 inches, was made by an old friend of Mrs. Baillie's, Mrs. Myrtle Dunkley of Toronto, and was beautifully decorated by her daughter, Evelyn. Mrs. Baillie is in excellent health and we wish her many more good years.

The York Highlands Sweet Adelines held a guest night January 30. They were happy to welcome nine prospective members—two from the Richmond Hill area. The song birds are still hoping for more representation from this area to take part in a terrific program of singing in four part harmony. Anyone interested phone Helen Denton, 884-7803.

The "Silvertones", the registered quartet of the chapter, went to Niagara Falls, New York, last week-end to compete in the novice quartet contest. All enjoyed meeting other quartets and having a day of harmony.

Former pupils and teaching colleagues at Richmond Hill High School were saddened by the news of the death last Friday of Zenon Zeleny, mathematics head at the school from 1955 to 1968.

A master of philosophy in the field of mathematics from Cracow University in Poland, Mr. Zeleny was a major in the Polish Army in 1939 and was interned by the Germans when Poland was overrun at the beginning of World War II. After the war he came to Canada and taught at Campbellville before coming to Richmond Hill. He was very active in the Polish community in Metro and was highly regarded and respected as a scholar and adviser at the school and in the community.

Funeral services took place in St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Toronto Monday morning with interment at Mount Hope Cemetery.

On January 31 Candy-strippers of York Central Hospital held their Valentine meeting in the hospital cafeteria. Present at the meeting were: Mrs. Joyce Studdy, director of volunteers; Mrs. Georgina Stever, advisory chairman; Mrs. Pat Robinson, co-advisory chairman; Mrs. Peggy Temple, president of the senior auxiliary; and Mrs. Evelyn Lazenby, chairman of the Allenbrae Branch of the YCHA.

Mrs. Stever said a few words about membership cards—a reminder to all Candy-strippers that they must show their card at the switchboard.

Mrs. Lazenby showed the girls the Centennial pins the Allenbrae Branch will be selling.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Audrey Wilson, head of the central supply department of York Central Hospital. She described the function of the department—the sterilization and storage of hospital equipment. The volunteers were then taken on a tour of the department and given further explanation of its operations.

The junior auxiliary members were invited to attend the YCHA tenth annual meeting this evening (Thursday) at 8 pm at the Summit Golf and Country Club.

Thinking Day, February 22, is the day all Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies honor Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, founders of the world-wide Scout and Guide Movement. (Although Lord Baden-Powell was several years older than his wife, both were born on February 22.)

In Richmond Hill there will be a church parade February 25 at 7 pm at St. Mary's Anglican for local groups, their friends and relatives.

Participating groups will be 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th Scout Troops, Cub Packs and the attached Venturer Companies; 1st and 2nd Richmond Hill Guide Companies, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Jefferson Brownie Packs as well as the Ranger Company of Richmond Hill. All of these should be at the church in full uniform before 6:45 pm.

Memorial flowers will be placed in the chancel by the local association (West District) in memory of Richmond Hill's first Guide Commissioner Edna Izzard. Before World War II Miss Izzard introduced Guiding to Richmond Hill, founding the 1st Guide Company which met in the old chapel at St. Mary's. Miss Izzard was the Company's first captain and subsequently became the first district commissioner.

Later she was made a life member of the association the executive body supporting Guiding in the West District, and her faithful services will be remembered in the gift of memorial flowers every year for all Richmond Hill Guides and Brownies to see.

Friends extend sympathy to the family of R. D. Little, Arnold Street. Mr. Little's sister Mrs. Bertha Jane Brown, died Sunday at St. John's Convalescent Home, Willowdale. Services were held Wednesday with interment in Campbellville Cemetery.

Sympathy also to the family of William McQuillen, Dufferin Street, on the passing Monday of his sister, Mary Catherine McQuillen of Toronto. Services are being held today (Thursday) with interment at Mount Hope Cemetery.

The promotion of Rev. Fred Jackson to the position of honorary assistant priest at St. Mary's Anglican Church does not mean that he is going into retirement. He will continue to make regular visits to parishioners in hospital and take communion to the shut-ins as well as working with the Richmond Hill Ministerial Association in planning and presenting marriage schools for those contemplating matrimony. New assistant priest at St. Mary's is Rev. John Conybear, who will also serve as priest at Emmanuel, Richvale. Rev. George Young, former priest at Emmanuel, is now serving as assistant at St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's. Rector at St. Mary's is Rev. Bernard Barrett.

Your social and club activities make interesting reading for "It's Happening in The Hill". Your friends and neighbors like to be kept up to date on vacation news, guests from out-of-town, academic achievements and special projects and social events. This is a free service, but news items should be sent to the office by Monday for inclusion in the current issue.

Address your news to Editor Margaret Lade, "The Liberal", 63 Yonge Street South, or telephone 884-1105.

The first two successful pupils of Linda Hare, Kerswell Drive, to enter the mid-winter examinations at the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, were Jonathan and Peter Brillert, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brillert, Browdale Crescent. Jonathan, who is in his second season of study, received 73 percent honors with examiner's remarks, "sight reading excellent, ear test excellent, and fine style for the pieces (played)".

Peter, who is in his first season of study, received 74 percent honors with remarks: "good feeling for style and expression" and "good understanding of style".

Their teacher is a student at Bayview Secondary who is also studying at the conservatory.

Five pupils of Richmond Hill Piano Teacher Estelle Markham are to be congratulated for their success in recent examinations at the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto.

Christine Burnett passed her grade 4 history examination. Lynne Bradstock earned honors in grade 8 piano. Deanna Wright and Peggy Murakami passed their grade 9 piano, and Karen Wright was successful in her grade 10 piano examination.

On January 29 Karen Wright, Christine Burnett and Kathryn Watters played in auditions for the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association recital and all earned an A plus. They will play Saturday at the ORMTA recital in North York Library, 5126 Yonge Street and will be eligible for the ORMTA scholarship recital in May.

Thirty-six girls from 2nd Richmond Hill Guide Company have successfully completed a fire prevention and fighting course at the Richmond Hill Fire Hall, thanks to Fire Chief Robert Kennedy and his men.

Fire brigade badges were awarded to Diane Baker, Maggie Buzzese, Kathleen Carlisle, Faith Creaser, Sharon Creaser, Joanne Doucett, Judy Forsyth, Kim Hardy, Bridget Howe, Janet Hodgson, Sandra Kennedy, Krista Kunstmann, Cathy Kurliak, Christine Lazenby, Sandra MacMillan, Cathy McLean, Cindy McCully, Karen McPhee, Susan Ogden, Susan Pack, Kelly Quinnell, Sherry Quinnell, Darlene Robertson, Kim Robson, Susan Romsky, Janice Shelton, Jane Sikorski, Christine Skinner, Barbara Stannard, Kimberley Thomas, Mary E. Vent, Shelly Waugh, Louise Whitten, Sarah A. Williamson, Jennifer Wood and Louise Zuraw.

The \$500 jackpot winner at Richmond Hill Lions' Bingo Monday was Mrs. G. Harris of Aurora.

The Allenbrae Branch of YCHA will hold its next meeting at 8 pm Monday at the home of Mrs. Sally Wilson, 412 Wenlock Street, Richmond Hill. New members are welcome.

The Curtain Club is beginning a new series of drama classes for children February 17, 10:30 to 12:30 noon at the new Curtain Club Theatre, 400 Newkirk Road at Elgin Mills Road.

The ten week course for children 10 to 15 will be conducted by Joni Clavir. For information call Iris Stringer, 884-4117.

A treat is in store for those who enjoy gospel music. The Harmonaires from Vondorf, Freeman Quartette from Newmarket and the Ambassadors from Gormley are presenting an evening of music at St. Paul's United Church, Oak Ridges on February 17 at 7:30 pm. All the family is welcome. Tickets are available at the door. Refreshments will be served. For advance tickets (half price) call 773-5832.

**Duplicate Bridge**  
The winners on January 29 in the duplicate bridge club were John Hall and Murray Hall in first place, George Payment and Ross Jenkinson second.

Friday Margaret McTavish and John Leonard were first and Marie and Stewart Cole second. There will be a Swiss team tournament on February 16. New members and guests are welcome to participate. All teams must register in advance. Phone Marie Cole, 773-4280.

Find out what the Mormon Church does for the family at an open house February 16 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic School, Roney Road. The theme is "Let's Keep It Together". There will be film strips, talks, music, refreshments sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints which at present has no chapel of its own, but meets in the school. The church stresses family togetherness, asking families to set aside one evening each week when they plan to be together to discuss family affairs.

The Pastor Rev. Dana Lamb extended the right hand of friendship to Mrs. G. Robertson, Mrs. S. H. Mesley, Mrs. H. Todd, Miss Brenda McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lugsdon, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hurlburt, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith.

The new members were welcomed by Deacons Ed Robbin and William Allison. At this service two new deacons were installed. They are Mrs. Audrey Kirchin and Jack Major.

### Wainwright Lost Fight For Ward 6 Voice On Parks Board

Although the Civic Improvement Committee is a mayor's committee, normally appointed by the mayor, this year Mayor William Lazenby requested each member of Richmond Hill Council to name one member at a committee of the whole meeting January 15.

Composition of the committee for the coming year will be—Judge James Butler, 105 Wright Street; Sam Hall, 352 Skopit Road; Bus Vermuelen, 33 Centre Street East; Albert Reindhardt, 123 Harding Boulevard; David Hay, 73 Laverock Avenue; Jack Blyth, Yonge Street, Oak Ridges; Steve Langhammer, 96 Yongehurst Road; David Fayle, 17 Elizabeth Street North; William Mirreles, 117 Lawrence Avenue and School Trustee Douglas Allen, 191 Laverock Avenue.

Ward 6 Councillor Louis Wainwright tried unsuccessfully to have the parks and recreation committee named in the same manner, so that all areas of the town would have representation, but the majority of council decided to pursue the established practice of nominating several names and the seven receiving the highest number of votes to form the committee. The results were—former Councillor Shaun Beggs, 58 Leisure Lane; Glen Philip, 378 Osiris Drive; Pat Decantis, 13 Church Street South; Harold Jones, 210 Richmond Street; Russell Tilt, 25 Bridgeford Street; David Barton, 272 Axminster and

Plans are well under way for the annual St. Patrick's Day Bridge and Euchre to be held at Our Lady Queen of The World Roman Catholic Parish Hall on March 16. Co-conveners Ethel Englehart and Peggy O'Toole held a meeting with their helpers recently to discuss final details.

This promises to be an enjoyable evening with prizes, a raffle and refreshments, say committee members. Tickets are available from Mrs. Margaret Lawlor.

Bob and Ruth Biggin of Mill Pond Court took a week's holiday from their busy lives and, together with their children, John and Judy McConkey and Peter Biggin, went skiing at Bolton Valley, Vermont.

"The snow was just great. Too bad we couldn't ship it up here for the carnival," says the Biggins.

Bob has just been elected chairman of the board of managers of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church; Ruth as chairman of the library board; John and Judy are students at Bayview Secondary while Peter attends Don Head.

Want to have fun and lose weight at the same time? Why not join TOPS, ON 700 in Richmond Hill.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet every Tuesday evening in the portable at St. Gabriel's Anglican Church, Bayview and Crosby Avenues.

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The CNE's new President Douglas Palmer of Schomberg, formerly of Richmond Hill, was introduced at the annual CNE Luncheon on Thursday last week. Representing Richmond Hill at the luncheon were Mayor Lazenby; York Regional Representative to the CNE Executive Committee Gordon Rowe; Floyd Perkins, a former reeve of Richmond Hill and warden of York County, and James Grainger. The latter two were representatives from Richmond Hill's Centennial Committee. The luncheon took place in the Queen Elizabeth Building at the CNE.

A time of great blessing was experienced at St. John's Baptist Church on Sunday morning when ten new members were received into the membership of the church preceding the service of Holy Communion.

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(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

The York Central Hospital Auxiliary already has orders for more than 80 of the historical plaques it is selling in recognition of Richmond Hill's 100th Birthday, although the plaques are still in production. The pen and ink drawings done by Heather Blaney are mounted on wood with attractive brass hangers. The YCHA's First Vice-president, Mrs. Joan Paton, right, is in charge of sales.

She is pictured above with Dr. and Mrs. James Langstaff. Dr. Langstaff holds a reproduction of the sketch of the Blaney House, 111 Richmond Street, which was built about 1832, and his wife holds a picture of their own home built by his great-grandfather, Dr. J. L. Langstaff in 1849, which has served as home and office for four generations of Drs. Langstaff.

### 19th Century Houses Beautiful Wall Plaques

Among the most attractive of the numerous Richmond Hill Centennial souvenirs to be offered for sale this year are the decoupage wall hangings of two of the town's oldest houses.

Members of York Central Hospital Auxiliary are offering the plaques singly or in pairs, but orders that have come in so far, reports YCHA 1st Vice-president Joan Paton, have been for pairs.

Artist Heather Blaney and her husband, Brock, live in one of these houses, 111 Richmond Street. The other, built in 1849, is the Hall Street home of Dr. and Mrs. James Langstaff.

The pen and ink sketches by Mrs. Blaney have been reproduced and mounted on pine, painstakingly antiqued and shellacked. A description and history of the houses is mounted on the back of each plaque.

The Blaney house was built around 1832 by the owner of a coach house or stable, but unfortunately no record is available of the name of the original owner or builder. It is known that the owner supplied horses for stagecoaches that stopped in Richmond Hill on their way to meet the Lake Simcoe boat at Holland Landing.

The original structure was founded on logs on the surface of the ground and consisted of living-room, kitchen and two bed rooms upstairs. In 1860 Thomas Stockdale, a tailor, added a two storey addition of dining room, hall

and one more bedroom. The addition also had a basement.

In 1967 a family room was added, making use of the original barn boards on the property.

The original sketch was done by Mrs. Blaney for use on personal Christmas cards. The drawing of the Langstaff House Mrs. Blaney did as her contribution to the YCHA's Centennial project, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town.

The Langstaff house was built in 1849 by Dr. J. L. Langstaff and four successive generations of Drs. Langstaff have lived in it and had their offices there.

The house originally faced Yonge Street and was surrounded by beautiful grounds. It had a tennis court, stables, barn, work-

shop and orchard.

In 1970, to make room for the widening of Yonge Street, the house was moved back on the property and the old back entrance was converted to a front entrance facing onto Hall Street.

A total of 400 plaques are being produced—200 of each of the houses, so the supply is limited. They are selling for \$7.95 each or \$15 a pair and will be available early this month in the gift shop at the hospital, or orders may be placed with Mrs. Paton, 884-5149.

Proceeds from sale of the plaques, like those from all auxiliary projects, will be used to help equip the rapidly expanding hospital.

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