



## Mrs. Graeme Bales History Head

Richmond Hill now has an historical society, formed by an enthusiastic group of 13 persons in the Chapel of St. Mary's Anglican Church October 17. Mrs. Graeme Bales accepted the position of president and Mrs. David Fayle that of recording secretary. Other officers will be elected as the need arises.

The group expressed an interest in determining how the Wood home on Carrville Road, built in 1813 and now owned by the town, could best serve the community. With this thought in mind they arranged to visit the house last Sunday afternoon.

The 1813 date came from information obtained from the Federal Archives in Ottawa, Chief Librarian Pat Hart, who was one of the founders of the North York Historical Society in 1960, told the group. It was built by Nicholas Johnson, a member of the Johnson Family in Willowdale, who owned the property where the Northtown Shopping Centre is located and

also property on the west side of Yonge Street, where the Children's Aid Society shelter is located.

Mr. Johnson was the manager of the first nursery in the area, located on the east side of Yonge Street south of Centre Street, where he sold large numbers of apple trees to farmers in the area.

The next owner was Roland Burr, a miller and the next was a blacksmith by the name of Boothby, whose smithy was right on the road. He was followed by other blacksmiths and then by the Woods Family who used it as a farmhouse. There is a big fireplace in the back part and the lock and knocker on the front door are more than a century old. (The knocker has disappeared.)

The house was used as a family home until about a year ago and has been well maintained. It has had electricity installed.

Its most notable feature is that its exterior walls are built

from planks piled on top of each other.

Mrs. Hart suggested that it could be used for arts and crafts, but above all it should stay where it is so that children can be shown what a pioneer home looked like and how some pioneers lived.

The next meeting of the society, to which all interested citizens are invited, will be held in Richmond Hill Public Library November 19 at 8 pm. Access to the meeting room is through the back door. Mrs. Hart will show a few slides of historic buildings in Richmond Hill and show the historical material which has been collected for this Centennial Year by the local library.

The organizational meeting was called by St. Mary's Anglican Centennial Committee, who during their work over the past three years had realized the need for such a committee to work for the preservation of our history and our heritage.



(Photo by Susan Samila)

## Centennial Flag Flies Daily Over Loveliest Roses

Every day during this Centennial Year the Richmond Hill Centennial Flag has been raised, flown and lowered at the flag staff in the very lovely rose garden on Yonge Street outside the municipal building. The rose garden is a symbol of the "town of roses" theme and was established courtesy of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society. It includes most of the finest modern rose varieties chosen by some of Canada's best rose fanciers and each bush has the

name marked beside it. The result is one of the finest continuous rose shows for many miles around.

Here Firefighter Kevin Izzard of Bathurst Street not only had the lovely roses around him for the daily flag raising, but some pretty girls from the town staff as well. Giving a helping hand and some smiles too, the girls are (left to right) Merrylynn Henry, Debbie Hassfeldt and Anto DiVencenzo.

Best wishes are extended to Rev. Fred Jackson, St. Mary's Anglican, who is a patient in York Central Hospital.

Neighbors and friends with a speedy recovery for Norman Thompson, Bridgeford Street, who has been transferred from York Central Hospital to Sunnybrook Hospital where he underwent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Foyle of Ireland have been visiting in Richmond Hill, spending a month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vernon, Gretel Drive. A former manager of Victoria and Grey Trust Company, Yonge Street North, Mr. Foyle left the Hill in 1969 to live in Ireland where he and Mrs. Foyle own and operate the Strand Inn at Dunmore, East County, Waterford, Ireland, one of five hotels operated by members of the Foyle family in Ireland.

Richmond Hill UCW are putting the finishing touches on items for their big annual Christmas Shopping Bazaar November 8.

Convener Ruth Coxford has lined up a hard-working group of conveners: Eve Ferguson, white elephants, paperbacks, toys, jewellery, etc. Julie Bowden, sewing; Margaret Wood, aprons; Edythe Boynton in charge of the "Money Tree"; Ann Ellis, knitting; Jane Scrimger and Rudy Uren, Christmas Decorations, candles, table centres; Anne Thurtell, candy; Marg Dvnes, the country kitchen with pickles, jams, jellies and plenty of home baking.

Luncheon convener Margaret Southwell is preparing for three sittings—11:30 am 12:15 and 1 pm. Marguerite Bain is selling the tickets and UCW Unit Leaders Doris Payne, Phyllis Andrew and Marjorie Watters are assisting with the planning.

The AMO (A Morning Out) group will be on hand to look after pre-schoolers while mothers shop and have lunch, but the tots will not be served lunch in the nursery department. It will be up to Mamma to feed them.

The doors will open at 11 am for those who want to browse and buy, and maybe stay for lunch.

Richmond Hill Senior Citizens Club will hold their annual bazaar, bake sale, white elephant and tea room at the new club room, 71 Centre Street East, on Saturday. Doors open at 1:30 pm.

This event along with the quilt sales, rummage sale in the spring, and eueches which are held in the club room each Wednesday at 1:30 pm, are the means of providing finances to supply comforts and treats and trips for members of the club.

Members and friends who have goods to donate for the sale are asked to deliver them to the club room on Friday after 4 pm or Saturday after 9:30. It is hoped that all will try to make this Centennial Bazaar a great success.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holz who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Saturday at St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am followed by a reception in the church parlor until 3:30 pm. Members are invited, but no gifts please.

All of the newly elected executive members are asked to attend the executive meeting at the club room on November 7 at 10 am.

Next Sunday is Anniversary Sunday at St. Matthew's United and a buffet luncheon will be served following the service. Special guests will be former Choir Director Eileen Robbins and her husband, Robbie, a former member of the choir and police chief of Richmond Hill. The Robbins are now living at Kilworthy in the Muskoka area, but will be in town for the day.

Anyone intending to stay for the potluck luncheon should notify UCW President Mary Justice, 884-4579, if they have not already done so, so that there will be plenty for everyone.

At the regular meeting of Richmond Hill Chapter 302, Order of the Eastern Star, held at Wrixon Hall October 2, Evelyn Miller and Lois Scott were pleased to present \$300 awards to Gregory Benton, Trinity College, and Thomas Sherwood, Emmanuel College. Both young men are sponsored by Richmond Hill Chapter.

Each year \$500 awards are given to approximately 95 students in training for the ministry by the "Estari" committee of the Grand Chapter of Ontario through contributions from subordinate chapters.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**  
The duplicate bridge club is most anxious to encourage bridge players to try their hand at playing duplicate. The club is having a novice side game Friday for new and inexperienced duplicate players. This game is restricted to players with fewer than ten master points (1,000 rating points).

Many present members are eligible to play in this game, so come out and support the novice game. Winners October 15 were north-south Mike Dawson and Larry Betts, and east-west Margaret McTavish and Peter Molevelt.

On October 17, winners were north-south Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb, east-west Verda Moore and Aleda McBride.

At the tournament Friday, winners in men's pairs were Ross Jenkinson and Bob Dunn first, and George Newton and Ron Dickie second. Winners in women's pairs were Florence Laundry and Marie Cole first and Willy Molevelt and Edith Hobson second.

For further information phone Marie Cole, 773-4280.

Hours and hours have been spent by members of Richmond Hill Presbyterian in preparing for the "Christmas Carousels" on November 3, 10 am to 3 pm. There are several innovations this year, with men, women and teenagers involved—and it is hoped to make it a family affair.

There will be movies for the young fry as well as their own special booth where they may purchase Christmas gifts for mom and dad at a maximum price of 50¢ (no adults allowed) a fish pond, a toytown and Zany Zoo and a dolls' boutique.

For the adults there will be knitting and crocheting, gifts, decorations, books and puzzles, plants and flowers, candy and a flea market. Of special interest will be the display and sale of antiques and of course the products of the kitchens of all the good cooks in the congregation.

The lunch will be home-made soup and sandwiches, at noon, but coffee or tea and delicious home baking will be available throughout the five hours.

How are you getting along with your Christmas Gift List, or are you one of those who leave it to the last minute?

A few Richmond Hill Centennial spoons are available at the YWCA, 25 Yonge Street North—the last of the lot ordered to commemorate the 100th birthday of the town. What nicer gift could you find?

Members of the Mary and Martha Guild of the Presbyterian Church spent the evening of October 17 hard at work on articles to be sold at the Christmas Carousels November 3. In a brief worship service Mary Dawson gave a brief account of the life of Ann Preston, better known as "Holy Ann" and read Psalm 34, a scripture passage which had a great influence in that devoted Christian's life.

Your social and club activities make interesting reading for "It's Happening In The Hill" columns, so why not call the Social Editor, Margaret Lade, at 884-1105 or 884-8177, or drop a line to 63 Yonge Street South and keep us up to date with your vacation news, guests from out-of-town, a cademic achievements of your family, special club projects, social events to share with our many readers?

Donations are pouring in for the St. Matthew's UCW annual bazaar to take place November 9 from 6:30 to 9 pm. UCW President Mary Justice is assisting with the boutique and dessert court. Various conveners are Rosemary Haessier, aprons; Eva Philip, knitting; Marjorie Mitchell and Jean Barton, toys; Leone Marshall, boutique; Ann McLean, post office; Evelyn Murray and Iris Wright, white elephants; Jean Barton, candy; Lorraine Willock, baking; Ruth Harper and Gwen Casement, dessert court; the CGIT under leadership of Uneeta Joyce are running a "Country Kitchen" and there will be a fish pond for children of all ages.

The York Regional Symphony is giving its first concert of the new season at Meadowbrook Public School on Patterson Street in Newmarket on November 30. The performance will begin at 8 pm with a lively preamble to the festive season by Leroy Anderson, called "Christmas Selection".

This will be followed by a first performance of a composition by the orchestra's new Conductor, Andy Twa entitled "Autumn Leaves". This is a musical story for children to be narrated by Tony Wood.

Franz Joseph Haydn is then introduced by the playing of his melodious "Second Symphony" to be followed by a more tranquil theme, a charming waltz by Khachaturian.

Young members of the audience will then have an opportunity to "git acquainted". The trumpets, trombones, french horn, etc., of the orchestra, will let down their hair and have a little fun with the folk out there in the auditorium.

A full house is expected and early purchase of tickets is recommended. Tickets may be obtained from Meadowbrook School, 895-3081.

Residents of Country Place Nursing Home on 18th Avenue off Bayview Avenue have been busy making toys, novelties, leathercrafts and handknit and crocheted wools for their bazaar Saturday. They will also have a sale of home baking, white elephants and refreshments. It will be open to the public from 1 to 4 pm.

Mrs. Dorothy Price, Fernleigh Circle has had several cacti bloom this summer. One "Living Rock" (or Stone) which she has owned for 30 years bloomed for the first time. This small plant looks like a petrified pre-historic mushroom and takes ten years to grow to the size of a 50¢ piece. She attributes the phenomenal blooming to the long hot summer, as she keeps the plants outdoors in summer and indoors in winter.

When they heard of the unusual blooming rock, many people called to see the plant.

The October Fellowship Breakfast at St. John's Baptist showed the greatest attendance and interest to date, with the fellowship room filled to capacity. The tables were tastefully decorated in autumn colors and a delicious breakfast of orange juice, pancakes, syrup and coffee were served.

The committee responsible were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Major and Mrs. Audley Kirchen.

The guest speaker Dr. Minton Johnson, formerly of Thornhill Baptist, was introduced by Ed Robbins. He spoke briefly on "The Power of Prayer", after which the Pastor, Rev. Dana Lamb closed with prayer.

The Explorers of Richmond Hill United have started on collection of their second ton of discarded tin cans, and invited conservation minded people to bring their cans to the church, to drop them in the bin at the back door.

Cans should be clean, have labels removed and both ends removed. Put the two ends inside the can and flatten it. Keep pop cans and other cans separate.

Explorer Leader Doris Sanderson reports that she has had enquiries from other neighborhoods interested in salvaging metal, and suggests, for the sake of convenience, that they get together in their own neighborhoods to start recycling drives. Cans are delivered to Crown Cork and Seal on Keele Street North of Highway 7 which is open 24 hours a day and on weekends.

### Abbot-Bagg

## St. Matthew's United Setting For Early Autumn Wedding

Baskets of white and blue chrysanthemums formed the attractive setting in St. Matthew's United Church, Richmond Hill, for the late afternoon wedding on October 6 of Linda Bagg and Donald Abbot. Rev. John McTavish officiated and Mrs. Gloria Park was the organist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bagg of 432 Osiris Drive and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Abbot of 232 Hillside Drive.

For her wedding the bride chose a three-layered gown of silk and lace with a long white train and carried a cascade bouquet of red roses and baby's breath. She was escorted down the aisle and given in marriage by her father.

Her attendants were Patricia Weston as maid of honor, her sister Glenda Bagg, Leigh MacDonald, the groom's sister Diane Bourque and Lyne Riley as bridesmaids. They all wore powder blue dresses with insets of royal blue velvet to give the effect of a vest and had white miniature chrysanthemums in their hair. Each carried one large white chrysanthemum as a bouquet.

The groom's attendants were his brother Robert Abbot as best man and John Bourque (his brother-in-law), Al Majouska, Steve Riley and Del Ishida as ushers.

The 104 guests were received at the Royal Fontainebleau, Town and Country Square, where the hall was decorated in white and blue to match the dresses worn by

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