



Horticultural Society
 Richmond Hill Horticultural Society will hold its first meeting of the new year in Richmond Hill Presbyterian Sunday School room (parking at the rear) Yonge Street South, next Tuesday at 8 p.m.

It will be "Color Photo Contest Nite", and a good attendance is hoped for. New members are very welcome. Everyone bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

York Summit District
 Ladies Auxiliary held its January meeting at the home of Helen Todd. Also present were Joan Robertson, Marion Widdifield, Flo Inatiak, Shirley Field, Joyce Wells and Arlene Chatfield.

Final plans were made for the presidents' conference which will be held January 31. The auxiliary is looking forward to a good turnout of all York Summit District Ladies Auxiliary residents.

Winner of the \$500 jackpot at the bingo in St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Parish Hall on January 8 was Susan Nicholson, 69 Garden Avenue, Langstaff.

All friends and former members of the 5th Richmond Hill Scout Ladies Auxiliary are invited to join the members in an evening of fun at the whist tables on the occasion of their 16th birthday. The date is January 22, and the place; Richmond Hill United Church ladies' parlor.

Dr. Harold Silver of Women's College Hospital will address the North York Chapter of the alumnae association of Toronto General Hospital at its annual meeting February 4 at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting will take place in North York Library, 5126 Yonge Street, Willowdale, and Dr. Silver's topic will be "Cosmetic Surgery". All graduate nurses are welcome.

The Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association will be holding a dance on February 2 at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 112 Crosby Avenue. Tickets are available from Sam Johnston at 884-4928 or Andy Mason at 884-5841.

The highlight of the 1974 financial campaign at St. Mary's Anglican will be a parish dinner January 29. This is the 104th campaign to be directed by Campaign Chairman Stan Lancaster spread over the last 17 years.

The ACW of St. Gabriel's Anglican held its meeting January 9 in the church hall. Mrs. Pat Crane presented a film strip and led discussion on "How To Stretch Your Food Dollar".

Plans were discussed for the rummage sale which will be held February 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. If anyone would like to donate good used clothing, small furniture, books or white elephant items they may contact either Mrs. Betty Cowden, 884-5397 or Mrs. Jean Elliott, 884-6577 to arrange pick-up.

Many thanks are extended to the people who contributed good warm clothing to the YWCA recently. It was donated up and sent to a Y group at the Mississauga Indian Reserve where it will be greatly appreciated.

Remember the Businessmen's Luncheon February 5 at the Lions Hall, Centre Street East, sponsored by the Y. Tickets are available at the YWCA office, 25 Yonge Street North, 884-4811, for \$2.50.

Court Simcoe 1314, The Independent Order of Foresters, held their annual election of officers on January 8. The executive for 1974 includes Chief Ranger Jack Crossy, George Macdonald, Preston Kelly, Joyce Clarke, Dorothy Clubine, Mr. and Mrs. Barry King, Mike Neuberger, Doreen Oastveen, George Edmed, Louis Gendreau, Al Kehrlie and Blanche Kelly.

The installation of officers and dance will be held at the Lions Hall on February 2. Admission is by ticket only.

The next meeting of Court Simcoe will be held on February 12 in the Lions Hall, Centre Street East, Richmond Hill, at 8:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend and join in the activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Hancey and **Mr. and Mrs. Arthur** of Sussex Avenue spent New Year's Week at Acapulco, Mexico. It was their first real holiday in 11 years says Mrs. Hancey, a Richmond Hill Regional Councillor — a week with no meetings to attend, meals to prepare, dishes to wash or beds to make, and sunshine guaranteed.

It was a marvellous holiday, she reports, with sunshine every day. The only flaw was that their hotel rooms were on the highway side of the building and the noise through the night made it almost impossible to sleep. A former chairman of Richmond Hill Planning Committee, Mrs. Hancey noted a great deal of development along the beach and on the mountain side, with opulent villas for wealthy Mexicans and regular visitors from other countries, as well as high-rise for increasing numbers of "cliff dwellers". The villas and their surroundings she described as "fantastic".

Arthur, 16, was distressed by the appalling poverty of many of the native population, something that is not likely to be improved in this generation. He became friendly with a student from the University of Mexico who was anxious to try out his English on the tourists.

The University in Mexico City is very large, and there is great competition among prospective students. Elementary school systems are booming and admission fees at the university very low. Education at all levels is heavily subsidized by a government dedicated to stamping out illiteracy in an attempt to educate the people to a level where they can cope with the vicious cycle of poverty, says Mrs. Hancey.

Twenty-two couples turned out last Saturday and Sunday to the marriage preparation school in St. Mary's Anglican. The school, with numerous experts as resource personnel, dealt with all aspects of marriage from emotional involvement to money management and was sponsored by the Richmond Hill Ministerial Association.

Senior Citizens
 Richmond Hill Senior Citizens Club had its regular monthly meeting January 9 in Richmond Hill United Auditorium with President Jo Horne in the chair.

There was a good attendance considering the big snowfall, and six new members were greeted. The group sang "Happy Birthday" for a member whose birthday is in January.

There were numerous announcements:

On January 24 there will be a euchre, bridge and cribbage party at the club room, 71 Centre Street East, at 7:30 p.m. All citizens young and old are invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided by members of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Delta Lambda Chapter of Richmond Hill, to whom the seniors extend a thank you for their thoughtfulness. Tickets are \$1 and there will be prizes and door prizes.

The regular Wednesday afternoon euchres held at the club room have been so popular that requests for a Saturday afternoon euchre also are to be tried out. There will therefore be euchres on both Wednesday and Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the club room — tickets 35c — with prizes and refreshments.

Buses for the Ice Capades at Maple Leaf Gardens leave the club room, 71 Centre Street East, at 12:30 p.m. sharp January 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Howard are holding open house at the Lions Hall, Centre Street East, on February 12 to celebrate Mr. Howard's 90th birthday. Friends will be welcomed from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Mary Reid, the day centre convener, told members that Harry Hopkins has presented the club with an antique brass bell for use at the day centre, extending many thanks to Mr. Hopkins.

Mrs. Grace Sayers, sunshine committee convener, asked anyone knowing of illness or hospitalization of members to get in touch with her or one of her committee. They are: Mrs. Sayers, 884-1316; Stuart McPherson, 884-2886; Miss Gladys Stevens, 884-3581; Mrs. Dorothy Low, 884-4891; and Mrs. V. Waters, 884-9663. Mrs. Waters also has name badges available at 80c each.

Gil Clubine was appointed tour and outings convener. Members and friends are reminded of the club's annual rummage sale to take place early in April. A convener and committee will be appointed at the next general meeting.

Song sheets were distributed and a sing-song followed by Gregory Taylor accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Edna Harding.

Program Convener Mrs. Freeman Barker introduced Mrs. Ernst Redelmeier who entertained the seniors with a show of slides of some beautiful English gardens, Hampton Court Palace, Stonehenge, the Royal Horticultural Show, Westminster Horticultural Hall and many other places which she had photographed while holidaying abroad. It was a most interesting and enjoyable hour for the audience.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Bea Cook and her helpers at the end of the afternoon.

The local branch of the Consumers' Association of Canada, in co-operation with the Wednesday AMO (a morning out) group from Richmond Hill United will be touring Sterling Drug Company in Aurora Wednesday morning of next week.

The groups will meet at the church at 9:15 a.m. and all are welcome. The AMO will be providing its usual Wednesday morning baby-sitting service in the church for the benefit of mothers with pre-school children.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Chateauvert, Michael, Joanne and Robert, of Zelda Crescent returned last week from a two-week vacation in Florida. Much of their time was spent at Indian Rock Beach near St. Petersburg where they all acquired a lovely tan.

They also visited Mrs. Chateauvert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bouillon, who are wintering at Dartona Beach. Temperatures during the two weeks ranged around 70 to 80 degrees, and the weather was beautiful, Mrs. Chateauvert reports.

The third in the series, "Marriage and Parenting" will deal with "The New Woman and What She Does to Man" next Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Richmond Hill United, Yonge and Centre Streets.

Offered by Richmond Hill Thornhill Family Services, and under the leadership of Mary Sue McCarthy, counsellor and family life educator, the series has covered topics on "Open Marriage" and "Handling Marital Conflict".

The third session, on women, will include an historical look at woman's role, including a film excerpt from the 19th century "Journals of Susanna Moodie" and reactions from men in the group on how the changing role of women has affected them.

Admission is \$1 at the door, and since 175 people participated in the last session, early attendance is recommended.

Twenty-eight enthusiastic young girls from the girls' choir at Richmond Hill United are hard at work preparing for the presentation of "Alice" April 6, 7 and 8. The girls look upon these rehearsals as a privilege, rather than a chore, for their involvement in the choir throughout the year.

The play is a musical adaptation of Lewis Carroll's immortal "Alice in Wonderland" loosely interpreted by Jean and Bob Thompson.

The appearance scheduled for the young singers is a busy one, with their weekly Thursday practices, their Saturday morning rehearsals, twice monthly participation in the morning church services, and this week involvement in "Jest For The Hill", a variety show being offered on Friday and Saturday evenings at the church at Yonge and Centre Streets.

Also being considered is an exchange visit to Norval, where the girls will have an opportunity to meet and become involved with other young ladies with an interest in group choral work.

The girls range in age from 7 to 15 years, and are directed by Mrs. Jean Thompson with assistance from Mrs. Sue Sutcliffe.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
 The winners at the duplicate bridge company January 7 were north-south Fred and Theresa Tierney, east-west Jo and Lori Coen. On January 9 in first place were Grace Saunders and Rose Morrell with Flo Laundry and Jean Spring second.

On Friday north-south winners were Phyllis Lennie and Satish Rai, east-west Ann and George Payment.

There will be a novice game on January 25 as well as the usual open game.

The club is moving to a better hall on February 1 at 12 King Sideroad, Oak Ridge. Members and guests please note.

For information and partners call Marie Cole, 773-4280.

Have you ever wondered what problems Noah would have today building his famous ark? What about a children's TV program host with a hangover, or apartments that go 30 storeys underground?

"Jest For The Hill" touches on these subjects and many more when the Two's and One's Club of Richmond Hill United tread the boards on Friday and Saturday.

The cast has put together 30 acts of song and comedy which will provide an evening's entertainment for \$1.25 per person. Skits include "Kindly Old Ma Parsons" with Yvonne Sales, "Critics' Choice" with Sue Foote, "Davey Prophet", "Canada's First Beach Mission Abroad", and "Astronaut", a general spoof at Richmond Hill 20 years from now.

Music will be provided by the girls' choir and the senior mixed choir of the church, and solo efforts by Yvonne Sales and Jean Thompson, Peter Thomson and contributions from the entire cast.

Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. in the main hall of the church. Proceeds will go to Richmond Hill-Thornhill Family Services.

At a meeting of the board of directors of Richmond Hill Social Planning Council last week, four people were appointed to a special committee to look into feasibility of finding and maintaining a small emergency housing unit in the area.

At a public meeting in November, representatives of churches, agencies and municipal social and welfare organizations agreed that such a unit is needed in the area to accommodate families in cases of extreme emergency, such as fire or eviction. It was also agreed that the unit would be for short-stay use only.

Appointed to the committee were Bob Wright and Ellen Smith of the old Town of Richmond Hill, York County Board of Education Attendance Counsellor David Porter and Richmond Hill Fire Chief Robert Kennedy.

Another meeting is to be held this week, reports SPC President David Schiller, when three or four additional members will be appointed to the committee.

The SPC wants to be sure that all areas of the town are represented, said Mr. Schiller after the meeting.



MR. AND MRS. STEVEN BLACK
Wed In St. Matthew's

A basket display of white daisies and yellow and white chrysanthemums formed the attractive setting in St. Matthew's United Church, Richmond Hill, for the September 8 wedding of Debra Colene Carter to Steven Fraser Black. The officiating minister was Rev. John McTavish.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Carolyn Carter of 372 Brownhead Crescent and Brian Carter of 362 South Taylor Mills Drive. She is a 1971 graduate of Bayview Secondary School and is employed by the federal Department of National Revenue.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Wilma Fitzsimmons, 112 Cartier Crescent and Harold Black, 16th Avenue. He is also a graduate of Bayview Secondary and of Seneca College and is a systems analyst and computer programmer with Trans-Canada Pipelines.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride entered the church to traditional wedding music played by the church organist. She wore a long white dress of peau-de-charme, topped with white sheer polyester. The bodice was almost completely adorned with eyelid lace entwined with blue velvet ribbon as were the six-buttoned cuffs. The sleeves were long and puffed. Falling full from under the bustline the skirt was edged with lace and blue velvet trim and had an extended train. A long, flowing veil edged with lace was held by a lace cap with iridescent rhinestones. The bridal bouquet was of velvet red roses.

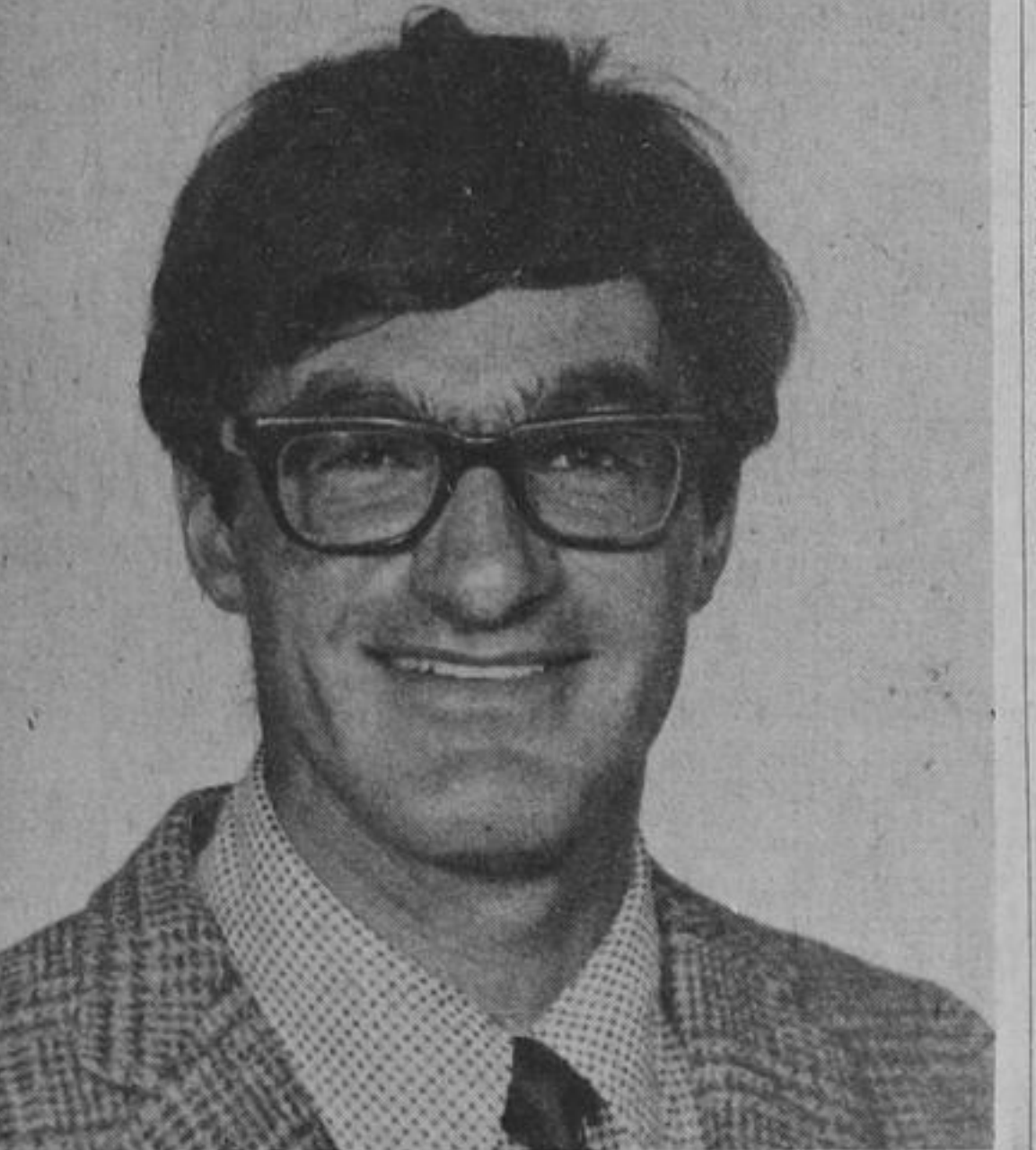
The bride was attended by her sister Mrs. Kathleen Corbett as matron of honor, Miss Dinah Darlington, Mrs. Marlene Carter (her sister-in-law), Mrs. Norma Hammond and Mrs. Dierdre Golding (the bride's step-sister) as bridesmaids. They wore long print dresses of an apple-green blend fashioned with short puffed sleeves and empire waistband, complemented with white floppy hats, white shoes and white gloves. They carried baskets of white and yellow daisies and chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids' dresses and the bride's veil were made by the bride's mother.

Attending the groom were Larry Black as his brother's best man, Steve Whitaker, Doug Carter (the bride's brother), Wayne Hammond and Robert Corbett (the bride's brother-in-law) as ushers.

The guests were received at the Masonic Hall by Mrs. Carter wearing a long dress of blue flower-printed chiffon with blue lining, fashioned with flowing cap sleeves. Her corsage was of red roses. The groom's mother assisted in a long sleeveless dress ensemble of tangerine with silver accessories. Her corsage was of wildfire yellow roses.

Special guests were the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carter of Toronto and the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Grace Fraser of Windermere. Other guests came from Port Perry, Guelph, Windermere, Uterichon, Huntsville, Owosso, Michigan and Richmond Hill and the surrounding areas. Master of ceremonies was Fred Darlington, a special friend of the bride and groom.

The bride and groom spent one week in Nassau, Bahamas and another travelling in Northern Ontario before taking up residence in Richmond Hill.



John Bookalam Teaching In Labrador
Home For Holidays

BY MARGARET LADE
 Inland Canadians, for the most part, mentally equate Labrador with Siberia — a snowed-in wasteland with only mineral resources to redeem it.

But it is really quite a nice place with nice people according to John Bookalam, 39, of Ewahlil Crescent in Richmond Hill. And John should know for he has been working as a guidance counsellor at the Robert Leckie High School at Goose Bay, Labrador for about six months now.

When he was home for the Christmas holidays, Mr. Bookalam admitted that there is lots of snow in Labrador, with temperatures often going down to -40 degrees, but the coldest he had experienced was -20 degrees, and shortly before he left for Richmond Hill it was a warm 55 degrees and raining.

ACTIVE COMMUNITY CENTRE
 Snowfall averages about 55 inches in a year, but intermittent warm spells, wind and rain keep it from piling up over the rooftops.

There is lots of local activity, with a community centre, numerous clubs, dances, curling, two hockey rinks, junior and senior hockey, gymnasium and swimming pool, and just about every family has at least one snowmobile.

A graduate of Richmond Hill High School and York University, majoring in psychology and holder of a bachelor of education degree from U of T, Mr. Bookalam was hired as an itinerant guidance counsellor, but the Labrador East Integrated School Board is so heavily in debt that it cannot afford to rent him around the circuit of schools.

TRANSIENT POPULATION
 The school where he is situated has about 300 students. Most are bussed to school from Happy Valley, six miles away. Some come from the U.S. International airport nearby, which serves as a backup to Gander Airport. There are a number of children from the Canadian Armed Forces families living in the area, and others from employees of the Ministry of Transport.

This makes for a very mobile, transient school population with a large portion of pupils and teachers remaining in the area for only a few years.

POCKETS OF POVERTY
 Most of the families are in reasonably comfortable circumstances, says Mr. Bookalam, but there are also a number of families, both

white and Metis, who suffer from hardship. Most of the area is in the Northwest River Development, with the river "the other side of the tracks" in dividing the comfortable off from those in a more depressed socioeconomic bracket.

The Robert Leckie High School, which is about 40 years old, accommodates students from grade 8 to 11. Those who wish to continue with their education go to Memorial University in St. John's where they can take a grade 12 equivalent course, qualifying them for university admission. Others may go to one of the colleges or vocational schools in Newfoundland. The province does not have a grade 13. (All provinces but Ontario and British Columbia manage to bring their students up to university admission standards by the end of grade 12.)

NEW VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
 Mr. Bookalam's school has no shops or commercial courses. It offers home economics for girls and economics for boys. It also has a small gymnasium, and Mr. Bookalam is hoping to start tennis and badminton clubs, but the school board has no money for the equipment — rackets, balls, birds, nets.

Fortunately for those who do not want a straight academic education, a new vocational school opened at Happy Valley in September, and this month students in grades 9 and 10 of the general courses at Goose Bay will be admitted to the new school.

Highlight of the long winter is an annual carnival in February when the schools are closed so that everyone can participate. "I am looking forward to it," says Mr. Bookalam. "It is supposed to be very impressive."

PLAN OVERSEAS TRIP
 Another venture he is anticipating with pleasure is a trip to London, England, during the Easter break in April when he and two other teachers will be serving as guides and chaperones for the 16 students who are making the trip. They will all be paying their own way.

Teaching in Labrador has material as well as educational compensations. In order to ensure that the schools are adequately staffed, the Ministry of Transport pays a "northern allowance" to supplement the teachers' salaries.

Also, to improve the quality of education, a regional economics development grant was provided to assist in building and equipping the new vocational school.

They will be setting a precedent at St. Mary's Anglican Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service when Parish Intern Don Downer is ordained as a deacon by Rev. John Bothwell, Bishop of Niagara.

This will be the first ordination to take place in the church in the 102-year history of the parish. Traditionally new clergy in the Toronto Diocese are ordained at St. James Cathedral in Metro.

The parish's Honorary Assistant Priest Rev. Fred Jackson was the first person from within the parish to be ordained. The ceremony took place at St. James.

Mr. Downer has been working in the parish since May, 1973, and is currently advisor to the youth group which meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This group is open to any interested young person from grade 7 up.

"Everything In The Garden" at the Curtain Club is doing well — the set is well under construction, lines memorized, costumes co-ordinated, furniture selected and the backstage crew all at their posts in preparation for opening night on February 1.

The play, by Edward Albee, being directed by Tony Miller, is the club's entry in the Central Ontario Drama Festival. The adjudicator this year is Professor John Saxton of the drama department of Queen's University.

Following the performance on opening night, patrons will be invited to tour the theatre, meet the cast and enjoy a light snack with bar facilities. All this will be for the regular price of \$2.50 per ticket — but hurry, they're going fast!

Tickets for this and the remainder of the run (February 2 through February 16) are available from Dorothy Gummarsall at 884-6948.

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