



it's happening in the hill

Margaret Lade editor

Florence Meikle of Yonge Street North is convalescing at home after successful surgery in Grace Hospital, Toronto. She came home last Monday.

New Orleans has no option on Mardi Gras. Parishioners and friends of St. Gabriel's are preparing appropriate costumes for their Mardi Gras Dance to be held in the church hall at 8:30 pm on February 23. Convenors are Bob Gilpin and Henry Crane. Costumes are not necessary, however, and everyone is welcome at \$3 per couple. Make-up a party and get your tickets from Bob Gilpin, 884-3510, or at the door.

Richmond Hill United is having its annual congregational meeting on February 20 at 7:45 pm in the main hall. In addition to reports of the year's work, budget and elections, a pastoral relations committee will be appointed to begin the search for a successor to Dr. Robert Smith who is leaving the end of June to assume the post of senior minister at Toronto's Eglinton United.

Now in its fourth year of operation, the Richmond Hill Judo Club is having its first dance Friday at the Lions Hall, Centre Street East. The Valentine theme will be featured, and music will be provided by "The High Hats". There will also be a cold buffet. Purpose of the dance, other than just a fun evening, is to raise money for a sauna for the club. Convenor is Fran Wilson, and tickets at \$4 a person will be available at the door.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the annual meeting of York Central Hospital Auxiliary at Summit View Gardens Restaurant, Yonge Street North, tonight (Thursday) at 8 pm. The speaker will be George Malton, architect of the new hospital wing. He will talk about the progress of the large addition and the facilities it is designed to provide.

Slides of YCHA activities will be shown and officers for the coming year presented. Refreshments will be served.

Rev. William Wallace of Richmond Hill Presbyterian returned recently from a ten-day continuing education course for ministers at Presbyterian College, McGill University, in Montreal. Each course is limited to 25 ministers, and Mr. Wallace had an opportunity to meet with and exchange ideas with clergy from British Columbia across the country to Newfoundland.

The courses, which have been given annually since 1968, are headed by six professors in six areas of studies from various North American theological colleges.

Red Cross Blood Clinic Next Week

The Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic February 21 will be in a new location — St Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church, 79 Yonge Street North — from 2 to 4 and from 6 to 9 pm.

Most people understand that blood is life. Science has found no substitute for what our bodies produce naturally. Blood does a lot to help our bodies, like aiding respiration and nutrition, protecting the body against disease, fighting infection and regulating body temperature.

But when it comes time to give blood, people don't always follow through.

Because there are people who care enough and do give blood regularly, blood is available in Ontario hospitals free of charge to the patient. To continue to provide this service, the Red Cross needs more people who are willing to become donors.

The Kinsmen of Richmond Hill are providing free transportation to the clinic for donors. If you need a ride call 884-1784. Blood is life — pass it on. Visit the local clinic on February 21.

The men's club of St. Gabriel's Anglican held a corporate communion and breakfast last Sunday. Guest speaker was Stephen Newirth of Daybreak. The ACW catered for the breakfast.

What would be the effect on the ecology if oil pipelines were run from Canada's Northland? Part of the answer will be given at a meeting of Richmond Hill Naturalists at 8 pm Friday in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Vaughan Road and Yonge Street, when Ornithologist Dr. Ralph Davis will give an illustrated talk on birds and the pipelines of the Mackenzie River Valley. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Snow machine owners and addicts are invited to get out and take part in "the best races in town" sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Richmond Hill.

The races are to be held February 24 beginning at 1 pm at Yonge Street and Elgin Mills Road, and all proceeds will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Fund. Fifteen races are planned and there is a \$5 participation fee.

There will be lots of fun for everyone with refreshments courtesy of the Kinsmen and Kinettes. Participants will register on arrival. For further information call Peter Van Hoof, 884-4145.

The ACW of St. Gabriel's Anglican had a business meeting and election of officers February 6 in the church hall. Devotions were led by Mrs. Pat Crane. Reports were received and plans discussed for future programs during the year.

The executive for 1974 are Mrs. Dorothy Price chairperson; Recording Secretary Mrs. Eleanor Tripp; Treasurer Mrs. Joan Cameron; public relations director Mary Richardson; Outreach Director Mrs. Betty Cowden; catering Director Mrs. Ada Bryden; and program Director Mrs. Jean Elliott.

Looking for speakers or projects for your group or club? Concerned about problems in the family, the neighborhood? Dr. Frank Fidler, director of Richmond Hill-Thornhill Family Services reports that the agency is now in a position to consider offering a variety of courses such as parent effectiveness, transactional analysis, handling marital conflict and other education events in various areas of the community where particular needs or interests exist.

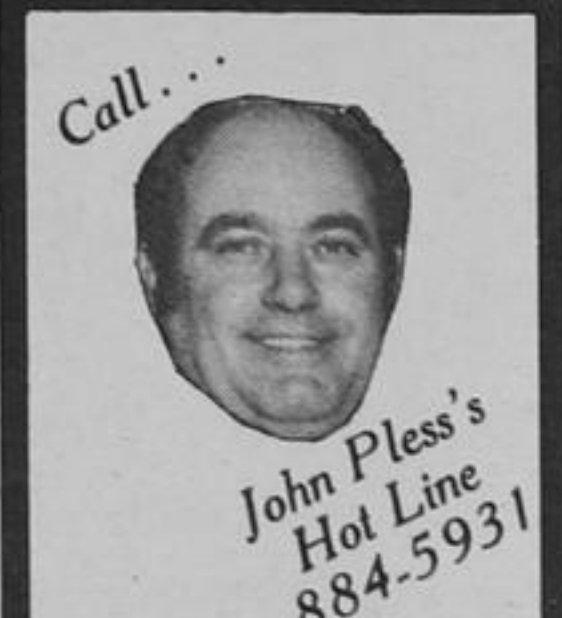
Experienced leadership is available should a local group wish to sponsor a particular program. Contact the office, 884-8222 or 884-8231, for further information.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
Duplicate bridge club winners on February 4 were north-south a tie between John Shearer and Ray Kyte and Rose Jenkinson and Harry Gerber, east-west Stew Cole and Murray Hallett first with Marion Chapman and Verda Moore second.

On February 6 it was north-south Grace Saunders and Rose Morrell, east-west Al Lehman and Fred Mills. On February 8 north-south Freda Abercrombie and John Leonard were first with George Newton and Ted Withers second, east-west Ruth and Gerry Browning first, John Hall and Murray Hallett second.

The club has moved to new premises, 12 King Sideroad, Oak Ridges. For information and partners call Marie Cole, 773-4280.

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The Junior Auxiliary of York Central Hospital had a general meeting on February 6. A silver dish was presented to Mrs. Georgina Stever who was retiring as senior advisor.

Mrs. Pat Robinson is taking over the position with Mrs. Gale Skinner as co-advisor.

Mrs. Anne Linton of the hospital's physiotherapy department was guest speaker. Valentine tray favors were made to put on patients' trays on Valentine's Day, and refreshments were served.

St. John's Baptist Church, Oxford Street, had a good annual meeting, their 14th, on January 23, and look forward to a year of progress with the background of their attractively redecorated sanctuary.

On February 2 there was another happy occasion, a family breakfast, provided by a ladies group, when Rev. Ernest Johns of Thornhill Baptist was the speaker.

Youth week, February 10 to 17, has several special programs. On Sunday morning the younger folk took charge of the service with the senior girls ushering and the Sunday school children and Explorers singing. Instead of a sermon there was a dialogue with the congregation led by Brenda MacFarland on "What Does God Do All Day?" There was considerable response.

The planning committee also forecasts a Valentine youth supper today (Thursday) at 6:15 pm and a special service on Sunday evening at 7 pm at Thornhill Baptist Church with the HAKAMU Singers from Aurora.

Captain Ursula Kuntzmann and Lieutenant Colette McLean took their 2nd Richmond Hill Girl Guide Company to Camp Richildaca at Kettleby for three days of winter fun last weekend. Snowshoes, skaters and outdoor adventure badges were awarded to Anne Carrington, Iain Craesor, Sharon Craesor, Sonia Foord, Nancy Hodgson, Bridget Howe, Tina Kennedy, Krista Kuntzmann, Sandra MacMillan, Cindy McCully, Cathy McLean, Debbie McLean, Kelly Quinell, Sherry Quinell, Darlene Robertson, Kim Robson, Christine Skinner, Anne Sikorski, Jane Sikorski, Peggy Wells, Margaret Widomski, Sarah Williamson, Louise Whitten and Jennifer Wood.

Brownies who accompanied their mothers also earned skaters and snowshoes badges: Leslie Foord, Michelle McLean and Sue Robson. Some highlights of the camp were moonshine hikes and night skating with flashlights, a play competition put on between the girls of the different sleeping cabins, and the Maori Werdance performed by Mrs. Beatrice Robson and her daughters. Many thanks to Mrs. Helen Foord and Mrs. Robson, who cooked and served the meals and to the parents who helped with the transportation.

At the 11 am service in Richmond Hill United Sunday the focus of worship will be the joyful sound of the choir from Toronto's First Baptist Church. This choir, under the direction of Albert Tatum, has sung several times on the CBC network, and their music reflects both the suffering and the hope that black people in Canada and throughout the world have experienced.

It was "Brothers' Night" at the regular meeting of Richmond Hill Chapter 302, Order of the Eastern Star, at Wrixon Hall February 5. Worthy Matron Dorothy Tucker and Worthy Patron Lyn Tucker were pleased to welcome the guest of honor, Worthy Grand Patron Eldon Matches.

Entertainment was in the form of a hilarious skit, "A Narrow Escape", written by Cliff Fox. Those taking part were Lyn Tucker (Miss Prudence), Archie Cameron (The Judge), Bob Rickward (The Accused), Bruce Thurston (Defence Attorney), Earle Magee (Crown Attorney), and Herb Ludlow (Court Clerk).

Refreshments were served by Bill Mirreets and Frank Simmons.

What started out in 1972 as a part-time semi-retirement project for Pat Cunningham, Royal Orchard Boulevard, Thornhill, has become a full-time operation, and on February 1 he opened an office at 301 Markham Road for his bookkeeping and income tax business.

A resident of York for six years, Mr. Cunningham worked in industry as a buyer for seven years and before that was in sales for 12 years. When the new tax structure came into effect in 1973 he attended the Canadian School of Tax Accounting in Metro and graduated. He is now busy preparing tax returns for individuals and small businesses.

Mr. Cunningham is quite keen about having a permanent office. He and others who provide similar services are setting up an association of tax consultants which will be recognized by the Income Department. Such an association, says Mr. Cunningham, will give people assurance that the person who prepares tax returns is reliable and stable, not "here today and gone tomorrow".



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The volunteers of Richmond Hill-Thornhill Family Services continue to help out in many ways. As the office at 25A Yonge Street North is now open four evenings a week, the volunteers serve as receptionists on these evenings, as well as performing a variety of duties during the day and at special education programs.

And right now the volunteers are preparing for a special event to help raise funds to keep the office open. On Wednesday morning of next week they are having a "Coffee Break and Bake Sale" in the lower hall of Richmond Hill United, Yonge and Centre Streets. The AMO (a morning out) group, which meets on alternate Wednesdays in the church, will be providing babysitting as well as contributing goodies for the coffee break and home baking tables. Everyone is welcome, 9:30 to 11:30 am Wednesday.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The next meeting of the Richmond Hill Historical Society will take place at 8 pm Monday in the Richmond Hill Library on Wright Street (enter by back door). Chief Librarian Patricia Hart will be showing how to use the microfilm to look up old census records deeds, etc. and will also show where to find research materials and interesting reading on historical subjects. New members and visitors are welcome and memberships will be on sale. The society has been giving consideration to refurbishing an 1813 house which is located on town property on Carrville Road. It has been suggested that the house could be used as a centre for teaching heritage crafts and the society would like to hear from people skilled in pioneer crafts who would be interested in helping set up programs in the future.

Interested citizens are invited to pass along their ideas and any offers of assistance at the meeting, or to call Helpmate Information at 884-2727.

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Businessmen's Luncheon Features Fashions

The latest styles in casual to formal wear were previewed at a businessmen's luncheon and fashion show sponsored by the Richmond Hill YWCA in the Lions Hall on February 5. Convenor was Joan Flett and the attractive Valentine's theme that highlighted the stage setting was carried through by Fran Wachna and Cindy Rycraft, who were in charge of decorations. Hatch's Catering provided the hearty roast beef sandwiches, salads, apple squares and cheese for about 170 men who also enjoyed the show of feminine finery modelled by members of the YWCA and provided by Warwick House. Commentator was Rick Butt.

Pictured above models display Canadian and imported attire suitable for a formal outing, theatre night and for entertaining at home. They are (left to right) Mary Lo Graham in a three-piece Italian ensemble of navy velvet theatre cape over a gown of navy, yellow and emerald green; a two-piece drip-dry navy casual with floral prints in spring shades worn by Pat LeClaire; Julie Bowden in solid burgundy top and skirt of burgundy, beige and blue, also from Italy; and, finally Joyce Davey models a red and white jersey gown from Montreal. The luncheon was such a success, says Mrs. Flett, that the men would like to make it a monthly affair.

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 into the office by Monday for inclusion in the current issue. Address your news to Social Editor Margaret Lade, "The Liberal", 63 Yonge Street South, or telephone 884-1105.

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