



Margaret Lade editor

The next meeting of the Richmond Hill Historical Society will take place at 8 pm Monday in Richmond Hill Library on Wright Street. Enter by the back door.

The National Film Board movie, "Timepiece" will be shown. This film demonstrates and explains how to determine the age of an item or a building, very helpful to the history buff.

New members and visitors are welcome. Memberships are still on sale.

A pair of ambitious robins have decided to get a head start this year and on the cold (20 degree) but sunny morning of March 12 were seen by Mrs. William Brent, McConvey Drive, hard at work building a nest in her back garden. Their vivid coloring was a most welcome sight after the past winter.

The annual meeting of St. Mary's ACW was held recently in the chapel with many members attending. Gail Johnston conducted the devotional period and group conveners presented their reports, followed by remarks from outgoing President Anna Little.

Rev. Bernard Barrett then installed the newly-elected executive members: **Honorary President Pauline Barrett, President Lillian Dipon, 1st Vice-President Cherie McGuire, 2nd Vice-President Joan Flett, Secretary Helen Monk, Treasurer Elaine Ainsley, Past President Anna Little and Membership Convener Betty Tyndall.**

Mrs. Dyson addressed the gathering briefly, then invited all to enjoy the dessert and coffee hour which concluded the evening.

**Senior Citizens**  
The monthly evening euchre for Richmond Hill Senior Citizens will be held at the club room, 71 Centre Street East March 14 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available for \$1 at the club room. All are welcome.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Bea Cook who celebrated her 80th birthday March 9. Bea has been and still is a very active and hard working member for most of the 16 years of the club's existence.

Don't forget the rummage and white elephant sale on March 30 at 10:30 am at the club room, 71 Centre Street East. Donations of good clean used clothing and white elephant articles will be appreciated and received at the club room during the afternoon and evening of March 28 and 29.

The March meeting of the WMS of Richmond Hill Presbyterian was held at the home of Mrs. Margaret Styan. Mrs. Styan gave a warm welcome to the members and friends followed by prayer. The scripture was read by Mrs. Archie Clemon.

A delightful solo, "If I Come To Jesus" was sung by Mrs. Hilda Thibert. Mrs. Jack Parker introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Ruth Cartwright, Downsview, who spoke of her trip to the Holy Land in January. Mrs. Cartwright also showed many interesting slides.

Mrs. Styan spoke for her visit to Fernie House, which is a home for boys. The quilters and the WMS ladies are busy making quilts for this very interesting home. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. James Butler.

Last Thursday was a beautiful sunny day. Remember? And as if to confirm the promise of spring, Mrs. Ruby Playford and son Brian, 14, of Brookside Drive spotted a rather straggly looking robin carefully grooming himself in a pine tree outside their window. We hope he found safe refuge from the sleet storm Friday and will be joined by uncles and aunts and brothers and cousins in the very near future.

Two children were Baptized Sunday morning at the regular service in Richmond Hill Presbyterian. They are Dana Beverley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard White, Jordan Crescent, Thornhill, and Kathryn Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart, South Road, Oak Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Cook of Hunt Avenue entertained Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hill of Kitchener and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Holman of North Bay over the weekend. Mrs. Cook is convalescing at home following major surgery in York Central Hospital.

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.

This weekend 25 to 30 young people from across Ontario will be at Richmond Hill Free Methodist, 212 Hillview Avenue, for a weekend Crusade.

The local young people from the church will join with them in singing, sharing, and participating in a weekend of blessing. The special guest speaker for the weekend will be Rev. Carl Bull, pastor from the Barrie Free Methodist, dynamic youth worker and speaker.

Friday night the young people will join with other young people from the Toronto area in a great youth rally.

Saturday will be taken up with fellowship, worship, sharing with a public service in the evening. The youth will join together in a choir program, singing in an evening public service, as well as singing in both services on Sunday.

The youth extend a special invitation to people to join with them in these services—8 pm Friday evening, 7:30 Saturday evening, and 11 am and 7 pm on Sunday.

Pastor David Dyer reports that having attended a similar Crusade to this in Newmarket, he is excited about these young people coming for a real weekend of blessing here in Richmond Hill.

The LCW of St. Paul's Lutheran, Bayview Avenue, held their monthly meeting recently with President Mrs. Jean Evensen in the chair.

The meeting opened with a short business session conducted by Mrs. Evensen, followed by devotions led by Mrs. Floris Dauphinee. The guest speaker, Mr. Dave Porter, was then introduced by Mrs. Dauphinee. Mr. Porter is an attendance counsellor with York County Board of Education and gave a very interesting talk on "Helpmate", an organization which assists people in the area who are in need of clothing, accommodation, and food for various reasons.

He also spoke at length on his experiences with troubled and disturbed teenagers, his attempts at getting through to them, and the various institutions and homes that help the young people to readjust. He told of how young people need a great deal of love and understanding, in spite of the fact that they may feel self-sufficient. A lengthy question and answer period concluded this very informative presentation.

The meeting closed with a delicious lunch served by Mrs. Barbara Barth and Mrs. Evelyn Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rice of Ruggles Avenue returned last week from a two week vacation at Freeport in the Bahamas in time to join Mr. Rice's parents, Albert and Elizabeth, in preparing for the very successful celebration of the 25th birthday of Rice's Flowers in Richmond Heights Centre Saturday. Hundreds of visitors enjoyed the complimentary gifts of roses, perfume, cologne, coffee and cake.

On March 9 Mrs. Bea Cook was guest of honor at an open house party given by her family to celebrate her 80th birthday. What started out to be a surprise party turned out to be like old time week as relatives and friends, many of whom had not met for some time, gathered to offer their congratulations and good wishes. Nearly 100 people were present although icy conditions of the roads prevented many more from coming who otherwise would certainly have been there.

Mrs. Cook's daughters, Mrs. Bob Edmunds (Bernice) and Mrs. Charles Phillips (Arlene), and daughter-in-law Mrs. Earl Cook (Nila) were the hostesses, and Mrs. Cook's two sisters, Misses Irene and Mary Valliere, were there.

Mrs. Cook received guests wearing a pretty pink gown and corsage to match. She and her guests enjoyed the evening renewing old acquaintances and reminiscing about old times.

To top it off, a delicious lunch, beautiful birthday cake, tea and coffee were served by the hostesses.

Mrs. Cook and her husband, Bert, have lived in Richmond Hill for 60 years and both are highly respected citizens of the town. Bert has been under the weather for some time now, but his friends are hoping that the coming of spring will put the old hip back in Bert.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Zinck on Beaverton Road were Mrs. Helen Plaxton and Louise Page from Angus. The Zincks have also done some visiting. In January they attended the 25th wedding anniversary celebrations of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Horodyski in Rexdale. The Horodyski's were married on January 20, 1949 in Harrow-on-the-Hill in England. There were 64 guests, and Mrs. Zinck was MC for the whole party which some enjoyed until 3:30 am.

Last week Mrs. Zinck visited Mr. and Mrs. K. Plaxton, Mrs. Irene Phillips and Mrs. K. Brooks in Angus.

Phil Lawrence of the organizational and development unit of the York County Board of Education and Mary Ann Brazier, guidance counsellor at a public school in North York were the honored guests of Delta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi at a recent meeting held at the home of Mrs. Mary Lyons, 423 Fernleigh Circle. Mr. Lawrence led a lively discussion on reality therapy as developed by William Glasser and briefly outlined several steps to help the members put the theories into practice. A lot of new territory was uncovered and we hope Mr. Lawrence will return to take up this very interesting subject.

A model meeting was held and several prospective new members were introduced. Judy Smith, of Xi Beta Rho Chapter, joined the group for the evening to renew old acquaintances and meet the newer members.

Thanks to the social committee who were responsible for the punch served throughout the evening and the lunch of pizzas, trifle and coffee.

The chapter is looking forward to a wine and cheese party to welcome new members and a "Backward Party" with their husbands on March 30.

Congratulations to the 5th Richmond Hill Venturers for winning the Klondike Race three years in a row. This latest success allows the boys to keep the trophy. This year's participants were Blair Wood, Ron Sanderson, Tucker Carrington, Jim Leonard, Walter Wustfeld.

A visitor to "The Liberal" offices last week was Norman Lewis, former resident of Richmond Hill and welfare officer in this town and in York County. He reports that both he and his wife are still enjoying life in Chatham where he is the manager of the United Church Senior Citizens Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. David Lamb who passed away suddenly March 5 at the home of her daughter in Cambridge-Galt, at the age of 88. Mrs. Lamb was a resident of Richmond Hill for several years while her husband was employed by "The Liberal". She was active in the women's groups of the Presbyterian Church. The many friends she made during her years here will join in this expression of sympathy.

"The Paper Chase" now playing at the Richmond Hill Odeon Theatre is of special interest to the people of this town since two young residents appear in it as extras. They appear in scenes shot at Kleinburg as students in a classroom and are Adrian Truss and David Smith.

The Richmond Hill and Thornhill Area Family Services board of directors held a special meeting March 10 in the agency's office at 25A Yonge Street North to plan the 5th annual meeting to be held March 28 in the auditorium of ABC Industries, 101 Edward Avenue.

The speaker will be Professor Ben Schlesinger, faculty of social work, University of Toronto. His subject will be "Is The Family Here To Stay?". The meeting is open to all.

Nominations chairman Bill Dodds reported that a complete set of officers for the new year has been compiled. Refreshment conveners for the meeting are Mrs. Barbara Mann and Mrs. Jane Scrimger.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**  
Duplicate bridge club winners March 4 were north-south Ann and Bob Manning first, Ruth and Gerry Browning second, east-west, Pat Rawlinson and Bob Dunn first, Harry Gerber and Ross Jenkinson second.

On March 6 north-south winners were Cathy Milree and Pat Rawlinson, east-west John Lewis and Fred Mills. At the open pairs tournament Friday Ruth and Gerry Browning placed first, Eileen Phippen and John Hall second, Jim Ferguson and Fred Taylor third and Edna and Bob Dunn fourth.

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Margaret Tonner, 60 Laveock Avenue, was winner of the \$500 jackpot at the weekly bingo at St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Parish Hall on February 26.



For those who missed the Bradford concert last Saturday, the York Regional Symphony is presenting a second wine and cheese concert on March 30 at the banquet hall at King City Community Centre — a fun evening, relaxed, light pleasant music, prizes galore, cheese and crackers all for \$2.50. Wine will be sold.

Do something different — make up a party for an enjoyable evening. This will be your last chance for another year. For tickets call Beth Harwood, 884-1435 or Betty Pigden 833-5541.

The Richmond Hill Ecumenical Choir is to present a Lenten Program at four churches in the area before Easter.

On March 29 it will be at Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church, Richmond Hill. On March 31 the choir will be at Aurora United, on April 5 at Thornhill United, and on Good Friday April 12, at Richmond Hill United.

Included in the program will be "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois and excerpts from "Sabat Mater" by Dvorak and "Sabat Mater" by Rossini.

The time for each performance will be 8:15 pm. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults, 75c for students, available from church members.

**Pub Night '74**  
The YCHA held another very successful Pub Night at Richmond Hill Lions Hall February 22. This has become an annual event with the auxiliary, and tickets were sold out within a month of going on sale in December.

Approximately 325 people danced and sang with Kay Turner of the "Big And Whistle" and Terry Whalen of the "You Know Who". The traditional Pub Night fish and chips were served by committee members, and the barmaids were mainly members of the junior auxiliary. Many auxiliary members were volunteers in the cloakrooms, kitchen and selling bar tickets.

The 50/50 draw was made by Kay Turner with assistance of YCHA President Joan Paton. Winners were Alan Paton, 190 Driscoll Road, A. P. Pope of Don Mills and Mrs. S. F. Baker of King City.

Convener for Pub Night were Lois Jempson and Mavis Herbert and committee members were Renee Bamford, Anne Featherstonhaugh, Jean Corvill, Marg Macdonald, Mildred Service and Dorothy Turner.

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## Canada Cords Presented At Guide Banquet

When 1st Richmond Hill Guides had their Mother and Daughter Banquet February 25, the company's first two Canada Cords (the highest award in Guiding) were presented along with 35 other badges. The evening started with a pot luck supper, then the Guides took their mothers on a round-the-world tour of Guiding in other countries.

Pictured above, mothers adjust the Canada Cords earned by their daughters. Left to right are Kim Kremer and Mrs. Barbara Kremer, Guide Captain Barbara Pfening and Birgit Pfening. The company, with a full complement of 32 girls, meets each Monday evening in MacKillop Public School.

## Flying Saucers

Richmond Hill Curtain Club's upcoming production of Visit to a Small Planet may be more timely than it knows.

Last month, if the observations of a Richmond Hill resident are correct, that visitor may have already made a dry run.

According to Tony Bucci, 14, of Jefferson Sideroad, one of those flashing, disc-shaped objects, which have come to be known as flying saucers, hovered over the area briefly the night of February 20, before taking off practically straight up in the air and out of sight.

"It was about 11:20 pm," Tony recalls. "I had gone to the kitchen to get something to eat when I saw a light at the neighbor's. I thought maybe the dog was at their place."

Then Tony noticed what at first appeared to be a bomb, with lights flashing from it about 200 times a minute.

"All kinds of colors," Tony said. "So many that it was hard to tell what they were: red, green, goldish — for sure, white."

The object then turned red, headed north, stopped and then went straight up. **LIKE POLICE CAR**

It was bigger than a star. Tony says, and bigger than the recent comet, Kohoutek.

By this time, Tony's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Luigi Bucci, and his sister, Temma had joined him

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**Alice In Wonderland**  
A sure sign of spring for residents of Richmond Hill is the enthusiasm being shown by the girls' choir of Richmond Hill United Church in its preparation for its production of "Alice In Wonderland" to be presented April 5 and 6.  
Laura Dynes, as Alice, will take the audience on a wacky tour of the Land of Wonderland where she is confronted with such characters as the Queen of Hearts (Yvonne Sale), the Mad Hatter (Martha Dynes), the March Hare (Kelly Warner) and the White Rabbit (Marie Smith) who is always in a hurry.  
The production is sprinkled with many songs, some popular, and others not so well known.  
A cast of 30 voices will face the opening night audience on April 5, and then on April 6 will present both a matinee and evening performance.  
Tickets are already available from any of the cast, or the church office, at \$1 for adults, 75c for students and 50c for children under 12.  
As was the case for last year's production of Snow White, this story of "Alice" is being prepared under the watchful eye of choir Director Jean Thompson and her friend and husband, Bob.

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