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## Ecumenical day of prayer at St. Gabriel's

The World Day of Prayer ecumenical committee met at the home of Dorothy Price, Fernleigh Circle, to set up the program to be presented at the Anglican Church of St. Gabriel the Archangel, Bayview and Crosby Avenues, at 8 pm on March 7.

Representing the various participating churches were Mary Dodens, Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic; Mary Justice, St. Matthew's United; Jean Evanson, St. Paul's Lutheran; Joan Lane, St. Gabriel's.

The committee agreed to use the entire service as suggested by the Christian women of the Arab Republic of Egypt. The women's ecumenical prayer fellowship of Egypt has chosen the theme, "Become Perfectly One".

The combined choirs of the participating churches will sing the theme song by Mary Fadel Hanna. The offerings of the World Day of Prayer are distributed to advance Christianity in the needed countries. Everyone is welcome to participate in this service. For further information call 884-3674.

York Central Hospital Auxiliary's annual Pub-Nite was, as usual, a complete sell-out. A highlight of the event Friday in Richmond Hill Lions Hall was the 50-50 draw. Winners were Doris Barth, Thornhill; Bernice Welsh, Willowdale, and Pat Deciantis, Richmond Hill.

Senior citizens Forty-seven members of Richmond Hill Senior Citizens' Club 35 went by bus on February 18 to Hamilton to explore the wonders of Dundurn Castle built in 1840 by Sir Allan McNab.

After lunch at noon the members, in groups of 12, were escorted around the castle by guides in old fashioned dress. Following the tour they re-boarded the bus for a bit of sight seeing around Hamilton before returning to the Hill.

Mrs. Yolane Mara, director of Hope Haven nursery school for the mentally retarded, was the guest speaker at the February 19 meeting of the ACW at St. Gabriel's Anglican.

With the aid of slides she told of the history of the school, its program of crafts, games, singing and personal care, how the children are taught to cope with the disabilities and how very important the help of volunteers is to the future of the children.

Ada Bryden, a volunteer at the school, introduced Mrs. Mara and Jean Elliott thanked her for her enlightening commentary. In the absence of president Dorothy Price, Jean Elliott chaired the meeting. Florence Fair led the devotions. The next meeting

Audrey Jeffrey proved to be a very effective auctioneer at the February meeting of the Mary and Martha Guild of the Presbyterian Church February 19 and the group's finances were increased by the proceeds from a penny auction. The group also agreed to cater to a September wedding.

June Campbell's group was in charge of the devotions with the convenor reading the familiar scripture on "Faith, Hope and Love". Mae Hepburn giving a short reading on St. Valentine's and Dorothy Francis leading in prayer.

Members of Xi Beta Rho Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, have been busy lately, especially with their GO day trips to various interesting places in this area.

In December they attended a performance of The Messiah at Massey Hall. More recently they visited Craigmere House at Bond Lake where everyone enjoyed the many craft items displayed.

The latest of the GO trips was to the Curtain Club Theatre to see the current play, The Gingerbread Lady. It was a very interesting outing.

On Saturday several members and their husbands attended Beta Sigma Phi's annual Yellow Rose Ball. Sorority members will also be helping out regularly as volunteers in the pediatric unit at York Central Hospital.

The fund raising committee of Richmond Hill and Thornhill Family Services volunteers is sponsoring the sale of tickets for the Spring Bridal and Fashion Show in the auditorium at Hillcrest Mall March 5, 6 and 7 at 7:30 pm and March 8 at 2 pm. Tickets at \$2.50 each include the show, wine and cheese party, door prizes and favors. They may be obtained from Dorothy Price, 884-3674, Edna Beacock, 884-1804, or Phyllis Andrew, 884-3525. Proceeds will go to family services.

The 5th Richmond Hill Scouts and Cubs are having their annual banquet at Richmond Hill United at 6:30 pm Friday. Fathers and mothers are invited.

Eaton Hall, Seneca College King Campus, was the setting for the annual York Region Real Estate Board's annual president's ball on February 14. More than 150 brokers, agents and their wives enjoyed an evening of dining and dancing in the impressive surroundings of the stately former mansion.

The guests were welcomed by the board's president, Donald Young. Mrs. Jane Haight and the program committee were in charge of arrangements for this very festive evening.

Friends were sorry to learn that Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor of 76 Dunlop Street, formerly of Wright Street, have had to postpone the open house celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary owing to the illness of Mrs. Taylor. They will be setting a new date for the Golden Wedding celebrations as soon as both are able to join in festivities.

The pot-luck supper originally scheduled for March 3 at Richmond Hill Presbyterian has been cancelled. The regular monthly meeting of the WA will be held at 8 pm that evening.

Members of St. Mary's Anglican and Richmond Hill United are reminded of the Parish Mission scheduled to take place in St. Mary's April 17 to 20.

Irene and Terry Dunn of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, England, and their children, Michael, Gregory, Margaret and Catherine, are spending two weeks with Mrs. Dunn's sister, Mary Follows, her husband, Jack, and family, Paliser Crescent.

Formerly of Whitby, the Duns have been living in England for two years. On their return they will be moving to Brussels in Belgium — a business transfer.

There was a family reunion Saturday at the Follows home. Mary and Irene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Barker of Scarborough, were there, also sister Helen Pinkney and her husband, Don, of Cobalt, sister Lois Forance, husband Paul and son Jimmy of Scarborough, and brother Christopher and wife Gail Barker, also of Scarborough.

Eric and Merle George, North Taylor Mills Drive, returned last weekend from Montreal where they attended the 30th anniversary reunion of Eric's high school graduating class.

In 1945, secondary school students in Quebec were segregated by sex. There were 45 boys in that year's graduating class at Thomas D'Arcy McGee High School, and although they are now widely scattered, 40 attended the reunions.

Members came from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, and one had just returned from Germany.

The principal of 1945, Brother Robert of the Christian Brothers teaching order, who is now teaching in South America, was able to attend, as were three other Brothers now located in the Don Mills area.

The class of '45, which gets together every 10 years, is the only graduating class of D'Arcy McGee that has ever held such reunions.

Bishop Allan Read will be officiating in the service of confirmation in St. Mary's Anglican at 10:30 am Sunday. This year godparents or sponsors have been appointed for all the young people being confirmed, an extra help and support to their growth in the Christian Church.

Last Friday 71 members of the Senior Citizens' Bowling League enjoyed bowling at ABC Lanes. High single scores for women were Emma Masters 208, Stella Mackie 199, Doris Neil 193, for men Eric Croft 246, Jack Sheahan 215, Art Stong 214.

## World development ecumenical topic

World development was the topic at a combined Lutheran Church women's meeting and Lenten ecumenical service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, on February 20.

It was attended by members from Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic, Free Methodist and St. Matthew's United Churches.

Opening devotions were led by Mrs. Margaret Kraft, Pastor James Dauphinee introduced the guest speaker, Dr. John Zimmerman, executive director of the Lutheran Church in America, Canada section.

Dr. Zimmerman told the meeting of the church's participation in work in under privileged countries of Africa and South America.

He stressed the fact the rich countries must offer assistance to the suppressed areas of the world, also that within 25 years, life will be very different for everyone from what it is today.

Dr. Zimmerman pointed out that church leaders have been meeting with government officials and private industrial representatives in an attempt to see that fair wages and living conditions are introduced for people existing in inhumane situations.

These church leaders, he said, want to see laws passed and enforced to ensure that such improved standards of living are maintained. A question and answer period followed his talk.

The senior choir sang an anthem and Pastor Dauphinee concluded the service with prayer and benediction.

Others participating in the service were Miss Maureen Evensen, acolyte; Miss Jane Limpert, organist; Mrs. Pat Ash and Mrs. Ida Lindgren, ushers.

The evening concluded with fellowship and lunch served by Mrs. Barbara Baeth, Mrs. Gladys Keffer, Mrs. Sylvia Limpert and Mrs. Ev Miller.



(Photo by Hogg)

German exchange students in the secondary schools of York are indistinguishable in dress and hairstyle from their fellow students, and after nearly two months in Canada are beginning to feel at home in their new surroundings.

Five of the seven attending Richmond Hill High are pictured above in the school foyer with one of the local students who spent four months last fall in Germany. Left to right are Andrea Topfer of Schonau;

Cathy Allin, Kerrybrook Drive, Richmond Hill; Waltrough Hintermayr, Konigsbrunn; Judith Hess, Shonau; Rosalinde Moir, Muckenloch — Cathy's partner in the exchange — and Anke Buss of Gaggenau.

## German students at home at Richmond Hill High

By Margaret Lade Twenty-nine of the 51 exchange students from Germany now in York Region secondary schools are attending schools in Richmond Hill.

The young people are living with and attending the same schools as the local students who spent four months last fall in Germany during the first half of the exchange program.

As far as the schools are concerned, the guests are blending in beautifully.

"You wouldn't know they were around," commented principal George Domina of Richmond Hill High School which has seven guest students — all girls.

"They all have time-tables and go to regular classes with the rest of the

students."

Friendly welcome At Bayview Secondary, a much larger school, there are 22 German students, and says Vice-Principal John Nikifork, they have been "welcomed with open arms."

All of the participants have been paying their own way in travel and expenses.

But York County Board of Education agreed in January to allocate a maximum of \$1,500 to finance special activities, such as a trip to Ottawa that all participants in the program — German and Canadian — will be taking next week.

To ensure they did not miss out on any of the essentials in their own curriculum, the Richmond Hill students did four months' work during the spring and summer before leaving for Germany in September. And while they were there they not only attended the schools in the communities where they were billeted, they reviewed the work they had taken with them from home.

Exciting fun Although all had been studying German in their home schools, Cathy Allin of Richmond Hill High admits she felt she missed a lot due to her scanty knowledge of the language when she arrived.

But the Moir family of 11 soon made her at home in Muckenloch, a small village near Heidelberg. It was a lively place, talking, laughing and singing at the dinner table, Friday night band concerts, and, says Cathy, the village never ignored an opportunity to celebrate whether it was a special occasion like St. Martin's day, or just a Saturday night. Never a dull moment.

The friendly family and friendly villagers gave Cathy an added incentive to learn the language well. But it was not until the end of her four-month visit she felt she was really benefitting from actual class material at the school she attended with Rosalinde Moir in Heidelberg.

By Black Forest Dianne Frater, also of RHHS, lived with Anke Buss at Gaggenau near Baden-Baden on the outskirts of the Black Forest, and for her

the exchange has been "fantastic". Anke is now a guest at the Frater home on Starlight Crescent.

Gaggenau is comparable in size to Richmond Hill and owes its prosperity largely to the Daimler-Benz factory in the town.

For Dianne, too, strangers soon became close friends. It was difficult to say "good-bye". Everyone was so friendly and very curious about Canada.

The Canadians were surprised at the comparative rigidity of the curriculum in Germany, with very limited choice of subjects.

On the other hand, says Bayview's Nikifork, the German students now in York are amazed at the wide choice of optional subjects in the schools here.

Local activities

From their arrival January 8 to their departure for home April 24, the visiting students are taking part in the life of their host families and schools and in the community. Bayview exchange students fielded a hockey team during the Richmond Hill winter carnival.



(Photo by Hogg)

## Kiwanis winner

Toni Streissberger, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Streissberger, Balkan Road, Richmond Hill, placed second in the piano solo, Bach, category for 13 years and under in the recent Kiwanis Festival in Toronto. A grade 7 student at Crosby Public School, Toni has been studying piano for four and one-half years. He was awarded a mark of 86 by the adjudicator, just one point behind the first place winner. Toni is a pupil of Greta Rueter at the Royal Conservatory in Willowdale.

There were reports from secretary Mrs. Edna Harding, Mrs. Nita Clement for star membership, and Mrs. Olive Orr for "The Voice". Mrs. Grace Sayers of the sunshine committee asked members wanting name badges to get in touch with her as soon as possible. Percy Jones said euche and games will continue on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

Among the 150 present there were six new members: Mrs. Josephine Fitze, Mrs. Marion Smith, Mr. and Mrs. O.G. Crane, and Mr. and Mrs. John Craig.

The meeting ended with the serving of delicious refreshments by Anna Holz and her helpers.

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