

in the hill family page

Pioneer party for historians

Mrs. J.H. Kirby of Markham Road was the lucky winner of the Flower Garden Quilt in the draw held by the Richmond Hill Historical Society at its Christmas party held in the Maclaren Auditorium of the main branch of the Richmond Hill Library Dec. 15.

Members of the society admired the Christmas tree with its pioneer type decorations and spent time browsing through the library's collection of historic pictures and data.

In keeping with the pioneer Christmas theme Mary Dawson read Henry VanDyke's story of the Other Wise Man.

President John LeClaire gave a resume of the work done on the Burr House outlined what remained to be done to the more than a century and a half old house to make it a centre for crafts for the town.

The York Potters' Guild is already using the premises.

Delicious seasonal refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

Presbyterian WMS

Members of the Presbyterian WMS enjoyed an afternoon at the Roehampton Avenue, Toronto, home of Miss Gladys Savage, Tuesday of last week. The hostess conducted an interesting contest and served delicious refreshments.

Jackpot winner

Christmas came early for Mrs. Ray Adamson, Talmage Avenue, Richmond Hill.

She won the \$500 jackpot Dec. 16 at the weekly bingo at St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church.

There was no bingo last night, but bingo resumes at the same time, same place next Tuesday with a new schedule of games and prizes.

St. Mary's celebrates

There will be Christmas Eve celebrations at St. Mary's Anglican with communion and hymns at 7:30 p.m. and again at 11 p.m. tonight.

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. there will be Eucharist and hymn singing.

Any shut-ins who have not received their Christmas Communion and wish to have the Sacrament brought to their home are invited to contact the church office, 884-2227.

Trip to Britain

The Liberal's drama critic, Tom Davey, returned last week from a trip to the British Isles where he spent three weeks, combining business with sightseeing.

He rented a car and visited Scotland, Lancashire, Kent, Devon and Cornwall, attended a performance of Henry V at Stratford-on-Avon, visited family and friends in various parts of England, wandered through the Tate Gallery in London and dropped in to see former journalistic colleagues on Fleet Street.

Lions in community

Richmond Hill Lions are preparing for two major events in the next weeks.

First is their fifth annual Peewee Hockey Tournament Dec. 27, 28 and 29 under chairmanship of Lion George Byres and his committee, then there is the New Year's Eve dance at the Lions Hall on Centre Street East Dec. 31 with Lion John Medland as chairman.

The hardworking Lions are looking for wholehearted community support for these events.

St. Gabriel's ACW

The ACW of St. Gabriel's Anglican concluded its activities for the year with a potluck supper on Dec. 12. Dorothy Price asked the blessing.

A social evening followed with a series of games led by Betty Cowden, Dorothy Price and Pat Crane.

Mary Richards conducted the annual penny auction, and members exchanged seasonal greetings.

Christmas from McDonald's

Thanks to the generosity of the staff of McDonald's Restaurant in the Hill, a local mother and three children are assured Santa will not overlook them this year.

The McDonald "crew" first adopted a family for Christmas a year ago. It was such a gratifying experience they decided to make it an annual project, and this year collected \$150 for Christmas cheer.

Through the co-ordinated welfare services they were put in touch with a family, learned of their needs, and with Cathy McGowan as co-ordinator will buy a complete dinner, gifts, clothing for a happy Christmas.

Youth orchestra concert

Richmond Hill United Church was filled with music Sunday morning as the Richmond Hill Youth Concert Band played a prelude of Christmas music before the service.

The band, with a membership of about 35 young people, also played at intervals through the service — carols and medleys of Christmas tunes, featuring The Wonderful World of Christmas.

The talented young group under direction of Robert Thiel continued to play as the congregation disbursed.

Some of the group have played to professional status, others are newcomers.

The band has established an outstanding reputation and last summer, assisted by an Opportunities For Youth grant, gave concerts in the Mill Pond Park. It is now preparing for a concert to be presented in the spring.

Rehearsals will resume Jan. 8, and any young people interested in joining this instrumental group are invited to call Mr. Thiel at 884-4177.

Elmwood Christmas party

Elmwood Manor Rest Home had its annual Christmas party for residents Dec. 18. Families and friends and members of the Over Sixties Club were also invited.

There were about 200 present, and all gathered in the lounge for an enjoyable social hour before partaking of a delicious smorgasbord.

After everyone was well and truly satisfied, the jolly old fellow, Santa Claus (impersonated by Archie Seymour) made his entrance to the sound of sleigh bells.

He distributed gifts to all the residents and staff and had a jolly time, even receiving a gift himself.

The home administrator Marie Petrowanczuk led in the singing of Christmas carols with everyone joining in.

On behalf of the Over Sixties Club, Kay Seymour wished all the joy and blessings of the Christmas season to William McCord and his staff and thanked them for their hospitality and a most enjoyable evening.

At York Central



Pamela Marie Higgs
Nursing graduate

A recent graduate of the Christie School of Nursing in Toronto is Pamela Marie Higgs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Higgs, Bluegrass Boulevard, Richmond Hill.

Pamela formerly attended Bayview Secondary School in Richmond Hill. She is now working in the extended care unit at York Central Hospital.

New services in recycling

Richmond Hill recycling committee is providing two new services.

Wine bottles brought into the depot at Elgin Mills Sideroad east of Bayview Avenue have been set aside and may be purchased for \$1 a dozen — screw top or cork top — in a variety of sizes, shapes and colors.

The depot has also introduced a pick-up service for those who have no means of getting their glass, metal or newspaper to the depot on Saturday mornings.

Arrangements can be made to pick up materials from a limited number of people between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Call Michael Norman at 884-3782.

Non-fluoridated
Residents in that part of Richmond Hill now receiving fluoridated water will now be able to get water without fluoride without charge from the Oak Ridges well.

Those wishing to lay in a supply for drinking, cooking purposes may call the commissioner of works at 884-8101 to find out the location of the well and hours when it may be used.



Caretaker honored by whole school

Each class at Beverley Acres Public School, Richmond Hill, from kindergarten up, made its own presentation to George Maynard, who is retiring from the caretaking staff at the end of the year. Above Grade 4 pupils (left to right) Norman Meatzener,

Mary Ann Geddes and Lisa James, pay tribute to a man who had worked for nearly 20 years in area schools. Friends and co-workers had their party for George after the children had been dismissed for the day.

Maynard plans busy retirement

It was a big day at Beverley Acres Public School Dec. 10, a day devoted largely to honoring George Maynard.

The celebrants had mixed feelings about the event, however, for Mr. Maynard, popular with pupils and co-workers alike, was retiring after nearly 20 years as a member of the caretaking staff of schools in Richmond Hill.

The program began at 3 p.m. when pupils of the school from kindergarten to Grade 6 in turn presented him with mementos and gifts.

At 4 o'clock, to the skirl of the bagpipes, Mr. Maynard and his wife, Viola, were escorted into a gaily decorated gymnasium where friends and associates who had worked with him through the years were gathered.

Speeches of tribute were given by Eldon Gooding, former principal of Crosby Heights School, and Gordon McIntyre, former associate director of education for York County Board of Education.

Both men had worked with Mr. Maynard under the administration of the old Richmond Hill Public School Board, and after the various area boards were amalgamated to form a regional board in

1969, under administration of the county board. Mr. Gooding and Mr. McIntyre had themselves recently retired.

Area 4 business officer Wilfred Maynard presented Mr. Maynard with a watch on behalf of the board of education, and Douglas Ford, principal of Beverley Acres School, presented Mrs. Maynard with an arrangement of flowers.

The assembled guests were entertained by a four-piece band made up of members of the maintenance staff, fellow workers of the guest of honor.

Born in Sussex, England, Mr. Maynard came to Canada in 1927 and worked in the King City area for seven years. He married Viola Auckland of King in 1936.

He worked for Roselawn Dairies Limited until 1939 when he joined the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada,

Headquarters Company. They have a cottage some time there, too. He landed in Normandy and a boat at Hastings, fishing and boating and on D-Day, and at the end of the war in 1945 returned to work with Roselawn Dairies.

In 1956 he joined the caretaking staff of Richmond Hill Public School Board and over the years has worked in all of the schools in the area of the old town of Richmond Hill.

When Mr. Maynard leaves the school at the end of the year, he plans to devote more time to the work of his Masonic lodge, and he and Mrs. Maynard are also looking forward to doing a bit of travelling.



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