

Paul Don is Thornhill's resident magician



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By NAZNEEN SADIQ
When you can dissipate the tension of a real estate deal with a card trick; make coins appear from the ears of stupefied adults and stub out cigarettes most nonchalantly, in handkerchiefs that remain unscorched, you really

have it made. Paul Don is Thornhill's resident magician. Arriving in Canada in 1947 as a shy and introverted youngster from blitz-wracked London, he found that he did not make friends easily. Saturday mornings found him in Eaton's magic department where he watched the famous John Giordmaine give demonstrations to the shoppers. The fascinated youngster lingered on while others drifted away, and his interest caught

Mr. Giordmaine's eye who volunteered to teach him some tricks. From that he recalls a period of instant popularity among his friends and the beginning of an interest kept alive through diverse careers to his present occupation as real estate broker with his own firm in Downsview. Paul has entertained at various parties in the city and for a while performed at Loews Uptown theatre. One semi-professional guests aboard the Queen

Mary, the luxury liner of the fifties. The Hat and Rabbit Club of Toronto which is affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Magicians bent its admission rules to welcome the budding magician who was a bit underaged at the time. At the club, Paul was often the guest magician for the evening. According to Paul Don "magic is a trick, its object being to entertain, making the audience believe that something is happening when it isn't".

There are basically four types of magic. Mental magic which is a form of mind reading. The magic of illusion which requires a stage, props and usually involves an associate. Self-working magic which is mastering a trick that works on its own. Then there is skilled magic which involves sleight of hand. This is a process of continual practice which requires manual dexterity and misdirection. Cutting a deck at a precise spot bringing it to

the top and maintaining its position during vigorous shuffling. At present, Paul's interests centre around magic for children, and for many years he has entertained the children at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. There is a distinct possibility that he may conduct a magic workshop for children on television. Two of the ingredients for this kind of magic are 'patter' which is a running commentary and 'woofle dust' which is

sprinkled to make tricks occur. Stephanie Don, aged 7, is perhaps the only young lady in Thornhill who is serving an apprenticeship in magic. Wife Francis is quite up on magic too, and Gary, who is 4, may be a shade too young but will probably catch up with the rest. For those interested in learning the tricks of the trade the "linking ring" a monthly magazine, is a good source. Contributions are featured by magicians

who reveal some of their secrets. Another source is a set of seven volumes called Tarbell which is referred to as the bible of magic. Two weeks ago while the rest of Thornhill went about its business and struggled with freezing weather, Paul and Francis Don spent an evening at the Magic Castle in Los Angeles. A private club for magicians where open sesame is a pre-requisite to enter and the switchboard is manned by a skeleton.

Introduction to Jaycees tomorrow at Hillcrest

Tomorrow night (Thursday) in the Hillcrest Mall auditorium, an introduction meeting to reform the Richmond Hill Jaycees will take place. Response so far has been slow, but organizers are hoping for a big turnout tomorrow.

The meeting gets underway at 8 p.m.

Back in the 1960s, a group of 55 men formed the Richmond Hill Jaycees, which played a vital role in the community.

They were noted for their "annual radio auction", their "buy locally" campaign to promote local business, and they played an active role in the "get out to vote" campaign, as well as hosting numerous "Meet the Candidates" evenings.

In the late 1960s, the Richmond Hill Jaycees were highly recognized when they went to the International Jaycee Convention in Paris and were voted the most outstanding Jaycee unit in the world.

Organizers hope to form a unit which achieves similar heights.

Award winners

By MILLIE STEWART
The Queen's Silver Jubilee Medals are showing up all over the place.

Ernie McMeekin of Sugar Maple Lane was nominated by the Central Ontario Air Cadet Staff Office.

He and his family have been residents of Richmond Hill for 21 years. An Air Reserve Major, he is Commanding Officer of the 94th Air Cadet Squadron in Newmarket.

His interest in Air Cadets prompted him to urge the Richmond Hill Legion to sponsor the 778th Squadron, of which his brother, Robert, was the first Commanding Officer.

His interests lie elsewhere, as well.

He was one of the founding members of the Richmond Hill Trumpet Band, "The Hilltoppers". He is actively interested in sports and is the timekeeper for the Rams.

One of his major interests is with Tournaments Incorporated, which is responsible for the Midget Hockey Tournament held every March in Richmond Hill.

Doctor Peter Granger is a recipient of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal.

The present Chief of Staff of York Central Hospital, he was nominated by the Town of Vaughan, where he has practised for many years.

He is best known for his active work with the Boy Scouts and was the doctor in charge of the World Jamboree for Scouts held this summer in Prince Edward Island.

Another medal recipient is Gordon McGhie of Richmond Hill. Recently retired from the position of canteen supervisor at Pine Ridge Hospital, he is now busy with volunteer work at the Villa Hospital.

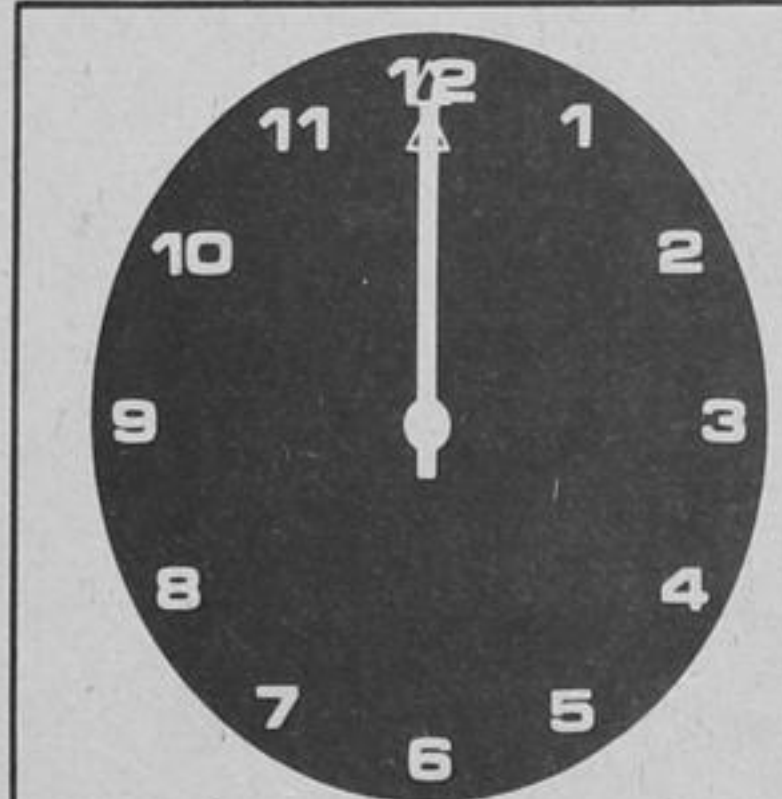
Chas. Howitt anniversary

The Charles Howitt Public School in Thornhill is having a birthday.

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, the school will be the scene of an open house, Tuesday, December 13, from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

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