



Members of the team working on the Royal Canadian Air Farce, a radio show usually produced in Richmond Hill, include, left to right Don Ferguson, Luga Goy, Dave Broadfoot, Alex Sheridan, John Morgan and Roger Abbott. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

Heart Foundation will meet Monday

The Ontario Heart Foundation will hold a meeting Monday, May 15 at 7:45 p.m. in the Blue Flame Room at the Consumer's Gas Building on Elgin Mills Road.

York County Association elects exec

The York County Elementary Teachers' Association of Federations elected its new officers during the Annual Dinner and Meeting at the Aurora Highlands Golf Club recently.

Annual meetings of the two local federation branch affiliates, the Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation and the Federation of Women Teachers' Associations of Ontario, were the first order of business for the evening.

The officers of YCETAF and the affiliate groups are:

For YCETAF: past president, Ted Smith, Sutton Public School; president, Dean Bodkin, Meadowbrook Public; first vice-president, Wendy VanStraten, Prince Charles; second vice-president, Don Hansen, Prince Charles; secretary, George Mainer, Roselawn Senior; treasurer, Gary McMurrin, Sutton High School.

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For YCOPS: past president, Theo Rothe, William Berczy; president, Bud Dunlop, King City Senior; first vice-president, David Painter, Stornoway Crescent; second vice-president, Sid McFarlane, Dr. G. W. Williams; secretary, Rick Mistelbacher, Sharon Public; treasurer, Brian Warrington, Morning Glory.

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FARCE

from the Curtain Club in RICHMOND HILL — wild applause, and so ends another taping of the CBC radio show, The Royal Canadian Air Farce.

The day after the show is taped, Margo Crack, a former Liberal employee who now works at the CBC, is snowed under with requests to attend the next taping, which is free.

When the shows are taped at the Curtain Club on Elgin Mills, as they are most of the time, the regulars know to come early because the seats are all taken well before show time.

Two half-hour shows are taped in one evening. Prior to the actual taping Roger Abbott comes on stage to "warm up" the audience by reading excerpts from the Toronto Star in his own zany way.

When the audience is heckled by the way they gently heckle Abbott and looking around you can usually see one or two of them wearing T-shirts with The Royal Canadian Air Farce or a name of a cast member lettered on them.

sufficiently chuckling it is time to introduce the other members of the cast who are Dave Broadfoot, Don Ferguson, Luga Goy and John Morgan.

Alex Sheridan is also heard on the air, but not by voice.

He is the distinctive looking sound effects man with dark, curly eyebrows and moustache who is usually surrounded by beer bottles, telephones, bells, gongs, glasses, water, keys etc. and by the time the show is over the floor is strewn with debris.

When the cast has finished ad-libbing and everyone can stop laughing long enough, the first of two tapings begin.

Although it seems like a lark, a lot of hard work goes into writing the show. The writers are also Roger Abbott, Dave Broadfoot, Don Ferguson and John Morgan.

They write and rehearse the show in their homes and arrive in Richmond Hill the day of the taping for last minute rewrites and final rehearsals.

Sitting in the small dressing room back stage of the Curtain Club they throw ideas back and forth until the right word

Fans laugh faster in Richmond Hill

works. Then it's time to start rehearsing.

Rehearsals end around 6 p.m. and they usually go out for dinner to Pop's Tavern on Yonge Street where they continue to talk shop.

Although most of them have appeared on television in commercials and comedy shows, they are not noticed by the diners at Pops.

Occasionally a show is taped when they are on the road or from the CBC studios in Cabbagetown.

Dave Broadfoot says he likes working in Richmond Hill and in Cabbagetown but finds the response a lot quicker in Richmond Hill.

He says "laughs come a lot faster so the show goes a lot quicker."

For various reasons some of the funniest moments do not get on the air. Occasionally there are bloopers and on one of the shows this season John Morgan entertained the studio audience for

about ten minutes when he read a line incorrectly, started laughing and when he started to read the line again he not only burst out laughing himself, but broke up the cast and the whole audience as well.

Unfortunately the home audience cannot see Luga Goy's rubbery face but they can hear Don Ferguson's imitation of Pierre Trudeau making you wonder just who the real Pierre Trudeau is.

The Royal Canadian Air Farce was nominated for an ACTRA award this year and is broadcast on CBC FM radio Saturdays at 1:30 and CBC AM radio Sundays at 1:05 p.m.

And isn't it great to know that the little guy from Chilliwak, B.C. who has probably never been east of Winnipeg, but is a fan of the Royal Canadian Air Farce, has heard of Richmond Hill.

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Nursery school plans fun day

German Mill Nursery School, a co-operative run by parents in the community, will hold a Fun Day Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Events include the sale of handicrafts and baked goods, pony rides for kids, games, clowns and a white elephant sale.

Refreshments will be available and there will

also be a raffle held. All funds raised from Fun Day will be used for equipment, books, toys and whatever is needed by the nursery operation. The only cost will be that of raffle tickets.

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