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Wednesday, January 10, 1979

Maple couple

They still get Christmas cards

At least one family in Maple expects to be getting Christmas cards right into July, but they are not attacking the Canadian mail service when they say it.

Mary and Jim Davis support 29 children in all corners of the globe and say in past years they have received cards for months after Christmas.

Even non-Christian children send cards to recognize the Christian festival of the family that has supported them financially and emotionally by letters.

At this time the Davis' support children through eight different agencies. By paying a monthly sum, money is sent to educate, provide food, clothing and medical assistance to needy children throughout the world.

"It all started about this time back in 1968," said Mary Davis.

She and her husband read a newspaper article about a man in Newmarket who sponsored 12 children through an organization called Cansave.

"I had always thought it was beyond our means," said Mrs. Davis, but when she found out it would cost only \$7 per month the family picked out an Italian child who was one of six children in a family whose father was unable to work for health reasons.

SENT CLOTHES
Besides the money sent to Cansave the Davis' sent clothes outgrown by their own four children and letters to an Italian child named Anna.

Both Mary and Jim were saddened to find out this child had leukemia, but throughout the remaining five years of her life they offered support through letters as well as Cansave.

During that time, Mary taught herself Italian so she would not miss anything in the child's letters.

Since Anna's death the family has sponsored four other members of the same family, as well as about 40 other children in countries throughout the world.

"Anna started us off," said Jim, relating how both he and his wife felt they received much enjoyment from the experience and now sponsor other children in many countries including the Philippines, Mexico, Indonesia, Kenya, India, Korea, Italy and Hong Kong.

With all agencies, donors are encouraged to write letters and the children correspond through a translator provided by the agency.

TIME LAPSE
Mary Davis does all the letter writing, trying to answer each letter as it comes in, always being aware of the time lapse due to red tape, the mails and translators.

The youngest two children in the Davis family like to exchange letters with some of the children and both parents encourage the interest suggesting benefits in geography, customs, religion and acceptance of people with different religion, color and creed.

"It's a very unifying experience," said Mary.

"You find people are very much the same. They pray for us and we for them. God is the same no matter what you call him."

Mary and Jim Davis go through picture albums matching pictures of children in other countries to cards received at Christmas. In the foreground are pictures of an Italian child named Anna who was one of the first children supported through Cansave by the Davis'. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg)



GO Transit survey

GO Transit is readying a survey to find out the wishes of regular commuters of the rail service from Richmond Hill to Union Station.

Ernest Madden, manager of marketing for GO Transit, said a survey was conducted in June of this year, about eight weeks after the line was launched, and at that time passengers were generally happy with the service. However, said Mr. Madden, requests for more frequent service and a later homebound train dominated the comments of the respondents.

Mr. Madden said although some riders would prefer a later

service there are many who are happy with the service as it is and GO would not wish to inconvenience these customers, nor can they afford to put on a fourth train.

Changes, if any, will not be made until the service has had a chance to jell and GO has been able to monitor ridership and conduct another survey.

At the time of the survey there were approximately 600 riders each day.

During the September TTC strike the figure went up to a whopping 4,600 and has now levelled off at about 1,900 passengers daily.

Recycling system back on schedule

Start the new year off right — begin recycling today.

Marlene Turner, a volunteer worker for Richmond Hill Committee for Recycling, wants to remind residents newspaper pickups are back in full swing.

She said the committee would appreciate it if home owners would cover the neatly tied bundles of papers with plastic in case of snow storms to keep the papers dry and reminded people they cannot recycle plastic at the depot, yet.

There are two new telephone numbers to call for any information relating to the depot or newspaper pickups. The number 883-5112.

included on most information sheets, is no longer in service. Mrs. Turner wished to clarify the fact this number was for the Community Conservation Centre on Yonge Street which was a six-month employment program which assisted the recycling committee but expired at the end of August.

The new numbers are 884-6671 (ask for Marlene) and 884-4508 (ask for Nancy).

About newspaper recycling Mrs. Turner challenged residents "Let's put Richmond Hill in the Ministry of the Environment records with our outstanding community efforts for 1979."

HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

883-2234

January

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			10 Medical Secretaries Association meeting, York Central Hospital, 8 p.m. For further information, call 884-5789. Richmond Hill Artists meeting, Crosby School, 7.30 p.m. Oak Ridges Snowmobile Club 99 General Meeting, 8 p.m., Lions' Den, Bond Lake Arena. Special meeting for parents of 1st Langstaff Beavers, Cubs and Venturers, 8 p.m., Weldrick Room, Richvale Community Centre. Further information, call 889-6889.	11 Widows & Widowers Club meeting at Victoria and Grey Trust Company, community room, 8 p.m. Art exhibit by Diane Styromo at Charles Connor Library until January 31. Coffee served, 7-9 p.m. All welcome. Free pre-school puppet show at Richvale Library, 2 p.m. Everyone welcome. 889-2847.	12 Dancing at the Legion, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Open to the public. Duplicate Bridge, St. John's Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, 8 p.m. For further information, call 884-1689. Helpmate Information booth set up at Hillcrest Mall, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.	13 Operating Room Open House at York Central Hospital, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. No children under 10 years of age allowed.
14 Richvale Lions Bingo, Richvale Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 7.30 p.m.	15 Sea cadets RCSC Patriot, St. Mary's Anglican Church, 7-9 p.m. 11 and up. 884-3630. Scrabble games at Richvale Community Centre, 7.30 - 10.30 p.m. Ceramics class. Call the Y for further details.	16 Ladies night out. Yoga and a variety of crafts. Viking Club, Oak Ridges, 7 p.m. Scone tea, Burr House, 528 Carrville Road, Richmond Hill, 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. 884-0327. Thornhill Mother's Break program registration at Thornhill United Church, 10 a.m. For more information, call 881-2236 or 889-9620.	17 Thornhill Amature Radio Club meets at Thornlea Secondary School, 8 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCW meeting, 8 p.m. Evening book discussion group meets at Thornhill Community Centre Library, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. For information call 881-5668.	18 Rotary travelogue at Bayview Secondary School "Viva Mexico", 8 p.m. Richmond Hill Lions meeting at 6.30 p.m., Lions Hall. Quilting Bee at Charles Connor Library, Oak Ridges. Free instructions. For further information, call 773-5533.	19 Dancing at the Legion, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Open to the public. Duplicate Bridge, St. John's Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, 8 p.m. For further information, call 884-1689.	20 Richmond Hill Centennial Pipe Band "Robbie Burns Night". Dinner, dance and concert at the Legion Hall, Ohio Road, Richmond Hill, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets at 884-8501. Gymnastics demonstration by the Winstonettes Gymnastic Association. All ages welcome at Charles Connor Library, Oak Ridges, 2 p.m.
21 Richvale Lions Bingo, Richvale Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, Richvale, 7.30 p.m.	22 York Region Camera Club meets at Richmond Hill High School, 7.30 p.m. Snowmobiling Course, 7-9 p.m. Walter Scott School. For further information and registration, call 884-3865 or 773-4110. Scrabble games at Richvale Community Centre, 7.30 - 10.30 p.m.	23 Ladies Night Out. Yoga and a variety of crafts, Viking Club, Oak Ridges, 7.30 p.m. Scone tea at the Burr House, 528 Carrville Road, 1.30 - 3.30 p.m. 884-0327. Snowmobiling course, 7-9 p.m. Walter Scott School. For information and registration, call 884-3865 or 773-4110.	24 Snowmobiling Course, 7-9 p.m. Walter Scott School. For information and registration, call 884-3865 or 773-4110.	25 Information and appointments: 884-1133; 887-5245; 832-1384; 297-3324. A Morning Out, Richmond Hill United Church, 9.30 - 11.15 a.m. 884-9722. Richmond Hill Lions Majorette and drum corps practice, Lions Hall, 7-9 p.m. Free topical fluoride clinic for children 3 to 16 years, 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Call the Health Unit for	26 Dancing at the Legion, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Open to the public. Duplicate Bridge, St. John's Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, 8 p.m. For further information, call 884-1689.	27 Community Centre, 7.30 p.m. 669-2173. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Maple Leaf Accordion Band, McKillop School, 7 to 9 p.m. 884-8390. Navy League, St. Mary's Anglican Church, Wrixon Hall, 6.45 p.m. Boys 10 to 13 welcome. 223-8868.

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday Lions Bingo, Centre St. 7.40 p.m. York Philharmonic Choir practice, R. Hill Baptist, 7.30 p.m.	Yoga, Richmond Hill United Church, 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. for beginners; 8.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. for intermediates. Richvale Lions Drum Corps and Color Guard, Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. CGIT, Richmond Hill United Church for girls, 12 to 17 years of age, 7 to 8.30 p.m. 884-5971. Free topical fluoride clinic for children 3 to 16 years old, 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Call the Health Unit for	Unit for information and appointments: 884-1133; 887-5245; 832-1384; 297-3324. Wednesday Thornhill Lions Bingo, Thornhill Community Centre, 7.30 p.m. Parent Concern, 8 to 10 p.m. Call Joyce, 884-3503. Counterweight, Richmond Hill Public Library, 7.30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, St. John's Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge.	Information: 884-1689. A Morning Out, Richmond Hill United Church, 9.30 - 11.15 a.m. 884-9722. Richmond Hill Lions Majorette and drum corps practice, Lions Hall, 7-9 p.m. Free topical fluoride clinic for children 3 to 16 years, 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Call the Health Unit for	information and appointments: 884-1133; 887-5245; 832-1384; 297-3324. Thursday Yoga Classes at Thornhill Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 8.45 to 10 p.m. Yoga Class, Richmond Hill United Church, 9 to 10.15 a.m. for beginners and 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. for intermediates. 884-2671. Weight Watchers, Concord	Community Centre, 7.30 p.m. 669-2173. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Maple Leaf Accordion Band, McKillop School, 7 to 9 p.m. 884-8390. Navy League, St. Mary's Anglican Church, Wrixon Hall, 6.45 p.m. Boys 10 to 13 welcome. 223-8868.	Saturday Richmond Hill Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills Road at Leslie, 10 a.m. to noon. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 10 a.m. to noon. Richmond Hill new arena, skate and equipment resale, 1 to 3 p.m.
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