



Two Blizzard team members, Bob Tamindzic (left) and Cliff Calvert helped Hillcrest merchants celebrate their Fifth Birthday last week. Blizzard cheerleaders showed their fine style in a number of dances and the players signed autographs and answered children's questions, while Ken Stanley and the "Pub Crawlers" sang Happy Birthday in the Market Court. Birthday cake was shared with members of the public to commemorate the happy event.

### Celebrations at Hillcrest are many and varied

Hillcrest Mall celebrated its fifth birthday Tuesday, August 28 and everyone shopping at the Mall was invited to join in the fun.

Present to hand out birthday cake to shoppers were Jeanine Harrison, Kim Nichols, Judy Shapiro and Lynn Heller, of the Toronto Blizzard Cheer Dancers.

Two members of the Blizzard team were on hand to sign autographs. Young players from the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Club enjoyed receiving autographs from Bob Tamindzic and Cliff Calvert.

Birthday celebrations will continue for the first two weeks of September. The Hillcrest All Stars perform in the Market Court for the entertainment of shoppers tonight, September 5 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The birthday party theme is British and throughout the Mall the theme prevails.

A tea court near the Calladine and Baldry location was a big success, giving weary shoppers a place to sit and sip tea in comfort.

British automobiles were displayed in the Mall, as were booths of typically British craftsmanship.

Most stores in the Mall featured sales in honor of the birthday and shoppers were quick to take advantage of this feature.

## Richmond Hill residents convert to natural gas

The Consumer's Gas Company claims a record interest is being shown by Richmond Hill homeowners in converting their oil-fired furnaces to the natural gas type.

"We are able to handle the inquiries with our assigned staff but there is incredible interest in natural gas as a home-heating fuel," said Regional General Manager Jim Fagan.

He said public attention has been more sharply focused on energy matters recently, resulting in a desire to minimize fuel costs and a need to assure users of a reliable supply.

The recent publicity about OPEC increases in world oil prices and current discussions among the provinces about ownership and pricing of natural resources, has sensitized the public to questions of supply and price of natural gas and oil in Canada. Real or imagined gasoline shortages in various parts of the US have also served to heighten consumer awareness.

"Natural gas currently enjoys a clear price

advantage over No. 2 fuel oil, used by most oil-fired furnaces," said Mr. Fagan. "This, combined with public awareness that there is an abundance of our own natural gas in this country, has prompted people to take action."

Homeowners wishing to convert to gas from oil have two options: simple replacement of the oil burner in a furnace unit to one which burns natural gas or (b) replacement of the whole furnace.

Standard conversion to

a monthly rental natural gas burner is usually done at no cost to the customer. Replacing an entire unit does involve a capital outlay, however. But, according to the gas company, this expense will be amortized quickly as the difference in gas and oil prices persists, with the aid of government decree.

Mr. Fagan said that although the gas company has a current waiting list of inquiries, orders placed this summer will be processed

for the fall heating season.

Normally, installation contractors have more time in the summer to do furnace conversions. But this year, with the increased interest, contractors have been operating at a steady pace.

Last year more than 5,000 homes in the Consumers' Gas system were converted from other fuels to natural gas. The gas company continues to install natural gas in over 85 per cent of new homes.

### St. Andrew's 150th year

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Keele Street, Maple, is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

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### 655 Deaths

#### CARLISLE, Jean Margaret —

At her residence in West Hill, on Monday, August 27, 1979, Jean Roe, beloved wife of the late Samuel Herbert Carlisle, dear mother of Anona, Ruth, John, Edith, Fay, Gloria, Howard, Eleanor and Bev. Rested at the Marshall Funeral Home, Yonge St., Richmond Hill. Service was held Thursday afternoon. Interment Heise Hill, Cemetery.

#### JORDAN, John (Jack) —

At Wellesley Hospital, on Thursday, August 30, 1979, John, dearly loved husband of Lillian, loving father of Jerry and loved father-in-law of Norma, whom he loved very dearly, also survived by two sisters and two brothers and many nieces and nephews. Rested at the Marshall Funeral Home, Yonge St., Richmond Hill. Service was held Monday afternoon. Interment Aurora Cemetery. A memorial donation may be made to the Wellesley Hospital Research Haematology Department.

#### KING, Catherine Mary —

At York Central Hospital, on Friday, August 31, 1979, Catherine, wife of the late Edward King, mother of Alice Scott, Catherine (Mrs. W. E. D. Platt), Netta O'Connell, Yvonne (Mrs. H. R. Turner) and the late John King. Also survived by nine grandchildren. Rested at the Marshall Funeral Home, Yonge St., Richmond Hill. Funeral Mass was held in St. Mary Immaculate Church, Saturday, morning. Interment Elgin Mills Cemetery.

#### McKINNON, Peter Gregory —

At the Toronto General Hospital, on Monday, August 27, 1979, Gregory, husband of Elizabeth Marie Shearer, of Sutton, loving father of Dawn and Peter, dear son of Mrs. Douglas McKinnon and the late Mr. McKinnon, brother of Hector, Mary Lou, Alex, Father Douglas, Patricia, Daniel, Florence, Kay, James, Brian and Keefe. Rested at the Marshall Funeral Home, Yonge St., Richmond Hill. Funeral Mass was held in St. Mary Immaculate Church, Friday morning. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

#### ROBOTHAM, Isabella —

At York Central Hospital, on Tuesday, August 28, 1979, Isabella, dear wife of the late Arthur A. Robotham, dear mother of Isabelle Klein, of Phoenix, Arizona, Jean Walker, Gormley and the late Allan, also survived by her seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, dear sister of Margaret Lefler, Arthur, Annie Bennett, Gormley, and Robert, Toronto. Rested at the Marshall Funeral Home, Yonge St., Richmond Hill. Funeral service was held Thursday morning. Interment Thornhill Cemetery.

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