

WEEKLY NEWS NOTES FROM THE UNIONVILLE DISTRICT

Christmas week celebrations were formally opened with appropriate services in all the local churches last Sunday and although the day was perhaps the stormiest on record for this season making roads almost impassible in places, there was a splendid attendance. At Central United the evening service was in charge of the S. S. and choir, Mr. W. Hiltz, the Sunday School Superintendent, directing the Lantern slide story "The Other Wise Man." The story was well given and much appreciated. The pageant which followed was splendidly presented by members of the S. S. and Choir. The costumes and lighting effects were good. A most impressive service.

At St. Philip's Anglican the Christmas Evensong service along with special selections by the choir was an appropriate celebration.

The annual Sunday School Christmas Concert was presented by Bethesda Lutheran Church and included a splendid program of recitations, dialogues, songs, etc. starting with a real welcome recitation by Donnie Summerfeldt, followed with the reading of the Christmas story from St. Luke's gospel by the Pastor. Outstanding numbers included the choruses "Christmas Bells", "All the world is singing", the acrostic "Christmas" by the Primary class, dialogue and chorus "Star of the East" by the girls, the junior pantomime "I think when I read the sweet story of old" and the senior pantomime "As with gladness, men of old" followed by the congregational singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night," made an appropriate closing.

Following the program was the distribution of gifts to the S. S. scholars and outstanding in this event was the presentation of two Christmas baskets by the junior girls. This gift was made possible by the giving of an extra copper every Sunday and is a splendid example of how Missionary giving may be taught to Juniors.

One basket went to the Fred Victor Mission and included Christmas treat sufficient for ten children, and the other found a welcome with a needy family on Yonge Street. Short addresses were given by the Superintendent and the pastor Rev. E. Huenergard. This was indeed a pleasing event.

On Tuesday evening the Junior Classes of Central United Church presented a fine program which was preceded by a hearty supper given by the ladies of the congregation. Santa Claus made quite a surprise visit on this occasion and the little folk were made happy by the distribution of gifts from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

School Concerts have been quite the vogue too. In our local school entertainments were held by the Senior and Junior Rooms on Monday and Tuesday afternoons respectively, and were voted just about the best ever. Here, too, a beautifully decorated tree was a delight to the young folk and the pupils of the Senior room are to be especially commended on their program as it was their own voluntary presentation and wholly prepared outside of school hours. Three short plays were given including the "Sleeping Beauty" and other entertaining selections. Distribution of gifts followed and a popular part of the program was the presentation of a Brief Case to the Principal, A. M. Hill, as a token of appreciation from his pupils.

The primary entertainment was equally entertaining with recitations, the play "Visit to Santa Claus" by the second class and the songs "O Little town of Bethlehem" by the First class and "Merry Christmas" by the Primers. Again the distribution of gifts was a happy event and the splendid holiday spirit was evidenced as ranks were broken until the New Year term opens. Miss Bernice French received many holiday remembrances.

Prize winners for attendance include, in the Senior room, Charles Minton, first for perfect attendance. Charles has a record to be proud of having won this prize on five different occasions. Eileen Stiver and Clara Connell tied for second honors, each being absent 1/2 day and third prize went to Clarence (Buddy) Morden being absent 1 1/2 days.

In the Junior room Donald Maynard headed the list with perfect attendance, and James Mowbray, second, being absent 1/2 day, and Murray Roberts third.

Hagerman school also presented a fine public concert in the school on Monday evening and although the roads were in bad shape a good attendance is reported. The varied program presented many interesting items and special mention might be made of the Hoop Drill by twelve girls and the hilarious blackface skit, "Way down South in Dixie" given by the boys, chorus singing of favorite carols, recitations and solo by Mary Sheldon and duet "Billy Boy" by Sophie Demiak and Bernice Sheldon were favorite members.

Of special interest were the displays of the Manual Training activities by the Senior pupils and the Sand Box creation of an Indian Village by the beginners. The Santa Claus Parade, introducing good old St. Nicholas himself was also a hit of the evening.

The teachers, Mr. Perkin and Miss Hamill with Mrs. Muirhead as assistant in the musical training are to be congratulated upon this splendid entertainment.

Other school entertainments of interest included the Buttonville school entertainment and also the Thornlea School where Miss Muriel Stiver is on the Staff.

Announcement is made of the annual School Meeting of our local Public School that will be held on Wednesday morning, December 30th commencing at 10 o'clock. It is the privilege of all ratepayers in the Section to attend this meeting, especially the parents of the children in school attendance, when all problems of interest in school affairs will be discussed. The crisis of the 3rd room problem in our school seems to be past for a period at least, as the enrolment of twenty-one pupils in the entrance and the falling off of attendance in the Junior room is reported. This should be welcome news to the ratepayers.

The district is favored in having such an efficient Board of Trustees and Unionville School goes on record as being one of the best rural schools in the Township. So, if you are interested in the doings of your school plan to attend the meeting on Wednesday morning.

Word was received here last Saturday of the death of Mr. Arthur Eckhardt in the Private Patients' Pavilion of the Toronto General Hospital. A fall, causing hip fracture, following a serious operation is given as the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Eckhardt was born in Unionville on the farm now owned by Wm. Coulson and was in his 73rd year. He received his education here and later taught in the Public School.

He moved to Toronto some fifty years ago and for thirty-six years had been connected with the R. Laidlaw Lumber Company of which he was manager. He was married twice, his first wife being a sister of Delos Harrington of this place, his second wife Mary Elizabeth Memory along with two sons, Nolan and William, two daughters, Mrs. Hugh J. Ryan and Mrs. Richard Gough and two sisters, Mrs. H. E. Arnold, Anaheim, Calif., and Miss Mary Eckhardt of Toronto survive him. Mr. Eckhardt has always been active in business circles, was Past President of the Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association and was formerly on the Board of the Canadian Lumberman's Association. He was also one of the organizers of the Retail Lumber Dealers' Association. He was also a life member of the Art Gallery of Toronto, the York Pioneers' Association, Ontario Club, Granite Club, Royal Canadian Yacht Club, The Mississauga Golf and Country Club, The Briars' Gold and Country Club, being a past president of the latter.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday afternoon from his late residence, 916 Avenue Road. Interment was made in Mount Hope Cemetery. And still another entertainment of interest, which was evidenced by the large attendance at the Veterans annual Christmas Concert held last Friday in the Township Hall with Mr. Flaherty, the President and Mr. G. Martin, the Secretary of the Association, in charge. The programme has been highly commended and the Ukranian Quartette from Agincourt were an especially fine addition to the list of good entertainers and are highly recommended for any other events that may be planned. Other interesting items on the program were a clever ventriloquist from Toronto and the showing of several reels of good Comedy Film, the machine and a competent man in charge an appreciated donation. Santa Claus made his appearance later in the evening, much to the joy of the youngsters, distributing many gifts from the lovely Christmas tree and the bags of candies and oranges to the kiddies. Appreciation is expressed to all for the splendid co-operation that made this event such a success.

Miss Jean Muirhead visited Miss Grace Yeamans of Agincourt Tuesday. Miss Allison Hood, who is attending O.A.C. at Guelph arrived home on Tuesday to spend Christmas holidays. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Grant of Hagerman on the birth of a son. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parkinson and family visited Mrs. J. R. Hood on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ole Vaughn of Toronto were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Russell on Sunday. Rev. A. E. Owen and Dr. A. Kennedy left on Tuesday to spend Christmas in Timmins with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kennedy.

Social and Personal

Send "The Liberal" a list of your Christmas visitors.

Skating at Richmond Hill arena Christmas afternoon and evening.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mihorean, Markham Road, in the death of her sister at North Bay last week.

"White Gifts" brought to the United Sunday School last Sunday were very gratifying to those in charge. Thirty-one baskets have been distributed in the neighborhood.

Dr. Kirkwood of India, who is taking research work in Canada this year will be the guest of Miss Follett and Mrs. Gee during the holiday season.

The 1st Richmond Hill Co. of Canadian Girl Guides held their annual Christmas entertainment in the Municipal Building. A splendid program of carols, dialogues and demonstrations of Guide work was much appreciated by the audience.

Mr. 'Don' Dayton of the local Bank of Commerce staff was this week transferred to the Claremont branch. Mr. Dayton made many friends in this district who regret his departure and wish him every success in the future. Mr. Tipper, formerly of the Markham staff, has taken up his new duties here.

ITEMS OMITTED

We regret that many interesting items sent in by contributors had to be omitted from this issue. As many as possible will be included in next week's paper.

HOCKEY GAME HERE MONDAY NIGHT

East York Juniors who are using Richmond Hill arena for their home ice this year will play their opening O.H.A. schedule game here Monday night with Aurora as the visiting team. The game will start at 8:30.

SHOOTING MATCH

There will be a shooting match for dressed turkeys at Jack Frisby's, Victoria Square, Saturday afternoon, December 26th. Target rifles and shot guns.

SCHOOL MEETING S. S. NO. 24 VAUGHAN

A general School Meeting of S. S. No. 24 Vaughan will be held in Richvale School on Wednesday, December 30th, 1936 at 8 p.m. General business will be transacted and election of one Trustee.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Anglican) RICHMOND HILL

Rector: Rev. W. F. Wrixon, L.Th. CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday after Christmas 8 a.m.—Holy Communion. 11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 3 p.m.—Sunday School. 7 p.m.—Evening Prayer. Christmas Carols at both services. Watchnight Service Thursday, Dec. 31st, 11:30 p.m. A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

RICHMOND HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. D. Cunningham Sunday, Dec. 27th 11 a.m.—"Majestic Humility." 2:30 p.m.—Sunday School. 7 p.m.—"Are Christ's Foes Dead." The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin, The light of the world is Jesus.

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH

Rev. C. W. Follett, B.D., Pastor Sunday, Dec. 27th 11 a.m.—Public Worship. The Pastor will preach. 2:45 p.m.—Sunday School. 7 p.m.—Service of Praise and a brief Gospel Message. A hearty invitation to all our members and friends to join with us in the closing services of the year 1936. NOTICE: Watch Night service on Thursday evening next beginning at 11 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Delos Harrington attended the funeral of Mr. Arthur Eckardt in Toronto on Tuesday.

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

10 a.m.—Church School. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Oswald Dyke and Robt. Hiltz in charge of both services.

EBENEZER UNITED CHURCH

1:30 p.m.—Church School. 2:30 p.m.—Howard Beare in charge.

ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

10 a.m.—Church School. 11 a.m.—The cantata "Bethlehem."

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. E. Huenergard, B.D. Pastor 1:30 p.m.—Church School. 2:30 p.m.—Public Worship.

LARGE NUMBER ENJOY WORK ON POSTAL STAFF

As a result of the efforts of Col. W. P. Mulock, K.C.M.P. for North York, over seventy-five from this district are working for the Postal Department in Toronto helping with the Christmas mail. This work at Christmas time is very much appreciated by the men and the extra money earned will brighten the festive celebration in many homes. We have received a large number of communications expressing grateful appreciation to Col. Mulock for his effective work in the interests of the people of North York and these may be summed up in two words "Thank You". On behalf of those who have benefitted we are happy to pass on to our federal member this sincere "Thank You" from those in the district who deeply appreciate the opportunity of earning this extra money at Christmas. Incidentally last year was the first time any of the extra Christmas help taken on by the Postal Department included any from this riding. Once again on behalf of the people of North York we say to Col. Mulock, thank you, and best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT DANCE

A dance will be held in Vellore Hall December 25, Christmas Night. Proceeds in aid of Building Fund. Nelson's Orchestra. Ernie Evans, floor manager.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. J. L. McDonald and family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness during Mrs. McDonald's illness and expressions of sympathy tendered to them in their recent bereavement.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Richmond Hill Horticultural Society will be held on Saturday, January 9th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, in the Municipal Hall. Election of officers for 1937 will take place and delegates to the Ontario Horticultural Association Convention in February will be appointed.

PATTERSON SCHOOL CONCERT AN ENJOYABLE EVENT

The Christmas Concert of Patterson School was held on Monday evening, Dec. 21st. Despite bad roads the hall was filled to capacity to witness a splendid entertainment put on by the pupils of the school and also ex-pupils, 32 items in all. The chair was ably taken by Reeve Bob Scott. The operetta Tom Boy Jo was very well rendered. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Old Tyme Square Dance—with caller off complete—also a pretty garland dance, musical selections, recitations, duets, songs and choruses etc. each one deserving of comment singly and which showed the splendid training the children all received under the able direction of their teacher, Miss Ann Lindsay—but space forbids. The ex-pupils staged a one act comedy entitled "Advertising for a Husband" which was most amusing and well done. To top the event off, Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts, candies and fruit and everyone reported having spent a most enjoyable time.

MANY WON PRIZES AT ROLLING MOTOR SALES OPENING

A large crowd attended the official opening of the Rolling Motor Sales last Saturday and enjoyed the fine program provided. In the evening following a parade and exhibit of the new models of Pontiac and McLaughlin-Buick there was a big program of movies which delighted the large audience. In the draw for the lucky number prizes the following won prizes: 15 gals. gas won by Nelson Bone, Richmond Hill; 1 gal. motor oil won by Stewart Burnett, Jefferson; 10 gals. gas won by V. McCullough, Richmond Hill; 1 gal. anti-freeze won by Madeline Mihorean, Richmond Hill; 10 gals. gas won by Norman Bone, Richmond Hill; a de-froster won by Geo. Hull, Richmond Hill.

The new model cars are now on display at the attractive show rooms at 29 Yonge Street and their many fine features have been the subject of widespread comment. From its first showing the new Pontiac made an especial hit with the people and is likely to prove a popular seller in this district. Mr. Rollins announced today that Mr. "Wally" Baker, well known in this district, had been appointed to the permanent sales staff of the organization.

REDUCED RAIL FARES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

One Way Fare and One Quarter for the round trip good going from Dec. 23rd to 2 p.m. December 27th, return limit Dec. 28th, or going from Dec. 20th to 2 p.m. Jan. 3rd, return limit Jan. 4th. One Way Fare and one third good going from Dec. 20th to Jan. 1st,

SPORTS

(By Bunny White)

Friday, Dec. 18th, a meeting was held in the Municipal Hall for the purpose of forming an Intermediate Town Hockey League.

The following officers were elected: Pres., B. F. White; Sec.-Treas., J. Grainger; Executive composed of the managers of the various teams.

The following teams compose the league: Richmond Hill, the B. A. Oilers, Thornhill, Elgin Mills and Oak Ridges; combined, Gormley and Victoria Square, combined, Silver Stream and Maple.

This League will be sure to furnish the hockey fans with some real sport this winter so be sure to turn out. There will be 3 games a night.

The first game will start at 7 p.m. and the last game will be over before 11 o'clock.

Owing to the lack of ice the Sport News is brief this week.

Sport News wishes all the readers of The Liberal a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

JAMES BUTLER LIKELY SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE

It has been intimated that Mr. James Butler will likely be a candidate for Board of Education at the coming elections. Mr. Butler is well known as the head of the Richmond Hill Trumpet Band and for his activities in many community enterprises. Elected members of the Board whose terms of office expire this year are trustees P. E. Angle, A. D. Buchanan and L. A. Hill. Mr. Bert Cook who recently resigned from the board has also been mentioned as a possible candidate.

THE LIBERAL WILL BE ISSUED NEXT WEDNESDAY

Next week, New Year's coming on Friday, The Liberal will be published on Wednesday and we again ask our correspondents and contributors for their cooperation by having their copy in early. All items should reach us as early in the week as possible, and not later than Tuesday noon. Thank you.

Marguerite Boyle

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\$150—Chev. 6 Coach, 1929
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 - 26 DIONNE QUINTUPLETS - JEAN HERSHOLT SLIM SUMMERVILLE in "REUNION"

The cute Quints highlight this comedy drama. This picture has something of almost everything.

MONDAY & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 - 29 MYRNA LOY - WARNER BAXTER in "TO MARY WITH LOVE"

A penetrating and incisively detailed portrait of modern marriage with emotional values keenly compounded.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30-31 WARNER OLAND - HELEN WOOD in "CHARLIE CHAN AT THE RACE TRACK"

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