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RE LANGSTAFF SCHOOL MEETING

The Liberal, Richmond Hill,

Dear Sirs:—

I was pleasantly surprised to see so many out attending Langstaff school meeting New Year's Eve. It was evident that something was expected, though nothing unusual happened. I understand these meetings have never been well attended and that such a large gathering was out of the ordinary, which would suggest to me that some campaigning had been done.

There has been a great deal of responsibility left on the shoulders of the trustees of this school all these years, and I am sure Mrs. Ball is to be greatly congratulated by the great amount of confidence placed in her and I sincerely congratulate her on her very long service and her return to office again by acclamation.

The presence of the Rev. Mr. Colclough in the chair gave a bearing of dignity to the meeting and it was indeed gracious of him to give his time and show his kindly interest in the community in general.

I would like to thank Mr. Mathews for my own nomination and had it not been a complete surprise things might have been different, but feeling very incompetent beside Mrs. Ball's long years of experience as trustee I felt obliged to withdraw.

I thank Mr. Mathews for the honor. I also thank anyone who might have given me a vote.

I close by saying that should Mr. Morgan Boyle be disqualified by reason of his living out of the school section and it is found necessary to elect another trustee, that I hope there will be another large turnout of residents and that they will share the responsibility for the education of young Canada.

It is not fair to the trustees to elect them and run out on them. We as parents have our responsibilities also and there should be a good attendance at several school meetings each year.

Yours very truly,
Frances G. Weaver.

Thornhill

The Thornhill Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Norman Maude, Centre St. on Thursday, January 22nd at 2.30. The speaker will be Mr. Saunders, retired principal of Northern Vocational School, subject, Education. Social conveners for the afternoon are Mrs. Maude and Mrs. McCaughey.

Last call to enroll for the War Emergency Course sponsored by the Thornhill Branch of the Red Cross! The first lecture will be given by Mrs. Ross Wesley at Thornhill school Friday, January 9th at 2 p.m.

There will be a collection of salvage, paper, etc. for the Thornhill Branch of the Red Cross on Wednesday, Jan. 14. Telephone Mrs. R. H. Neill, telephone 112, if you wish the truck to call.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. B. Mundy and Quentin, have recently returned from visiting their daughter Mrs. Grant Wyley (Thekla) in Cleveland, Ohio.

The W.M.S. of Thornhill United Church held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 6th in the S.S. Room. Mrs. N. L. Morton presided. After a short but serious devotional, Rev. E. A. Currie gave an appealing address. The following officers for 1942 were elected: Mrs. N. L. Morton, president; Mrs. G. Russell, vice-president; Mrs. C. P. Johns, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. R. Simpson, corresponding secretary; Miss A. Boyle, pianist; Mrs. J. Wesley, Mission Band leader.

Misses Madeline Grey and Frances Hooper of Toronto were recent visitors of Miss Maxine Jamieson.

Mrs. James Simpson and Maxine were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. Simpson.

The W.A. of the United Church will be held on January 14th at the home of Mrs. George Russell. Everyone welcome.

Miss Hazel Oke of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Oke.

Unionville

Many Attend Funeral of the Late Rev. Frank Rae

Many residents of Unionville attended the funeral of Rev. Frank Rae, one-time minister of Unionville, whose death took place on Friday last after a short illness. Rev. Murray Tate, Lansing, officiated.

The service was held in Willowdale United Church, and Rev. Mr. Tate was assisted by Rev. Frank Brown, Willowdale, and Rev. W. A. McTaggart, North Toronto. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Milliken.

Mr. Rae was born in Glasgow, Scotland, 88 years ago, the son of Mathew Rae and Harriet Gilmour. He was educated at Bew College, Edinburgh, where he received the degree of Master of Arts. His ordination in the ministry took place in 1884, and he received his first call to the Presbyterian Church at Maxwellton, Glasgow. In July, 1890, he married Bessie Alexander Barbour.

He and his wife came to Canada in 1906, and almost immediately he accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church at Unionville, which held its services in conjunction with congregations at Brown's Corners and St. John's, on the 5th concession of Markham Township. This ministry he carried on for 19 years, living in Unionville.

In 1925 Mr. and Mrs. Rae moved from Unionville, taking up residence in Willowdale, a more convenient location for the carrying on of his new duties as a hospital chaplain.

Mr. Rae has also carried on his ministry as a clergyman, filling many vacancies during vacation periods.

He is survived by his widow, one son, R. B. Rae, Unionville; two brothers and one sister, and three grandchildren.

EBENEZER UNITED CHURCH

Standard Time
1.30 p.m.—Church School.
2.30 p.m.—Presentation of Enlistment Roll. Speaker, Captain Alan Ferry of Stanley Barracks, Toronto.

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Unionville
Pastor—Rev. A. E. Owen
10.30 a.m.—Church School.
11.30 a.m.—Sacrament service. Subject, "Christ's First Disciples first question."
7.30 p.m.—Presentation of Enlistment Roll. Guest speaker, Captain Alan Ferry of Stanley Barracks, Toronto.

Liberal classified "ads" pay good dividends.

Newtonbrook

A special service of Remembrance will be held in Newtonbrook United Church next Sunday evening, January 11th at 7 o'clock in honor of the men who have joined His Majesty's Forces from the church and community. A cordial invitation is extended to all the relatives and friends to attend this service. The Young Ladies' Bible Class will repeat the Patriotic Pageant which they presented at the Christmas concert, "The Making of Canada's Flag", at the close of the worship service. Come and join us in this service. All are welcome.

The Universal Week of Prayer is being observed this week in the five churches in the district, Lansing United on Monday evening, Tuesday at Westminster Presbyterian, Willowdale; Wednesday at Newtonbrook United; This (Thursday) evening at St. George's Anglican, Willowdale, and Friday evening at Willowdale United Church.

The Young People's Union will meet next Monday, January 12th at 8.15 p.m. and will be in charge of the Missionary Convener, Miss Frances Schmidt. The Young People in the community are cordially invited.

The Y.P.U. met last Monday evening with the new president Hicks Smith in the chair. The Christian Fellowship Convener, Miss Margaret Grisdale, presented a splendid program. A recreation period followed when a game of ping pong was enjoyed by the members.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hanna of Barrie and Pte. Howard Irwin of Debert Military Camp, Nova Scotia, were guests this week at the Parsonage.

Last Friday, January 2nd, Rev. Frank Rae, a beloved and honoured minister of the United Church of Canada was suddenly called to his reward after only a couple of days illness in his 88th year. Born in Scotland Rev. Rae served for a number of years in the Presbyterian Church. When he came to Canada he became minister at Brown's Corners near Unionville. Following his superannuation in 1925 he moved to Willowdale. He served for a number of years as Hospital Chaplain for the United Church. His widow, Bessie Alexander Barbour Rae and one son Robert B. Rae survive. One son gave his life in the Great War. A public service was held in Willowdale United Church on Monday afternoon with Rev. Murray Tate in charge assisted by Rev. Dr. W. A. MacTaggart, chairman of the Toronto Centre Presbytery, Rev. F. N. Bowes, Rev. A. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and Rev. T. W. Neal. Interment took place in St. John's Cemetery, Markham Township. To the bereaved family we extend sincere sympathy.

Mr. Unwin has returned to duty at Espanola after spending the holidays with his wife and daughter.

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Halbert spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carson at King City.

Mr. Harold Smith has returned to Montreal after spending the holiday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith.

Miss Helen Bruce of Finch Ave., one of our outstanding musicians has secured a position and will travel extensively throughout the Dominion of Canada.

Having extended her visit longer than she meant to, the old lady was going home after dark — and it was dark.

Presently in spite of all her care, she bumped into a dimly-seen man and they both crashed on the pavement. At once the man was all apologies.

"So sorry," he murmured. "Careless of me. Let me help you up. So sorry."

"Never mind all that," returned the old lady, curtly. "Will you please tell me which way I was facing before I was knocked down."

Richvale Red Cross

At the first regular meeting of the New Year of the Richvale Red Cross the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. W. Bailey; Vice-President, Mrs. Geo. Allison; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wally Baker; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jackson Taylor; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Rowdon; Wool Convener, Mrs. Webb; Sewing Convener, Mrs. M. F. Fenner; Advertising, Mr. Jackson Taylor, Mr. Cyril Baker.

Work done during the year 1941 includes: Knitting — 15 pair seaman's stockings, 11 pair seaman's long stockings, 15 pair two-way mitts, 19 turtle neck sweaters, 28 seaman's scarfs, 4 helmets. Miscellaneous — 3 pair baby socks, 1 Afghan, 1 pair seaman's rib socks, 3 pair plain socks, tweed scarf. Sewing — 5 complete layettes, 9 children's pyjamas, 4 men's two pants pyjama suits, 10 girls' blouses, 5 girls' jumpers 5 boys' suits, 5 boys' shirts, 7 boys' braces. Miscellaneous — 1 baby jacket, 1 quilt, 2 pair boys' extra pants, 1 coat, 1 combination, 1 suit.

It was decided at the meeting to resume the afternoon euvres on alternating weeks at the homes of the members. The first one will be held at the home of Mrs. M. F. Fenner on Oak Avenue near Yonge, Thursday afternoon, January 22nd at two o'clock.

The committee wishes to announce that, in answer to the nationwide appeal for antiseptics and hospital equipment for Russian Relief, it will hold a dance and euvre on Friday evening, January 16th at the Richvale school, stop 22A Yonge Street with Danny's Orchestra in attendance. The Victory 4 Quartette will be an added feature. For further particulars see ad.

Somewhere in England,
Sunday, Nov. 9, 1941.

To the Sec., Richvale Branch Can. Red Cross:—

Will you please thank all the members of your branch for their parcel which I received yesterday. It is a great pleasure to know that one is remembered by the folks at home and I appreciate your kindness very much. The parcel arrived in good condition and the contents will be very useful as they are quite difficult to obtain here. Again thanking you, I remain

Yours sincerely,
'Gib' Whittamoor.

Nov. 11, 1941.

To Red Cross of Richvale,
Dear Madam:—

Just a few lines to thank you for your parcel which I received last night. It was a swell gift and came in real handy as things are pretty scarce over here. However with friends like you back home I am sure us fellows can soon put a stop to this war and bring home the bacon to sort of repay you for your kindness which we really appreciate. Once again thanking you and wishing you all the best of luck and health I'll say cheerio.

Sincerely yours,
Bill Adams,
(Cpl. W. J. Adams,
B66718, R. Regt. C.)

PRESS CENSORSHIP

English newspapers are attempting to operate with press censorship such as described in this story from Newspaper World, London: "Once upon a time there was a ministry of information carrier pigeon. And as it was flying leisurely to its destination it was jostled by a second pigeon which bawled: Get a move on. I've got the denial!"

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