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Dedication And Memorial Service Most Impressive

An impressive and memorable service was held in Brown's Corners United Church on Sunday, December 8 when a dedication service was conducted by Rev. E. A. Currey, assisted by Rev. H. J. McKay. In his address Rev. E. A. Currey said it was fitting and seemly to remember the pioneers of this district with gifts to the church which they founded and supported. Furnishings dedicated were: pulpit and chairs, presented by L. A. Hood; Bible by Jas. Thomson and family; communion table, by Mrs. Glendenning; baptismal font by the Davidson Mission Band; doors by Mrs. Wm. Brown.

In unveiling a memorial tablet to Pte. Roy Alexander Walker, who was killed in Dieppe, he paid tribute to the many young men who made the supreme sacrifice. He spoke of Pte. Walker's life in our community where he had many friends, and closed with the text inscribed on the tablet, "Greater love hath no man than this: That a man lay down his life for his friends."

Rev. H. J. McKay unveiled a tablet in memory of Sidney John English, who was choirmaster and organist of the church for a number of years.

At the conclusion of the service a number of friends remained to witness the baptism of baby Sidney John English, grandson of our late choirmaster.

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

Santa Claus will be in Richmond Hill Saturday afternoon, December 21 and at his Ice Palace in the Richmond Hill arena will greet children from the village and the surrounding district.

Commencing at 3 p.m., there will be a parade from the north end of the village featuring a Clown Band and other attractions.

At the arena there will be a huge Christmas tree, and Fairy Queens will hand out gifts to all the children.

Everyone is invited and a record crowd is expected to greet Santa whose visit here is sponsored by the Richmond Hill Lions Club.

Maple Women's Institute Hear Inspiring Christmas Message

Speaking to the members of Maple Women's Institute this week Mrs. F. S. Rumble brought the Christmas message in an inspiring manner. Speaking on the subject of "Christmas" she said "Once again the great Christian festive season approaches, and the birthday of Christ is celebrated throughout the world. In a day when the nations of the world are seeking to re-establish themselves after being engaged in the most deadly conflict of all history we turn with fresh hope in our hearts to Him who said 'It is more blessed to give than ot receive.' And what opportunities we have for giving when there are many who need encouragement. There are always lonely hearts, those who are physically handicapped, and many facing the future with uncertainty, and a word in season or a helping hand from us may do more than we realize to gladden the pathway or give a lift to the weary heart. So let us make the Christmas season a festival of friendship. Friendship shines brightly today as it has always done against the dark background of selfishness by which the world is cursed. Self interest is so often the dominating motive of our lives, but the secret of true Christmas joy will never be found by those whose thoughts turn inward. Those who make of the Christmas season a time to minister lovingly to the great fraternity of human need will surely find happiness entering their own hearts. J. M. Barrie has said 'Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.'

"It is the essence of Christmas that we should think of others. Even the small child may learn the blessedness of giving. In our churches and Sunday schools we have the White Gift Sunday when the children are encouraged to come not seeking something for themselves, but bringing presents for children not so privileged as they. All of which is in the true spirit of Him whose birthday we celebrate, He who came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

"Christmas for the children we say, yet it is good for us all to be as children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas when its mighty Founder was a child Himself. The first Christmas gifts taken with adoration by wise men long ago to the infant Jesus established the custom of Christmas giving. When some childish heart is made happy, some aged one made comfortable by kindly thought the spirit of Christmas is indeed shedding cheer and gladness.

"Music, too, holds an important place in our celebration of Christmas and has done so down through the ages. At the birth of Jesus the angelic choir sang 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.' So, at this time of year we join in songs of adoration and praise. The beautiful Christmas hymns and carols give expression to our feelings and draw us closer in Christian fellowship.

'O Holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel.'

"Old traditional customs make Christmas something stable and unchanging, something to cling to in a changing world. So let us observe Christmas in the same old way, for who will say that it can be improved upon. After doing what we can to brighten the lives of others which will make the true significance of the day come into our hearts, let us put up the Holly wreath, light the Christmas candle, join in the singing of carols, read again the Christmas story, and engage in the old, old custom of extending to friends and dear ones the old, old wish 'A Merry Christmas'."

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Parnell White and there was a generous response to the roll call giving gifts for the Sick Children's Hospital. A beautiful layette recently was sent to Britain. The district president, Mrs. J. Snider, and district secretary, Mrs. Vanderburgh, were present and spoke briefly. The ladies are planning a social evening for Maple Lacrosse team of which notice will be given at a later date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT

The annual Christmas party of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church Sunday School will be held in the Sunday School room Saturday afternoon, December 21 at 3.30 o'clock. An interesting program is being prepared including movies as a special attraction. After supper Santa Claus will pay a visit to the school. All pupils of the Sunday School and their parents will be welcome.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

The Christmas season is not complete without a Candlelight Carol Service. Such a service is now an annual event at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, and will be held on Sunday next, December 22 at 7.30 p.m. It is expected that the usual large congregation will gather to sing the old and well loved Christmas Carols in a setting of evergreens, flowers and many candles. The service will be held half an hour later to accommodate those who live out of town.

SURPLUS GOVT. BUILDINGS USED FOR HOUSING

A survey by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation reveals that surplus government buildings are housing approximately 16,220 persons and a "conservative" estimate placed at 28,000 the number who would be in such accommodation by the end of February. Financial assistance in meeting conversion costs was $2,066,164. The program involved co-operation by municipal, provincial and federal authorities.

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OLIVIA DE HAVILAND, IDA LUPINO in
" DEVOTION "
SELECTED SHORTS

MONDAY & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 24
JOHN HODIAK, NANCY GUILD in
" SOMEWHERE IN THE NIGHT "
— — — ALSO — — —
CHARLES BOYER, JENNIFER JONES in
" CLUNY BROWN "

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25
" CANYON PASSAGE "

A Merry Christmas

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Probably every country in the world has its own peculiar Christmas customs, but the ideal in each is no doubt the same, namely, that peace and good will may prevail, that all men may bask in the smile of the Divine Infant.

Christmas is and should be a festival of good cheer because it recalls the greatest news ever delivered to mankind, the news, as a carol that is almost universally sung puts it, "Christ is born in Bethlehem".

In Canada from the time of the earliest pioneers, the season of Christmas has been always one of light-hearted merriment albeit a season, too, of thoughtful religious observance. The Christmas spirit exemplifies a Canadian ideal, and if Canadians could have their way about it, that spirit would not be confined to a brief time at the end of each Calendar year, but would be the prevailing spirit the year round, and every year.

That is the way The Liberal feels about it, and with that thought in view, we wish all our readers a right merry Christmas.

Temperanceville Honors Sons Who Served In War

Tokens of gratitude and esteem were extended to 30 servicemen of the Temperanceville district at a Turkey Supper and presentation held in their honor at the church on Saturday, December 14. Gifts of pen and pencil sets were presented by Mrs. Maurice Beynon, on behalf of the community, the event being sponsored by the W.I. Branch of which she is president. The memory of F.O. Bob Rumble and W.O. James Kerswill, both of the Air Force, was silently revered, these young men having perished in the conflict. It is worthy of note that individual centres in King Township have each honored the service personnel of that particular district. Nothing has been omitted by each community to show appreciation and good will to those men and women who offered service to protect those on the home front and to bring about the peace cherished by all.

Installs Father-in-law At Masonic Investiture

The annual Installation of the Worshipful Master and Investiture of the officers of Vaughan Masonic Lodge took place on Tuesday evening, December 10 in the lodge at Maple. One unique feature of the evening was the fact that the Installing Master, W. Bro. Andrew Snider, installed his father-in-law, W. Bro. Ernest Sharpe. Many of the brethren who had associated with the newly installed Master in his work and as a member of Grenville Lodge in Toronto came to see the ceremony and congratulate W. Bro. Sharpe on his elevation to King Solomon's chair. The other officers elected and appointed were: I.P.M., W. Bro. W. J. Hodge; S.W., Bro. C. E. Fockler; J.W., W. Bro. H. Bryan; S.D., Bro. R. Noble; J.D., Bro. D. Crook; Chaplain, W. Bro. C. H. Bowman; Secretary, W. Bro. R. A. Bigford; Treasurer, R.W. Bro. I. B. Musselman; Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro. A. E. Snider; S.S., Bro. N. Lund; J.S., Bro. W. Bailey; I.G., Bro. W. Hallowell; Tyler, Bro. Robt. Ramsay; Assistant Secretary, Bro. G. Watson.

It was gratifying to the new officers to see the presence of so many of the members of Vaughan Lodge as well as many visitors from neighbouring lodges. After the ceremony was completed a number of the visiting brethren offered their congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of Vaughan Lodge.

Christmas 1946

O Little Baby, Holy Child,
Lying there in Mary's arms,
A wondrous light shines in her eyes
As she smiles o'er Thy Infant charms.

The learned ones kneel down to praise
Thy coming, to his home of men;
A starry herald was their guide
To bring them here to Bethlehem.

The shepherds from the nearby hills
Have come to see their Infant King;
A day will come when Thou wilt teach
To men, the art of shepherding.

Others walk the streets this night
Devoid of wonder or surprise,
Not knowing that a King is born,
And God looks through a Baby's eyes.

A time will come when Thou will teach
The Truth of God in Galilee;
Some men will turn aside in hate,
Others will gladly follow Thee.

There will be those who will not love,
Will pass Thee by without a glance;
They cannot see the light of God
Alight in Thy fair countenance.

Thy words will simply be just words;
They'll fall on hearts grown strangely cold.
E'en though Thou speak of God and man,
Of treasures they are new and old.

On Calvary's hill the storm will break;
A cross up-raised against the sky,
And cruel sin shall nail Thee there,
Mock Thy suffering, watch Thee die.

Yet there are eyes, in which alone
Thy light of love doth brightly shine;
These are the souls Thy love hath won,
Proud to feel that they are Thine.

Then in a garden fresh and cool.
We'll see a tomb, a stone rolled clear;
An Angel standing there speaks out
To soothe the heart and quell the fear.

So on that night so long ago,
When star and angel told Thy birth;
Guant fear was stilled, brave hope was born,
And man walked on a friendly earth.

O Infant Jesus, Son of God;
We, also bow in Holy joy.
Thy praise doth occupy our voice,
Thy way of life our lives employ.

Lord Jesus, touch these lips of ours,
That we in turn, will live to bless
Our fellow-men along the way,
And show to them Christ's happiness.

—Rev. M. R. Jenkinson,
United Church Parsonage,
King, Ont.

Impressive Service Held At St. Mary's

Memorial Tablet And Chimes Dedicated

St. Mary's Anglican Church was filled to capacity Sunday afternoon when impressive services were held marking the unveiling of memorial for six young men from that church who gave their lives in World War II. Rev. W. F. Wrixon, Rector, was in charge of the service assisted by Rev. L. C. Secrett of Willowdale, a former Rector.

The Memorial Tablet donated by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gamble was unveiled by Mrs. J. Clark, a sister of Robert Gamble, one of the boys honored at the service. Other names on the tablet are: George Adams, Fred Carter, Charles Hill, Roy Russell, Ernest White. Following the dedication by the Rector there was three minutes silence and the Last Post and Reveille sounded by James Butler. "Joyous Church Bells" then was heard on the new chimes in the tower.

Local Institute Hear Christmas Story

Owing to weather conditions many members were absent from the Women's Institute December meeting held in the Municipal Hall last Thursday. Those present, however, felt amply repaid as they listened in rapt attention while Mrs. Lloyd Hill told the story of "The Doll's House", her theme being "And when I love and cherish them, I serve the Babe of Bethlehem". The story pictures two destitute children starry-eyed and breathless over one glimpse of the little lamp in the Doll's House, the property of a sheltered child.

The meeting voted to assume responsibility for visiting a soldier at Christie St. Hospital each month, and generally cheering him with suitable gifts, etc.

Mrs. Zuefelt on Current Events reviewed the disturbing situation in Palestine.

Three Christmas carols were sung during the meeting and light refreshments were served at the close. Hostesses, Mrs. Sayers, Mrs. Endean, Mrs. Lynett.

The executive and members of the Institute join in wishing everyone "The Compliments of the Season" and extend a cordial invitation to the women of the community to come to their monthly meetings, the second Thursday in each month. Watch for the announcement in The Liberal.

REMEMBER THE MAILMAN

There's one man who serves faithfully and well in all kinds of weather throughout the year who rates a little thought at Christmastime, and that's your Mailman. In your Christmas shopping don't forget the fellow who lives the slogan "the mail must go through."

Year In Business Teaches Young Veteran Many Things

Saturday afternoon, December 7th A. S. Farmer conducted an auction sale of antiques, household furniture and other articles at the McLean Trading Co., Yonge and Colborne Sts., Thornhill. The sale was in the nature of a first anniversary for it is little more than a year since the twenty-one year old proprietor, David McLean, took out a license to deal in used articles. When asked what made him choose this business the youthful veteran who spent eight of his nineteen months naval service on a corvette in the English channel, replied that when he came home he knew definitely that he wanted above all to "be his own boss". A survey of Thornhill showed that there was a good opening for a dealer in used articles of all kinds so he lost no time in getting to work. Days were spent in going through the preliminary Government red tape and obtaining the necessary permits, and more days in searching for a second hand truck, as a new one was not available. The problem of accommodation was worst of all however. In the end he bought a small house from which to operate but this proved a fiasco and the tenants were unable to move out when they expected to, and he was forced to conduct his business from very limited quarters at home. Upon his release from the army Ralph Torp joined him and the two boys worked hard, even cleaning cellars and trucking away rubbish to make a few dollars. The six by six chicken coop was converted into a tiny workshop where Ralph painted and repaired articles brought in by David. They were then stored in the tool shed or cellar. It was an unsatisfactory and cramping arrangement and exasperation was reaching a high level when in the spring McLean managed to rent a shed at the rear of Answell Appliances on Yonge St. "What with the telephone and people tracking through the kitchen at all hours, I guess my mother was pretty glad to be rid of us," grinned David. "However she found the varied stock I brought in very amusing, particularly the dressmaker's judy with the Victorian figure. And do you know that thing sold in a jiffy."

Torp returned to the job which he held before enlisting, and McLean with mounting overhead to consider has since carried on alone. The shed was a mere shell and unsuitable for storing anything of value but it tided him over the summer and in September when the Francis house was put up for sale he was able to obtain this desirable property. He says that it seems quite a long time now since those 'chicken house days' when his initial stock consisted of a handsome antique walnut chair given by friends (others also were helpful and generous) and a few desks and waste paper baskets bought from a war plant. "There is a heck of a lot to learn about a business the hard way," he admits philosophically. The experimental sale was a case in point. Bidding was not as brisk as it could have been though there was a very good crowd in attendance. Many of the articles so painstakingly gathered, sold below cost and some collectors' items went for a song. However young McLean feels that it served its purpose in acquainting people with his business and in netting him many customers well pleased with their bargains. Now he is busily gathering together an even bigger and better stock of used articles of every description.

Local Poet Has Works Published

Congratulations to Robert D. Little, Richmond Hill, who this week had a book of verse published, and the volume, "Rhyme and Reason", is now on sale. It contains 80 poems from the pen of Richmond Hill's "poet laureate", is attractively bound, and will make an ideal Christmas gift with a real Richmond Hill note. "Rhyme and Reason" will be on sale at The Liberal Office.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN W.A. ELECTS OFFICERS

At the final meeting of the year on Tuesday, December 17 St. Mary's Anglican W.A. elected the following officers for 1947: President, Mrs. N. Chatterley; vice-president, Mrs. N. McGibbon; treasurer, Miss J. Doran; recording secretary, Mrs. Robert D. Little; corresponding secretary, Miss E. Stewart; Living Message sec., Mrs. W. Hall; Dorcas sec., Mrs. W. J. Taylor; Educational sec., Miss I. Curry; Pianist, Mrs. W. C. Savage.

Kindergarten And Nurse Viewed Signs Of Progress

The Liberal this week received the following letters on school subjects:

Dear Sir:

A recent edition of your paper carried a most significant item. I refer to the appointment of a school nurse. To those of us who have moved from an urban centre to this area, it is indicative of progress. When we secure a kindergarten as well, the local school should compare facourably with a city school.

The matter of securing a competent school nurse should be of paramount importance to all your readers. Truly I wish to congratulate the persons who were responsible for Miss Hallowell's selection. Her ability in training, in University and as a public health nurse in the city schools indicate that she is a person of unusual talent and ability.

Now, let us, as parents get behind the nurse wholeheartedly. If some physical defect in our children is noted and reported, let us give our grateful thanks and above all, let us not adopt an attitude of ignoring helpful, kindly assistance. Our children will be healthier and better citizens if we can only play our part as wise, thoughtful parents.

Now for the kindergarten.

Pleasantly surprised parent.

URGES MORE INTEREST IN EDUCATION

Editor, The Liberal,

Dear Sir:—

Now that the municipal elections have been held in the majority of rural districts and in some instances acclamations accorded while where contests occurred a greater interest was shown than during the period of war. The average ratepayer was more interested in the maintenance of roads, the cost of hospitalization, increase in expenditure of the Children's Aid, etc. than the educational system or the future improvements that could be made in the Public Schools of the different townships.

The population of the rural districts is likely to double during the next decade. Would not the present be the opportune period to make a survey of existing conditions as well as successful planning for the future?

We owe the pioneers in education a debt of gratitude in their division of municipalities into school sections which was carried out 100 years ago, the erection of schools, and the conduct of the same, but many communities are now faced with a very heavy cost in connection with the maintenance, as well as a demand for an additional room to be added to that school built, generally speaking, 60 or in many cases, 70 years previously.

Probably should building material become available many antiquated school buildings will be replaced with modern structures which may not be located to the best advantage.

We must admit that we live in a new age, a modern period and that the education that was good enough for the early residents is not sufficient for the youth of today.

While juvenile delinquency is on the increase could not this be reduced by wholesome recreation carried on in proper playgrounds located in connection with school buildings.

As the date of your school meeting draws near, see that these are well attended and trustees only who have the interest of a better education of the future citizens elected.

RURAL RATEPAYER.

Plowmen Elect G. S. Lawson As Pres. For 1947

The annual meeting of the King and Vaughan Plowmen's Association was held in Maple December 11th. Officers for 1947 were elected: Hon. Pres., Capt. Aubrey Davis, Newmarket, Ont.; President, G. S. Lawson, King, Ont.; 1st Vice-President, Gordon Orr, Maple, Ont.; 2nd Vice-President, Chalmer Black, Kettleby, Ont.; Secretary, H. E. Ross, King, Ont.; Treasurer, Andrew McClure, Woodbridge, Ont.

The 1947 match will be held in King Township on October 28.

Youth Council Will Hold Gift Giving Party Friday

"It was one of the finest and jolliest parties we have ever held," was the unanimous verdict of the youth of the village with respect to the dance last Friday at the high school.

Executive heads of the youth council are being congratulated on all sides for their effort to stage a Christmas party of such appeal, and many of the young people who thought they had become too sophisticated to believe any longer in Santa Claus received an eye opener when Santa himself, arrayed just as he is in the pictures, appeared among them and distributed favors.

Another festive party is planned for this Friday night. It will be held at the Masonic Hall. All members are asked to bring gifts, not exceeding 35 cents each in value, to be inter-changed with other members, and after that event there will be dancing with recorded music.

New members may join the Youth Council that evening if they wish.

"The spirit of Christmas is essentially the spirit of gift giving," explained Chester Unger, president of the council, "and particularly when there is an element of surprise in the gift giving it ought to be a real jolly affair."

On behalf of the youth council, Mr. Unger wishes all of the grown-up well wishers of the organization, and in particular those who have found opportunity to contribute to its success during the year, a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Don't forget your admission is a small gift not to exceed 35c.

NO ISSUE OF THE LIBERAL DECEMBER 26TH

Christmas and New Year's holidays falling this year on Wednesday combine to make difficult complications for weekly newspaper publishers. Next Wednesday being Christmas, and the following day, Thursday, Boxing Day, there will be no issue of The Liberal on December 26th. However so that advertisers may reach our readers with New Year's messages our issue of January 2nd will be published Monday, December 30. We thank all readers, advertisers and contributors in anticipation of their co-operation.

SCOUTS HEAR TALK ON BEES

Mr. E. Abram gave the Richmond Hill Scouts a very interesting lecture last Tuesday night on "One Season of Bee Keeping". Mr. Abram was detained for an extra half hour answering questions and has promised some practical lessons in the art at his apiary next summer.

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TOM BRENEMAN in
" BREAKFAST IN HOLLYWOOD "
— PLUS —
ROY ROGERS, DALE EVANS in
" DON'T FENCE ME IN "

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 24, 25
JOAN LESLIE in
" JANIE GETS MARRIED "
— — — ALSO — — —
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