

### King City District News

Time does not change the Christmas spirit nor should it lessen the prayer of thanks for the precious gift of the Christ Child. Let our homes be the centre of family companionship and our hearts turned toward kindness and good will to all.

**Christmas Music**  
An excellent program of well chosen Christmas songs was presented by the junior and senior rooms of King public school directed by music supervisor, Mr. Iltyd Harris, Aurora, before a large gathering of parents and friends in the school section on Thursday afternoon. Opening with scriptural readings of the Christmas story given by Dennis Winter and John Robb, the selected choruses and lighted the audience as the well trained voices interpreted the various numbers with finish and cultural appreciation. This was the first opportunity the public has been given since Mr. Harris' return as director of music at the school. Several recitations were given and carol singing with Mr. Harris at the piano rounded out a full afternoon. John Richards capably acted as chairman. Rev. M. R. Jenkinson related the story of "The Other Wise Man", with feeling and interest. Miss Valerie Hunter was pianist for the Christmas music. Following, the children were dismissed each receiving a Christmas treat, the gift of Meades Bros., merchants at King. The adults were entertained to afternoon tea by the teachers, Miss Eva Dennis, principal, and Miss Doris Patton, assisted by girls of Grade 8. Miss E. Fisher and Mrs. A. E. Kelley poured tea.

**Christmas Service at Eaton Hall**  
Lady Eaton was hostess to members of her family, the staff and employees of Eaton Hall Farm at the annual Carol, Nativity and Communion held in the evening of December 18. The communion was administered by Rev. E. W. G. Worrall of King, assisted by Rev. David MacLennan of Timothy Eaton Memorial church, Toronto and his assistant, Rev. A. Runnells. Mr. David Ouchterlong, organist of the Toronto church (was pipe organist for the carol singing, which amplified, was heard through the night air far away o'er the broadlands, a veritable Christmas scene in itself. The spacious music hall was festively decorated. Following the service buffet supper was served.

Master John Richards met with a recent misfortune, breaking his right wrist. He was forced to complete Grade 8 Christmas examinations with use of his left hand, doing very well, according to his teacher.

Standing second in their grades at Aurora high school are King Township students, Betty Scott, Mary Scott, Thomas Cain, Jack Andrews and Archie McCallum.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon have moved to their newly built home and are quite happy to be completing appointments. Kinghorn school concert in variety entertainment of drills, choruses, dialogues and recitations was very well attended despite prevailing neighborhood sickness. The teacher, Miss F. Cross, took part with the children and rendered a recitation. Miss Mary Smith was piano accompanist.

Miss Cross is spending seasonal vacation at her home in Lanark County.

Master Ronnie Parker was the first child called by Santa Claus to receive Christmas gift at the tree, entertainment and refreshments for Sunday school of King United church on December 18.

Nightly worship sessions and afternoon mission band classes have been conducted by the Gospel Mission, directed by Misses Ford and White at the home of Mrs. Fred Judge, Oak Ridges.

Eversley Presbyterian W.M.S. have exceeded missionary allocation for the year, contributing \$95, and other money toward Presbytery expense fund. Officers have been re-elected for 1948. Mrs. Fred Curtis remains president; Mrs. John Phillips, 1st vice-president; Miss Jessie Gellatly, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Charles Gordon, secretary; Miss Alice Ferguson, treasurer; Mrs. D. M. Ross, local treasurer and supply convenor, assisted by Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Jas. Brown; Mrs. Arthur Bovair, Glad Tidings; Mrs. W. Rolling, press secretary; Mrs. T. L. Williams, welcome and welfare. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Phillips.

Several children from King Township schools and from Oak Ridges joined to make up the 700 children entertained by Aurora Legion branch on Thursday last held in Aurora Armouries. This year the legion and guests sent out 200 Christmas bag treats to the children of Yonge St. Orange Orphanage, mindful of the Christmas spirit of freely giving to others.

Several instances of measles and mumps are prevailing throughout township school sections. The Christmas vacation will doubtless halt contacts and spread of these communicable diseases.

Cecil Maynard, Schomberg, has marketed several hundred turkeys recently at Buffalo and other points across the border. They were transported by trucks during the past week. George Dove, Schomberg butcher, shipped a carload or more from Tottenham railway station to Montreal.

**Schomberg Christmas Market Excels**  
The annual Christmas market held at Schomberg drew farmers from a wide area who arrived at a very early hour to display fowl in the market hall. It was roughly estimated that \$5,000 was paid by dealers, an excess over last year of approximately \$1,000. It was described by Mr. Frank Brown, head of the local market association, as one of the best markets in recent years. A late morning snow storm caused farmers from a distance to leave the brisk shopping centre earlier than usual. Merchants said volume of business transactions were highly satisfactory.

**Waterworks Construction Halted**  
Frost has halted work on the construction of domestic water supply for King City village. Machinery for ditching water mains brought here recently has been removed to return in the early Spring for laying of more than 2 1/2 miles of mains. Pipes have been distributed throughout the water area. The Ontario Municipal Board granted \$46,000 debentures which will be tendered for in the near future, Reeve L. B. Goodfellow stated.

King All Saints Christmas tree and treat will be held December 30 and St. John's Church, Oak Ridges, on December 29.

### Notable Canadians

#### WILLIAM ARTHUR DEACON GREAT CANADIAN BOOKMAN

For the soul of a country one must look to its native literature. Canada has long been famous for her engineers, her magnificent railroads, her grain, her buildings, her universities, her skills in law and science; and especially in her science of government. Especially has Canada an unequalled record for clean, wholesome, progressive government. Because of these things Canada holds a unique position today for her prosperous economy and a generally happy people.

What of Canada's literature? Until what has been called the "literary revolution of 1942" we were not great in literary production. It is true that many fine books had been written and published that were the work of Canadian writers. But their emergence into the light of day was scattered and desultory. There was no continuous production of first-class literature.

In the last few years a brilliant change has overtaken the Canadian literary scene. We have now established authors who need not fear comparison with the best that either Britain or America can boast. It is true that Percival Philip Grove had been published long before the 1942 "revolution"; but not until a year ago, when his Autobiography came from the press, did he achieve wide international renown.

At a later date we hope to make reference to our notable company of Canadian authors; for the present we shall give what space we have at our disposal to the mention of a great Canadian bookman, whose enthusiasm and energy in the cause of our native literature has done perhaps more than any other Canadian to place Canada on the map of the world of letters. His name is William Arthur Deacon, literary editor of our contemporary, the Globe and Mail.

Books can be written, but unless they receive critical notice in the press the reading public is hardly likely to become aware of their existence. Mr. Deacon has made the Saturday issue of the Globe and Mail a weekly treasury of sound, robust criticism. He brings to the notice of his readers all the books that matter; and the Canadian books that are now being published are numerous, and generally do matter.

Mr. Deacon has maintained a high and rigorous standard of critical appraisal over a period of many years. He has given an equal measure of enthusiasm and acumen to the function of literary criticism. He is fearless and independent in his judgments. He is tireless in his search for new talent; and where there is promise he never fails to give encouragement.

Sound literary criticism is fundamental in the creation of great literature. If critical standards are low, the books that come to be written suffer from such adverse influences. The literary critic is the custodian of our national standards of authorship. From him flows the power of aesthetic and spiritual direction.

For the high direction he has given to Canadian authorship; for his enthusiasm and tireless energy in the service of one of the greatest of the arts, The Liberal salutes William Arthur Deacon, and trusts that in the years ahead he will make many more talented discoveries, and find perhaps a genius or two in the Canadian literary field.—J.G.S.

"In Dalmatia," a naturalist says, "ants chew grain into dough and bake their own cakes in the sun." This is much more courteous than the habit of Canadian ants, which go to picnics uninvited and eat up cakes that someone else has baked.

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### SEASON'S HEARTIEST GREETINGS

Here's a Health and Safe Transport to all who travel the roads and good conveyance always. We thank our numerous friends and customers for their valued patronage in the past and promise our best services at all times. And now that the Festive Season is once more with us we wish them all a

Very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

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### Season's Greetings

Many years have gone by since our store was first opened at Richmond Hill, but never a year comes round that we don't welcome with pleasure our friends and customers back to our store. We like to see them. And now that the Festive Season is here we wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

### STAN RANSOM

Yonge Street Richmond Hill

**Merry Christmas**  
We like to think of our customers as old friends and new friends. We greatly appreciate the patronage extended to us during 1947 and wish all our customers and friends a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

### Scotchmer's Drug Store

Yonge Street Richmond Hill

## Merry Christmas to all of You

May the glow of your Christmas candles reflect all of the joys and fulfilled desires of the past year - - - and may that radiance forecast the coming year as the best and brightest of them all.

### WILLIAM NEAL

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### TO OUR FRIENDS:

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