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## 1955 News Round-Up Buttonville Community

by Mrs. F. H. Leaf

Looking over last year's clippings we came across several interesting items which may prove interesting. For some, 1955 held much sorrow; there were others for whom it held great change; and there were those who will remember it as an especially happy time.

Early in the year, the Reid brothers, Norman, Pat and Wallace, were together for the first time in 30 years. Mr. and Mrs. Wm McImpsey returned to Ireland to re-visit family and friends they had not seen since they came to Canada many years ago. Mrs. Felgate had a similar experience when she visited her native Scotland last summer. Alfie Shenfield began the year confined to his home with a broken ankle, but in the autumn he had the thrill of winning \$900 in the Irish Sweepstake.

January saw Brown's Corners Church redecorated, with all groups assisting financially. New carpet was laid in both the church auditorium and the parlours, and new furniture was purchased for the Sunday School. By March, Agincourt telephone subscribers were using dial phones in their own areas during the summer months, homes in Arnelgh Heights which had stood vacant as a ghost town for a year were gradually sold, until now they are almost all occupied. In August, much to the chagrin of the neighbours, an asphalt plant sprang up on the property formerly owned by Markham Sand and Gravel — its tall smoke stacks spout evil smelling black smoke — and could its greed for water be one reason why so many in the area have had well trouble? During 1955, several farms changed hands, and real estate men made attractive offers to almost every farmer in the area. Farms which were sold had formerly belonged to E. Walton, A. Robinson, Jack Gould, Donaldson Brothers, Joe Symons and Charles Boynton. George Arnold sold acreage which was part of his original farm. The price for farms this year has been \$100,000 or more, as against \$20,000 to \$25,000 six years ago, in this vicinity.

There were several who took interesting trips last year. Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. E. Crisp spent part of the winter in Florida. During the summer, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Easton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reid all travelled west — the Reids getting as far as Alaska. Bob Miller, spent the summer working on a ferry boat out of Vancouver.

Dorothy, Marion and Isobel Hood motored to the East Coast, and Mrs. Bill Hood visited California. Brides of the season were Marion Walker, Rena Miller, Yvonne Magee, Gloria Shenfield and Isobel Vaughan. Jean Brumwell, George Clarke Jr., and Dr. George Kelly Jr., each adopted the married state. New grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brumwell, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Wallen, Mr. Tennyson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stephenson and Mrs. A. Shenfield. Last autumn Mr. and Mrs. James Tooley and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen lost their homes by fire — fortunately no one was injured.

Throughout the year we lost several old friends — Mrs. Arthur Nightingale, Mrs. James Calvert, Mrs. Robinson, Norman Denby and Nelson Boyington. A beautiful picture of Queen Elizabeth II, hangs in Buttonville Women's Institute Hall as a memorial to Mrs. Nightingale. Mrs. Charles Hooper was elected president of the York North Women's Progressive Conservative Ass'n, and Mrs. David Brown was made a life member of Buttsville W.I. at a meeting held at her home on her birthday. Charles Barker won first prize at the C.N.E. for his wood-carving entry, and Charles Boynton's swine swept all prizes before them at the CNE and Royal Winter Fair.

Mrs. Robert Rodick celebrated her 94th birthday and Mrs. L. Scott her 90th birthday during 1955, and Marjorie Barber was elected Miss Markham Fair at the Centennial. Let us not forget one of the finest things which happened. This area under the captaincy of Mrs. Gordon Purves gave more than \$3000 to aid the Cancer Society campaign, topping any other single section in Ontario.

### BUTTONVILLE NEWS

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#### Local School Board Meeting

On Wednesday of last week there were approximately a dozen people present when the election of officers for Buttonville school board was held at the school. The four men who served last year were re-elected — Chairman S. R. Patterson, trustees Bill Hood and Jack Harrold, and Secretary Walter Craig.

These public spirited citizens deserve our best support. If things go badly they get much abuse from those who forget that we all share the responsibility, since we have a vote in local matters; if things go well they get little praise. These men are doing an excellent job — so why not applaud? During the past year the new two-room addition to the school was completed and an official opening has been planned for the near future. Staff difficulties arose last term and Mr. Duncan MacPherson, the principal, left at Christmas time. He will be succeeded by Mr. Murray Roberts of Agincourt.

CGIT Christmas Party  
On Friday of last week, Mrs. Stanley DeFoe entertained CGIT girls of the Victoria Square circuit at a dinner party held in her home. At dinner the girls had a Christmas treat and the girls exchanged gifts which were distributed by Mrs. Santa Claus. There were 20 girls present — even Marilyn Monroe was there — as well as their leaders, Mrs. A. C. Huston, Mrs. John Black and Miss Nancy Spears.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robinson who suffered the loss of Mr. Robinson's mother, Mrs. Robinson of Toronto, just a few days before Christmas.

The Brigger family moved to Don Mills last week. They formerly occupied the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Boyington last summer.

Did you notice that the concert dates have been set for the Concert Ass'n series (Markham Township). The first one will feature the Songmen, under the direction of David Ouchterlony, assisted by Carla Emerson, harpist, and Gordon Kushner, accompanist. James Milligan, bass, assisted by John Coveart as pianist-accompanist, will be heard on March 5. This sounds like an interesting season for those lucky subscription-holders.

It was good to see the Newsboys of Lakefield at church on Sunday morning. They were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spears.

The E. Waltons spent Christmas week with their daughter and her family in Port Credit. Over New Year's they entertained guests at their own home.

(Too late for last week)  
Neighborhood Notes  
On Tuesday and Wednesday of the week before Christmas there were the school and church concerts. Buttonville school children held their program in Buttonville hall, and a gala event it was. Miss Howard's junior grades presented songs, recitations and skits in the mood of the season, and it did bring Christmas angels convinced us all.

Mr. MacPherson's senior grades presented a Christmas pageant at the conclusion. Mr. R. S. Patterson made a jovial chairman, and of course the arrival of Santa Claus topped off the event. Bill Black, Rodney Venus, Debbie Hood, Gordon Brown and several others obliged with recitations and songs. During the second part of the program, Mary Hooper and Jimmy Hood sang solos; a quartette of girls, Joy Fuller, Sandra Russell, Margaret Follett and Eileen Taylor, sang, "The Boy who found Christmas," was much enjoyed, and Mr. Turner's boys' class did a shadow-graph of the Christmas story. Rev. A. C. Huston was chairman and helped Santa Claus when he arrived.

Over the week-end there were many family parties, but most people were at the 11:30 a.m. church service at Brown's Corners on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. James McQuay held open house on Christmas Eve and entertained members of their family on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craig held a family party at their home, their guests being Mr. and Mrs. Lauder Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Frazer and Miss Lena Frazer. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reid and Anne Davies visited the Rutherford family at Agincourt, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hood and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dimma of Cedar Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burr and Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, with their families were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mason at Agincourt. Mr. Leslie Hood's family spent the day with him, and Mr. and Mrs. John Black, Bobbie and Billie motored to Fergus to be with Mrs. Black's family. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jones entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stots and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Vaughan. Monday they motored to Wallaceburg to be with Mr. and Mrs. Bruck Jones. The Vaughan family celebration was on Monday, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stots had Mr. Milford Stots and Gordon, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarksons as their guests on Monday.

Mr. S. J. English was with the Jim Russell family on Christmas Day, and on Monday went to Owen Sound to be with her brother, John MacGregor, who underwent a serious operation last Thursday. The Rodick family Christmas was on Monday, and included Rev. and Mrs. Morrison Sellers of Owen Sound, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rodick and Mrs. Wm. Rodick, Grace and John. Mr. Wm. Rodick was ill, and unable to attend. Mr. and Mrs. George Oakes entertained relatives, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leaf and Lynda were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hird, Preston. The Brooke family gathered at the home of Mrs. O. Brooke and Mrs. Clara Magee. The A. W. Millers were at home for family dinner on Sunday, and on Monday were part of the family party with the Millers of Scarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Patterson and their children were with Mrs. Patterson's sister's family at Strathroy over the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Felgate were glad to have George home from Queen's for the week and the Johnsons welcomed Irene home. Irene is a TCA stewardess stationed in B.C.

### "Dear Mr. Editor"

Objects To Dogs  
Dear Mr. Editor:  
This is a written request that something be done regarding the dogs running the streets at large in the Village of Richmond Hill without their owner in attendance. I am the proud owner of two purebred German Shepherds who are not allowed off our property unless my husband or I are with them. Every time I go walking with my dog, who is highly regarded as a well trained and lovable Shepherd, in our immediate neighborhood and elsewhere, I am constantly annoyed by other dogs, coming at us. On Thursday, December 22, last, in the a.m. a fight between a brown dog which I believe is part Shepherd and my dog took place while I was on my way to Yonge St. In the ensuing melee which resulted when I would not let go of my dog's choke chain, I was bitten by the other dog and required medical attention. Since this has happened I have had a very unpleasant holiday week due to the fact that I am still undergoing medical treatment at this date. I have sent a letter to the Council regarding this unhappy incident and trust that if such an attack occurs again that the proper action will be taken by the authorities. Yours very truly,  
Grace E. Probert  
242 Richmond St.,  
Richmond Hill.

Disillusioned Already  
According to an item which appeared in the Windsor Daily Star on December 28, at least one resident of Richmond Hill district is disillusioned with commuting to Toronto every day in hectic traffic. It seems that the man in question, a former Windsor resident, moved to Richmond Hill area recently and was thrilled to think of working in the city and living in the country. Before the week was out he was beginning to wonder how he could buck that traffic into Toronto every morning and out to Richmond Hill every night. "It was a nightmare each morning and evening," comments the Windsor Editor.

THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF Section 14 of The Municipal Act, (R.S.O. 1950, Chapter 243), as re-enacted by The Municipal Amendment Act, 1954, and further amended and re-enacted by The Municipal Amendment Act, 1954, (No. 2).  
— and —  
IN THE MATTER OF an Application of the Corporation of the Village of Richmond Hill for Annexation thereto of part of the Township of Vaughan in the County of York and more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto.  
— and —  
IN THE MATTER OF By-law Number 709 of the Corporation of the Village of Richmond Hill.

NOTICE OF HEARING  
TAKE NOTICE that The Ontario Municipal Board has appointed Thursday, the 19th day of January, 1956, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chambers in the Village of Richmond Hill, Ontario, for the hearing of all interested persons in support of or in opposition to this Application.  
DATED at Richmond Hill this 28th day of December, 1955.  
Russell Lynett,  
Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"  
ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying, and being in the Township of Vaughan, in the County of York, being composed of part of Lot 49 in the First Concession of said Township, and part of Yonge Street, and which said parcel is more particularly described as follows:  
COMMENCING at a point in the centre line of Yonge Street where it is intersected by the production Easterly of the Southernly limit of said Lot 49;  
THENCE South 72 degrees and 01 minutes West (S 72 degrees 01' W) to and along the said Southernly limit of said Lot 49, Fourteen Hundred and sixty-four feet eleven inches (1,464'11") to an iron pipe in the Easterly limit of Lucas Street as shown on a plan filed in the Registry Office for the East and West Ridings of the County of York as Number 2300;  
THENCE South 71 degrees 52 minutes West (S 71 degrees 52' W) along the existing Southernly limit of said Lot 49, Ten Hundred and six feet ten and three-quarter inches (1,006' 10 3/4 inches);  
THENCE North 11 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West (N. 11 degrees 09' 30" W) to the existing line between the North and South Halves of said Lot 49;  
THENCE Easterly along the existing line between the North and South Halves of said Lot 49 and its production to the centre line of Yonge Street.  
THENCE South 11 degrees 02 minutes East (S 11 degrees 02' E) along the centre line of Yonge Street, six hundred and sixty-eight feet three inches 368' 3" to the place of beginning; CONTAINING by admeasurement an area of approximately 15 acres, more or less.

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### What's The Matter?

It is of particular interest to note that annual school meetings in this area have been generally poorly attended this year. At Oak Ridges less than fifteen ratepayers turned out to hear the report of the Board of Trustees while at Jefferson only about twenty were interested enough in the school's affairs to attend the annual meeting. At Jefferson, there was even some difficulty in securing a candidate for Trustee to replace the retiring member of the Board.

Now why is there such apathy. Surely the education of children is of sufficient interest to every parent to attend such a school meeting. The taxes for the year and the operation of the school depend to a great extent on the choice of person or persons to act as

Trustee. Yet even this fact does not seem to affect the taxpayer, not even the ones who express constant disapproval of the way things are run through the year.

There is the possibility that the lack of attendance in all these cases is an indication of whole-hearted endorsement of the policy and actions of the various Boards. If not, then there should be more interest and a greater attendance. There is no other conclusion than that the ratepayers are giving their representatives a "carte blanche" for the coming year. It seems unfortunate that in a democracy people in general take so much for granted and so put little effort into exercising and protecting their rights.

### Business Takes A Hand

At its Annual Meeting recently, The Ontario Chamber of Commerce devoted its programme to "Ontario on Wheels". It is a timely subject.

Highway accidents — traffic bottlenecks — more and more cars. Unless something is done about it, Ontario will slow to a standstill and the government cannot do it all.

Thus it is encouraging to see men from Cobourg, Cornwall, Sarnia, Sudbury — to mention but a random few — of the 200 member Boards and Chambers travelling to London at their own expense and taking two days out of busy lives to thrash out present

problems confronting Ontario. It is encouraging, too, to realize that these men and others like them spend a great deal of time and energy in selfless devotion to the collective interests of their community.

Their efforts are akin in many ways to the barn-raising bees of the pioneer days. They come mostly from small places and they unite in doing big things.

The action of the men of The Ontario Chamber of Commerce symbolizes our determination to grasp our destiny in our own hands nor to let dim the light of individual effort.

### Winter Profitable Time

As far as the season goes, winter is probably one of the busiest for most people. It seems that all the projects that were left undone in the spring and summer accumulate for the winter, particularly indoor jobs. Many interior home remodelling projects are undertaken during the winter months and particularly after Christmas. Perhaps it may involve a new clothes closet, some built-in cupboards a work bench in the basement or may even be as extensive as the installation of a second bathroom or a recreation room. Home supply companies now offer complete plans, and easily handled materials for converting your attic into extra living accommodation.

Possibly for the farmer, more than anyone else, is the winter an opportunity to catch up on all the little repairs and projects around the farm. Per-

haps the tractor needs an overhaul or other implements need a coat of paint; winter is the time to do it, after the harvest is in and the snow starts. It is a good idea to utilize the winter months to grease all implements and make any necessary repairs to insure everything will be ready for spring.

The farm house may need a bit of cheering up too and with the newest inventions in odour-free paints, this is an easy matter.

Winter is also a good time to catch up on back reading or hobbies. In fact, winter is the time to do all those little things you have been planning all year and have never gotten around to doing. And it's a good idea to get at things right away because like all seasons, winter seems to slip by before all the projects get done.

### The Wide Screen

By Norman Browne

Coming to the Richmond Theatre next Monday and Tuesday is HELL'S ISLAND, a thud and blunder suspense action melodrama of the "old school" of film making. Instead of a colorful extravaganza with lots of beautiful scenery and strong characterization and no plot, this picture is all plot, intrigue, suspense and adventure.

John Payne is the hero who is hired by an international smuggler to find out what happened to a gem he was having smuggled out of a South American town. When he arrives at the town he finds that his former fiancée, who jilted him to marry the smuggling flier, is involved in the assignment.

From here on in the story gets very involved with the girl, portrayed by Mary Murphy playing a very secret and involved, game. The gangsters are trying to find out if Payne is doing his job and for a long time Payne runs around in a circle trying to find out what is going on and getting roughed up in the effort. The story views like a Mickey Spillane novel, with a strong hero, a sexy blond, a complicated plot, lots of raw violence and a triple surprise ending.

Showing at the Richmond Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday is a double-bill laugh riot, DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE and GENEVIEVE. Both pictures received strong receptions and long runs in their play-off dates in Toronto and so much of a hit was "Doctor in the House" that a sequel was made and is currently playing in the city.

"Doctor" starts with Simon, a lean handsome young man who enters St. Swithin's Hospital. His first day is filled with terror as he accidentally wanders into the out-patients department while seeking the whereabouts of the lecture theatre. After a few hilarious adventures, he finds the lecture room and the scandalized gaze of the Dean. From there he is plunged into a life of adventure and misadventure as he fights off his landlady's amorous daughter, passes examinations with unexpected ease and finally lands in the dizzying heights of professional medicine.

"Genevieve" is the name of an old model-type car which completely fascinates the people in the small town in

England where the scene is set. It becomes a fad and a craze and everything else and provokes some laugh-filled situations. One picture alone is worth the price of admission — two such sparkling comedies makes this a bargain!

JIVARO, the film which plays next Friday and Saturday at the Richmond Theatre, takes you right smack into the middle of the treacherous Amazon jungle. Accompanied by lovely Rhonda Fleming and handsomely rugged Fernando Lamas and their co-star newcomer Brian Keith, you are provided with more action and brilliant wild scenery than has been dished up in many a day.

Lamas runs a jungle trading post close to the treacherous head-hunting Jivaro Indian country. Rhonda Fleming comes to the post seeking her fiancée who is out on a safari looking for a hidden gold treasure. Word is received that he and his companions have been killed by the head-hunters. Feeling they must find him, Fleming, Lamas and Keith make the long trek into the deadly jungle. They find the bodies and Keith attempts to take off with the gold only to have the Jivaros attack and force them into a cave. However, help arrives and the picture ends happily.

HOLLYWOOD NOTES: The inevitable has happened and after 10 years as a black-and-white, small screen series, the next "Tarzan" picture will be in color and wide-screen. The National Board of Review picked "Marty" as the best picture of 1955 with Ernest Borgnine picked as best actor for his role in "Marty" and Anna Magnani as best actress for her role in "The Rose Tattoo". After years of minor league operation under Howard Hughes, and a period of total inactivity, RKO studios of the new ownership of Tom O'Neil is gradually being re-activated and a number of important films are under production at present.

PICKERING: A local resident has been fined \$200 in Magistrate's Court for selling liquor illegally.

STOUFFVILLE: A survey shows that High School students here get an average of \$3.50 spending money each week.

### HEADFORD NEWS

Mrs. H. Arceman

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The annual Ratepayers' Meeting was held in S. S. 3 Markham last week, with a fair attendance. Melvin Wellman was elected trustee to replace Stewart Rumble, who is retiring. A motion was passed to place an exit at the west end of the school.

Birthday greetings are extended to David Terry and to Stewart Rumble, who marked his birthday on New Year's eve.

Charlie Barker has been spending a few days at the home of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon of Manilla, and on Sunday last, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Barker went there to bring him home.

(Service of Holy Communion was held in Headford Church on Sunday. Attending the service was Mrs. Marshall, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Melvin Wellman.

Headford W. A. will meet on Tuesday evening next at the home of Mrs. William Wellman. Guest of the evening will be Mr. Frank Tate, former teacher at Danforth Technical School, who will show pictures in color of many Canadian scenes. Mr. Tate has recently travelled extensively, so there should be a treat in store.

Mr. Bert Leek of Gormley, has not been so well of late, and we wish him a speedy recovery as well as our mailman's family after their serious accident last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Gay, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gray and Debra Ann, were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Arceman.

### Tenders

#### For Fencing

Tenders for the fencing of Buttonville School grounds will be received by the undersigned. For particulars contact Walter Craig, R. R. 2 Gormley, or AXminster 3-4667.

Walter Craig,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
R. R. 2 Gormley, Ont.