

RICHVALE NEWS

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Debbie Kirk of Spruce Ave. is confined to her home with the measles. Her father, Jack Kirk, is just recuperating from an injured foot.

Miss Janice Heddow is spending a month's holiday with her mother, Mrs. J. Heddow of Yongehurst Rd. Janice is nursing at the "Lying In" Hospital in Boston, U.S.A. and will spend the next year at this Hospital.

Mrs. W. Stevens from Halifax is enjoying a holiday with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gardiner, Mill Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jarman of Spruce Ave., spent four days this past week on a trip to New York City.

Mrs. J. Kirk of Spruce Ave., held a euchre party of old friends and neighbors in honor of her mother, Mrs. Lockhart of Dundalk, Ontario, who is spending a few weeks holiday with her daughter.

Lydia Matchear has arrived from Lapland, and is living with her father on Yongehurst Rd.

Birthday greetings to Patricia Jarman who was six on March 17, and her sister Donna who will be nine on March 21.

Mr. Sydney Curtis of Spruce Ave., passed away at his home, Wednesday morning, March 13. Mr. Curtis had been ill for some time.

Guide and Brownie News

1st Richvale Guides
Captain Marie Lawson presented Guide Carol Bursey with her Emergency Badge last week.

Commissioner Kay Kirk enrolled Linda Goldthorpe into 2nd Richvale Brownies, on Wednesday evening.

Richvale School

Mr. P. Kurita, Principal of Richvale School is very pleased to announce that the Concert Friday evening was a great success. The pupils excelled themselves in this effort and the attendance was very gratifying.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coleman from Ottawa, family dinner with the Lambert family of Yongehurst Rd., on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Coleman will leave shortly for London, England, where he will be stationed with the Army for the next three years.

BUTTONVILLE NEWS

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Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Joseph Robinson whose father, Mr. Norman McMurchy of Brampton, passed away at the Toronto General Hospital early last week. Several local W.I. members attended the funeral.

George Hooper was elected president of York County Junior Farmers at the recent annual meeting. Congratulations.

We were pleased to note that Mr. Chas. Boynton was named a Director of Class A and B Fairs at the convention of the Ontario Ass'n of Agricultural Societies held in Toronto earlier in the month.

When the C.G.I.T. group from the Victoria Square Charge met on Monday evening of last week they were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Leek. A film, Lena of the Philippines, was shown, and Mrs. Freeman Barker assisted with the projector.

Mrs. A. L. Brown and Mrs. C. A. Dyke of Unionville with Mrs. F. H. Leaf attended a private screening of "Smiley" at the Towne Cinema Wednesday morning of last week. It is hoped that this charming family film with its Australian background may be shown locally. It has been highly recommended by the Film Estimate Board of National Organizations.

Those who have been inquiring about the TV film in which Betty Huston appears, will be glad to learn that one will be shown next Saturday morning at 10:30 over Channel 2, under the Program title Off to Adventure.

Since Brown's corners choir agreed to sponsor the purchase of an organ for the church, the board of stewards has given approval and a committee has been set up. Mr. Douglas Hood, treasurer, and Mrs. S. J. English, Miss Dorothy Hood and Mr. Aubrey Stephenson, committee members. Donations will be gratefully received.

Brown's Corners W. M. S. Thank-Offering will be held in the church on Wednesday afternoon, March 27, at 2:00 p.m. The speaker will be Miss Sumerville who is on furlough from Trinidad. Everyone is welcome.

For the second year in a row the cup presented by the York County W.C.T.U. for the winner of the public speaking contest comes to the Victoria Square charge. Last year Margaret Patterson won the junior award, bringing the cup to Brown's Corners church. Last week when the contest was held in Newmarket, Sharon Rumble of Headford was winner in this class. At the time of winning, each girl was Explorer group president.

Local young people attending the Thornhill High School formal Friday evening of last week were Nancy Brown, Beverley Burr, Harvey Brown and Barry Kedwell.

Mr. S. R. Patterson, CPA, has closed his Toronto office, and has brought his staff to new offices in his home.

Friendship Circle

On Thursday evening of last week Mrs. Lynn Ingramme entertained Friendship Circle members at her Arncliffe Heights home. The new president, Mrs. Jean Dunlop was in the chair, and after the formal part of the meeting, plans were discussed for the year's work. At the conclusion the hostess served delicious refreshments. This is a live group and any newcomers to the community are heartily welcomed.

Brown's Corners YPS

There were approximately 15 young people present when the Young People's Society of Brown's Corners Church met on Sunday evening of last week. Irene Walters was in charge of the meeting and conducted the devotional service. The speaker, Miss Eileen Graham of Toronto, told of her experience while in Japan, and showed pictures she had taken while there. The next meeting will be held Sunday evening, March 24, and Mr. Charles Turner will be in charge.

Last Sunday evening Mrs. S. J. English was guest speaker at the Victoria Square Young Peoples meeting. As it was St. Patrick's Day, she spoke on the Saint himself.

Canada's earliest pioneer families.

Mrs. Bewell was the youngest of six children born to Thomas Robinson and Harriet Goodall Robinson. Her father, Thomas, emigrated to Canada in 1842 as a young man, leaving his home in the English Lake country because he felt that with the coming of the Industrial Revolution life no longer offered opportunity there. So he made his voyage in a small sailing ship which took six weeks in the crossing, and eventually, on reaching Canada, came to the District of York.

Her mother, Harriet Goodall, was born in this country in 1825, and the family lived on Bloor St. W., the then village of Yorkville, which is now in the heart of Toronto. Her father and brothers turned the first sod in the Queen's Park area, where the Ontario Parliament Buildings now stand.

By the time of Thomas' and Harriet's marriage, the Goodall family was living far up in the country and as only Anglican clergy were allowed to perform a marriage ceremony, the young couple travelled many miles to the city of York, where they were married by Bishop Strachan.

Their first home was in a house which still stands at the northwest corner of the sixth concession of Markham and the side road immediately north of Unionville. Later they farmed on the 10th concession of Markham, just east of Stouffville, and it was here, late in their marriage that their youngest daughter, Maggie was born, on April 18, 1865. When she was quite young, the family moved to a homestead at Goodwood.

To hear Mrs. Maggie Robinson Bewell tell of her early youth was to bring those times vividly to mind: A trip on the new Grand Trunk Railway, when it was first opened excursions to the C.N.E. and earlier still she recalled her father bringing her to Toronto and bringing back the first manufactured pan the family had ever seen—a black and white granite saucepan; or there was the story of her father and brothers packing pork and carrying it on their backs to Hamilton, where they sold it and purchased salt, returning again through the woods to their home at Goodwood. A hand-turned spool doll's bed still a prized family possession, recalls the time up a well-loved pet lamb to another child, whose father made her the bed in return.

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"Quiet Man" Policeman

Activities have been quiet "police wise" in Vaughan Township this past week, reports Chief R. C. Mosher. "There have been no serious accidents or break-ins. We've used our radar device to check speeding, but haven't encountered anything unusual," commented Chief Mosher.

Obituary

Mrs. Edward Bewell

The death of Mrs. Edward Bewell, in her 92nd year, on Wednesday, Mar. 13, at Richmond Hill, marked the passing of the last member of one of Upper



A phase of the work, just as important as the actual diagnosis of the crippled child's condition is the instruction of the parent on how to handle these children. Shown above are parents waiting with their children to talk to the doctor, nurse and therapist at a travelling clinic. These clinics are financed through the sale of Easter Seals. The Annual Easter Seal Campaign which runs until April 21st has a provincial objective of \$700,000 dollars.

The Observance Of Lent

by Russell Fox

It may be that I can do a very much worthwhile and neighborly good turn for readers of the few paragraphs I will append. Anyhow I'll try.

I have no secret to disclose, but I have found it may be possible there are more readers of The Liberal than myself who don't always appreciate the great value of our community paper in keeping us abreast of our phenomenal growth, increasing opportunities and the possible debt pitfalls we must at all costs avoid.

Merely to make conversation a short time ago, I asked a number of neighbors in different parts of town what they are doing this Lent. Of course, they might have told me frankly it was none of my business, but perhaps my surprise can be imagined when I learned that of the 40 to 50 persons to whom I put the question not one man or woman could at once afford me a reasonable answer.

Only a few years ago I would have received at least some facetious answers such as: "For Lent, I've stopped beating my wife; I've quit using candy. I'm getting ready to plant my garden."

The replies my question evoked at first amused and then somewhat alarmed me. Could it be, I wondered, whether the season of Lent no longer existed. Had a season of vaudeville, singing, calisthenics been substituted for prayer, fasting and other religious practices.

I was comforted some days later by an old Methodist I had not seen for years. I told him briefly of my misgivings and he said: "The world has not and will not change, my boy. Whatever change there may be must be in our own hearts and lives. If we fail to make the change we can not fail to suffer the same condemnation as the world: Love of God and our neighbor that makes every fellow man our responsibility will bring about a miracle in our lives."

"Hatreds, prejudices and greed will disappear from our hearts to be replaced by the serenity that comes to those who pattern their lives on the Gospel. It may help us to take a less gloomy view of Lent if we try to remember its positive spiritual benefits rather than the negative side—the things we should deny ourselves."

One of the most gratifying experiences a reader of The Liberal can have is the privilege of putting his views not only before the publisher of the paper, but also within space limits, of learning what his neighbor is thinking and doing. No doubt such knowledge might often enable us to help our neighbor.

Recently a retired clergyman of the old Methodist and later United Church persuasion vividly described to me an eloquent and thought-compelling sermon by Rev. Mr. C. G. Higginson in the United Church pulpit on the subject "Facing The Cross".

Other Lenten sermons have been preached of course in other Richmond Hill and neighbouring churches, and I am confident enormous benefit has been derived from them by countless numbers of listeners. Yet I am convinced also that far too many folks attend church exercises and yet fail almost utterly to take away anything that will make them better men and women. They do not reject the word of God, but they do not seem to know what to do with it.

Perhaps my monastic and Methodist friends, as here quoted, may arouse somewhat more tenable views about Lent than those some of my neighbors have been enjoying about wife beating, abstaining from candy, etc.

LANGSTAFF NEWS

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Last Sunday morning, the children and adults were thrilled with the illustrated Bible talk of Missionary Jimmy Orr from Brazil. At the evening service, he showed slides of his trip home from Brazil to Alberta in a jeep. His wife has written a book entitled 12,000 Miles in a Land-rover, describing this trip which is on sale now. All proceeds from the book will go toward the education of their seven children, three of whom will be staying in Alberta to attend school. The Ors plan to go back to the mission held in May.

Next Sunday evening, Rev. Clifford Van Dusen will preach. Pastor Hiltz will be preaching at the Richmond Hill Baptist Church.

On Saturday, March 30th, a farewell evening has been planned for Pastor and Mrs. Hiltz who are leaving Langstaff to minister in the North Bay area. All interested friends are invited to attend.

Personals

Mrs. Bert Edmunds, Garden

Avenue, was stricken with a heart attack suddenly on Thursday of last week and is in St. Michael's Hospital.

Birthday congratulations to Mrs. S. Lusher, No. 7 Highway, and to Mr. J. Noel, Sussex Avenue, who celebrate birthdays this week. Mr. Noel is still in hospital but his condition is improving.

Belated birthday greetings to Van Worsdale, Langstaff Side-road, who celebrated his 21st birthday early this month.

An Afternoon Tea meeting of the Metropolitan Toronto Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society will be held in the T. Eaton Auditorium on Wednesday, March 27th, at 2:15 p.m. The speaker will be Cornelius T. Rhoads, M.D., and there will be a showing of the film Sword of Hope.

An Open House was held at Thornhill High School on Wednesday, March 13th, by the members of the evening classes. There was a Fashion Show and Display of work by the Sewing and Millinery classes, and also a display of the art and metal work.

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