

## Coming Events

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at 7:45 p.m. Bingo Community Hall, Spruce Ave. Stop 22A Yonge St.

DECEMBER 20 — Saturday at 1 p.m. out and win your Christmas Turkey. Turkey shoot to be held at Baker's Farm, 1 mile north of No. 7 Highway on Bulhurst. Guns and shells supplied, or bring your own gun. \$1 per shot. No chokes or compensators. c2w24

DECEMBER 20 — Saturday. Members L.O.L. and L.O.B.A. will hold a euchar and turkey draw at 8 p.m. sharp, at Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaws on Yonge St. Admission 50c. Good prizes. Lunch. c2w24

DECEMBER 21 — Sunday. The Choir of St. Matthew's United Church, under the direction of Norma Jackson, will present at 4:30 p.m., "Carols at Twilight," a Carol Service featuring music new and old, with congregational singing. The Public is cordially invited to attend. c2w24

DECEMBER 25 — Thursday. Annual Christmas dance in Vellore Hall, sponsored by Vellore Junior Farmers. Admission \$1, dancing 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. Leo Paxton's Orchestra. clw25

DECEMBER 31 — Everyone is welcome to attend a New Year's Eve Dance to be held at the Oak Ridges Legion Hall, King Side Road. Admission \$5.00 per couple. Dancing 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Buffet lunch. clw25

JANUARY 24 — The Honourable Kelso Roberts, Attorney General for Ontario, will be guest speaker at the North York Progressive Conservative Association Annual Meeting to be held at Newmarket Town Hall, 2:30 p.m. January 24, 1959. c5w25

## Holiday Issues

Next Thursday being Christmas Day, our next issue will be in the mail and at newsstands TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd.

The issue which regularly would come out on January 1st will be in the mail and at the newsstands Wednesday, December 30th.

Advertisers, contributors and correspondents are asked to co-operate by having copy in to our office as early as possible.

Next week the deadline for classifieds will be Monday noon.

## Christmas Gift Local Motorists

Police Chief R. P. Robbins has announced a Christmas gift for local motorists. Effective Saturday, December 20 and through to December 27 inclusive, no tickets will be issued for failure to use the Yonge St. parking meters. However, all other parking bylaws will be enforced.

## B. A. School Grant \$71,200

The Richmond Hill Public School Board learned last Thursday that the total final approval of the provincial grant toward Beverley Acres Public School is \$71,200. Town council has been asked to debenture for \$105,000.

Markham Township Planning Director, Ronald Forrest, informed the board there was no approved plan of subdivision for apartments near the proposed shopping centre south of Richmond Hill.

## Boxing Day Holiday

Richmond Hill Town Council at its last meeting passed a resolution declaring Friday, December 26th, Boxing Day, a holiday in the municipality. Similar action was taken by the Vaughan and Markham Township Councils.

## Jaycees Lightup Campaign

With less than a week to go before Christmas, the Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce has proclaimed its Christmas Light-Up campaign a success. This was the first year for the organized drive and Jaycees were enthusiastic over the results so far. The campaign was designed to create a happy holiday spirit in town and provide an attraction for business.

Judging for the best three decorated homes will start this week end and carry through Christmas week. Judges will be Mr. Fixit, (Peter Whitall), Mayor Ken Tomlin and Reverend Robert Irvin.

The prizes will be awarded on December 27 and will be long-play records, a desk clock, and TV sets. Jaycee Chairman Harold Barnett told "The Liberal" he hoped the residents who have not yet decorated their homes will do so this week-end. "We'd like to see everyone doing their part to brighten up Richmond Hill," said Mr. Barnett. But with the results so far it looks like a "light" Christmas this year in Richmond Hill.

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## York Choraliers Well Received in First Concert



The members and conductor of The York Choraliers are shown above, left to right, front row: E. Croft, M. Barber, M. Lander, L. Perkins, M. Austin, M. Orr, M. Rumney, F. Campbell, M. Duncan, B. MacCartney.

Centre row: left to right, J. Lemoine, R. Grubbe, V. Barrett, B. Ferguson, I. Mitchell, E. Nesbitt, R. Edmunds, G. Harvey, Andrew accompanist; M. Steven, C. Magee, A. Gilchrist, M. Harvey.

Back row, left to right, H. Barber, J. Parisi, G. Mowat, J. Tilley, John Oliver, Forrest Oliver, R. Webster, D. MacCartney, W. Bett-ridge, E. Magee, T. Rye.

Organized in February of this year with a small group of seven

or eight, the choir now has a membership of 37, with two applications since the first concert presentation at the United Church Education Building last Wednesday evening. The concert was well received by the appreciative audience and there were rounds of applause after the various numbers. The rather ambitious program included six choruses from The Messiah, and the several solos were all taken by members of the group.

The choir, with a membership objective of 50, is a purely voluntary organization and no charge is made for engagements. Although the choir has appeared at several church anniversary engagements, last Wednesday was its first concert.

— Photo by Lagerquist

## 275 Children Greet Santa

## Glenbrae Ratepayers Have Christmas Party

The annual Glenbrae Ratepayers Christmas party for the children of the area was held last Sunday afternoon in the Lions Hall on Centre St. This year's party was bigger and better than ever with over 270 children getting parcels from Santa Claus and enjoying refreshments of biscuits, chocolate milk and ice cream.

The program was begun with a half an hour of colour cartoons followed by a sing song led by Jimmy Wilson playing the banjo and piano. While Mr. Dillion was entertaining the children a draw was held for a pedal car donated by Herb Montgomery and Joe Paterson. This wonderful Christmas treat was won by Mr. McLeod, a resident of Glenbrae Heights.

The arrival of Santa Claus was greeted by the usual rousing chorus of children's voices and Santa was somewhat taken aback to find so many children eager and willing to receive his gifts. Old Santa was equal to the situation just as he always is and had a present for all the children. Herb Montgomery, last year's president of the Glenbrae Ratepayers' Association, was a very capable Master of Ceremonies and kept things moving at a brisk pace. Mr. George Gourley was a very capable projectionist and the cartoon program went off very smoothly. Mr. Conrad Nason was chairman of the party committee and he and his co-workers deserve the highest praise and commendation for a difficult job that was so well co-ordinated that to the uninitiated it appeared easy. Thanks are also due to all those who helped willingly with all the chores necessary to run a party of this size, and a very special thanks to Santa for taking time out from his packed schedule to visit the Glenbrae children.

## Christmas Services At The Thornhill Churches

by Doris M. Fitzgerald

Joyful music and carols will be featured at the beautiful church services and the six Thornhill Churches will be festive with flowers, candles and evergreens for the Christmas season.

At the Canadian Reformed Church on Centre St. there will be a morning service at 10:30 on Christmas Day, and at 2:30 a special service for the Sunday School children, followed at 4:30 by a choral service at which carols will be sung in both English and Dutch under the direction of organist S. Smilde and choir-leader Mr. Baptist. "For the Dutch people Christmas is a religious celebration which is not associated with the giving of presents," said the pastor, the Rev. F. Kouwenhoven, adding that the Sunday School children had had their party and gifts on December 5, the eve of St. Nicholas, who was a legendary Bishop and patron and protector of children.

Incidentally "Santa Claus" is an American corruption of the Dutch San Nicolaas. The custom of giving gifts on December 5 was brought to this continent by the early Dutch colonists, and subsequently became identified with Christmas Day. Holy Trinity Church, Jane and Brook Sts., began its Christmas programme on December 14 with a Christmas Gift Service at 11 a.m., the gifts being sent to the Downtown Churchworkers Assn. On December 21 at 5 p.m. the 18th annual Candlelight Service will be held. On Christmas Eve the midnight choral communion will begin at 11:30, and there will be a short sermon by the Rev. W. E. Clarke. On Christmas morning a Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and at 11 a.m. the Rev. Douglas Vary, curate of Holy Trinity, will preach at the Family Service, which will be followed by Holy Communion. On Sunday evening December 28 the traditional service of the Nine Lessons will begin at 7 o'clock. Portions of the scriptures commencing with the garden of Eden, and with references to the coming of the Messiah, and then the actual Christmas story, will be read by representatives of the various church organizations, interspersed by carols and choir work under the direction of organist and choirmaster C. R. Devey.

On January 11, 1959, at 5 p.m. the Epiphany Pageant, a moving and beautiful hour-long play will be presented in the chancel by members of the congregation and church school, under the direction of Mrs. Roger Priestman, for the second season. Christmas parties were held in the Parish Hall for the Nursery and Beginners on December 18, and for the Primary and Junior Sunday School on December 20.

At St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church, Colborne and Church St., the older children will sing Christmas hymns on Christmas eve from 11:30 until 12, when Midnight Mass will begin. On Christmas morning Father Crossland will hold Masses at 9 and 11:30 and the special music will be under the direction of organist Terry Whelan, and choir leader Larry Vlasoff. A beautiful creche has been set up outside St. Luke's. The figures are half life size, and the reproduction of the hillside stable at Bethlehem was built by men of the church. "The members of 'Thornhill Baptist Church' will celebrate Christmas Day in the home," said the Rev. Percy G. Buck, "but there will be special Christmas music and services at the church on December 21." In the morning the Sunday School children will bring their White Gifts for others, and in the evening organist Dennis Thompson has arranged music and carols for

Candlelight Service. On Christmas eve the young people of the parish plan to sing carols at the homes of sick or shut in members of the church.

White gifts for Evangel Hall, the downtown Presbyterian Church Mission will be brought to the 11 a.m. service at Thornhill Presbyterian Church, Yonge St., on December 21, and there will be special music by organist Mrs. F. Heydens, and the junior and senior choir under the direction of choirmistress Mrs. Ada Rowe. In the evening the young people will meet at the home of Miss Jane Camsell, 30 Dewey Ave., to sing carols.

The service on Christmas Day will be at 10:30 a.m. Other events of the Christmas season at Thornhill Presbyterian Church include a Christmas programme and carol sing by the Couples Club, and presentation on December 13, of the Littlest Angel, by group 2. This was directed by Mrs. Mary Mackay and the following took part, Mrs. Jane Arnett, Mrs. Hugh Boyle, Mrs. Ken Brown and Mrs. Alice Chambers.

On Monday evening, December 15, a Christmas Musicale and shopping party was held at the home of Mrs. Jean Stoddard, Thornbank Road, each member bringing a gift to auction for the mission fund. The annual Sunday school entertainment and tree will be held in Thornhill Public School on December 19th. The Rev. Calvin Chambers hopes that this will be the last time that the Sunday School will be held in the old building. The new church and parish hall should be finished by the end of January, 1959.

Thornhill United Church is celebrating its first Christmas in the new building. On Sunday, December 14, white gifts were brought to the 11 a.m. service by both Sunday School children and adults. The gifts will be used in the welfare work of the church, and some will be sent to the Fred Victor Mission in Toronto. A special programme for the organ and choir has been arranged by the director of music, Mr. Hugh A. Martin. There will be a candlelight Communion Service, beginning at 11:15 on Christmas eve.

Each church organization has had its own Christmas party, said the minister, the Rev. E. E. Eddy, and the Sunday school Christmas concert was held on Friday, December 12.

## Helping Hand For Busy Beavers

In the midst of a callous world it is nice to find evidence of consideration amongst the young folk. "Neighbors' ours, with whom we spent a pleasant summer in the northern lake-land," reports Mr. Colin Renton, Garden Ave., Langstaff, "decided to buy a property there. It is near the water and apparently there are some previous tenants who don't intend to have their claim jumped, namely beavers. When our friends returned to their place on the week-end, the beavers had felled two fair sized poplars, the tops of which had caught in other trees, so that they lay at an angle. Junior, aged 8, was afraid that the beavers would be deprived of the fruits of their labour, so he insisted on pa and ma getting on and freeing the trees so that they lay on the ground and could be got at." Surely the spirit of the Beaver People would be pleased and send blessings to so kindly a young friend!

Today nothing seems to succeed like the appearance of success.

## Lions Party December 29 Bingo Jackpot Now \$250 All Proceeds For Welfare Work In Richmond Hill

by Mona G. Robertson

"Under the B . . . 1" BINGO! I had won myself \$13.75 . . . and it was my first visit to the Richmond Hill Lions Club bingo, ever!

Last Monday night, along with a friend, I decided to pay a visit to this popular weekly event, held every Monday night sharp at 8 o'clock, in the Lions' Community Hall on Centre Street. We were out for some fun — and realizing that all proceeds of the money taken in at the door was for the good cause of charity — what did we have to lose?

We paid our admission, just fifty cents, and received a card with a (lucky?) number on it, and a bingo card — to use during 18 of the 22 games to follow — for free. Already seated at the long wooden tables were hundreds of men and women, some having come by chartered bus from Newmarket, many from the town, and lots of others from nearby areas. The room was hushed and expectant. I had heard that the bingo players took their game seriously — but I was certainly not prepared for the two hours of heavy concentration of thought which was to follow — it was something like playing bridge, with a kibitzer in the foreground — telling you what numbers to play.

After the first game or two I began to feel the tension mount — almost made it that time, just needed one more number when someone far down the hall yelled "Bingo!" Then the game continued . . . as I heard the announcement, "cards are now being sold at ten cents each or three for a quarter for the Silver Special." One eye glued to my bingo card I ransacked my purse for change and then glancing up saw Dr. Jim Langstaff and Don Little selling bingo cards!

Later I was to learn that the whole set-up of the bingo hinges on the successful manner in which the business and professional men (all members of the Lions) of Richmond Hill run these Monday evening games. Each member of the club gives two months each year, to sell tickets, bingo cards, pop and chocolate bars during the game, while Co-chairmen Paul Binkley and Shaun Beggs operate the electric machine, and call bingo numbers as the numbered ping-pong balls pop up to bring someone, somewhere a lucky bingo card.

Now it was time for the Silver Special. "Top Line" "Bottom Line" "Full Card". Being a greenhorn, but learning fast, I was not just clear about what we did if and when we got any of these — but on with the game. Suddenly, my friend seated on my right nudged my arm and said, "You've got a bingo . . . say BINGO." I said, "It's only the bottom line." "Bingo . . . Bingo," my friend said persistently. Weakly I raised my hand and waved — to anyone who was interested, — and piped up feebly, "bingo."

my elbow, raised the metal caller of my card and called off numbers . . . I heard a voice say, "Give the lady \$13.75." By this time the numbers were rolling right along again and with my eyes glued to this lovely little piece of cardboard that was like a veritable gold mine, I held out one hand for the metal counters on my card, may be there was more money around the corner!

Again there was a cry of bingo . . . across the room from where we sat; then another, and another and another. Four people had the top line, they collected three dollars each. And that was how it went the balance of the night until the jackpot game at the end. Pre-Christmas cheer was distributed around the hall last Monday night, since almost every prize was split from two to four ways.

Half way through the evening, Doug Boyd appeared on the platform and called out ten or twelve lucky numbers (from the door cards) and the owners of these cards went home a dollar richer. The tension and excitement continued to mount — one could hear great, audible sighs as a player half the room away waited for THAT final number to fill his or her card. More and more money was given away and we began to wonder if the Lions were "going for broke." Came the Jackpot and we bought two cards . . . our luck might, just might, still be in. 52 numbers were called, but no one made the grade, three more numbers were added and we had more money to fill her hand with white hair put up her hand and yelled the magic word. She had won herself

\$25 for Christmas shopping. Mrs. Mary Reynolds of Newmarket was perhaps one of the luckiest winners of the night, but not the biggest, she won herself about \$20 in three different games. Mrs. Reynolds "plays" at the Lions Bingo every Monday night.

The last number was called for the evening — and as if at a given signal, bingo players who had sat glued to their chairs all night came to life, shook themselves into their heavy coats and made for the doors, calling to each other. "See you here next week." Winners and losers all beamed at each other — "Yes it had been a good night, see you next week."

Next week — they tell me — the jackpot is going to be worth \$250,000! Think of the turkey one could buy with a win like that! 53 numbers will be drawn, this means for bingo numbers, not for lucky tickets, as I had thought at first) and some lucky person may go home \$250. richer. But if no one wins the jackpot will have another \$25. added for the next week.

Holiday Party Bingo. And that brings us to December 29th. That's the big holiday party night, when Shaun Beggs says, "We are having our annual NEW YEAR'S PARTY." The hall will be decorated for the occasion, the players will receive party hats, favours and many, many free prizes during the evening, including a few turkeys we understand. And to top off this gala night, December 29, there'll be the usual prizes for the games — and the Jackpot.

See you there! And not just because of the prizes, but because this is the biggest money raising project the Richmond Hill Lions run — with all proceeds going right into welfare work for this community. Besides, it's fun!

## St. Matthew's Carol Service, Dec. 21st

The Choir of St. Matthew's United Church is busy rehearsing for the carol service which is planned for the afternoon of December 21st, at 4:30. The solo work in the service rests on Mrs. Eileen Robbins and Mrs. Nixie Knappett, two well known singers in this community. Other soloists will be Miss Rosemary Jackson, and Mr. Bruce Curtis. A quartet number will be rendered by Mr. and Mrs. C. Houghton and Mr. and Mrs. R. Robbins. These will be supported by a full choir of young voices, many of them recruits of recent months, and all choral enthusiasts. The choir is directed by Mrs. Norma Jackson, a highly respected musician in the Metropolitan area, and justly famous since her creation and leadership of the Lesaidie Girls Choir a few years ago.

The carols chosen for the service are bright and simple, in the best carol tradition. The congregation will be asked to join in singing some of the most familiar. This will be the first in what the church hopes to make an annual event. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Trustees' Meeting Incorporation Still An Issue For King City

by Mrs. W. J. Houston

Next round in King City's quandary over "incorporation" coming up!

Village Trustees' final scheduled meeting for the year, December 8, wound up with their decision to obtain an unbiased report from the Bureau of Municipal Research, advising whether the village should press for incorporation.

Trustee Ronald Bolton estimated such a study by the non-profit organization would cost \$100, which was unanimously approved by Trustees Bolton, Findlay and Dew.

The meeting concluding the year's business had been about to adjourn when Trustee Bolton answered Chairman Findlay's query of "any further business?" "No one has proved to me yet that incorporation isn't the right move for King City," stated Mr. Bolton. "We had the rug pulled from under our feet the first time at the Municipal Board hearing, because specialists sort of backed down."

"I'd like to be convinced one way or another," said Mr. Bolton. He considered the village vote on December 1 "indicates to me people would like to hear more about it. For my own satisfaction I feel we should proceed further."

Mr. Findlay agreed, "We thought we were getting spent more money and has not proceeded as

far as we have. If we can get a report for \$100, I feel it's well in line."

Mr. Bolton wanted it settled "whether the village should be dissolved, as some people at township level feel, or if King City should retain its identity." In his opinion, "I don't think it should be dissolved." "A lot of people here are unaware of the township's role and only know the village." He felt this was indicated when fewer village residents voted for township councillors than village trustees on December 1.

George Lawrence of Clearview Gardens asked if any period of time had to elapse before application could be made again to the Ontario Municipal Board. He was told there was no waiting period, but trustees "now lack consultants."

Mr. Bolton concluded, "I'm willing to stop if we're advised it's wrong." Reserves Decided While awaiting exact financial figures from township, trustees set up reserves for 1959 of \$1,000 for fire department capital equipment and the surplus to be divided equally between sidewalks and street lights, not exceeding \$500 each.

Mr. Bolton suggested a garbage commissioner would be needed for 1959 and mentioned further complaints he had heard about the garbage collection. (Continued on page 3)

## Campaign Raises \$45,000

## New School Assured For Retarded Children

The results of the recent drive to raise funds to build a new school for Retarded Children in Richmond Hill were announced early this week. Mr. Donald Deacon, chairman of the Steering Committee, stated that approximately \$45,000.00 would be raised once all donations have been received.

Many municipalities and corporations have promised financial assistance and their cheques are expected in the near future. The canvassers' committee, headed by Mr. Ray McTavish of But- tonville, had hoped to realize the campaign objective but was generally pleased that they are now within striking distance of the objective.

The building steering committee is recommending to the permanent Thornhaven Association that their building plans should be proceeded with at once. It is expected that with special donations and fund raising activities the remaining \$15,000 can be raised in 1960.

Already the Thornhaven Association has received many offers of building help in the form of architect and engineering services as well as offers of help from building contractors and sub-contractors.

The Town of Richmond Hill has agreed to give a building site and is considering a further financial donation as well. None of the communities participating in the canvass actually made its objective although the Village of Stoffville through the Village efforts of the Lions and Home and School Club were only a few hundred dollars short of their \$3,000.00 objective.