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**BUTTONVILLE NEWS**

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**Neighbourhood Notes**

On Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. John Storey entertained at a birthday party for Marcelle who celebrated her 12th birthday. Among the guests were Marcelle's sister, Berta, Donna Kerr, Patricia Patterson, Georgina Vollett, Margaret and Christine Selders, Maurine Martin, Pat Stewart and Susan Harrott. Mrs. Gordon Purves is occupied with plans for the coming Cancer Campaign. As a member of the Board of Directors for the Ontario Cancer Society, she will attend meetings of the campaign committee and the executive committee.

Mr. Helmar Bauthus left by plane on Sunday for a business trip to Norway. This time he will enter the land of his birth as a Canadian citizen.

Tuesday night of last week the mercury dropped to 23 degrees below zero, the coldest it has been all winter. On Wednesday, however, the crowds appeared in our neighbourhood as if to take the sting out of this winter gesture, and on Sunday they moved in in full force with their cawing heard on all sides.

Congratulations to Dawn Hood who celebrated a birthday on Saturday of last week - also to Mr. Douglas Hood who slipped another one in on February 20.

Miss Isobel Hood of London spent last week-end with her family here, and Miss Margaret Gray of Brankome Hall visited Mrs. S. J. English.

We were happy to hear that Wee Caroline Alex is making good progress now and is able to walk again.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson returned last week-end from Florida where they vacationed at West Palm Beach and other points. Unfortunately Aubrey contracted Florida pleurisy and was seriously ill for a few days.

**Davidson Mission Band**

Davidson Mission Band members met at Brown's Corners United Church on Saturday afternoon of last week for their meeting and a social time. Mr. Wilfred Turner has an interesting story for the children and there were games also. Officers this year are: president, Donna Kerr; secretary, Patricia Patterson; treasurer, Susan Stewart; missionary outreach, Deborah Hood. The group plans to hold the Easter Thankoffering later in the month.

**Baptism Service**

Four children were baptised at a ceremony at Brown's Corners Church last Sunday morning, with Rev. A. F. Binnington officiating. They were William Harvey Ross Halkes and Cheryl Joanne Halkes, children of Mr. and Mrs. William Halkes; Leslie Anne Hood, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hood; and Heather Ann Watt, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. Watt (nee Norma Denby).

**Markham Bowlers Euchre Party**

Buttonville players were hostesses at a euchre party sponsored by the Markham lawn bowling members when they met at Buttonville Hall on Monday evening of last week. There were 14 tables of players present, with members attending from points as far distant as Claremont. Local hostesses were Mrs. F. W. Baker, Mrs. George Kelly and Mrs. Ben Gayman. Mr. Gayman was scorer.

Parents in the Buttonville School area were addressed by the local Public Health nurse, Mrs. Jory, when the Home & School Association met in the school on Wednesday evening of last week.

Mrs. Jory spoke on public health as it applies to school affairs, and following her address parents asked many questions, chief of which was, "Is a school dental inspection program contemplated in this area for the near future?" Mrs. Jory had no specific information regarding this question, but will make enquiries and forward the information.

During the business session, Mr. Jack Storey was appointed to line up men to erect a belfry and install the old school bell, with May 24 as the deadline.

April 14 is the date set for the annual euchre party.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Harrott and her social committee served refreshments.

In March the fathers of the association will be responsible for the program.

**Receives Art Commission**

We were pleased to note in Pearl McCarthy's column of last Saturday's Globe & Mail that Rebecca Sisler has been commissioned to do a new work for the Toronto Art Gallery. Of sketches entered by five sculptors, hers was the one chosen, and it will be a sculpture in wood of a mother and two children called "The Tree of Life." The Art Gallery commission is the result of a plan whereby the Canadian Council has enabled six major galleries to commission a new piece of sculpture. Rebecca's studio is now at Terra Cotta, Ontario, and Pearl McCarthy's article featured a picture of Rebecca and "The Old Forge" where she now works.

Occasionally it is interesting to glance back at happenings over the years. This correspondent began writing Buttonville News in the autumn of 1952 and recently checked back through early copy to find out what was going on then. You may be interested!

In January 1953, Miss Francis Baker was the teacher at Buttonville School, and School Inspector Maynard Hallman, B.A., B.Ed., began his duties on January 1. School trustees were S. R. Patterson, W. Wood and J. Brown with W. Craig appointed Secretary.

Jack Stephenson arrived from the west with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stephenson, and planned to stay the winter. Mrs. Hamilton entertained at a

trousseau tea for her daughter Betty, who had married Mr. Wm. Kebich on December 20, 1952.

At Brown's Corners W.M.S., the hostesses for the January meeting were Mrs. F. W. Baker, Mrs. J. Wilkins and Mrs. Geo. Oakes, and the W.I. meeting was held at Mrs. George Kelly's. Both groups were concerned about relief for flood victims in England and Holland.

That month Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Easton left on a two months' vacation and cattle buying trip to the British Isles and Europe, and at home Mr. Walter Brumwell was elected as treasurer of Brown's Corners Sunday School when Miss Mary Rodick resigned the office.

Sylvia Easton was a student nurse at the Toronto East General Hospital, and Bruce Jones was playing hockey for South Porcupine.

The weather was apparently mild, for when Bruce Putnam planned to hold a sleighride for classmates at Buttonville School arrangements had to be changed. John Black piloted the Braedon Farm tractor which trailed a wagonload of children behind.

Miss Ellen Boynton was Mission Band Leader, with Mrs. S. J. English, and officers were Beverly Burr, Nancy Brown, Irene Walters, Betty Patterson and John Rodick.

In February, 1953, there was a W.M.S. quilting at the home of Miss Mary Rodick; Ken and Connie Stephenson moved to a home at the corner of Don Mills Rd. and 16th Ave., and Gundy and Doreen Wilson occupied their new home on No. 7 Highway near Leitchcroft.

John David Turner had arrived late in January, and the Turners now were planning to move into their new home on John Street.

It was this winter that Mr. Bert Oakes of Winnipeg visited his brother's family here, Mr. and Mrs. George Oakes; it was this winter also 'nat hockey fan Doreen Jones (now Mrs. Gordon Vaughan) was injured by a puck at a Brampton-Unionville game.

Grace Rodick passed her Grade 2 theory (music) with honours, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Crisp returned home from Florida to welcome a new grandson, Douglas Rowlands, to the family fold.

Ex-students attending the Richmond Hill prom that year were Sylvia Easton, Francis Baker, Dorothy Hood and Ellen Hooper, and escorts.

Mrs. George Kelly conducted cooking classes for the Junior Homemakers' Club and a meeting was held to discuss a hospital for Markham Township, with delegates Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. J. Robinson present.

*Education Week In Richmond Hill*

**BEVERLEY ACRES SCHOOL**

More than 600 parents attended open house of the Beverley Acres Public School on Monday evening. Classrooms were colorful and interesting in their displays of arts and crafts, and work in the major subjects. Through-out the school, the outstanding art work reflected the guidance of Mrs. Bryant and Mr. Orser of the teaching staff. The science apparatus exhibited, was representative of the development of Botany, Zoology, Science and Physics from the public school course.

The senior choir - under the able direction of Mr. J. Morrison - provide the highlights of the evening with their rendition of "My Grandfather's Clock", "Non Nobis Domine", "Man's Best Friend is His Horse", "Our Heritage", "Waltz Chorus" from Faust, "Green Eyed Dragon", with Derek Adams as soloist and Gordon as violinist. Principal Nighswander brought the evening to a close with a word of appreciation to the parents for their great interest in the school program.

**MACKILLOP SCHOOL**

On Monday night, Principal Robert Newman and his teaching staff were hosts at the O. M. MacKillop Public School's annual open house. A great number of parents visited the school for this occasion marking the beginning of Education Week, and were delighted at the quality and variety of the children's work on display. The teaching staff had devised many ingenious and attractive ways of presenting the school's program of work through the grades. The art, science, social studies and reading programs were particularly impressive.

The junior choir presented a short program midway through the evening. The musical selections were enjoyed by the audience and this year's open house was pronounced a great success by all who attended.

**LILLIAN M. MCCONAGHY SCHOOL**

Education Week at McConaghy School began with open house on Monday evening. Bright displays of pupils work hung round the walls and life-size paper replicas of sons and daughters surprised mothers and fathers in Miss Knight's room. Interviews and classroom visits were followed by a puppet show and demonstration music lesson in the auditorium where coffee was served. The two puppet playlets were produced by grade 8 pupils with puppets of their own making and the choir became a music class, sang well several difficult part songs for our enjoyment.

The audio-visual aids used in the school were on display. The evening passed quickly, giving parents an insight into their chil-

**WALTER SCOTT SCHOOL**

Walter Scott School held open house for over 400 parents and friends Monday evening, and from the time they entered and were presented with a program guide by the school oratorical contest representatives, they were treated to imaginative displays in the classrooms and on the bulletin boards in the halls. Mr. N. Davison and his teaching staff were on hand to talk to parents, and grade mothers of the home and school association assisted in the various classrooms.

Science and social studies were stressed, and satellites, rockets and moon men were to be seen along with displays of perky penguins and puppets. Each of the classrooms had a central theme, besides the every-day work displayed at each desk and around the room. These included: Penguins, Moon, Stars and Weather; The Wind; Tropical Fish; The Moon; Satellites and Constellations; Oceanography and Transportation; The Sun; Puppet Show; The Solar System The School Library Programme Natural Science and Conservation, and the St. Lawrence Seaway. In addition, displays of art, writing, composition, map projects, etc., were to be seen, and a film on the "History of Aviation" was shown. In the kindergarten parents were invited to "See the Helicopter!"

After their tour of the school's exhibits guests were served refreshments by the Walter Scott Home and School Association, in the kindergarten room, where the coffee table was attractively centered by spring flowers donated by Rice Florists, of Richmond Hill.

**DEPT. OF HEALTH  
 TWP. OF NORTH YORK**

By and Large  
 Most people are not interested in diseases or in the positive ways they can maintain good health. Of course some people are; but, too frequently, these are people who have become interested in health when they have lost their own, or when a family member or friend have been stricken with illness or accident. All too often, the average person, who is well, probably wouldn't list the subject of his health as being one that he'd like to spend much spare time exploring.  
 CARL E. HILL, M.D., M.O.H.

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