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Pajevics Enjoy Life In Thornhill



Mrs. Stefa Pajevic and her two sons smile happily in their new Thornhill home. The Pajevics were the second refugee family to arrive in Thornhill during 1960. Dusan is 19 (left) and Branislav is 17. The

Pajevics were sponsored by the Thornhill United Church. They arrived in Canada just before Christmas. — Photo by Barbour

Thornhill's Two Refugee Families Enjoy Their First Christmas In Canada

(By M. I. McLean)

Although the Bencic family of Henderson Avenue, who arrived in Thornhill early last summer, can hardly be any longer termed "refugees", they were no less thrilled by a first Canadian Christmas than were Mrs. Pajevic and her two sons, Dusan and Branislav, who arrived in our midst just a few days before Christmas. Both families revelled in a Christmas tree, gay with lights, bulging stockings and traditional Canadian Christmas fare.

When she arrived at the comfortable apartment on Yonge Street, Mrs. Pajevic was moved to tears at the sight of the softly glowing tree which stood in the living room, and in broken sentences recounted how she and her sons had marvelled at similar trees they had glimpsed from their train window on the long trip from Halifax. To find not only a fully equipped home ready for them, but also a lovingly decorated tree was more than they had ever dreamed.

The Pajevics attended the Christmas Eve service at Thornhill United Church and returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lambert. On Christmas Day, they attended the morning service at the church and had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrington at their home on Charles Street. Monday, they spent at the Lamberts, where Dusan and Branislav became firm friends with the three Lambert boys, John 15, Peter 9 and Steven 7. Although the Lambert children know no French and the Pajevics speak only a very little English, the boys seem able to communicate with little trouble. The Pajevics were surprised by an unexpected visitor of their own on Monday, a young Yugoslav whom they had known in Paris and who had come to Canada on the same boat with them. This intrepid young man had made the trip by bus from Hamilton where he is living, to Toronto, and thence by bus to Thornhill. Enquiring at the drug store, he was directed to the Lamberts' home and enjoyed a visit and dinner with them and the Pajevics. Tuesday, the Pajevics determined to visit "friends of friends" in Toronto and John Lambert vol-

unteered to be their guide. With his scanty knowledge of the east end of Toronto, this was somewhat like the blind leading the blind, but the trip was accomplished with only one minor difficulty. Cautiously to take a King street car labelled "Erindale" on the trip to Broadview Avenue, John and the three Pajevics patiently waited 40 minutes for one with a similar label on the return trip. If it hadn't been for the happy accident that a car finally came along driven by a motorist who had forgotten to change his sign at the end of the run and was still labelled "Erindale", they might still be waiting there.

The Pajevics received many lovely gifts from members of the congregation of Thornhill United Church, as well as a fine hamper of groceries from the Brownies. A quite unexpected gift, however, was that of a toboggan from Miss Welsh of 33 Centre Street. Miss Welsh had been the surprised winner of the toboggan in the lucky draw sponsored by the local merchants, and rather at a loss as to what to do with it herself, had the happy thought of giving it to the Pajevic boys. Along with the Lambert boys, they gave it a trial run on Thursday, and pronounced it in fine running order.

The Pajevics had their first English lesson on Tuesday evening, December 27th, when Mr. McGhee started them on the course of lessons which he and Mrs. McGhee had volunteered to give. Mrs. Pajevic started work at the Shuldice Hospital, on Tuesday, January 3rd. Dusan will try to find employment and continue his draughting studies at night. Branislav will concentrate on studying nothing but English for the balance of the school year and it is hoped that he will be ready to fit in at Thornhill High School by next September.

Meanwhile, the Bencics are making steady progress with their English lessons, with Mr. Bencic and three of the older children attending night classes. The Bencic children, with the exception of the two youngest, are all attending St. Luke's Separate School and are progressing favourably.

For both these families, 1960 was certainly a momentous year which wrought great changes in their lives. For 1961, we wish that they might find in their new homeland, peace, friendship and contentment.

Unluckiest resident in our fair community would have to be Mr. J. Kissell, of 59 Clarke Ave., who suffered two broken legs, two broken arms; a fractured hip; a concussion; face lacerations and internal injuries when his truck went out of control on November 11.

The fortunate part was that he recovered favourably and was able to spend Christmas at home.

NEWMARKET — Bertha Peterson, 60-year-old wife of Thor Peterson, aged 56, has been charged with murder, following the death of her husband from stab wounds.

DONCASTER

Correspondent: David Barbour, Henderson Ave. Phone AV. 5-5205, 1960 IN REVIEW

At the first of the year, the new Woodland Public School was completed. The official opening was held some time later.

Henderson Avenue underwent a face lifting treatment as the first sewers were laid, this was immediately followed by a widening programme from Clarke Avenue to its new northern tip at Elgin Ave.

Work on these projects commenced in mid summer and were completed late in the fall.

A great number of Doncaster's single population have changed their status. The former Barbara Croft, of Willowdale Ave., wed James Taylor. Miss Gail Hurworth married, as did her neighbour Audrey Hawes. Neighbourhood sweethearts Carolyn Bragan and Charles Swan, of Glen Cameron Ave., were married last Spring. Peter Woodward, of Clarke Ave., took a Toronto girl as his bride and Louise Clow, also of Clarke Ave., was joined in holy matrimony to Ronald Dewsbury, of Newmarket.

In the summer Sylvia Scott, of Morgan Ave., wed Barry Palneau, of the city. This year saw the passing of Mrs. Cora Hagan, a popular former resident; Mr. Orvis, of Glen Cameron Ave., and Mr. Art Stevens, of Morgan Ave.

The Thornhill Refugee Committee chose a Doncaster location for the Yugoslavian family they sponsored. The Bencics, a happy family with six children have been settled at 113 Henderson Ave. This happened in June.

The most outstanding item, of course, would be the Doncaster Community Ladies Club's grant of a scholarship to the Thornhill High School. The awards were announced at the school's commencement exercises on November 18, by A. S. Elson, principal.

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Talking Shop

with Doris FitzGerald

A CHEERFUL OUTLOOK
Each New Year brings new hope to all of us, and more help to our sick ones. According to Mr. Hal Harley many newly perfected drugs were introduced in 1960, notably an oral polio vaccine which is very effective, and new tranquilizers for the mentally disturbed. Mr. Harley, a pharmacist and prescription specialist, works closely with doctors and makes it his business to keep informed about trends in medicine, and the results of recent research. He believes that the troublesome common cold will soon be a rarity, and that cancer, polio, and heart attacks will cause us little trouble, just as those former killers, diphtheria, typhoid fever, smallpox and tuberculosis are now easily controlled. Said Mr. Harley, "As soon as new discoveries are perfected for safe use, physicians are informed, so it is wise for anyone with a serious ailment to keep often in touch with a bonafide doctor. Someday, perhaps soon, a cure will be available, and he can be trusted not to offer false hopes."

REALLY HOME MADE
Some time ago at a large church luncheon in Thornhill we asked which of the superb cooks in the parish had made the delicious rolls and cake. "Oh, we ordered them from Gord's Home Bakery," a helper confided. "We needed so many, and felt we couldn't do better." That is something which many other societies and individual hostesses have discovered during the five years that Mr. and Mrs. "Gord" Blake have been operating their bakery in Willowdale. A good part of their business is supplying rolls of all kinds, beef-steak pies, slab cakes and pastries for large functions. They have also built up an excellent reputation for their wedding, birthday, and other "special occasion" cakes. Mr. Blake has had 37 years experience as a baker, and it is a treat to step into his shop to buy a still warm loaf and to sniff the fragrant aroma of fresh baked bread.

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A TIMELY REMINDER
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BETTER LATE THAN NEVER
"How is it", we asked a not-so-young acquaintance, "that a few months ago you trembled at the thought of seconding a motion, and yet, today, gave a splendid little talk at the meeting, and were as calm and poised as a veteran speaker?" "A lot of the credit goes to Marguerite Boyle," she confessed. "When I finally realized that handicaps, shyness, and the inability to say a few words in public are, I decided to take some lessons from Miss Boyle, whose elocution students are always winning Gold Medals. Even if I never set foot on a platform again I will be happy about the decision," she continued. "Miss Boyle has taught me to enunciate clearly, to project my voice and to stand at ease, and all this has given me a great feeling of self-confidence."

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Horticultural Christmas Dinner And Prize Night

The Thornhill Horticultural Society's annual Christmas Dinner was held in the new auditorium of Holy Trinity Anglican Church on December 15th, and the members and friends of the society present enjoyed a delightful evening.

Seated at the head table were Mrs. J. Bridges, the retiring president, with Mr. Bridges, Mr. Alan Foster the new president for 1961 and Mrs. Foster, and Mr. St. C. Tennant, past president of the Ontario Horticultural Society and new director for 1961 of the 15th district, with Mrs. Tennant. Also at the head table were Mr. Tom Pherrill, a past president of the society, with Mrs. Pherrill, Mr. Alan Sumner, Mr. Arthur Bone and the Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. C. Fletcher.

After thanking the directors and also the members for their support during the three years of her presidency, Mrs. Bridges read out the past season's prize winners. While Mr. Tennant made the presentations, Mrs. Harris was awarded both the T. Eaton Company Trophy for the total number of points in the flower sections and a special prize for the highest points in the rose classes. Mr. and Mrs. Manning had the outstanding number of points in the specimen section, indicating that they have a good garden, well under control. Mr. and Mrs. Healey gained the high marks in the decorative section. The fruit and vegetable section, which is gaining in popularity, was headed by Mr. A. Turpenny, a staunch supporter of these classes closely followed by Mr. F. Teasdale and Mr. J. Halliwell of Concord. Mr. B. Jenkins, one of the newer members, came into his own, winning the Four Roses Trophy for special classification for Hybrid Tea roses. He was also awarded the Percy Bone Trophy

for an arrangement in the August Flower Show. Mrs. K. Falla carried off the president's special prize for a three year member. The marks showed a big increase by the new members again this year, which should be encouraging for would-be 1961 members — and a stimulus for bigger and better things from older members.

Mr. R. C. Poulter, a past president of the association, made a short speech and a presentation to the retiring president, Mrs. Bridges replied briefly and stated that her services would still be available to the society whenever needed.

A highlight of the after dinner program was the colourful figure of the new president, Mr. Alan Foster, who in his kilt of the Hunting Macintosh Tartan, led his class, with Mrs. Foster, in Scottish Country Dances. Their demonstration dances were both delightful and helpful to the many members who were enticed onto the floor in increasing numbers as the evening wore on. The Ring-Bowl game limbered up the turnkey lovers present and the operators of the skittles stood up very well to the fast-moving and uncanny aiming of the balls. During the intermissions, a quiz on certain vegetables and fruits was held, and some of the astonishing answers were the cause of much merriment. Among those enjoying the fun were Mr. Wilfred Dean, the new reeve of Markham Township for 1961, and Mrs. Dean, happy to relax after the recent municipal election campaign. The fine Christmas dinner served by the Holy Trinity caterers was appreciated to the full, as were the tasteful and colourful decorations of the hall. The president and directors were congratulated on a well-planned evening.

Silver Linings

By Elizabeth Kelton

Everyone knows that we need food and drink in order to live. Cut off our supplies and we should die of hunger in a very short time. Man does not live by food and drink alone but by inspiration as well. Without inspiration for the soul, even adequate supplies of food and drink are unable to provide any more than a lethargic, apathetic and colorless existence. What is inspiration? The dictionary tells us that it is the act of breathing in, or the state of being intellectually and emotionally stimulated. The essence of it means a contact with a power compelling creation as an expression. Such contact enables us to make a visible creation in our material world.

The Bible is an inspired book and time has proven that it has power to inspire others. All through its pages are references to inspiration that is born of a contact with a Higher Power. "As thy day, so shall thy strength be." I feel the word inspiration would fit in here. According to your inspiration will be determined how well you are able to adjust to whatever happens to you. Calling upon God for inspiration never fails. Life is oftentimes difficult. Failure, disappointments and discouragements face us daily. But if we have received inspiration from somewhere, it doesn't make too much difference what happens. Inspiration puts a new spirit into our tasks and gives us the courage and strength to face our difficulties.

It is the nature of men to aspire. Once we are inspired, the task is easy. All great accomplishments are the result of inspiration. The trouble with so many of us is that we feed our bodies but neglect to feed our spirit which also requires sustenance. This month, the name of Jesus will be heard again and again in prayer, hymn, carol and sermon. We recall the wonderful story of his birth as the "Babe of Bethlehem". It was that same Jesus who said that man does not live by bread alone but also by the inspiration of the Heavenly Father.

How to get inspiration in other ways is easy. We can get it from good books, contacts with stimulating friends, music, art and many other things. One needs to become sensitive and receptive to this wonderful world, and the many fine and inspiring people who live in it and whose knowledge and experience goes far beyond our own. A well defined purpose in life continually opens the door to inspiration. You cannot store up inspiration against emergencies or dry periods. You must go to the source of your inspiration every day of your life.

Thornhill Notes

United Church News
Couples Club

The North York Bowling Alley was a hive of laughter and fun as the Couples Club of the United Church held their monthly meeting there in the form of a bowling party on Saturday, December 10.

There was an excellent attendance and the following were awarded prizes: Mr. Percy Forrester, Mrs. R. Vanderburgh and Mr. and Mrs. P. Denby.

The couples returned to the church following the bowling and Mr. Hugh Martin very ably led an enthusiastic group in a rousing sing-song of Christmas Carols, accompanied by Mr. Bruce Johnston.

A short business meeting had the new officers for 1961 elected, as follows: President, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Everist; Vice-President, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Windsor; secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnston; Treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Mack. The next meeting of the Couples Club will be held on January 14th, in the form of a skating party. For further information, contact Mrs. Jean Johnston at AV. 5-3215.

Christmas Eve Service

A very lovely Christmas Eve Carol and Communion Service was held at Thornhill United Church at 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and was well attended. Very moving and beautiful was the Service of the Carols where passages from the scriptures were interspersed by carols. A Christmas meditation "A Knock at the Door" was read by Rev. H. Veals and all those attending were invited to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Following the Benediction, the Choral Fantasia by Martin Shaw was sung most effectively and the service ended with a silent prayer of

thanksgiving.

Christmas Sunday

At the Christmas Sunday service, the Junior Choir sang "Unto Us a Boy is Born" while the lovely duet "And There Were Shepherds" was sung by Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Clark. Rev. MacDonald's sermon was entitled "Emmanuel — God With Us". Following the service, Rev. and Mrs. MacDonald left for a three day vacation in Ottawa.

On Wednesday, December 28th, a lively group of Y.P.U. members met at the Thornhill Golf Course at 8 p.m. and enjoyed an hour and a half's tobogganing, returning to the church for a party and refreshments.

On Friday, the 30th, the young people of the United Church were invited by the Young People of Holy Trinity Anglican Church to a skating party, followed by a dance in the Holy Trinity old church hall. The young people met at the pond at 8 p.m. and after both skating and dancing, were in fine fettle to attack the delicious refreshments provided.

At the evening service at the Thornhill United Church on January 15th, the film "The Heart is a Rebel", a full length colour motion picture will be shown.

Prayer Service
A Community Prayer Service will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on January 18th, and members of all faiths are invited to attend. Rev. Gerald Gregson will lead in worship and prayer.

Paintings

Another stimulating exhibition of paintings has been put on display at the Thornhill Public Library, as of Tuesday, January 3rd, to be on view for two weeks. These are Persian miniatures and are well worth seeing. They are provided by the Art Institute of Ontario.

Christmas Lights

Some words of appreciation should be penned for the Thornhill residents who so beautifully decorated their homes for the Christmas season, to the great delight of the little ones — and to more than a few adults as well. Mr. and Mrs. Stothers' home on Centre Street was particularly attractive with coloured lights, floodlights and Santa and his Reindeer. The view across the pond at night was one to bring cheer to all who saw it. Friend husband was moved to remark "The winter would certainly be dull without Christmas, wouldn't it?" and certainly the gay display of lights almost made the early dark welcome. I, for one, was quite in tune with our two-year old when he jumped up and down, clapping his hands, and yelled, "Hurrah, Hurrah, Christmas lights!" So thank you, kind people for a little boy's enjoyment and for mine.

STOUFFVILLE — The Free Methodist Church of Cedar Valley and a Whitechurch district farmer will take their assessment appeals to a higher court.

Miss Susan Regan Bride of Ernest Schellenberg

A beautiful day-before-a-wedding, Susan Ann daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Regan of 14 Elmdale, Thornhill, became the bride of Ernest Schellenberg, son of Ernest W. Schellenberg of Detroit, in St. Luke's Catholic Church. Music provided by Monsignor Ron-Cathedral Choristers from Choir School in Toronto.

She was gowned in pink mouseline de soie, with a wide portrait neckline, pearl trimmed. The bouffant waistline was accentuated by a billowing draped skirt and her bouffant chapel veil of illusion was gathered in a tiny pink coronet. Her bouquet was a circular spray of frosted pink stephanotis and baby orchids.

The bride's sister, Miss Jucdee Regan, was maid of honour and the sister-in-law of the bride, Mrs. Peter B. Regan was bridesmaid. Their gowns were of bayberry green mouseline de soie with bateau necklines and short sleeves. Their wide sashes of apple blossom print fell to the hemline at the back and they wore bandeau headresses. They carried cascades of frosted pink carnations. The bride's cousin, Miss Denise Kamps, was flower girl, wearing a gown of candy pink mouseline de soie and carrying an old-fashioned nosegay of pink sweetheart roses and button chrysanthemums.

Mr. Peter Neumann was best man, and ushers were Mr. Peter Regan and Mr. Timothy Regan. Following a reception at the home of the bride's parents, the couple left on a trip to the Laurentians and New Hampshire.

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