

Victoria Square Charge Of United Church Reflects Growth

The year 1960 was an active, encouraging and progressive year for The Victoria Square Charge (United Church), which now claims a total resident and non-resident membership of 388 which raised \$34,581.00 during the 12 months ending December 31.

The Missionary and Maintenance Fund received \$2,993.00 while the Toronto Home Missions Church Extension Fund was given \$796.00. The W. M. S. organizations raised \$381.00 while the W.A.'s and Harmony Group raised \$2,762.00. As in the past, individual members of the charge co-operated closely, ex-

emplifying by their financial results the church's spirit of selflessness.

During the year there were 29 baptisms, seven marriages and eight funerals. Three faithful members of the W. M. S. passed away. They were Mrs. Robert Rodick, Mrs. William Haig and Mrs. Louis L. Nichols.

The minister is Dr. A. F. Binnington, the Recording Steward is Mr. Heber McCague and Corresponding Secretary is Mrs. W. Sande.

The growth of the charge was reflected in the welcoming of 22 new members in 1960.

The Edgeley Story—

An Up To Date Review Of Vaughan Industry

Vaughan Township no longer is simply a bedroom for Metropolitan Toronto. In the past two years the Estelle Investments Ltd. - Maplecrest Realty Ltd., industrial subdivision has, through the industries located in that area provided work for some 200 persons. This number could conceivably be doubled or tripled in the future. On February 25 when the Conservation Authority moves into its new permanent quarters at the corner of No. 7 Highway and Jane Street, it will mean that the township will have another 30 employees within its boundaries. In the light of profound economic changes coming to Vaughan by way of the \$100,000,000 CNR Marshalling Yard, "The Liberal" feels it will be of interest to its readers to render an account of the industrial subdivisions, the first in the township, promising to be only the forerunner of other such developments.

In May, 1959, Clarke's Produce Limited and Herb Sills Limited, Woodbridge Realtors combined to form a development company. The end product was Maplecrest Realty Limited, a land development firm under Wilmen R. Sills to promote industrial development in Vaughan Township. Maplecrest is comprised of the old Morden farm - at the southeast corner of Jane and No. 7 Highway and the Nelson Peeler farm adjoining. Having secured the cooperation of Vaughan Township Council, the developers succeeded in having Credit Valley Quarries installed in new quarters on No. 7 Highway.

The Maple Ready-Mix Company decided to establish next on the development provided Vaughan would guarantee a water supply. An industrial well was drilled on the property and a plentiful supply found, sufficient for all the needs of the industrial subdivision and the well site was given free to the township by the developers.

Industrial roads and water mains were installed at the developers' expense and at this time a new company, Estelle Investments Limited, was formed by W. R. Sills, owned by the Sills family. The Nelson Peeler farm on the adjoining southern lot was purchased in October, 1959. This now put 155 acres under industrial development.

Star Transfer located on 10 acres at the east end of the Estelle land. Tank Truck built a new depot on Costa Road leading to Star Transfer. Jewel Stone Company and Sunoco Oil built on No. 7. Other lands were sold to Freshway Foods Limited, Skyline Industries, General Equipment Corp., Peter Regina Limited, and Humber Wood Products Limited for future use. Deeds to roads, free of encumbrance, were given in February, 1960, according to

the developers, a true copy of the terms and agreements with North York Township made with their industrial subdividers was given to council and pointed reference made to the fact that Vaughan's only industrial developers had to compete with other industrial areas serviced under local improvement in North York. Lands in that township, said the developers, were more attractive as industry could write off the servicing cost against income taxes, whereas in Vaughan it was a capital cost. It was the developers' view that the Vaughan land price structure would be useless and would depreciate land values unless industry were given the same privileges as in neighboring municipalities. Arrangements were made with Vaughan through council to service one-half the remaining lands under local improvement. This was on June 8, 1960, but it was October 17 before arrangements were completed and actual work started.

On October 25, 1960, an offer was received from a private group offering to establish a 24,000 square foot curling rink on Jane Street. This was approved by council, extending the industrial servicing to take in this \$240,000 project.

Also in October, 1960, Maplecrest Realty announced plans for a \$200,000 office building on No. 7 Highway to house the Conservation Authority. Construction is underway now and about \$85,000 of this expenditure is winter labour spent in Vaughan. Room is available in the two-storey, 18,000 square foot building for a bank and restaurant and possibly a post office to serve the CNR Marshalling Yard and industrial area.

This building will be almost entirely constructed by Vaughan materials and workmanship. Standard Prestressed of Maple will supply the structure, local block and masonry; Jewel Stone the facing; Maple Ready Mix the concrete and local contractor Ar-buckle-Regina handled the excavation.

The developers say that No. 7 Highway subdivisions at Edgeley will this year become the brightest star in Greater Toronto's industrial growth as the \$100,000,000 CNR Marshalling Yards begins construction. They add that at present the industrial ratio to assessment in Vaughan is 3 per cent but that when the area is fully serviced and sold, this figure could be reversed so that taxes on residences and farms would be maintained at present levels. They say that the answer to this lack of balance between industrial and residential assessment is more tax-producing industries that do not require school costs. At present the material cost of land and industries under construction in the subdivisions is estimated at \$1,300,000 and other firms have contracted for land and about \$500,000 in building is contemplated for 1961.

Over \$16,000 tax revenue came from this industrial area in 1960. The developers suggest that a minimum of \$100,000 yearly tax revenue from industry on these two subdivisions is forecast within the next two years provided the same rate of progress in attracting industry to Vaughan is maintained by the developers.

As matters stand, said Mr. Sills, there should be no school costs against the tax revenue. Police and fire protection costs would be footed by the township, as would the maintenance of two miles of roads built and paid for by the developers and industries under local improvement. He said that the developers have paid \$82,000 in servicing costs in 1959 and 1960 and gave this to the township.

Mr. Sills said that North York Township has shown considerable interest in annexing up to No. 7 Highway, and that it is hoped that council will encourage the landowners south of No. 7 to continue to resist any encroachment by Metro on Vaughan's only industrial area.

\$2,000,000 Pleasure Park Developers Ask Vaughan Amend Freezing By-Law

Vaughan Township Planning Board and Council, at a policy meeting immediately following the planning board's regular meeting Tuesday evening gave no immediate decision in the matter of amending the present freezing by-law to permit an early start on the first phase of a two-million dollar recreational centre at No. 7 and Highway 400. When a decision is made, the planning board will so inform Romdon Estates, a representative of whom said that if the project had not been held up last fall it could have provided winter employment for upwards of 200 persons, without stating specifically whether or not the 200 would have been Vaughan Township residents.

Mr. Edward Donnelly, speaking for Romdon, told the planning board he represented a five-man organization which had, among other things built and sold 2,000 homes in Scarborough. The proposed recreational centre, to be called "Pleasure Park," had been given first stage approval by the former council but because of the freezing by-law enacted by the Municipal Board until Vaughan's official plan had been dealt with and effective until March 31, 1961, the project had been delayed.

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Whitchurch Clerk— In 27 Years Handled Approx. \$15 Million

In 27 years as clerk-treasurer of Whitchurch Township, John W. Crawford has handled approximately \$15 million, and as the man would say, "that ain't hay." When John (as he prefers to be called), started out his township's tax roll was about \$48,000 and the overall revenue a quarter of a million. Today the tax roll is \$464,000 and the annual revenue about \$800,000. The township has no capital debt but then, as the clerk says, neither does it have any public utilities. Ordinary running expenses are met as they show up and have not been debentured since the incorporation of the municipality 111 years ago. This, incidentally, in terms of years, makes Whitchurch and Vaughan Townships the same age.

The township levies and raises money for the schools, but the schools do their own financing. School debentures show against the township but this merely constitutes a book entry and is not looked upon as a capital debt. The township backs those debentures but would be considered capital debt only if they backed them. The unmaturing principal of the schools, as of December 31, 1960 was \$886,000 and the township pays so much per year against that principal and interest falling due.

John is well liked by all. Reporters have a little extra respect for the amiable fellow. He's never busy to take a breather and takes interruptions in his stride in a manner quite astonishing to newsmen who far too often feel they must use a deferential, tip-toe approach to many municipal officials. When council meets John sits at the right hand side of Reeve Cliff Wallwork briefing the administrators on various items and when the major work has been cleared away sees to it that the reporters have a chance to thumb through municipal correspondence, bills and by-laws pertinent to the meeting. He holds nothing back and newsmen have been known to be deeply moved by this attitude.

TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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W.I. It was most gratifying to see so many members in attendance at the W.I. meeting held at the home of Mrs. Maurice Beynon, Aurora, Roll call "An Emergency Recipe" brought forth many splendid "quickies" for dessert, supper and luncheon dishes.

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henshaw for donating the prizes for the euche of January 31. The next one will be held February 28 at which time the draw will be made for the \$100.00 donated by the late Mrs. Howard Clark. Winners for the last euche were Mrs. Aubrey Gould, Mrs. H. Hutchinson, Mrs. Helen Annand, Aubrey Gould, Wilbert Jennings, Charles Henshaw Sr.

The March meeting will be held one day late, Thursday, March 9, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Mitchell. On March 1 at 2 p.m. Temperanceville W.I. will make a tour of Sterling Drugs.

For the standing committee reports, Mrs. Ray Jennings for Citizenship, read "The Trouble Maker"; Mrs. Nelson Thompson, Agriculture, spoke on Control of Chemical Pesticides; Mrs. Gardiner read an article on margarine for Canadian Industries; Mrs. C. Beynon, Historical Research, read the article "Over Fifty Years in a Local Paper"; Mrs. Fred Hare told of attending a testimonial dinner. Health convener Mrs. Don Chalk spoke of white cane week and the heart fund.

When introduced by the president, Mrs. Mitchell, the district president, Mrs. Armitage, held the interest of all with her information and humor. Some of the points mentioned were: budget for appeals the W.I. wishes to support, singing is good for morale, never break a promise to a child, be sure to let children own

Whitchurch Twp. Gives \$540 Grant To Retarded Children

"We know the need for the Newmarket School for Retarded Children," Cliff Wallwork, Whitchurch reeve told Newmarket Council members on Monday, and a few seconds later Councillor Ross Farquharson said: "Let's write a cheque, then." Council then unanimously approved of a \$540 grant to help retire the \$6,400 debt outstanding against the school. Added the reeve: "And inasmuch as Newmarket Council is going to give a grant at their meeting this evening, we'd just like to beat them to the punch."

Mr. Riddler, in his address to Whitchurch Council, pointed out that retardation which affects one out of every 30 children is no respecter of wealth, poverty or social classes. The school, which was built at a cost of \$27,500, of which the Lions had raised \$22,000 and intended to give another \$1,400, will serve up to 40 children. It has many advantages, he said. "Many retarded children are now being kept at home for one of various reasons, at a distinct disadvantage to them. Experience proves that the average retarded child can, with proper training grow up to be self-sustaining. In the long run this factor alone constitutes a big saving economically to any municipality."

New Owner Of Business Flying, Boating Addict

Wherever peaches are grown the name of the new owner of the York Office Equipment, Richmond Hill, is recognized. The latest addition to the ranks of the Hill's business owners comes from a family which for sixty years operated one of the largest peach orchards - 100 acres - in the Niagara peninsula. During the course of his fruit-growing career Boynton Fisher's father discovered a freak growth which eventually turned out to be an extra early producer. Naturally, the resultant peach was named after him and today is a well-known variety.



BOYNTON FISHER
Born in Queenston, Mr. Fisher, who last week purchased York Office Equipment from its founder, Col. F. J. Picking, attended school near his home. Bitten by

BUTTONVILLE NEWS

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On Sunday of this week there were many guests in the neighborhood who attended the Dedication Services at Brown's Corners United Church. Former members and friends were present from various points—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newson and Carol of Lakefield, Mr. and Mrs. John Black Billy and Bobby of Palina, Black; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hamilton of Colgan; Mrs. Irene Atkinson, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Dirma, Cedar Grove; Mrs. Gordon Scott and Miss Audrey Scott, Oshawa; Miss Irene Pingle, Willowdale; Mr. and Mrs. John Yonge, Agincourt; Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Young, Unionville, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Scott, Toronto; Miss Rhea Scott, Markham; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson, Orangeville; to mention a few, and many friends from Victoria Square and Headford churches.

Tuesday of this week was the Five Year Follies curling bonspiel at the Unionville Curling Club, and among the local women were Mrs. Adam Brown and Mrs. Vern Griffin. On Wednesday the bonspiel at Richmond Hill interested many.

Junior W.I. Leadership Training Course Held at Buttonville Hall
On Friday of last week Buttonville W.I. members were hostesses at Buttonville Hall when the Leadership Training Course for Junior W.I. leaders was held there under the direction of Miss Lois Smith of the Federation of Agriculture. Miss Cora Brodie was present for the local group. Luncheon was served by the Buttonville W.I. members, under the sponsorship of the Social and Work committees. There were 27 attending the class.

There were 23 pre-school and school children present on Saturday of last week when the Davidson Mission Band meeting was held in the Christian Education room of Brown's Corners United Church.

The group was divided into primary and junior sections, with Mrs. Wilfred Turner as director, Mrs. Lloyd Tenyson and Mrs. John Buchanan in the junior section and Misses Margaret and Patricia Patterson looking after the primary program. Mrs. Bob Hood, who did much of the planning was unable to be present because of illness.

Several meetings have been held by the leaders to draw up programs for coming meetings, and another was planned for this week. Service of the Keys at Brown's Corners Church
Sunday morning of this week at Brown's Corners United Church was the culminating of much prayerful planning and

GORMLEY NEWS

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The sympathy of our community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stickley in the tragic death of their 3 months old baby daughter, Sharon, She died at Owosso, Michigan, and was brought for burial here on Sunday.

Miss Ruth Hoover entertained on Saturday night at a party shower for the newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoover.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hawkins received word on Wednesday of the birth of their granddaughter, Deborah, born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hawkins of Lagos, Nigeria, Africa, on February 6.

We wish a speedy recovery for Miss Nancy Cober who is ill at her home.

Miss Chris Beintema entertained her friends at her birthday party on Saturday afternoon.

We also wish a speedy recovery for Miss Hazel Johnson who has been in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Conner, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stickley of Unionville had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Heise.

Mr. Seth Wideman received word of a new grand-daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Countway of Chester Basin, Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger and family had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Steckley and Johnnie.

Drs. W. C. and M. Arkinstall of Newmarket had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Milsted and Charleen.

The people of Gormley and Victoria Square are cordially invited to attend a public meeting of the Richmond Hill Cancer Society Education Committee on February 22 at 8.15 p.m. in the Lions Hall, Centre St., Richmond Hill. Mr. Jack Brockie of Toronto, National Chairman of Publicity and Education of the Cancer Society, is the special speaker. The meeting is for men and women and a social hour will follow the meeting. Make up a carload and attend to hear this outstanding speaker.

Student teachers from Toronto Teachers' College were in both the Junior and Senior room at S. S. No. 7 Markham, last week.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The people of Canada, though drawn from many varied backgrounds of race, religious faith and national origin, are one in their devotion to their country, and

WHEREAS: This unity is not imposed by force and fear but springs from the mutual respect and tolerance of individual Canadians for their neighbors of different origin, and is a principal source of our strength and influence in the world, and

WHEREAS: The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and locally, the Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce, has sponsored and the Prime Minister of Canada has proclaimed the week of February 19-26, 1961, as

"Brotherhood Week"

NOW THEREFORE, I, W. James Haggart, Mayor of Richmond Hill, do hereby invite the attention of the People of Richmond Hill to the worthy purposes of this week and urge that they observe it by public recognition, where appropriate, but especially by personal and individual practice during this week and every week throughout the year.



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