

Church Street Scene - Four Times Every School Day



"Take it from crossing guard James Stephenson of 96 Church Street, there's not much the matter with Richmond Hill children. Nicknamed 'Uncle Jim' by the approximately 300 children who pour across Church Street behind 'The Liberal' building four times each class day on their way to and from McConaghy Public School, he revealed they are a fascinating mixture of good manners, cheery confidence, high jinks, sentiment and helpfulness.

"I never know what they'll backside, and boy, has he got some up with next," he said. "One little six-year-old doll surprised me with her command of English. I said to her, 'Do you always have that smile?' and she said, oh, so seriously: 'Oh, no. Sometimes I am quite a boy about the same age, said one day: 'Don't worry, Uncle Jim. You won't have any trouble with me. My father says if I get out of line he'll tan my

"They have a lot of imagination. When a child stands there trying out my sign, with my cap down over his ears and eyes you just know that he is directing about five miles of traffic, saving lives and bringing order out of chaos. I do what I can to satisfy their curiosity but it wouldn't be good policy to give in all the time."

"Uncle Jim" has a good word for motorists. "They're consistently co-operative and patient. One of them cured one of my boys of trying to beat traffic one day when he stuck his head out of the window and said sternly: 'I heard the man tell you to stop.' That motorist turned out to be a local policeman. The lad's eyes bulged out of his head. We haven't had any trouble with him since."

Like Their Parents
The children always have a cheery good morning. Jim went on, adding: "In two ways they're

like their parents. They talk about the weather and the dawdlers usually ask the time." Some among the dawdlers are real philosophers, he continued. "One in a while you'll watch them idling along, completely in orbit, school bell or no school bell. You wonder what it is they're thinking about and they look so much at peace with themselves it's sort of a shame to have to snap them out of their dream."

He said you can tell by the way the older children will keep an eye peeled for the younger ones that they're getting a proper upbringing. And watching their reaction to a stray puppy or a darting squirrel, he said, makes a man almost regret they have to get older and lose some

of this virtue. Jim was born in Vaughan Township and farmed until 13 years ago when failing health forced him into semi-retirement. He is married to the former Dorothy Bone of Carville Road. There are no children, but now this is more than balanced by his 300-member family among whom he holds high court morning, noon and afternoon. "The noon rush keeps me hopping a few minutes," he said. The kids are hungry and impatient to get home, and sometimes a fellow feels he could do with an extra pair of eyes in the back of his head. But the motorists show extra care and so far all is well."

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BUTTONVILLE NEWS

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Neighbourhood Notes
These Buttonville W. I. eucharie parties begin at Buttonville W. I. Hall on Friday evening of this week, and the autumn series will run almost to Christmas.

The Smorgasbord dinner to be held at Brown's Corners United Church on October 24 will be preceded a week earlier by a congregational meeting on the evening of October 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright were holidaying at Lake Placid last week.

Mrs. Walter Brooke was a guest at the home of Mary and Jack Rodick recently.

Mrs. John Storey tells us that Art is happy at Mount Allison University.

Joy Fuller's teaching career began Thursday of last week when she did practise work at Victoria Park School, as a Toronto Teachers' College student.

Members of the Young People's Union attended a rally at Barrie last weekend.

Mrs. Wm. Rodick was at Grand Valley on Wednesday of last week to attend her aunt's funeral.

It isn't often that the plowing match and good autumn weather coincide, but last week was the exception, and several local people tripped to Belleville to catch the event. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. George Hooper, the H. R. Petersons, Messrs. John Brown, Douglas Hood, John Donaldson, Joe Robinson, Jim Miller, etc.

Jim and Rosemary Miller and their children spent the weekend at a cottage near Tweed with Rosemary's family.

Mrs. S. J. English attended a performance of La Tosca at the O'Keefe Centre Saturday evening of last week.

Mrs. George Kelly breathed a little freer last week after her duties as a director of the Women's Division of Markham Fair were over.

Friends will be happy to know Mr. Wm. Clark is home from hospital now and making good progress.

Mr. Norman Reid has been doing jury duty for the past week or two.

The Bakers were happy to have Ross and Lois visit them last weekend.

The Brown's Corners Church Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. George Hooper and accompanied by Mrs. S. J. English, sang for the first time in public at Sunday School on Thanksgiving Sunday. Their selection was "O Canada the Beautiful."

The Colemans had an anxious few days last week when their son was taken to Hospital for Sick Children with meningitis. At last report he was making good progress.

When Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Huston of Falconbridge were in the community last week they were overnight guests of Mrs. Wm. Rodick, and were entertained by Mrs. Stan Defoe and Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Mumberson.

Betty Huston is a second year student at Huntingdon College, Laurentian University, this year. Her extra curricular activities include duties as choirleader and organist of the Sudbury Baptist Church and leadership of a junior choir in the church at Falconbridge.

Mrs. Jim Hood (Elsie to her friends) and other executive members of the Women's section of the Unionville Curling Club have been busy recently lining up the seasons activities. Curling starts November 7, and Mrs. Hood is president of the Women's section.

Final Autumn Thankoffering at Brown's Corners

Climaxing 53 years of service to church missions and the

community at large, Brown's Corners Church women met on Wednesday afternoon of last week to hold their final Thankoffering service under Women's Missionary Society auspices. With them were representatives from Headford, Victoria Square, Unionville, Milliken, Markham and Maple, swelling the attendance to well over 125.

Mrs. A. C. Huston of Falconbridge, wife of a former minister on the charge was guest speaker. Her topic was an appropriate one, telling as she did of her own and her husband's work on Canadian Mission Fields under W. M. S. auspices. Mrs. Donald Reesor was organist for the occasion, and the soloist was Mrs. Clayton Jones. Mrs. A. W. Miller chaired the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Wm. Rodick.

Mrs. Norman Reid and Mrs. John Brown greeted guests on their arrival, and the devotional was taken by Mrs. Harold Stefler. Mrs. S. J. English introduced the speaker and Mrs. F. H. Leaf tendered courtesies.

Ushers were Mrs. Douglas Hood and Mrs. Ross Hord. One charter member was present - Mrs. Walter Brooks of Toronto. Following the meeting tea was served in the Christian Education Room.

Thanksgiving At Brown's Corners
Rev. Geoffrey Fitzpatrick was the speaker at Brown's Corners Church on Thanksgiving Sunday. Mr. Fitzpatrick is a former Baptist Minister who is taking post graduate work at Emmanuel College this year, and it is expected he will assist Rev. Dr. Binnington with the work of this charge. The Brown's Corners congregation was happy to welcome Mr. Fitzpatrick and his wife Mrs. Sunday.

During the service the choir, under the direction of Mrs. S. J. English, sang two anthems: "Prayer of Thanksgiving," and "Break Forth," with Mrs. Clayton Jones taking the solo in the former. Mrs. Donald Reesor was organist.

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HIGHLAND PARK NEWS

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2nd Thornhill Scouts

Six boys from this subdivision represented 2nd Thornhill at the annual "Camporee" held at Hockley Valley last week-end. Jeff Dempster, Tom Kiddey, Ron Simpson, Ken Ross, Bill Harris and Denny Connor were driven up by Scouter Johnson who reluctantly left them at the gate to continue with a mile hike to the camp site. They had wonderful weather at a terrific spot, but the boys prefer their well-organized form of camp life and have convinced their leaders that come next year they should show district headquarters how it's done.

School Sports News

The senior girls' volleyball team suffered a defeat when as guests of Thornlea they lost, 40-32. Woodland also was victorious as Henderson's guests, defeating us, 53-15. However, the boys upheld the honour of the school by winning the football, 45 to 6, against Woodland.

Neighbourhood Notes

It was my privilege this past week, accompanied by the Rosses and my husband, to attend a reception at City Hall, Toronto, for new Canadian citizens. Mrs. Thiers recently passed exams and obtained her citizenship papers. As I helped her acquire the necessary information I could not help but wonder how many of these pertinent facts we, who consider ourselves native sons and daughters of this rich and glorious country, are acquainted with. The new citizens were greeted

by the ladies of the "Isobel Rutter" Chapter of the I.O.D.E. and presented with a rose and a booklet entitled "This is Our Canada", then ushered into the Council Chambers. After the colourful entry of a "Mountie" followed by the ladies carrying the flag and the singing of the National Anthem, we were addressed by Controller Dennison and Mr. Flavell, a former Wing Commander in the R.C.A.F. and member of NATO. He congratulated the new citizens and welcomed them to this country and the opportunity, freedom, government under law and the love of peace which is distinctively ours and advised them to add their arts, crafts and skills of their individual countries, and wished them a life of success and happiness in this land of their adoption.

A film entitled "Royal River" (a beautiful color movie of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip and their trip up the St. Lawrence River last week and Yacht) was the entertainment for the evening. Each new citizen was presented with a maple leaf pin and refreshments were served in the hall following. The largest group of new citizens was from Holland, but this varies from week to week. This was the first of many weekly receptions held during the fall or the past ten years or so. Willowdale Rotary entertained their ladies last week and we were addressed after dinner at the Sunset Terrace by Dr. Gord Bell who acquainted us with the facts pertaining to the new "Donwood Foundation" to be established for the control, cure and research of addiction to alcohol and drugs. This new clinic and hospital is to be built on Bathurst St. just north of Steeles Ave. It all seems like a step in the right direction and we will be hearing more about it shortly.

Crestwood Rd. News

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School News

Powell Road Boy's Soccer Team is really playing well these days, winning all games of the series so far. Last Tuesday they played Thornhill School and won by a score of 4-0. Stars - Peter Zipp - 1, Peter Webster - 2, Larry Peters - 1.

They played Charles Howitt School Thursday. Score was 6-0. Girls' Volleyball Team played Thornhill again for a score of 4-0.

They played Langstaff on Thursday but lost by 1 point. Score 35-34.

Home and School held its executive meeting at the president's home. Plans were made for the October meeting and graduation banquet to be held October 13 in Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall, Thornhill. Details of the banquet will appear in next week's issue.

Neighbourhood Notes
Mrs. Kitty Wilkinson and Mrs. Alf Wayne, Crestwood Road are in Branson, Ontario.

Birthday congratulations to Miss Phyllis St. John, Steeles Avenue West, who celebrated her 14th birthday.

Miss Rosemary Canale, Crestwood Road, celebrated her 8th birthday with a party with her school friends.

Brian Webb was 5 years old last Wednesday, happy birthday to his mother Mrs. Webb on Saturday.

Guides and Brownies
A candy sale was held after school last Wednesday; proceeds were sent to headquarters in Toronto, for their share of the new birthday.

A wiener roast was held jointly for Guides and Brownies in Mrs. Bradbeer's garden.

The Mothers Group held its first meeting for this year at the home of Mrs. Hoddv, Crestwood Road, president. It was decided to hold a bake sale and bazaar November 21, to raise funds for the coming year.

A visitor last week decided to look over the situation along our street, by first looking in on Mr. Pailin's fruit trees, then crossing our lawns, leaving her impression in Young's and Knipple's gardens, testing a few of the vegetables across the fields and into Mr. and Mrs. Pettick's garden, enjoying their grapes, carrots, etc. Police were called to capture a beautiful black and white Holstein cow.

Several tried to capture the animal including a Vaughan Township policeman but failed. Mrs. Pettick used her feminine touch, pulled some corn and put it down for her to eat. While doing this, she put the rope around the animal's horns and tied her to the tree. Mr. Baker from Maple came with a large truck and took her home to await her owner.

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