

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

St. Lukes C. W. L.
Owing to the inclement weather, fewer members than usual turned out for the Pot Luck Supper held in St. Lukes Separate School Auditorium on December 14th. In all other respects, the evening was just as enjoyable as in past years.

The guest speaker was Mr. Alfred DeManche of the Serra Club, which is an organization of laymen dedicated to fostering vocations to the priesthood. He was introduced by Mrs. V. V. DeMarco and spoke on the need for vocations, especially in the Latin-American countries. Mrs. J. Cameron thanked the speaker and gave him a donation for the work of the Serra Club on behalf of the C. W. L.

Presbyterian Church News
The Explorers, a group for girls aged from 9 to 11, meets at Thornhill Presbyterian Church each Thursday afternoon at 4:15. Last week they held their election of officers and those elected were: Chief Explorer, Letty Couplie; Treasurer, Joyce Cook; Secretary, Doreen Bolton. The group will enjoy a gay Christmas party on December 21st.

The Children of the Church have been meeting regularly on

Tuesday afternoons at 4:15. Twice during November Mrs. C. Atkinson attended their meetings, once demonstrating fall designs, and once demonstrating the making of Christmas tree ornaments. On December 8th meeting, Mrs. E. Paton demonstrated to the group the making of Christmas bookmarks and calendars. The children also spent a good deal of time learning Christmas Carols and on December 12th, at a tea for their mothers, they sang the carols and showed their work. Guests at the tea, as well as the mothers, were Mr. and Mrs. Evans and Mr. Evans was presented with a hymn book. The children had decorated small bottles and filled them with bath salts for their mothers, while the bookmarks and calendars were proudly taken home as gifts for Dad.

The W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church held their Christmas meeting on Tuesday, December 12th at the home of Mrs. R. Camshell. At their election of officers, Mrs. H. Mizen was made honorary president. Others elected were: President Mrs. A. McClumpha; Vice President, Mrs. N. Nixon; Secretary, Mrs. R. Camshell; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Diamond; Home Helper Secretary, Miss E. Francis. Coloured slides which had been taken at the Strawberry Tea in June were shown and proved delightful and well taken.

Off To U.S.A.
Arnold Avenue residents will be losing some well-known neighbours on December 22nd when the Bernard Mendozas of 158 Arnold Avenue leave to take up residence in the States again on that date. A sherry party was held by Mrs. W. J. Perry and Mrs. W. C. Laycock at Mrs. Perry's home last week to bid farewell to Mrs. Mendozas and she was presented with a lovely housewarming as a remembrance from the sixteen or so ladies present. On Friday evening, December 15th, Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliott of Arnold Avenue entertained at a cocktail party in honour of the Mendozas, from 5 to 7 in the evening.

United Church News
Some 40 people attended the Friendship Tea held by the W.A. of the United Church on Thursday afternoon, December 14th and enjoyed the fancy sandwiches and cookies the ladies had prepared. Musical entertainment was provided by Mrs. Hugh Martin who sang several lovely solos and her two daughters who sang and played the piano. Several vocal numbers were also presented by Mrs. Fran Clark and much enjoyed by the attentive audience. As they left the guests, who were elderly and shut-in members of the community, were each presented with an attractive parcel of fancy Christmas cookies.



Janice and Denny are riding merrily along toward Christmas, full of the excitement and anticipation that this season brings to every youngster. These children are different from most, however. They are brother and sister, and they, with their mother, are patients at the Weston Sanitarium for tuberculosis.

Their case is a dramatic example of how, unwittingly, one person with active tuberculosis can spread the disease to others... particularly their family and closest friends.

Happily, there are decreasing numbers of young people in tuberculosis hospitals and, because the advanced methods of detection provided through the sale of TB Christmas Seals, makes early discovery possible, they are almost always assured of a complete cure.

This year, the sale of TB Christmas Seals will provide free tuberculin tests, chest x-rays and diagnostic clinics for the citizens of Metropolitan Toronto. Remember that you protect as well as please when you buy and use TB Christmas Seals.

Highland Park

Correspondent Mrs. H. Harris 39 Woodward Ave. AV. 5-1889

Hockey News
The Thornhill United Church Minor Midgets lost their game at Unionville last Thursday night so coach Harris arranged an hour of ice time at Uxbridge for Saturday night at 6 p.m. He invited all fathers to come along and after the first half hour of practice a game between fathers and sons was scheduled. Mr. Davidson, John's father, assuming the position of goalie after a twenty-eight year absence from the game. Mr. Norm Davidson and Mr. Sturgess ably assisted the few fathers present but sad to say the boys smeared them to use their own expression. It was 6-1 victory and for one am glad the boys won. Imagine trying to silence those fathers had they been the winners.

The Atoms played at Woodbridge, a terrific game of 9-1 Ross Johnson scoring 5 goals. The Holy Trinity boys suffered a mortifying loss by their school pals. The other team played at Bradford, where I understand all future games are scheduled.

Sewers For Highland Park
I trust everyone has noticed the announcements in the last two issues of "The Liberal" of the forthcoming hearing of the Water Resources Commission on Thursday, January 4th at the council chambers at Buttonville. Mrs. Aimone School Board Member

I wonder if we people in School Area I Markham Township realize how very fortunate we are in having elected such a dedicated person to the school board as Mrs. Aimone. I have watched with great interest her untiring efforts.

Neighbourhood Notes
The W. A. of Thornhill United Church held their annual Christmas Party recently. This is the last such party to be held under the name of W. A. for on December 31st the curtain rings down on two societies that for more than a century have left their mark. They are the Women's Association and the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, and needless to say most of the ladies were a member of one or the other of these groups. In January the new "United Church Women" will install its first officers and rally its membership. But in the meantime the ladies carry on their good work. Christmas is no time to stop, so this past week the ladies entertained all shut-ins and senior citizens at a Christmas friendship tea and are at present very busy preparing the Christmas hampers for the needy in this community.

New Arrival
Mr. and Mrs. Millar of Woodward Ave., recently welcomed a new son into the family. Best wishes to all from your correspondent for a very merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Continue Markham Commuter Run Is Transport Commissioners Order

The Canadian National Railway is to continue to run a week-night service from Toronto to Markham, the Board of Transport Commissioners has ruled. The railway may discontinue its passenger service from Belleville to Toronto via Lindsay after January 30th, 1962, the commissioners have ruled, with the exception of the Markham run. The evening train to Markham is to leave the city about 5:30 p.m.

The decision has been awaited since September, when a hearing was held in Lindsay. Continuation of the Toronto-Markham service was fought strongly by district residents, who produced voluminous facts and figures to support their claim that a commuter train from Toronto to Markham would be a paying proposition. In the effort to sell their case for the train prior to the September hearing, those pushing



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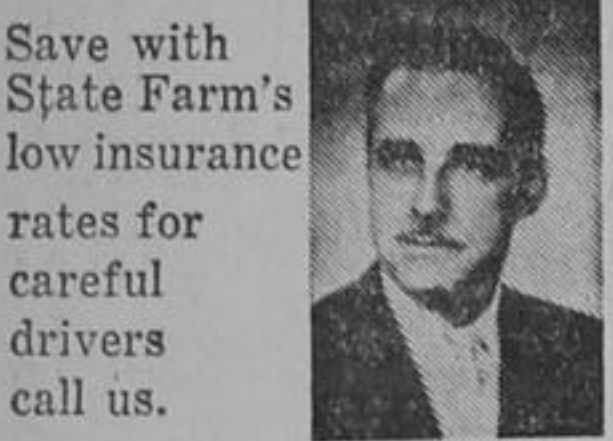
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Final Meeting Village Trustees

The final meeting of 1961 of the Thornhill Village Trustees was held at the Library, Colborne Street, on December 13th and was certainly the shortest one of the year, if not the shortest one on record.

The routine business consisted of the passing of half a dozen small bills for payment and the rest of the time was taken up in general discussion. Present were Chairman James H. Timmins, Trustee Bob Roberts and Trustee-elect, Frank Tucker. Some discussion took place regarding the pond and the possibility of selling season tickets in order to raise money to provide for its maintenance. However, it was decided that this would not be feasible as it would require fencing or policing of the area, or both. It was decided to press for assistance from the townships and the trustees were hopeful that such assistance would be forthcoming as it is understood that Markham Township is setting up a recreation committee shortly.

The trustees also decided to provide Christmas turkeys for the two village employees as had been done last year.

There was also some general discussion about the budget for the coming year and it was noted that the village would probably find it necessary to purchase a new truck as the present truck was reaching a state where it was uneconomical to repair it.

After wishing themselves, and all the sundry, the compliments of the season, the trustees adjourned, for the evening and for the year, at 9:30 p.m.

Rambling Around

By Elizabeth Kelson
THIS CHRISTMAS DAY
At this season, we commemorate the birth of Christ, Son of the Living God, in the human heart.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." — Isaiah 9:6.

MRS. DONALD STRICKLAND - Executive Secretary, York County Branch C.M.H.A.
It was Helen Strickland's interest in hockey that put her on the executive of a Unionville Hockey Association. And it was while she was in this position that she became interested in the various mental and emotional problems of the young hockey players. She decided that she would like to know more about the problem of mental health and to explore its possibilities for service. She joined the Canadian Mental Health Association and she began as a volunteer visitor at the approved home in Newmarket. She was deeply concerned and interested in the establishment of the mental health clinic in Newmarket. This clinic was sorely needed because the problem of mental health was getting to be too much for just the volunteers.

Mrs. Strickland was the Christmas gift campaign chairman for York County Branch in 1960. She headed the first fund-raising drive for the CMHA, York County Branch in 1961. When the Y.C.B. needed a new executive secretary, it was natural that they should ask Mrs. Strickland to take the job. This post brought her many new and heavy responsibilities. "I don't mind them at all," said Mrs. Strickland, "the deep satisfaction I find in this work more than compensates for the responsibilities." Helen Strickland is not only secretary to Y.C.B., she is secretary to the Board of Directors of York County Branch as well. She is also the recording secretary of the rehabilitation council recently established in York County. She is secretary to all committees of York County Branch, C.M.H.A. Finally she directs all the publicity for Y.C.B. Mrs. Strickland praised the work of all those who are associated with her in the work of mental health. "Mrs. W. John Large of Maple, Christmas gift chairman for 1961, has done an excellent job," said Mrs. Strickland, "and I'd like to thank the public for their fine response to our appeal for Christmas gifts."

Helen Strickland is a good example of what a woman can do after her children no longer depend on her. She can sincerely and conscientiously work toward creating a better society and Thank God, more women are feeling this call to service day by day.

OUR RELIGIOUS HERITAGE
Millions in America neither know nor care about the religious heritage that is ours. They thrill far more when their favorite baseball player knocks a home run, than when they contemplate the triumphant spirit of pioneer men and women who have made these countries great. In Nature, we call a plant a parasite when it is nurtured by and receives strength from another plant or tree. Are we any better when living in a community which has received its highest character from Christianity, we fail to support religion and those institutions which foster and protect it? Is it fair or honest to accept the legacies of the past without ever recognizing our indebtedness. Everyone of us is in debt to the good and the great who have poured out their lives for the welfare of mankind. George Bernard Shaw once defined a gentleman as one who puts a little more into life than he takes out of it. Accepting such a self-evident truth as accurate, we realize that we have no moral right to receive the advantages of religion and never acknowledge any responsibility to hand down to others our rich legacy as evidence of our gratitude.

Off-the-tree Lights Best For Metal Ones

If you are using a metal Christmas tree this year, the Canadian Underwriters' Association recommends that you use off-the-tree lighting with colored lights to give a softer and more beautiful illumination.

Placing strings of Christmas lights upon any metal tree sets up the possibility of electric shock if the cord becomes frayed or the interior of a light-socket comes in contact with the tree.

Play it safe and use off-the-tree lighting with any metal tree.

Holiday Memo!

Police Chief R. P. Robbins of the Richmond Hill Police says: "REDUCED VISIBILITY results from more hours of darkness and bad weather from snow banks and stalled vehicles and from coated windshields and windows. SEE where you're going and, equally important, where other motorists are going - take time before you start out, to clean off windshields and windows. To keep them clear, drive with the no-draft window partly open. The circulation of air will prevent steaming on the inside windows. Carry an ice scraper in your car. This is a must during our Ontario winters."



...and many thanks to all you wonderful people whose friendship has been so heartwarming during the year.

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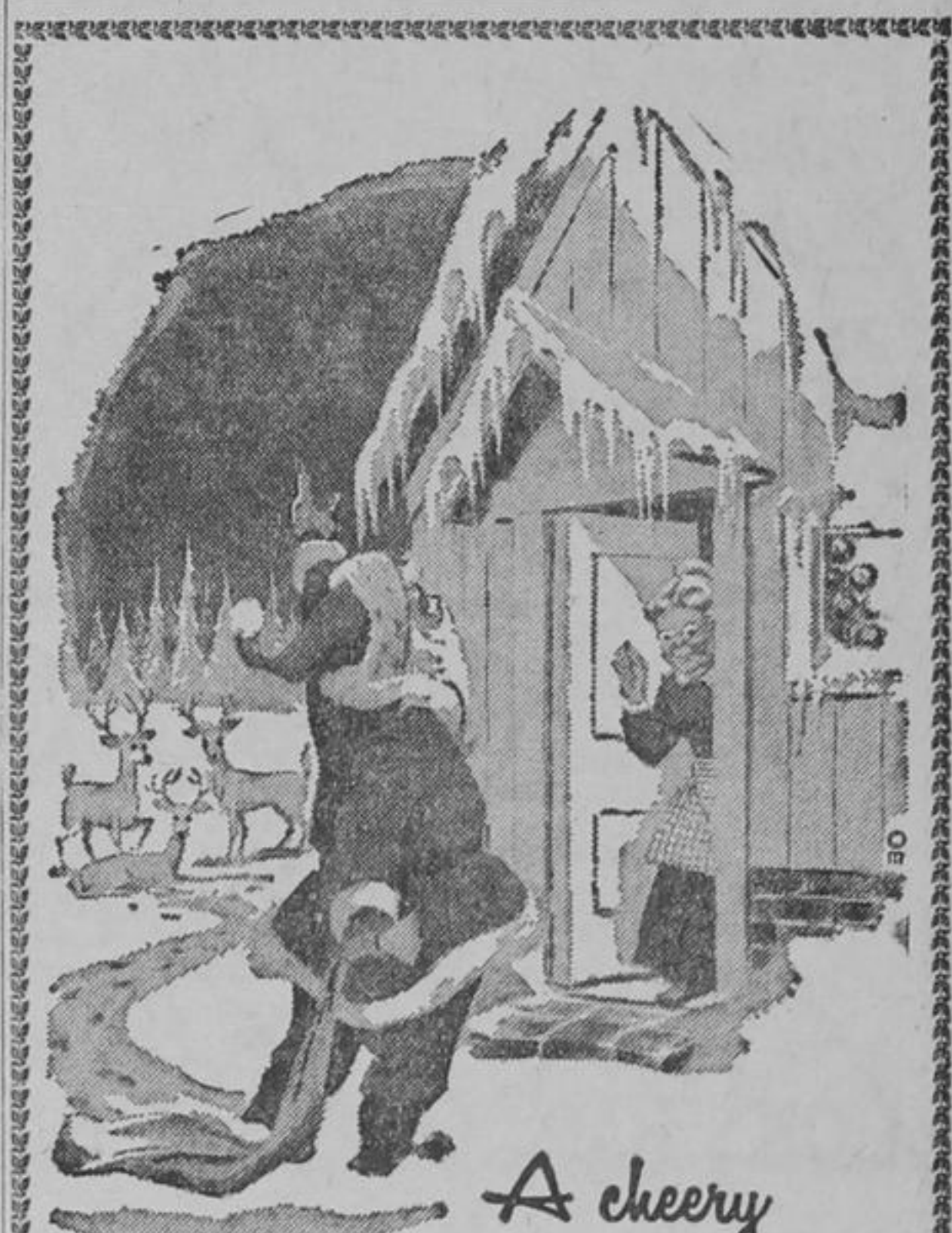
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Township of Markham PROCLAMATION BOXING DAY

It is hereby proclaimed that TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1961 will be observed as BOXING DAY for the Township of Markham. Citizens are hereby requested to govern themselves accordingly.

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