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**BUTTONVILLE NEWS**

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When Gerald Reesor greeted relatives who came to his first birthday party Wednesday of last week he had a brand new accomplishment to demonstrate. He had learned to walk the day before. Hood and Reesor grandparents, aunts and uncles were guests at the party given by Gerald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Reesor of 16th Ave. It was an enthusiastic report we received of the Beatnik party the local YPU held at Victoria Square Community Hall last Saturday night. "Even the cats were 'Beat'" according to one informant.

It was a baby boy for Rae and Betty Donaldson at Branson Hospital November 21, a new brother for John, a nephew for Mary Lyn Snider and a second grandson for Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson.

When the Junior Farmers held their annual banquet at Buttonville W.I. Hall last week, Buttonville W.I. called for almost 200 guests. During the assembly in a singsong.

Each Monday evening in the Victoria Square Church Sunday School room there is a Bible Study group led by Dr. Binington, on "The Word And The Way". All interested persons are invited to attend.

Marguerite Jones is a member of the choral group which meets in St. Matthew's United Church, Richmond Hill, each Sunday evening, Mr. Smart, who directs the group, has worked with Dr. Leslie Bell.

**Dates To Remember**  
 December 9, at Brown's Corners Church, White Gift Service (Sunday School and Church combined) with the guest speaker Miss Hart, of the Fred Victor Mission.

December 23, CGIT Vesper and Candlelight Service, assisted by the Explorer Groups, in Victoria Square United Church (for whole change).

December 14, benefit euchre and bridge for the Canadian Cancer Society, at Buttonville W.I. Hall.

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Sarah Trimble for the ladies' third prize.

Dr. George Kelly, Garnet Weidmark and Harvey Hill also entered the winner's circle.

Mrs. Wilby won the lucky draw, a bushel of apples. Mr. and Mrs. Weidmark were freeze-out winners, against Mr. Muirhead and Mr. Sinclair.

Hostesses were Mrs. E. Hill, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. George Hooper and Mrs. A. Stephenson.

November 30 is the end of the series. The top scorer will take home a turkey. Two weeks later, December 14, will be the benefit for the Canadian Cancer Society under the auspices of the Buttonville Women's Institute.

When Bill Russell of Hughson Drive, celebrated his birthday recently he was a patient at Scarborough General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reid have entertained western Canadian guests recently. Mr. Reid's brother Wallace Reid and his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hagerman have been in the neighborhood for the past week, and will leave shortly for a winter in the south.

Thornlea Home and School Association held its November meeting at the school November 21.

Mr. Roots, president, opened the meeting and the secretary's minutes were read and approved.

A report on the recent fund was given and Mr. Evans moved a vote of thanks to G. G. Walker for the excellent job he did in obtaining the prizes for the event.

The attendance prize was won by Mr. Evans' room.

Mr. Evans reported that the school was running very well and that he attended a curriculum convention and a teachers' convention recently.

The December meeting will be in the form of an "open house" with an executive meeting to be held December 12.

Final banquet plans were discussed and it was decided to give the \$25 scholarship as usual.

Christmas treats will be given to each class room as in previous years.

Coffee was then served by the committee.

**Langstaff Baptist Church**  
 At the evening service on December 2nd our visitor will be Mr. and Mrs. Renee Verd of France. Mrs. Verd came from France to Toronto and was converted at West Toronto Baptist Church. She attended Toronto Bible College and the Bible Christian Union School in New Jersey, where she met her husband to be, also a native of France. Mr. and Mrs. Verd are now returning to France as missionaries under the Bible Christian Union.

December 5th will be our church election of officers, and also the adopting of our proposed budget for 1963.

This year our Sunday school Christmas program will be held on December 14th.

**Langstaff Young W.I.**  
 Langstaff Young Women's Institute held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. Peggy Morris. Roll call of "Name your favourite pet" was answered by 10 members and five guests.

Plans were made for the Christmas meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. J. Suter, and will take the form of a bowling party and pot luck supper.

The convention report was read by Mrs. Joyce Curtis who with Mrs. Claire Willett, president, attended the FWIO convention at the Royal York Hotel.

The auction of a Christmas cake donated by Mrs. Margaret Blow was won by Jan Robins.

The meeting was then turned over to program chairman Mrs. Peggy Morris who introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Probert of the North York Dog Obedience Club.

Mrs. Probert advised us to teach our dogs obedience so that they did not become a nuisance to our neighbors and community.

**Nature Notes**

By Richmond Hill Naturalists

The Richmond Hill Naturalists were fortunate in having Dr. R. W. McCauley, a fisheries biologist with the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, tell them about investigations carried out on the sea lamprey which has invaded the Upper Great Lakes, causing a serious decline in the lake trout population.

The sea lamprey has been common for many years, but in 1921 it was discovered in Lake Erie, in Lakes Huron and Michigan in 1938 and about the same time in Lake Superior.

Following this discovery the lake catch in Lake Superior alone fell from over three million per year to under 100,000 resulting in many fishermen being forced out of business.

The lamprey is a very primitive animal as evidenced by fossil remains. It is not a fish or an eel since it has no true bones, although it is similar to the latter in appearance.

Dr. McCauley explained that it is essentially a marine animal, but for some reason the ones in our Great Lakes have become landlocked and spend their entire life in fresh water.

The adults spawn in shallow mud bottomed streams. The 60,000 eggs are deposited on the mud where they hatch in about two weeks.

The young, called larvae or ammocoetes hatch and burrow into the mud where they remain for three years feeding on plankton. They emerge after this time and swim to the deep waters of the lake where they become parasites feeding on fish.

The adults die after spawning. The speaker told us that the lamprey is considered a delicacy in some parts of Europe and also by a few people in this country, but his remarks seemed to indicate that he did not

became ineffective in time of high water which usually occurred at spawning time. The third and most effective to date has been chemical poison or lampricide as it is called. It can be applied at any time to the water of a stream or river where the larvae or young lampreys are living.

The chemical seems to affect the respiratory organs and this drives the larvae out of the mud. The concentration in the water must be maintained for 18 hours to kill the young. The chemical does not seem to affect any fish or other organisms in the water.

Since the larvae remain in the mud for three years poisoning need only be done every third year.

Dr. McCauley concluded his talk by stating that there is good evidence to indicate that the chemical control is working in Lakes Superior and Huron. Preserved specimens of young and adult were passed around for viewing and a lively question period followed.

Mr. J. C. Weir also of the Department of Lands and Forests showed colored slides of the lampricide treatment of the Kaministiquia River north of Port Arthur. These proved both interesting and informative.

Mrs. Y. T. Lambert introduced the speaker and Mr. H. S. Harwood thanked him and presented him with a dozen Richmond Hill roses for Mrs. McCauley.

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