

Thornhill and District News

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"The Liberal" is always pleased to publish items of interest contributed by its readers in the Thornhill area. Our representative in Thornhill is Mrs. Margaret McLean, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-2331.

T.S.A. No. 1 Markham To Subsidize School Rinks

The final meeting of the board of T.S.A. Number 1 Markham was held December 10. Meeting along with members of the 1963 board was newly-elected Trustee B. T. Leonard. As Trustees Mrs. Louise Aimone and John MacKay were both re-elected, the 1964 board will consist of these three, along with Trustee J. Stone and Chairman Lionel Frost, whose term of office has another year to run.

Considerable discussion was given to a request made by Henderson Avenue Recreation Association for a repetition of the board's subsidy of \$50 to help support the recreational activities conducted by this association. These include sponsorship and operation of baseball teams all summer and of hockey in the winter. This year the association has 120 boys registered for hockey teams and had arranged for ice time for them.

Trustee MacKay suggested that as has been the previous policy had to subsidize only home and school sponsored recreational activities, they might well find themselves approached for a similar subsidy by other organizations, such as the Thornhill Area Recreation Committee or the Church Hockey League, both of which sponsor recreational activities in the area. A check of the board's records showed that the most recent resolution on the matter had been to give \$50 annually to "home and school associations assisting with the construction and operation of a rink".

It was recalled that the Board had been advised last year that the Henderson Avenue Recreation Association had taken over the recreational activities formerly sponsored by the Henderson Avenue Home and School Association. "They are the same people, so it went through last year without a new motion," stated Chairman Frost. "If they are taking responsibility for the operation of the rink, we should give it to them" he added.

After further discussion, a new motion was passed that the Board should grant \$50.00, on request, for the construction and operation of a rink by a home and school association or any other equivalent organization taking the responsibility of operating a rink.

On this basis, requests for assistance in the amount of \$50 were granted to Henderson Avenue Recreation Committee, Richvale East Resident's Association and Thornlea Home and School Association, subject to the approval of the home and school associations in the various areas.

Resignations of two teachers were accepted, with regret, at the meeting. These were Carol Sharer and Mrs. Caroline Shields, both from Woodland School.

The appointment was confirmed of Miss Shirley Plue to teach grade 5 at Woodland School and Mrs. Margaret Ball to teach grade 6. Also confirmed, was the appointment of R. N. Lambert who will teach a newly formed grade 5 class at Bayview Glen School.

It was reported that enrolment at the end of November stood at 1,356, a drop of 3. Attendance for the month of November was 95.3%.

The report of the finance committee given by Trustee MacKay showed a balance in the capital account of \$38,083.25 at the end of November, and a balance in the general account of \$33,148.76.

Legislative grants, totaling \$154,018.38, have now been received in full. The total legislative grant was some \$1,600 more than had been estimated. Payment of the legislative grants in installments, beginning earlier in the year, resulted in less borrowing and a consequent saving in interest payments.

NORTH RICHVALE NEWS

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Hi Neighbours!
Santa Claus is the only one who is making news these days.

The Sunday school children of Weldrick Road Baptist Church held their Christmas pageant Sunday night. The youngsters did their parts very well and there were special songs by Mr. Alan Lawrence of the Toronto Bible College.

Ladies of the missionary group held their bi-weekly meeting in the form of a social evening at the home of Mrs. Coghlin, 28 Westwood Lane.

Mrs. Sweeney of Roseview Avenue, Richmond Hill, sang special songs and Miss Cloe Chamberlain of Hamilton played a beautiful violin solo. Miss Chamberlain then gave an interesting talk with vivid slides of the work done through Ontario by the Bible Club.

Carol singing and gift giving passed the evening which ended with a buffet supper. Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. Gwen Hill, 248 Weldrick Road, who is just home from Branson Hospital after an operation; Billy Bounds of Yongehurst Road and Yvonne Jeffrey, 9681 Bathurst St., both with mumps.

Mrs. Mildred Duncan is still in St. Michael's Hospital. Friends of the Langs on Yongehurst Road will be pleased to hear that Jamie is able to be up and playing about. Jamie has had a tough struggle with a kidney ailment and is not completely well yet.

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Chief To Inspect All Vaughan Schs.

Vaughan Township School Area Board's property committee reported at Thursday night's meeting that Fire Chief James Davidson is making inspections of all school buildings under its jurisdiction.

Reports had been received on inspections carried out at Jefferson and Thornhill schools, and many recommendations for improvements were set forth.

Trustee Warren Baillie reported these recommendations at the Jefferson School were of a minor nature, requiring, to a large extent, only the re-arranging of furniture and equipment which was taken care of immediately. Other changes are being taken care of by the custodial staff.

More major repairs are required at the Thornhill School which is the oldest multiple-roomed school in the system. Here re-wiring of some rooms was required and is being carried out. A new exit door serving two rooms is one of the requirements, and will be attended to at once, reported Trustee Baillie.

On December 13, the Presbyterians were hosts to Young Peoples' groups of neighbouring churches. And Saturday saw a great deal of festivity as the nursery to grade 3 of the Sunday school held their annual Christmas programme and party in the morning with refreshments served to children and parents in the church school auditorium. In the afternoon, the Presbyterians had as their guests, 40 children from downtown Toronto, to enjoy a good time together. And on Saturday evening, the members of the couples club enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner at the Summit View Restaurant in Richmond Hill.

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Community Happenings In Thornhill

Presbyterian Church News
The week of December 8 was a busy one at Thornhill Presbyterian Church. At the evening service, the junior choir's anthem "A Gallery Carol" was much enjoyed. Following the evening service, a hymn-sing was held in the Blue Room.

On Monday, meetings were held of the C.O.C., the Explorers, the board of managers and the Session. On Tuesday evening the C.G.I.T. girls met and rehearsed their vesper service. The Scouts also met in the assembly hall. On Wednesday evening, the postmen of Thornhill with their families, met in the hall. On Thursday, the choir held a rehearsal, the Cubs a Christmas party and later in the evening, the senior choir rehearsed.

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Came Down at Christmas" was carried through with the prayer by Miss G. Stevens, a poem by Mrs. D. Calvert, titled "The Meaning of Christmas" and a duet by Mrs. H. Howlett and Mrs. Long.

The story "How the Littlest Cherub was Late for Christmas" written by Dr. M. C. Johnston was very capably read by Mrs. W. Smook. A sing-song of Christmas carols, accompanied by Mrs. M. C. Johnston at the piano, was enjoyed by all and then directed by Mrs. W. Smook, the ladies busied themselves adding floral tops to candy containers for shut-ins.

A game conducted by Mrs. W. D. McGowan, called "Musical Costumes" was a lot of fun; and the Christmas dessert of angel food cake, candy-cane ice cream, served with tea, coffee and cocoa, was delicious.

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LANGSTAFF NEWS

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Baptist Church
Rev. J. H. Peer was the guest speaker at Langstaff Church Sunday. The Sunday school Christmas party will be held Friday.

Langstaff School
School will close tomorrow and re-open January 6, 1964. On Friday there will be the usual exchange of gifts among the children and carol singing.

Social Notes
Mr. and Mrs. John Morris and boys of Peterborough visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suter of Westwood Lane on the weekend.

Miss Kimberley Mahan returned to her home in Lambertville, New Jersey after spending the last eight weeks with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. N. Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. R. Mahan.

Mrs. D. Iris, Mrs. J. Burton and Mrs. A. Mills attended the potluck supper for the mothers' auxiliary, First Richmond Hill Scouts on Wednesday. Randy Iris helped the Scouts with the sale of their Christmas candles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Landerkim visited Mr. and Mrs. M. Holt on Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Holt had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith at Bond Head.

Mrs. Mary Jones visited Mrs. Mary Holmes at Lambert Lodge Saturday.

Sorry to hear Mrs. William Bowen is ill; also Gordon Banks and Mrs. Connie Jessop are in hospital. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Santa Claus Visits Yk. Farmers Market

DORIS M. FITZGERALD
Santa Claus paid an early visit to Thornhill last week when he appeared at the Christmas party for the stand holders at York Farmers Market. This happy annual affair brings together farmers and their families from various parts of York County, who work side by side at the market each Saturday, but have few opportunities to meet socially. The George Wains had driven from their farm at Lisle, near Camp Borden, and three generations of the Forrest Jones family from near Maple were present.

After Levi Steckley of Gormley had asked the blessing, the large gathering, seated at long tables in the gaily decorated market building, enjoyed a delicious roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

The food had been prepared and brought in by the women and each family supplied their own cutlery and pretty dishes so at the end of the meal it took only a few minutes to pack things neatly away before the entertainment.

A novel feature this year was the puppet show put on by Doreen and Brian Crabtree of Toronto Guild of Puppetry and both adults and children thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas skit, and the antics of Punch and Judy.

The precarious egg and spoon race was won Mrs. Florence Brouwer, and there were no messy accidents because, unknown to the contestants, all the eggs had been hard-boiled. Bill Gage, son of Neil Gage, the butcher, was champion balloon blower, and Mrs. M. Timbers of Locust Hill, who raises turkeys won the raffle for the turkey.

Jolly Santa Claus, impersonated by Murray Campbell, distributed goodies and noisemakers to the youngsters, assisted by a comical clown (Stan Wain), and the Bob Kindness fiddle and guitar trio provided lively music. Their old time tunes were especially appealing and drew many of the not-so-young on to the dance floor.

Conveners of the successful event were market president Edward Gladding and directors Charles Hanson and Stan Wain. Now the good market people are busy with preparations for two of their biggest days December 21, and the special Christmas market on December 24 when customers will be shopping for the festive season and picking up turkeys, flowers, cakes etc, previously ordered.

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