

Remembrance Day And Public School System

November 11 still remains a holiday and schools will continue to be closed on that date. This is set by a statute of the Province of Ontario, and it only can be changed by an act of the provincial Legislature.

Superintendent Gordon McIntyre informed "The Liberal". Prompted by an editorial which appeared in the September 29 issue of the St. Thomas Times-Journal, we made inquiries as to what had happened to the local public school board's resolution on the matter.

In February of this year the local school board submitted a resolution, asking that the "holiday" atmosphere for public school students be eliminated from Remembrance Day and the day be spent rather in learning why the day is observed, to the Ontario Urban and Rural School Trustees' Association meeting in Leaside where it received a great deal of support. Later it was submitted to the Public School Trustees' Association at Niagara Falls; adopted by that group and forwarded to the Minister of Education.

The St. Thomas Times-Journal editorial reads: "We suggested last week, with an assist from Mrs. E. W. Kierluk, that the St. Thomas

Public School Board take a few minutes to consider support of a proposal by the Richmond Hill Public School Board to abolish the Remembrance Day holiday for elementary school children. We felt the day's holiday was hardly a suitable way to remember those who died in two world wars. A service in the schools would serve better to impress the meaning on the minds of children.

"Our pedantic cannon, it seems, was fired too late. The St. Thomas Board had already its sights on the same target. Board Chairman John Dufton advises us, without being stuffy about our tardiness, that the board supported a resolution at the spring meeting of the Ontario School Trustees Association that Remembrance Day be dropped as a statutory holiday and that appropriate programs be held in the schools to replace the holiday.

"Obviously, great minds think alike. It takes ours just a little longer to shift into high gear. For this we hang our diminished head in shame, but do commend St. Thomas trustees for their support of the association's resolution. "But let's have no more of this sort of thing. If people were to continue anticipating us in this fashion, there would be no need for our valuable public services."

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Ten Years Later

Still Paying For Hazel Damage

Young Women's Institute

The October meeting of the Langstaff Young Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Peggy Morris, Willowdale. Roll call was answered by 15 members and two guests (Mrs. Violet Ablett, Senior and Mrs. Eunice Chinnery).

During the business session pamphlets, prepared and distributed in the community by the institute, were discussed. These pamphlets pointed out the dangers of poisons found in the home, such as drugs, lye, javex, etc., and the proper handling of them to keep them out of the reach of children.

Mrs. Joan Suter convened for the evening, gave an interesting talk on "Langstaff Through The Years."

The Tweedsmuir History, compiled by members of Mark-Vaun Institute on Langstaff was on display.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Betty Patterson and Mrs. Margaret Blow.

The institute extends appreciation to the people in the community for making their rummage and bake sale on October 17 so successful.

Mark-Vaun W.I.

A very successful euchre was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamblin on October 17. Prize winners were: Mrs. Violet Ablett, Senior, Mrs. B. Heslop, Mrs. Verna Ablett, Robert Hamblin, Fred Iris and Walter Campbell, Miss Belle McNab won the lucky draw.

Socials

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbey were Mr. and Mrs. John MacMurray, Sean and Janet of Stouffville.

Mrs. Ella Wakeford and daughter Kim of Port Credit visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Campbell and family on Sunday.

Consult the Miscellaneous Classified Column When Home Repairs Are Needed

Last week marked the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Hazel which wreaked unprecedented damage throughout the Metropolitan Toronto area.

Residents of Markham and Vaughan Townships are still paying for the damage.

In spite of receipts of the usual provincial government grants of 80% on bridges and 50% on roads, Markham Township had to issue \$250,800 worth of debentures to cover the cost of repairs. Last payment on these will not be made until next year.

The same situation exists in Vaughan Township. The \$150,000 worth of debentures which Vaughan had to issue to pay for the cost of repair to its 30 bridges and culverts damaged and destroyed will not be paid for until 1965.

None of this includes, however, the untold thousands of dollars which it has cost to replace homes destroyed or damaged, nor will society ever know or replace the cost of the 83 lives lost in the tail end of the vicious hurricane.

Hardest hit was the Woodbridge and Pine Grove area when the normally placid Humber River poured millions of gallons of water through these totally unprepared communities.

Other communities rallied to the aid of the stricken residents and on the Sunday night after the nightmare Friday, the Thornhill Lions, within a period of three hours, rounded up ten truckloads of warm clothing which was conveyed to Woodbridge with an OPP escort.

Thornhill Lions also did yeoman service throughout the night of the storm and quickly barricaded Yonge Street after the bridge just north of the village was washed out shortly after nine p.m.

One unfortunate motorist was AURORA: Aurora Drama "Workshop" last weekend presented "Diary of Anne Frank" at St. Andrew's College.

unable to stop when approaching the washed-out bridge from the north and his car dropped 15 feet into the 50-foot gap. His two companions reached dry land quickly, but the driver of the car was only rescued after he had perched on the roof of his car for an hour.

Both the Thornhill taxi and the only restaurant in the village exhausted their facilities completely in attempting to care for the crowds of people left stranded in the village by the breakdown of roads and bridges.

Richmond Hill survived the storm with very little damage although hydro and telephone services were interrupted for varying times. In Whitchurch Township, damage was fairly light with four bridges washed out and only minor flooring.

In King Township, it was months before some residents of Holland Marsh were able to return to their flooded homes and in the 24 hours of storm, the land which had been so slowly reclaimed from the marsh over a period of 15 years was

again inundated with the homes, living and even the lives of some of its residents being taken from them.

Although another Hurricane Hazel could quite easily occur again, conservation authorities are confident that there would be far less damage and little, if any, loss of life due to their extensive flood control program.

The Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority has already spent \$11,000,000 of its \$38,000,000 program of land acquisition, dam building and channel improvement designed to prevent repetition of that terrible Friday.

First flood control dam was opened last month at Claireville on the Humber, straddling the boundary of Etobicoke and Toronto Townships.

When the authority has finished its program in 1975, there will be a network of 13 major dams and reservoirs controlling the Humber, Don, Etobicoke Creek, Duffin's Creek, Black Creek, Highland Creek and the Rouge River.

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Church Notes

On Sunday morning, October 18, Jim Bushell was in charge of the service in Carrville United Church. Jim expressed his pleasure and honour at having the opportunity to speak from the pulpit having spent many years sitting in the pews and then two or three years as the organist before beginning his studies at Queen's University.

I know that I am quite just in saying that the Carrville church congregation were equally as pleased and proud to have Jim speak to them on Sunday morning and certainly enjoyed his message.

Turkey Supper

Please don't forget the turkey supper on October 28, next week, folks! At Carrville United Church Hall, time 4:30 to 8 p.m. All you want to eat for \$1.50 adults and 75c for children.

Thanksgiving Weekend

Thanksgiving weekend was a busy one for the Middleton family, on Saturday they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Teskey, Warminster and later visited with Mrs. Middleton's father, Mr. George Walker, Victoria Harbour.

AURORA: A "70 or 80" member union has been formed at Choice Cut-up Chicken Ltd. for the first time. According to union president Tyrone Yake of Queensville, the union was formed to bargain for a little more money and better working conditions.

On Sunday following the christening of their grandson Kevin Middleton they joined their son and his family Mr. and Mrs. Bob Middleton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jordan, Doncaster where they all enjoyed a turkey supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Middleton then spent Thanksgiving Monday with their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. James Ash, Moorfield, ending a very busy but truly enjoyable weekend.

Mrs. Ann Clement had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wood and family, Newmarket.

Birthday Tea

On Friday afternoon October 15, Mrs. Ann Clement enjoyed a surprise birthday celebration when Mrs. Ken Hough, Mrs. Vince DelBrocco, Mrs. Dick Greenfield, Mrs. E. Cooper, Mrs. Frank Purves and Miss Myrtle Middleton all walked in on her to wish her many happy returns and to enjoy birthday cake and tea. Many best wishes from all your Carrville friends Mrs. Clement.

Mrs. Lutz, St. Catharines spent the weekend with Stan Wood and his sister Mrs. Clement.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broom on the birth of their little daughter on October 13.

LOL No. 91 is holding a euchre party at the Read home, Bathurst St. on October 30 at 8 p.m. Those who enjoy playing cards come along. Everyone welcome.



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