

## Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion  
By Eric Chapman - 884-7129

The last executive meeting of 1964 was held on December 7. Frank Barrott thanked members of the executive for their work in assisting him to carry out the duties of president. He offered particular thanks to Comrades Jack Sanders and Frank Titshall whom he described as two stalwarts of the branch. Comrade Titshall said he believed he spoke for all the members in congratulating the president for the excellent way he has carried out his duties. He hoped Frank would be returned next year to continue his successful work. Past President George Wood moved that appearing in the club room concerning the holiday season and accident statistics in Ontario. We would remind all members and patrons that the safest belt is the one you don't take for the road. Those who feel they may over indulge at this time of year are reminded that if you do not drive to Legion Court you won't have to drive home again.

### 375 Youngsters Hosted At Legion Christmas Party

The explosions reverberating through Richmond Hill last Sunday were caused by 375 youngsters blowing up balloons at the Royal Canadian Legion Christmas party held at the Legion Court.

All available resources of the branch were mustered to supply the needs of the record number in attendance. Refreshments were prepared by the Legion ladies' auxiliary and their distribution was precariously carried out by branch members and members of the recently formed junior Legion. Most of the parents retired to the club room where they were entertained by popular pianist Harry Mellis and were served with coffee.

Santa Claus, represented by Rick Pillage, was appreciatively welcomed and each child received a gift and a bag of fruit and candies.

Two clowns, Jimmy Boyne and Al Savage were on hand to enliven the activities and a tramp bearing a remarkable resemblance to "Freddie the freeloader" was present in the person of Bill Tucker. James Haggart MC'd the three hour event and led the youngsters in singing.

At the conclusion, Mr. Haggart congratulated the organizing committee, Alec Kernohan, Gord Mills and Rick Pillage on the work they had done to make the event possible.

It will be recalled that the Christmas party fund was stolen from the legion last October and never recovered. Many donors subsequently came forward to assist the legion with the party. Children unable to attend because of illness will be visited personally in their homes.

## Elgin Mills And Jefferson News

EVENING BRANCH ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH - 884-3008

**Cubs and Scouts**  
The Jefferson Boy Scouts euchre held last Thursday in the Lions' Hall was well attended. An evening of cards, with lots of prizes and good refreshments was enjoyed by all. The group committee wishes to extend thanks to everyone who contributed to make the occasion such a success.

The Christmas trees, priced at \$1.50, being sold by the Cubs and Scouts are going fast—but there are still some available. They may be obtained at Costoff's—a few doors north of Jefferson School.

**Chitter-Chatter**  
Birthday greetings to Jimmie Gamble on December 19, Bredna Lawson on December 21. Hope you can take time from Christmas preparations to celebrate.

Mabel Louise Robertson, who is working in Assinibola, Sask., is looking forward to spending Christmas at home with her family, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Robertson, Brookside Rd.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Geo. Topper, Bayview Ave. has a badly broken elbow as a result of a fall last week. Mrs. Topper is home from hospital but will probably have a cast on her arm for several weeks.

Mrs. Giles Kerswill, Yonge St. spent a few days in Toronto last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ella Rumble. Mrs. Kerswill was recovering from the flu germ which seems to be so common these days.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gamble, Yonge Street, on Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. A. Halstead and family from Port Credit.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Putta and family have sold their house on Naughton Drive and last week moved to their new

### One Resignation Vaughan Schools

The resignation of Mark Greenberg, B.A., principal's supply at Jefferson and Ross Doan Schools, effective December 31, has been accepted by Vaughan Township School Area Board. He has been replaced by John Keery, who has been a member of the board's teaching staff since September.

Apart from this change, the teaching staff will remain the same for the next term, Superintendent R. MacDonald reported.

**STOUFFVILLE:** Ralph Barber, who has spent about 60 of his 90 years as a barber recently celebrated a birthday. He was born at a house near Goodwood December 4, 1874, five days after the birth of Winston Churchill. When he began barbering in Toronto at age 18, the cost of a haircut was 15 cents and a shave a dime.

address in Willowdale. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Powell, Yonge Street, who celebrated their twentieth anniversary on Wednesday, December 16th.

Last week Mrs. Nelson Thompson spent a few days with her niece, Mrs. Rae Donaldson, at Buttonville. Every success to all the uni-

versity students who are writing their term exams this week. The Christmas Sunday school party will be held on December 19 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

The annual carols by candlelight service will be on December 20, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Church. Coffee and re-

freshments will be served in the parish hall after the service. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Harnden, organist of St. John's, who is at present a patient in the Toronto Orthopedic Hospital. The young married couples club of the church enjoyed a Christmas party held in the

parish hall last Thursday. The upper room was attractively decorated with evergreens and candles. During the evening the members participated in games, singing carols and last but not least pizza pie served in front of the open fire.

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