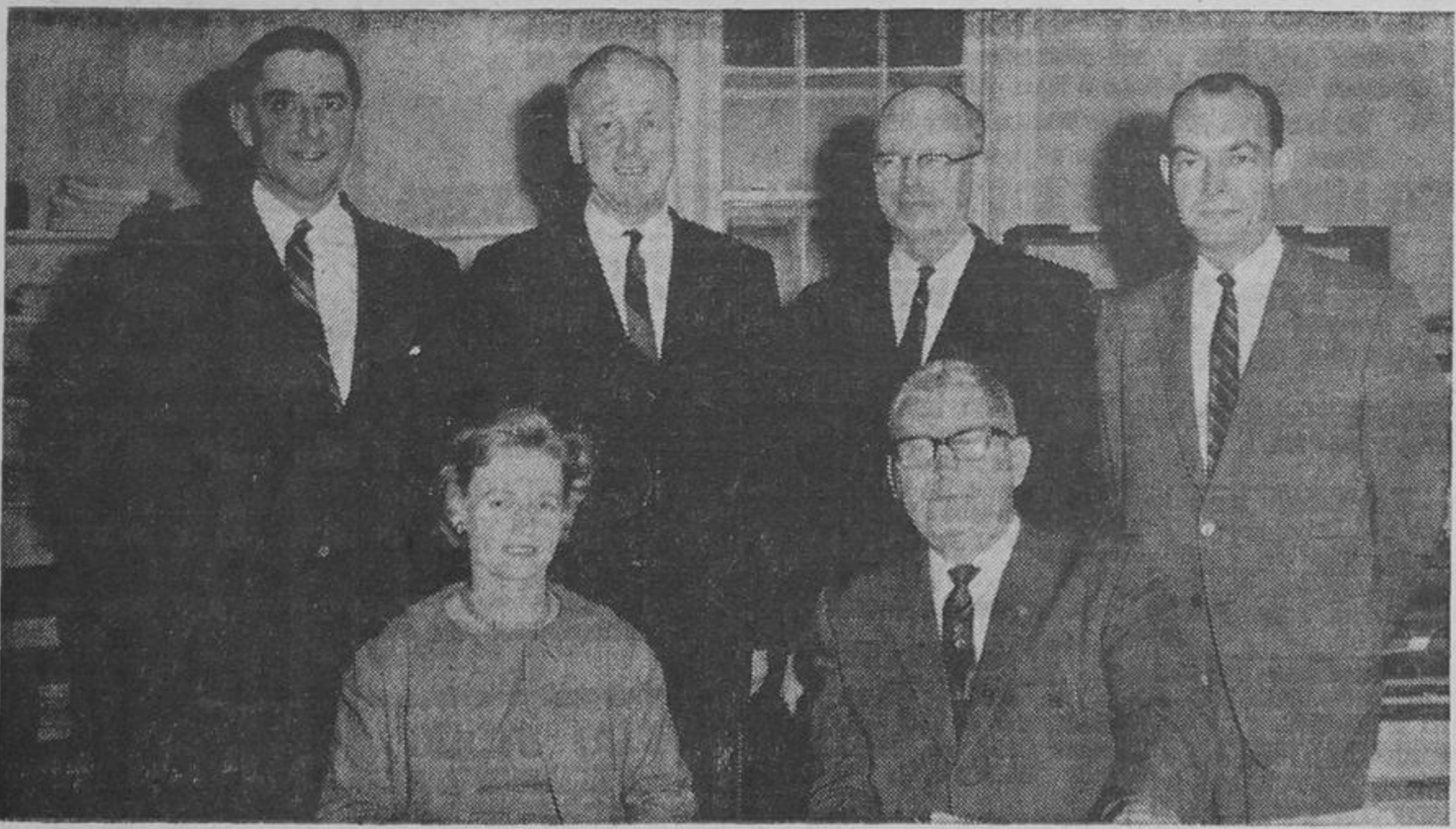


# Elgin Mills And Jefferson News

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



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At the inaugural meeting of the board of TSA 1, Markham, are shown seated, Chairman Mrs. Louise Simone and Supervising Principal E. J. Sand. Standing are (left to right) Trustee Brian Leonard, chairman of the education committee, Vice-Chairman John MacKay, Ernest Scott, chairman of the health, safety and recreation committee and Trustee Terence Lynd, chairman of the finance committee.

## At TSA 1 Markham Inaugural

The two new trustees, Terence Lynch and Ernest Scott had been sworn in earlier, there was little ceremony about the inaugural meeting of the board of TSA 1 Markham January 12. Instead, the new members were plunged into a mass of detailed work which kept them busy from 7.30 to 11.30 p.m.

First order of business was the election of officers and Trustee Louise Simone was returned for her second term as chairman. Trustee John Mackay was also elected as vice-chairman for the second time.

The vice-chairman will also serve as chairman of the property committee. Trustee Brian Leonard was appointed chairman of the education committee. Mr. Lynd chairman of finance and Mr. Scott chairman of the health, safety, recreation and public relations committee. The property committee will be an active one in 1965, as additions have been planned to three of the area's four schools.

Seven tenders were opened for a three-room addition to 16th Avenue School. They varied from a high of \$49,640 to a low of \$39,900. Tender of the low bidder, Deciantis-Rice of Richmond Hill was accepted by the board, subject to approval by the Department of Education, the fire marshal's office and the York County Health Unit.

Final plan approval has been given by the Department of Education for the addition, which will eliminate the need for the three portables presently in use at the school. Cost of the addition will be met out of monies received on the sale of the Thornlea School to Montessori Schools.

Six room additions are planned for both Woodland and the Bayview Glen schools. Tentative approval has been received from the Department of Education for the sketch plans of the Woodland addition, estimated to cost \$120,000. The new wing will be used for a senior school.

It was noted that it had been stated at a recent Markham Township Council meeting that the residents in the Woodland and Henderson Avenue school areas had not been informed about the plan for a senior school. Chairman Louise Simone contradicted this and stressed that members of the board had attended home and school association meetings at both these schools to discuss the matter and had answered many questions put to them by members of the audience.

The Department of Education has also given approval to the sketch plans for the Bayview Glen addition. Word had been received from Markham Township that OMB approval had been given for a debenture issue of \$255,000 to cover the cost of this and the Woodland addition. With the two additions, the three portables at Bayview Glen and the four at Woodland will no longer be required.

Grade 8 students from Woodland School spent January 11 at Thornhill Secondary School observing classes, lunching in the cafeteria and engaging in an activity period in the gymnasium. Members of the guidance department acquainted the students with the courses available at the secondary school level and answered questions.

Henderson Avenue pupils were given the same orientation program January 12 and on January 15, Bayview Glen and 16th Avenue students also visited Thornhill.

The students were later asked to fill in an evaluation sheet and Supervising Principal Eiert Sand reported that both these and comments from teachers and parents had been highly favorable.

The week of January 11 had been designated "Elementary School Orientation Week" by Thornhill Secondary School and students from other school areas also visited during the week. Previously, students had spent only half a day observing the secondary school schedule.

The health, safety and recreation committee report indicated that a smoking and health information kit had been given to all staff members. The kits included an extensive group of publications collected by the Department of Education, drawing attention to the relationship between smoking and health.

The education committee report noted that as it is now possible for local boards to sponsor winter courses for certificate credit, the same as those offered in the summer by the Department of Education, a meeting of inspectors has been arranged to set up such courses.

The second interim report of the Ontario Curriculum Institute, dealing with science, was presented to the board. Members of the science committee of the institute designed and produced simple apparatus and science experiments suitable for junior grade pupils. The Scarborough Board of Education put the

facilities of Midland Avenue Secondary School at the committee's disposal and 29 children and staff spent the latter half of July exploring three facets of physical science, matter, measurement and energy; and three aspects of the biological sciences, microscopy, growing seeds and comparing animals.

The courses will be further tested in various schools during the winter. One important conclusion of the committee was that "if a child is going to practise inquiry in science, pencil, paper and crayons are not enough. The learner must have material to see and feel and measure, and simple equipment to carry this out. There is no other way to do it."

The board of TSA 1 Markham contributed to the work of the Ontario Curriculum Institute by contributing 10c per pupil in the system each year, as do many other boards.

Another communication from the curriculum institute advised that two courses will be offered at the education centre in Toronto next summer on developmental reading and child growth and development. The board agreed to reserve a place for one area teacher in these courses.

The financial report showed a credit balance at the end of 1964 of \$19,640.48. This amount included however, an overpayment of legislative grants in the amount of \$2,870.52.

The supervising principal's report showed a school population at the end of December of 1,468, an increase over the year of 107. The average daily attendance for the year was 1,251.

### Jefferson Scouts and Cubs

The January meeting of the mothers' auxiliary was held on January 20 at the home of Mrs. Costoff, Yonge Street. Bad weather conditions prevented some of the members from attending. The next meeting will be the third Wednesday in February—the place to be announced at a later date. All mothers of new Cubs are asked

to mark this date on their calendar and to plan to attend the meeting.

A good time was enjoyed by all at the Cub and Scout skating party last Friday evening at the home of Ted Lavender. There were about twenty-five members, parents and friends present. Special thanks to Mr. Duval of Elgin Mills Grocery who kindly donated wieners and rolls

### Hospital Auxiliary

The meeting of the Elgin Mills-Jefferson Branch of the hospital auxiliary at the home of Mrs. E. A. Terry on January 20 was very well attended. Plans were discussed for the Valentine tea and bake sale to be held at the Jefferson School on February 13. Some of the door prizes will be a quilt, an oil painting by a local artist, and a cup and saucer and there will be a bake table, a miscellaneous table and special refreshments for the children. Tea tickets may be obtained from any member of the local auxiliary.

brook who is a patient in the Cobblestone House Nursing Home, Aurora, and then were dinner guests of Mrs. M. Beynon, Aurora.

**Sympathy**  
The sincere sympathy of their many friends is extended to Mrs. Jack Boughner and family, London, to Mrs. Giles Kerswill, Jefferson, and other members of the family of Jack Boughner who passed away on Saturday after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held in London on Monday and interment at St. John's Cemetery Jefferson.

## Your Legion Reports

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

News that Comrade Jim Savage had died on Wednesday of last week was received with deep regret by our membership. A familiar figure to Legion members, he served with the Royal Field Artillery in Europe during the First World War. He was 74 years of age. After Friday morning services in Richmond Hill, ceremonial burial services were carried out in the veterans section at York Memorial Gardens. The president, officers and uniformed colour guard of the branch took part in the ceremony.

member of the branch, who likes to be known as Alfie, joined the army at 19 and is now 85 years old. He was accompanied by Comrade Leo Butler.

This week a wooden hut measuring seven feet long by six wide and owned by Leo, was shipped north and deposited on the ice at Lake Simcoe about a thousand feet out from shore. On Tuesday, after the weekend fishermen have departed, leaving the fish hungry for more bait, Leo will make another of his lone journeys to the lake. He will arrive at the hut in his car and begin to fish at the first light. He will no doubt catch quite a few because he fishes regularly in these parts each winter. If the weather turns rough he will stay the night, and will fish again the next day.

Our comrade's determination to enjoy himself is not handicapped by the fact that he has lost a leg and is 72 years young.

Legion members join with the world in mourning the death this week of Sir Winston Churchill. No words can be added to those already said exemplifying this truly great veteran. His own words on May 10, 1942 were these, "I have not become the King's first minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire."

We respectfully submit that the last two words should have been replaced with one word, "Universe". At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

Officers of the branch including those of the ladies' auxiliary were installed at the last general meeting. Comrades from Woodbridge Branch 414 conducted the proceedings. Alan Barker and Earl James formed the colour party with Sgt. Art Arms Stan Knapp. The president from 414, Bill Cox, acted as chairman and was assisted by Charles Rodaway and Ted Armstrong.

In later conversation, Ted said that he had been a signalman and told us the following tale concerning those witty naval signals, previously reported.

A young naval officer returning to harbour aboard his first command, became nervous upon finding the entire fleet present. The only berth available for his small frigate was alongside a jetty between the flagship and a vice-admiral's cruiser. In the confusion of manoeuvring the engines and saluting the brass, his ship rammed the flagship. Quaking in his shoes he awaited the inevitable signal from the admiral which duly arrived, and much to his surprise contained only one word, "GOOD".

He left the bridge relaxed, and was thinking to himself that the incident could not have been so bad after all, when the flagship again signalled. The second message contained the single word "GOD".

Our three Boer war veterans received an addition to their number recently when Comrade Alfred Petherick was introduced by the president. The latest

### Neighbourhood Notes

A very happy birthday to Carl Michael Boyle who will be one year old on January 31.

The Monday Niteers met at the home of Mrs. S. Leno last week. Prize winners were Mrs. L. Kerwin, Mrs. D. Cracknell, Mrs. R. Goulding and Mrs. N. Bell.

Mrs. Neil Dibb, Jefferson, returned home on Wednesday evening of last week from a visit of several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don MacPherson, Oakville. She was in Oakville at the time of the "big" snowstorm which was the worst she had ever experienced.

### St. John's Church News

On Saturday evening, the young people's group attended youthtime at Stouffville. The speakers for the evening were Rev. Doug. Percy and Rev. Wm. Crump of the Toronto Bible College. After the meeting the group returned to St. John's Parish Hall and wound up the evening with some badminton and table tennis.

Next Friday evening the members will visit the young people in Rexdale. Anyone interested would be very welcome — contact Miss Flood, phone 884-3085.

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