

### HEADFORD NEWS

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**Annual Church Meeting**  
How important is one person in an organization? Dr. F. A. Binington, in his message to the Headford congregation at their annual meeting compared him to a vowel on the typewriter. There is a temptation I won't make or break the church.

That may be true. One person can slow down the work but several 'one persons' can really cause "exnfxxsn". "Xnd xt wll mxwx x grxt dxfrxncx dn th wxrk xf th chxrch". Dr. Binington remarked that the tempo of change is gathering momentum and that we can expect changes in this charge, in York Presbyterian and in the church at large. "But God does not change. To Him we commit you as we face the new year together."

Headford has a membership of 63 with 10 nonresident. Secretary of Stewards Cumber Lee reported that \$427 had been received in donations for painting the outside trim of the church and for repairs to the belfry.

Mrs. B. Terry, M and M treasurer, reported that total receipts of \$455.84 had been sent to the United Church of Canada and the church treasurer, Don Brodie, reported receipts of \$2,277.88 with a balance of \$387.87.

Figures do not tell the story of the work of the church; the warmth of fellowship, the devotion of teachers and leaders and the reaching out to those in need at home and abroad but they indicate that "money is a handmaiden when thou knowest how to use it."

**Visit Mexico**  
Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Rumble have returned from a trip to Mexico. Their plane touched at New Orleans but they had no opportunity to see that historic city before going on to Mexico City. They were members of a party of 300, guests of Massey Ferguson Co. Mr. Rumble won this delightful award through his sales achievement.

Mexico might be called the cradle of life on the American continent, for recent discoveries place men in Pueblo, Mexico, as long as 20,000 years ago. Their history is a long story of the rise and decline of highly civilized cultures and there are many colorful legends from every period treasured and handed down in story and song.

These legends were embodied in a presentation of Mexican history given on the restored Pyramid of the Sun. Mrs. Rumble said it was impossible to describe but was a never to be forgotten experience.

Of particular interest too was the trip to the Agricultural College. Eleven buses transported the travellers to their engagements and escorted by police they made an impressive cavalcade. Everywhere they enjoyed the best of comforts and treatment. Mrs. Rumble

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark were Mr. and Mrs. F. Szetec Ennis-killan.

Mrs. W. Wellman and family attended the golden wedding anniversary reception of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. S. Clubine, Elmville, held in Vellore Community Hall.

January 24 brought a real surprise for Mr. and Mrs. Stan Clarkson when 24 guests, relatives and friends arrived unexpectedly to honor them on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. The lovely gift, a silver tea service will commemorate the day and the 25 red carnations that accompanied the gift made a happy contrast to the gloomy weather outside.

### Markham Twp. Briefs

Markham Township Council last week approved the appointment of five outside members and two councillors to the recreation committee. They were: Arthur Toogood, George Greer, Robert Thompson, W. Sendall, Patrick Ottaway and Councillors Alan Sumner and Cleary Palmer.

They would recommend a three-acre addition at \$45,000, with the transfer of \$28,000, which had originally been planned for the proposed Selkirk Subdivision, to be applied to the cost.

It was agreed to abide by the decision of last year's council that no payment be made to National Lumber Co. in response to its claim for services installed at its expense in Meadowview about 1950. Council said there had been considerable depreciation in value of the road and watermain.

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### Nature Notes

(By Richmond Hill Naturalists)

**By Richmond Hill Naturalists**  
The Richmond Hill Naturalists were privileged to see the first public showing of slides and commentary entitled "The Quetico Story", produced by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests.

The commentary was given by a professional. The original sketches were drawn by B. H. Harding and the Quetico photographs were taken by Bruce Littlejohn.

The story traced the history of the park back 10,000 years ago when the Aborigines inhabited the land. New France commenced a search for a travel route from the Great Lakes to Western Canada about 300 years ago. Perhaps the most romantic part of the story, enhanced by the music of the French paddding songs was of the voyageurs, showing their physical strength and endurance on the long portages, each carrying a 180 pound pack on his back. Pictures were shown of the Indian rock paintings or "pictographs". It is thought that fingers were dipped into iron oxide and that the drawings were painted on rock cliffs from canoes. The exact age of the paintings is not known, but some Indians even today leave offerings on these rocks when passing by.

Quetico Provincial Park, approximately 2,000 square miles in size, is located on this route, on the international boundary about midway between Lake Superior and Lake-of-the-Woods. The transporting of beaver pelts was the original need for this trail. In later years as the country opened up toward the West an expedition was sent out to make an all-Canadian route, which was named the Dawson Trail, after the surveyor Simon J. Dawson. Over \$1,250,000 was spent on it by 1874. Many immigrants passed over this route on their way to the West. Oxen and carts were later used on the portages and steam tugs on the larger waterways.

After only a decade of sporadic use, the Dawson Trail was abandoned in 1885 when the Canadian Pacific Railway provided a direct route from eastern Canada to the prairies.

A need was seen to preserve the natural resources of this area due to the heavy timber operations and the fact that poachers were trapping too extensively with no thought to the future. So, in 1909, Quetico Provincial Park was established. At the same time, Superior National Forest, in Minnesota was set aside by the United States. The two areas have the international boundary zig-zagging through them.

In Quetico, private buildings cannot be erected, lumbering is controlled, planes can land only in designated places and no roads can be built. The only means of transportation, at present, is by canoe. It would seem that conservationists are beginning to win their battle.

As a contrast, a series of photographs, depicting busy city scenes of fast moving cars and neon lights, were shown. This more than emphasized the peace and beauty of Canada's northland where people can travel by canoe across sparkling lakes, surrounded by towering pines and connected by numerous waterfalls.

The field trip on January 17 along the lakeshore, was very cold but rewarding. Birds seen: two wood ducks and a swamp sparrow at Grenadier Pond, ruddy duck and Canada geese at Sunnyside and three snowy owls in the vicinity of the Port Credit-Brampton area. All ducks are interesting to view for 'landlubbers' from Richmond Hill. These included mallards, black, buffleheads, common golden-eyes, oldsquaws, greater and lesser scaups, common mergansers, ring-necked ducks and two redheads. Many of the resident birds were observed including 35 rough-legged hawks, 10 red-tailed hawks, two sparrow hawks and a Cooper's hawk.

### In Magistrate's Court

A Thornhill taxi driver lost his licence for three months and was fined \$120, including costs, when he was convicted Thursday of last week in magistrate's court at Richmond Hill of impaired driving.

Pleading guilty to the charge was Robert H. Graham, 40, of 16 Ida Street, Thornhill, who said that "over-fatigue" might have contributed to his condition when he was picked up by Vaughan Township Police in an impaired condition, December 16.

A five-day jail sentence was handed out by Magistrate Hollinrake to an unemployed Or-

angeville man, who was convicted of driving a car while under suspension.

Magistrate Hollinrake also ordered the car driven by Eugene Baxter, 29, and which belonged to Baxter's wife, to be impounded.

The offence occurred in Vaughan Township, November 7.

Albert Roberts, 117 Lawrence Avenue, who was found lying in a snowbank by Richmond Hill Constable Peter Gosling, January 26, was fined \$10, plus \$3.50 costs when he was convicted of being drunk in a public place. He was given two weeks to pay.

### Crestwood Rd. News

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### Home & School

All members of the community are invited to attend the Powell Road Home and School Association's birthday party on Tuesday, February 9 at 8.15 p.m. There will be games, bingo, cards and prizes. Cakes are being baked to represent each month of the year and these will be presented as prizes.

### LANGSTAFF NEWS

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### Young WI

The February meeting of the Langstaff Young Women's Institute will be held February 10 at the home of Mrs. Joyce Curtis, No. 7 Highway at 8 p.m. Roll call will be "How to keep your child interested in school". Program theme will be citizenship and education. Mrs. Ruby Manol and Mrs. Peggy Morris will be refreshment conveners.

Prize winners at the Mark-Vaun Women's Institute euehre on January 30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamblin were: Mrs. Margaret Bradley, Mrs. E. Doner Jr., Mrs. Rita Monture, E. Doner, Tommy Miller, Archie Cave. The draw prize was won by Nathan Hicks.

### Birthdays

Best wishes to Rodney Miller who celebrated his birthday January 31.

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dorothy Young and family on the loss of a beloved grandmother, great grandmother to Ronald and Ian, Mrs. Jane Pollock in her 99th year. Hold-up

### Hold-up

Rev. Ralph Vilella of St. Paschal's Bayton was the victim of a hold up at his home recently. The culprit was arrested however, just two blocks away.

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### Unionville Unusual Town American Gothic Houses

About the time that Upper and Lower Canada were united—1841—a group of settlers living on a high rise of ground north of Toronto were granted a post office.

To give themselves an address and to celebrate the occasion, they called the small settlement Unionville.

While choosing this name might suggest a lack of imagination, the houses of these predominantly German settlers, built before and after 1841, tell another story.

Anyone with an eye for a house silhouette and an interest in the materials that go into its making, can experience sheer delight simply by wandering down the streets of Unionville.

In design, American Gothic predominates, and board and batten is the building material. Board and batten is the term used to describe construction with perpendicular rather than horizontal boards; the seams battened down by a narrower perpendicular board.

Board and batten was used frequently by early settlers because it is said to have been easier to heat than brick or stone.

It is this combination of Gothic and board and batten that sets Unionville apart from most other Ontario towns and villages, it dominates the winding main street all the way up to the Salem Eckhardt house, bought and restored by Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKay, formerly of Toronto.

Born Kathleen Gormley, Mrs. McKay says she is the last of the Gormley family that settled northwest of Unionville in 1832. She is also a descendant of German-born Philip Eckhardt who arrived in the Unionville area in 1794 with a group of 64 families from the Genesee Valley, in New York state.

Already the owner of 200 acres of land behind the Salem Eckhardt house, Mrs. McKay snapped up the Gothic gem when it came on the market seven years ago ("Without him I'm afraid, realizing what bad shape it was in," she said.) Worn and gouged pine floors that could not be restored were subsequently covered with hard wood.

Built between 1835 and 1840 when stoves were the new and popular heating device and when Franklin stoves substituted for fireplaces, the house was built without a single fireplace Mrs. McKay said.

She has since built two, one in the living room which is finished with a pine mantelpiece rescued from the Captain Thomas Milne house when it was pulled down. The second fireplace, of stone, is in a large basement room converted to a studio for painter Fred Varley.

Mr. Varley, who will be 85 in January, "Came to dinner 14 years ago, and has lived with us ever since," Mrs. McKay said.

### Youth Gets Two Years Less Month

Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake ruled out a penitentiary term for a Richmond Hill youth, Thursday, despite the youth's previous record.

Appearing for sentence in magistrate's court on two separate charges of breaking, entering and theft was Neil Ed- maine Crescent, who was convicted January 7 of committing the offences at Taylor's Jewellers, 15A Yonge Street North, and Knapp's Paint Service, 23 Yonge Street South.

Malcolm, who had previous convictions for the same offence in Nova Scotia, as well as one for creating mischief, was sentenced to two years less a month in reformatory.

Magistrate Hollinrake said he was taking into consideration the fact that evidence showed that he had been drinking when he committed the offences.

"I don't think you would have done them if you hadn't been drinking," said the magistrate.

Malcolm's aunt, Mrs. Ruth McKinnon, with whom he had been staying recently, had testified that her nephew had been a "very conscientious boy" all the time she had known him, and the night he carried out the two thefts was the only time she had ever seen him drinking.

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### Police Accident Report

Bayview and 16th Avenues proved to be a dangerous corner for motorists over the weekend.

Markham Township Police reported two accidents there, with careless driving charges being laid in each case.

The first accident occurred January 29 about 9.15 a.m. when a car driven by James B. Westlake, 29, of Toronto, stopped to make a left turn off Bayview Avenue onto 16th Avenue and was struck from behind by a car driven by Frank Russo, 30, of Willowdale. Mr. Russo was charged with driving carelessly. Both cars were going north at the time.

Police said the impact sent the Westlake vehicle into the path of a southbound car, driven by Kenneth Stephenson, 54, of 243 Ashlar Road, Richmond Hill.

In the second accident, which occurred about 5:30 p.m., January 30, Robert Rice, 27, of Toronto, was charged with careless driving after he allegedly pulled out from 16th Avenue into the path of a car, driven by Royce Tennant, 32, of 213 Beech Drive, Richmond Hill.

There were no injuries in either accident.

Vaughan Township Police reported four accidents, in which two people suffered injuries.

Two Woodbridge residents were involved in an accident in Woodbridge, January 29 about 8:20 p.m.

Police said the accident occurred when a car driven by Peggy Beaton, 723 Clarence Avenue, pulled out of the driveway and collided with a car driven by Patricia Wasylchuk, 23, who had been proceeding south up Clarence.

About \$250 damage was done to the two cars.

In another two-car accident, about \$100 damage was done to vehicles driven by Donald A. Munroe, 24, of Simcoe County, and Constance McCallum, 44, of Vaughan Township.

Police said the McCallum vehicle skidded into the Munroe car while it was stopped on Elder Mills Sideroad, just east of Highway 27.

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