

## 'Out-Of-Style' School Now 'In Style'

The once out of style Loydton one-room school will be the most "in" style school in King Township during 1967.

That's the verdict from the township's public school board which last week approved a committee recommendation that Loydton be established as a "Centennial School".

School children in the township will study local history and geography in the century-old building in a Centennial education program.

The school, located in the northwest corner of the township, had served township school children for 100 years until this year when the board rang its death knell along with a number of other similar structures.

Each of the 2,400 grade 1 to grade 8 children in the King system will spend at least two days during the Centennial school year at Loydton which will be converted into a social-science laboratory. They will also take field trips to historical sites in the county.

Classroom work will emphasize discussion groups rather than lectures and will be augmented with an arts and crafts program that will include building models of historic sites. Extensive use will also be made of audio-visual aids.

Robert Bolton, a supervising principal, conceived the program which will concentrate on the history and geography of the township and York County. The program was developed by a committee of principals and teachers working on Centennial

programs. The board is interviewing applicants prior to selecting a teacher for the special course.

The program, which is slated to commence at Loydton after the Easter holidays, will find the children's regular teacher joining them in the program and work in connection with it will be incorporated into the regular classes.

The school itself will be open during the summer months at which time the general public may view work done by the students.

The name Loydton was bestowed on the community by a Quaker named Jesse Loyd who was expelled from his church and forced to flee in the middle of the night to the United States without his family because he supported

the rebel politician William Lyon Mackenzie.

Mackenzie, who resorted to armed rebellion after being expelled five times from his seat in the provincial Legislature in his attempts to gain reforms, also fled to the United States.

From a protest meeting held in Loydton in 1837 sprang a series of similar meetings in all the leading centres.

A major site visit for the students will be to Mackenzie's cave south of Loydton, where Mackenzie hid out just before fleeing to the United States.

As for the ancient Loydton school, it had to wait 100 years to achieve its deserved share in history's spotlight. It'll be getting more than its share in Centennial Year 1967.

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### Church News

Large congregations attended the Christmas services last Sunday at St. John's. The rector expressed his thanks for the cards and gifts he and his family had received from the congregation.

The 11 am service this coming Sunday will be morning prayer. On New Year's Eve a watchnight service will be held at St. Mark's at 11:30 pm. Before the service a time of fellowship will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sayers, Elm Grove Avenue, Oak Ridges, starting at 8 pm.

The congregation will return to the Sayers' home after the service for refreshments.

The new envelopes have been mailed to everyone on the parish list. If any member of the congregation has not received them and wishes to assist in financing the work of the church in the community and in the world, a request to the rector or the wardens will bring a box.

**Brownies**  
The Brownies will not resume their Monday evening meetings until January 9.

## LANGSTAFF NEWS

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### Baptist Church

The Christmas program at Langstaff Baptist Church featured the play "Christmas Is A Miracle". David Ward a newsboy and members of the Sunday school participated. The program was well attended by parents and friends and candies and goodies were distributed at the social gathering which followed.

The service on New Year's Day will follow the same pattern as the Christmas Day service. It will combine the church and Sunday school services and will begin at 9:50 am.

### Young WI

Langstaff Young WI had a Christmas dinner party at the Richmond Inn instead of the regular December meeting. The

members discussed visits to shuttins and extended the joyous greetings of the season to all.

**Sympathy**  
It was with regret that the community learned of the death on December 13 of Marion Ross of Garden Avenue. The sympathy of the community is extended to Norman Ross and family.

**AURORA:** The children's holiday play, "Sleeping Beauty", by the Aurora Drama Workshop, has been postponed due to a series of mishaps. The witch's apprentice broke her finger, then the knight came down with mumps, the prince broke bones in his hand and the last straw was when the apprentice fell and broke her arm.

## Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion

By Eric Chapman - 884-6021

Readers may recall that several weeks ago this column reported that President Frank Barrott would not seek reelection to a further term of office. One would suppose from the results of the recent elections that either your reporter exercised a wrong assumption, or the president exercised his democratic prerogative by changing his mind. Whatever the reason, Comrade Barrott was in fact nominated again for the office and was again elected for a further term of two years at the largest, liveliest and last membership meeting of 1966.

Comrade Jack Flood, past president of the Aurora Legion, presided over the elections and he was assisted by 1st Vice-President Les Dodd, and executive members Roland Gene and Jim Wyler also of the Aurora Branch. Comrade Betty Butler, Aurora President, was also present to keep a watchful eye over her executive, and the proceedings.

As a result of the elections the following members will comprise the officers and executive of Branch 375 in 1967 - 68: Comrade George Wood, immediate past president; Comrade John Tsionis, 1st vice-president; Comrade Rick Pillage, 2nd vice-president; Comrade Doug Clarke, 3rd vice-president and Comrades Doug Hopson, Charlie Hawkes, Bob Dickson, Leo Parker, Jack Sanders and Eric Chapman. Comrades Bill Mitchell and Earl Freeland were also elected to be auditors in 1967.

Of the eleven executive officers named, it is interesting to note that six of them will be enjoying elected office for the first time, although some have

held appointed office previously. Perhaps it might not be perfectly correct to say that they will be enjoying elected office but they will no doubt find it an interesting challenge, and it is hoped that none will exercise his democratic prerogative, at least not until a minimum of two years has elapsed.

Santa Claus paid his annual visit to Legion Court December 18 and was again beset unpropitiously by what seemed to be half the population of Richmond Hill between the ages of one and twelve.

The Children's Christmas Party was also well attended by parents with a long reach who managed to dislodge the hundreds of colored balloons from the ceiling of the banquet hall for the sole purpose of being exploded by 294 intrepid youngsters alongside the ears of patient Legionnaires who had not previously been deaf.

Manning the defences against the youthful onslaught were Clowns Harold Hall (the meatman, not the oilman); Steve Guttormson, Bill Houting, Billy Brown (from Glasgow town), Bob Kyle, Don Kelly (the mop-haired young lady who insisted on dancing with Norm, the wine-maker) and Edith Titshall who successfully managed to change into three different clown costumes within the space of two hours.

The Legion Film Board, Comrades Norm Bridge and Percy Potter, were also present to show films, but somehow the children didn't seem to have any desire to just sit and watch; and this is a characteristic not uncommon among almost three

hundred young people gathered together in one place at one time for the purpose of enjoying themselves - especially when the seven clowns were wandering around handing out goodies in order to disrupt the otherwise good.

Harry Nellis sat on stage with his piano-accompanist and led the singing with "Aunt In His Pants", "You Aint Nuthin' But A Hound Dog" and "I Belong To Glasgow". Mr. Nellis, a Scot, apologized for singing in broken English, but soon found that everyone was in form to sing along with Harry. Like Bernard Shaw he didn't intend to let the English language interfere with what he was trying to say.

President Frank Barrott later took possession of the microphone in order to introduce four of tomorrow's young singing stars, Shirley Davidge, Lenny Walker, Brenda Warner and Linda Struthers. Whether or not these youngsters will be tomorrow's stars has yet to be decided by a certain American, Mr. Sullivan, but on that Sunday they certainly received a great ovation from their young compatriots for their rendering of "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph", a reported red-nosed reindeer.

The members of the ladies auxiliary were also present to ensure that the multitude of children and parents were well fed with hot-dogs, cake, tea, coffee and Pepsi-cole and the back-room girls of the kitchen included a veritable army of sweet lassies of Richmond Hill who once again proved that their organizational and culinary capabilities are exemplary.

Second vice-president elect, Rick Pillage, who came to the

court three years ago to take up the duties of Santa Claus, was for the third time the bearer of fine gifts and bags of fruit and candy, and he was escorted by another sincere Santa who remained, as usual, in the background. Richmond Hill businessman and third vice-president elect, Doug Clarke, in some respects might be considered shy, but his generosity where children are concerned it indeed different.

The 1966 Children's Christmas Party was again as successful as those of previous years, and while thanking Organizer Gord Mills and his crews of volunteers who worked hard to provide a great party, some parents would also thank the comrade who dreamed up the idea of giving tin drums with wooden sticks to four year old boys. Our comrade has no idea how these fabulous instruments of torture can bring out latent musical talents in the very young. And next year we'll send them all around to HIS house to practise at 7 am on Christmas Morning.

This being the last Legion Report of 1966 there remains nothing more to add, except perhaps to hope that you have all enjoyed reading your Legion's public continuation of its affairs, and will continue to enjoy them in the future.

And with this hope we wish all of our readers a very happy and prosperous New Centennial Year.

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