

Buttonville Community Happenings

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Church News
On Sunday at Brown's Corners United Church, Rev. Chris Dugan spoke on "What's In A Name?", and John Stewart was organist, accompanying the singing choir in the carol "What Child Is This?" Church officers were reminded that all reports to be presented at the annual

meeting, January 27, must be in by this week for inclusion in the printed report.
Sunday, January 10, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered. Anyone wishing to join the church at that time should contact the minister. Following this service, the UCW and Happy Timers invite

the congregation to luncheon and a film which features problems in South America. Remember, everyone is welcome, so come prepared to make this a special day on your calendar.

Neighborhood Notes

January, 1971 — A new decade and a new era for all of us who live in the York Region. The old municipal set-up is gone, and the new Town of Markham becomes the local government for Buttonvillians. (It should be remembered, however, that those who live north of Highway 7 and west of the Highway 407 right-of-way are now residents in the new Town of Richmond Hill.)

The municipal building at Buttonville will be the seat of government for the new town, and Newmarket will be the regional seat. Three of the new council members are well known in this area — Mayor Anthony Roman (Victoria Square), Regional Councillor Jim Jongeneel (German Mills) and Councillor Norman Tyndall (Victoria Square) who represents Ward 6.

Others may also be known to you — Bob Adams, Ward 1; Roy Muldrew, member of the 1970 township planning board, now represents Ward 2 (both from Thornhill), Keith Kennedy of Unionville, former member of the board of trustees for the Police Village of Unionville represents Ward 3; Bud Bonner, former member of council in the old Town of Markham, Ward 4 and Murray Henderson, a member of planning board in the old town, Ward 5. Hi Lawrie, former member of Markham Town Council and a successful businessman is also a regional councillor. We offer encouragement to these men in their difficult task.

Again on the regional jag — let it be noted that if you have occasion to call your local police office the duty officer will reply with something that sounds a little foreign to the uninitiated: "York Regional Police Department . . ."

Before the old year ended, all the police officers in the new region were sworn in as officers in York Region. The new chief of the region is Bruce Allan Crawford, 45, who formerly headed the Port of Toronto police operations.

Friends in this community were shocked to learn of the death of a former resident, Mrs. Leslie Rimmer, and her daughter, Mary Patricia of Willowdale in a traffic accident on Highway 11 near Huntsville last weekend. Her husband was seriously injured.

Mrs. Rimmer, the former Mary Arnold, was the daughter of Mrs. Gwen Arnold of Willowdale and the late George Arnold who built the local Arnold Farms Supermarket where Knob Hill Farms is now situated.

Before her marriage to Leslie Rimmer about eight years ago, Mary was an active member of this community and leaves many friends. We offer sincere sympathy to her brother, George Jr., and his family of Arleigh Heights, to her mother and brother Tom in this sad loss.

Throughout this year, the prayers for both morning prayer and Holy Communion will be taken from the experimental lectionary of the Church of England.

The advisory board of the church met Tuesday evening, and the ladies' Bible class met Wednesday morning at 10 am for celebration of the Holy Communion to mark the Feast of the Epiphany before their regular meeting at the church.

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Tender Prices High On School Building Projects

Trustees of York County Board of Education were reminded that costs of construction are going up when it received tenders for construction of two new schools and an addition totalling more than \$1.3 million.

At a meeting of the board December 21, a tender opening committee reported that nine tenders had been received for the construction of a new elementary school in the Bayview Fairways Subdivision in Markham Township. Lowest bid came from Jacko and Burtyk Limited of Toronto, but their price of \$535,000 was \$67,000 higher than the \$468,000 price approved by the Department of Education — approximately 15 percent above the ceiling.

Highest bid on this project was \$620,589 from W. A. Stephenson Construction of Willowdale and Richmond Hill.

The board's Consulting Architect Ross King was present at the meeting. He explained that heavy labor costs had been added to all tenders in anticipation of wage increases when union contracts are renewed next spring.

The Department of Education will have to adjust its guidelines when the labor costs are set, said Mr. King. Meanwhile the department is following a very strict line in adhering to present guidelines.

The board had earlier approved a contract with Toronto Architect Eugene Janis for the Bayview Fairways School, and following the report by the tender opening committee, trustees instructed staff to meet with the architect and the low bidders, Jacko and Burtyk, to discuss ways and means of reducing the tender price to conform to the established guidelines. A further report will be submitted to the next board meeting January 11.

Low tender for a new elementary school in the Aurora

"not in contractual relationship" with the Toronto Building and Construction Trades Council.

ACCEPT NON-UNION BID

Aurora Trustee Keith Nisbet, chairman of the tender opening committee, said that the request for the tender had not stipulated that only tenders from union contractors would be considered. The committee, therefore, had no alternative but to accept the lowest tender.

Fifteen bids were received for the Aurora School, ranging from Model Builders' price of \$556,800 to \$637,279 from Bird Construction Company of Willowdale.

Model Builders are at present working on an addition to Morning Glory School in Georgina Township, and staff reported that their work has been satisfactory.

On a motion by Mr. Nisbet seconded by Richmond Hill Trustee Deena Simpson, the board agreed that the low tender should be accepted, subject to scrutiny by staff and approval of the Department of Education and of the Municipal Board.

The third building project, an addition to Lake Wilcox School, also came in higher than the amount approved by the Department. The addition to the Whitechurch Township school will replace a part of the building destroyed by fire two years ago.

ORDER CUTBACKS

Lowest of ten tenders received was that of Paul Carruthers Limited of Thornhill for \$296,400. The \$339,025 bid of Michael Wade Construction Company of Markham was the highest received.

The low bid was, however, about \$24,000 above the maximum figure set by the department. Mr. King reported that he had already met with the consulting engineers and the contractors and was satisfied that the contract could be reduced by the required amount.

Upon successful negotiation of this, the board authorized staff to issue a "letter of intent" to Paul Carruthers Limited advising that they would receive the contract providing necessary approvals are obtained.

Gormley Neighborhood Notes

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Neighborhood Notes

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Hoover on the arrival of their first son.

Mrs. Allan Pope of Glen Orchard spent several days visiting Mrs. Norman Brown and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christlaw, Jill, Tim, Scott and Allison of Blind River had dinner on Wednesday with their sister, Mrs. Charles Milsted, and Charleen.

Sympathy is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Elliott on the passing of his mother, Mrs. David Elliott, in York County Hospital, Newmarket, on December 31.

The funeral was held on Sunday from Queensville Funeral Home. David Elliott has been staying with his son, Ron, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Farmer and family and Allan Smith were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Reaman of Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Metro Sudeyk spent New Year's Day with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Coneybear in Listowel.

Miss Jean Douglas of Cambridge was a holiday guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. David Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Winger and Vernon of Newmarket, Mr.

and Mrs. Ken Jones, Karen and Brian of Dickson Hill and Bill Rogers of Stouffville were New Year's guests of Mrs. Charles Milsted and Charleen.

David, Karen, Johnny and Laurie Hallman of Kitchener spent several days with their grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Hallman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sider of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Brillinger and family celebrated New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wideman and family spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wideman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stickley were guests of Mrs. Telford Wagg of Stouffville on January 1.

Miss Mary Thornton RN of Ethiopia was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Meed.

New Year's Eve was a very happy occasion for the Melvin Henderson family. Mrs. Henderson was discharged after spending four months in hospital as a result of a cerebral haemorrhage she suffered August 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Farmer and family spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John Crean of Don Mills.

There will be a miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bolender (nee Vera Doust)

on Friday night in the Fellowship Hall of the Missionary Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Ladies please provide.

Mr. and Mrs. William Watson spent the holiday season in Louisiana.

Mrs. Fred Lewis spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Olszowski of Bethesda.

Mrs. Ed Ruliton and children and Mrs. Maude Lewis, all of Georgetown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Fred Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Johnson visited Lloyd Johnson, a patient in Collingwood Hospital, on Sunday. Lloyd suffered a severe heart attack before Christmas and was in intensive care for two weeks.

Heise Hill Church was packed to capacity on New Year's Eve for the Watchnight service when a very beautiful musical evening was presented.

On Sunday evening a large crowd was again present for the presentation of the cantata "A Song Unending" under the direction of Mrs. James Barker.

The ladies sewing circle met all day Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall of the Missionary Church.

The Watchmen Male Quartette of Kitchener will be singing at both morning and evening services on Sunday in the Missionary Church.

Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Chris Ratchford — 884-5260

Sports Dance January 16

Well folks, guess that is the end of the celebrations for the past year. A right royal way to end the year at that. So glad to see so many of you out to the big New Year bash thrown by the Legion. It made the windup of the old year so much more fun. To greet old friends and new ones with the spirit of welcome; to share our fun; this is truly the way to end the year.

MUSIC was never better. The Canadaires under the able guidance of Mrs. Alice Sherratt were at top form. These ladies were glamorous. The floor crowded—and yet—no one minded at all. Frolic was the password for the night. And did that buffet hit the spot. Gord and his helpers did a bang up job. Many thanks to all who helped make the night such a success.

Before I forget it, the winner of the ski-doo was none other than young Jim Peters of Thornhill. Congratulations Jim.

We would like to extend sympathy to Gordon Mills on the loss of his brother-in-law over the Christmas Holidays.

During the dance on New Year's Eve, we were glad to

meet Provincial Welfare Officer Gene Traversy. He was welcomed in the customary Legion manner — heartily.

There has been something new added to the column. How well do you legionnaires know your fellow comrades? For example: He has served in two World Wars; is a charter and life member; holds a tug captain's papers (at least up till time of retirement); knows his Legion rules and regulations backwards; is always courteous; is well liked everywhere. Who is he?

Don't forget the sports dance scheduled for January 16. This should be another enjoyable event. See you there.

Of course this brings up Robbie Burns Night. With so many strong Scots in our midst this is a must. No night would be complete without our favorite pipe band. This means the Newmarket Pipe Band and included should be reels, Gay Gordons (may we all go the same direction this time) and what have you. Yes there will be modern dance music.

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Church News

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