

### BUTTONVILLE NEWS

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**Neighborhood Notes**  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chaffers returned recently from a five-week trip as representatives of Bahai to Israel, Paris and the Mediterranean. Mr. Chaffers' mother has been with the family here for several months and will return home to Australia in the near future.

**Buttonville WI History**  
Buttonville WI history in retrospect does honor to the ladies of that intrepid group who have been responsible for so much of the social life of the community.

At meetings held in November and December of this year some of that history has been rediscovered by the members. Organized at the Craig home, (then the home of Walter Craig's parents), in the summer of 1927, the first euchre party was held on November 7, 1935.

The group had a goal in mind. They intended to build a community hall. With this in mind the euchre parties continued and there were all-day quilting parties. Members reached their destination by sleigh in the winter and by car or buggy in the summer — or they walked.

There were strawberry festival suppers at the Brown farm (now part of the Cachet Country Club estates) and at the Reuben Stiver farm, on Concession 5 — now the Purves property. The charge for these was 35¢ a plate.

By January 1937 there was \$811 in the treasury and by 1940 there was enough in the till to purchase the land at the corner of Buttonville Crescent East and Woodbine Avenue (formerly Don Mills Road — \$325. The hall was begun when Dr. George Kelly purchased the old Ballantyne Church and men of the community transported it to the site.

On November 11, 1942, the first of many dinners was held at the newly constructed hall and invitations were sent to all those who had helped with the project. This was a wooden structure with adequate heating but no amenities. (The furnace was purchased for \$284, installed) Toilet facilities were a two-seater at the rear of building.

In 1947 a Girls' Club was started. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. F. William Baker — attended by Marion Hood, Francis Baker, Hazel Clark, the Eaton girls, and their leader, Mrs. George Kelly. In 1948 an entertainment group was formed and the Buttonville WI plays were famous throughout the countryside.

In April, 1965, a \$10 dinner was held to raise funds for an addition to house a kitchen with running water, indoor toilets, and an oil furnace.

One of the most extraordinary things about Buttonville is that all of those sixteen ladies who have served as president since its inception in 1927 are still living. Most of them are still in this area. They are Mrs. Douglas Hood, 1927-28; Mrs. George Kelly, 1928-29, '30, '31; Mrs. Garnet Francey, 1931-33; Mrs. Freeman Barker, 1934, '35; Mrs. Russell Boyington, 1935 to 1947; Mrs. William Baker, 1947, '48; Mrs. Ken Stots, 1948, '49; Mrs. Charles Hooper, 1949, '50; Mrs. Joe Robinson, 1950-1953; Mrs. Hooper, 1953-58; Mrs. Richard Pralet, 1958, '59; Mrs. John Wilkins, 1959-61; Mrs. Adam Brown, 1961-1963; Mrs. Kelly, 1963-1966; Miss Cora Krodie, 1966-1969; Mrs. Lloyd Baker, 1969 through 1971, 1972.

We salute the Buttonville WI.

At the home of Miss Elizabeth French on Wednesday of last week members continued to hear history as recorded in Buttonville News with Mrs. Fred Leaf as reporter.

The roll call was Christmas memories of concerts, skating, sleighs, going to grandma's house the smell of oranges and pines — Mrs. James Rodick read an article by Bruce West, "Journey Home For Christmas", and Mrs. George Barker reported on the convention. Hostesses were Miss French and Miss Elmore Hill.

Regina Allen accompanied solos by Marguerite Jones and David Webster "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "Raindrops and in the number "Getting To Know You" Gayle Jones and Susy Barton sang the solos.

Mrs. Sidney English acted as chairman and Rev. Allen Hallett brought greetings.

### The Voice Of Concord

**Neighborhood Notes**  
The Church of Christ held its Bible School and Parents Night Friday of last week.

The evening started with the singing of Hymn 71 and an opening prayer by Bert Atkinson. Mrs. Peddle then welcomed everyone and introduced the Bible school teachers: Mrs. Donnie Lowry, Dorothy Tate, Sue Barnes, Janice Barnes, Loretta Atkinson, Al Tate, Bert Atkinson, Dorothy Paterson and Wes Peddle.

All the classes together sang some action songs including "Booster" and "Roll the Charities." Connie Lowry's class (which has the youngest children in it) then recited verses and sang songs. Next Mrs. Atkinson's class did verses on Bethlehem. The senior students marched around the room carrying candles and sang "Gospel Light."

Mr. Peddle's class then did a skit "What Do You Do With Love?" Dorothy Patterson's class then acted out a "Missionary Message." Mr. Peddle then led everyone in singing "Pull Together" and "If Your Happy."

Mr. Tate's group built a night pyramid with the theme "Love." Mrs. Peddle recited a poem he had written for the occasion entitled "Life of Christ." Sue Barnes' class then recited and said "Good Night."

The evening closed with the singing of Hymn 471. Over 100 parents and children enjoyed refreshments in the basement. When the children left they received a Christmas stocking filled with candy and their certificates of Sunday school attendance.

### Gormley Neighborhood Notes

CORRESPONDENT: MRS. CHAS. MILSTED — 887-5445

**Neighborhood Notes**  
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clarke on their silver wedding anniversary December 18. Mrs. Clarke has been in York County Hospital where she underwent surgery last week.

A number of Gormley people attended the funeral of Russell Raymer Saturday morning at Banfield Memorial Missionary Church at Willowdale. Interment was at Dickson Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Roy Brillinger was admitted to Toronto General Hospital this week for tests.

Mrs. Harvey Cassell of Prest-

on spent last week with her sisters, Misses Blanch, Ruth and Freda Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tatton and her mother, Mrs. Esther Agnew, of Burlington spent several days with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Sykes and family at Willowdale, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hastie of Guelph were dinner guests of Mrs. Robert Bremner Saturday Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Smithson of Terra Cotta. Weekend guests of Mr. and

Mrs. Clifford Winger were Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmore and family of Wainfleet. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Winger of Sudbury, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Reagle of Ridgeway and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osborne of Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Kelly of Windsor spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Marion Kelly. Murray Bennett is on a business trip to Japan for his company, Sisley's of Willowdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harold and Jeffrey have moved into Mrs. William Noble's apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Harvey of Sault Ste. Marie spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. William Grant of Stayner were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith.

Mrs. Garry Sugden of Bethesda visited his grandmother, Mrs. Fred Lewis, prior to leaving for a European tour on Monday. He begins his tour in Paris.

Mrs. Victor Smith of Toronto spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith.

Mrs. Allan Doner was the special speaker at the WMS Christmas Dinner Meeting at Stayner Missionary Church Thursday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. John Schoch and Mr. and Mrs. George Sider of Hamilton had supper Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger. Rev. Schoch was the guest speaker of the adult fellowship later in the evening at Heise Hill Brethren of Christ.

The Senior Women's Sewing Circle of Heise Hill Church met all day Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Joseph Wideman of Stouffville.

Heise Hill Brethren of Christ will hold its annual Christmas Program at the Church at 7:30 pm next Sunday.

The Missionary Church Sunday school will present its Christmas Program Sunday evening at 7:30 pm. Various departments will present short skits or songs and a Biblical colored film will complete the program.

On Wednesday December 22 at 8 pm the Christmas Cantata entitled "Night of Miracles" will be presented in the Missionary Church under the direction of Mrs. Shirley Ohlman.

A Watch Night Service is being planned for New Year's Eve at 10 pm at the Missionary Church.

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### Headford Community Happenings

CORRESPONDENT: FRANK TUCKER - PHONE 889-2000

Sunday morning — crisp, cold, healthy, thrilling. Today I'm so happy. I came out of the bedroom with the speed of a gravel truck, thanking God: one more day has arrived and all systems are green A OK — the ears, the eyes, the tongue, the hands, the nose — all wonderfully responding to that masterpiece, the computer of computers, the brain of brains, who can recall not only scenes and pictures, but smell and touch, and upon invisible impulse can call upon not only a wealth of knowledge, but a myriad of experiences. Surely we are universe within universe of one great universe fearfully and wonderfully made.

And so one ventures out of home, that place dear in the heart of man, that nest to which the bird is to return year after year, and on this snap crackle brisk Sunday morning my son and I take a walk down the Third Line. I am reminded of the two who walked on the way to Emmaus St. Luke 24, as I wonder how many went to church that morning and missed what these two enjoyed the presence of the Lord of Glory.

Our "worship" has become so educated, cultivated, prim and proper, and the layman had better not show himself among the professionals. And we wonder why our churches are nothing more than cold stone edifices. If we do not wake up spiritually, we shall not hold out long enough morally, to do what we want to do scientifically. While we mount up to the stars, we mire down in the slime morally. And Christians are found living on the husks of this world of television and radio promotion, instead of dining on fatted calf.

The full moon in the eastern sky has been strikingly magnificent. The early evening blue and mauve and white carpet of snow has been breathtaking in beauty and, if spared, I shall have to mention about the moon in the next 52 weeks, but I do not think I could enjoy it anymore than this past week. You can well imagine why the Psalms: When on a quiet still eastern night a shepherd's heart could reveal in such a moonlight setting, so we can join in revelry of the psalmist 4,000 years later. The same old moon!

It was White Gift Sunday at Headford United this last Sunday and the children brought their gifts for the poor and needy children elsewhere. Rev. Martin Jenkinson spoke on "Guardian Angels." It was thought-provoking.

Sunday evening the old school rang with the singing of 26 voices as a young people's group gathered to go back to the past times of their parents to sing hymns, and boy! did they enjoy it! They are looking forward to a hay ride and carol service on December 22. Please book that date.

We are pleased to see and hear Mrs. Stewart Rumble back with us again. My heart thrilled to the first tune "Praise To The Holiest In The Height."

We are glad to hear that Larry Burton is enjoying his course in Denmark.

It is pleasant to hear the tractors late into the evening productively working away in the fields.

Mrs. George Barker won the highest points award for her decorative arrangements at Unionville Horticultural Society; Eaton Memorial Trophy at Richmond Hill Horticultural Society for the most points for the year; the court of honor prize for the most prize-winning entries in the court of honor displays; also four awards for the best arrangements at four different places.

We welcome to our community Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burton attended the wedding of Gordon John Royle and Darlene Stuart. The wedding took place at Trinity United, Uxbridge. (Gordon is Mrs. Burton's nephew.)

Birthday greetings to Chris Dusham.

Congratulations to Abe and Marilyn Leek, who celebrated their first wedding anniversary this week. How time flies!

So pleased to hear that Mr. Forest McDonald is out of hospital back home again.

Children's Party — Time 2 pm, December 28 at Headford United. All children of the neighborhood and their friends are welcome.

I am thinking at this time near Christmas of the little people who are unable to represent themselves and in the mad rush are overlooked. It is the small children in divided homes, who beyond the veneer and tinsel are brokenhearted because of the heartlessness of parents one to another.

Wouldn't it be wonderful, if at this time of new beginnings you could find it in your heart to hang a sock of goodies on your husband's bed. And how about hanging her stocking up with maybe some perfume? How about a good church service? I can heartily recommend you a good Christmas Carol Service at present being held at People's Church on Sheppard Avenue East between Yonge and Bayview.

On His inaugural day. Comes for the help of His people. Conqueror — Faithful and True. Calls from the parted blue heaven. 'Behold, I make all things new.'

Heb. 10, verse 37. Rev. 19, verse 11



### OTTAWA REPORT

By

John Roberts MP

YORK SIMCOE

#### Rev. John Hunter Of Aurora Questions Our MP

From time to time I send out questionnaires to the citizens of York Simcoe in an attempt, in a very general way, to get some idea of their views on political and social questions.

The Rev. John Hunter of Aurora has written to say that sometimes this process should be reversed, and people should send a questionnaire to me to find out my views. He has sent along six questions. Fair enough. Here are the questions — with my reply following.

1. When a committee meeting clashes with a session of the House, which do you choose?

The fact is that the proceedings of the House of Commons tend to be a formality with the exception of question period (when the government replies to criticism and the inquiries from the MP's). The real work of the legislative and administrative scrutiny takes place in the committees — which is why the Commons has given permission to the committees to sit during the sessions of the Commons. Most Members are on two committees. Usually these committees will meet in the morning when the Commons is not sitting. But on those occasions when a conflict is unavoidable most Members, including myself, give precedence to their committee responsibilities.

2. Do you think men like Tito and Kossygin who are opposed to the democratic process should be entertained in Canada and receive honorary degrees?

Whether or not to award honorary degrees is something for the universities to decide — government and politicians should not interfere with their decisions, though I would not be inclined to award such degrees if it were my decision to make.

3. I am in favor of visits of foreign heads of state — not as any indication of approval of their political and social systems but because I believe the interests of our country will be served by unlogging the channels of international communication. During the Cuban missile crisis Kennedy and Krushchev were in touch with each other by the go-between of a Pravda journalist and an American columnist. That is dangerous when nuclear war hang in the balance. Subsequently the hotline was installed so that in a crisis communication could be unfettered. International visits are part of the same process of ensuring that we understand each other's position when — even especially when — we disagree. I am sure Mr. Nixon's forthcoming visit to China is designed to improve communications between two major powers. The trip of Kossygin enabled us to raise some important questions — such as letting Jews leave Russia, permitting relatives of Canadians behind the Iron Curtain to join their kin here, getting information on Russian Arctic research, etc.

I favor these visits for practical reasons which serve Canada's interests — not as any endorsement of their regimes.

4. Have you read a book on political science in the last six months?

Yes: Reich — The Greening of America, Toffler — Future Shock, McLinnis — The Selling of the President, Reedy — The Twilight of the Presidency, Servan — Schreiber — The American Challenge, Lipsett — The Politics of Unreason.

5. Have you read a book on the Nature of Man recently?

La Rochefoucauld — Maxims. Some of the books mentioned under No. 3 would also touch on this. Most of my reading for pleasure — usually done on vacation — is of biography and history, travel and the history of art. Once in a while I read mysteries — the last one called "Dead Cert" about horse racing by a former jockey, Dick Francis.

6. Do you think the behaviour sciences can help the politician serve his constituents?

Yes. The behavioural sciences such as political science and sociology are an attempt to understand the explanation for what causes social institutions to operate the way they do, and the degree to which they meet the individual's needs. In the broadest sense therefore, they are about politics. The better we understand our society and its institutions the more likely politicians are to legislate for it wisely.

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