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In The Spotlight

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 clapping to the lively melody. In the "Themes from the Nutcracker Suite", where any discrepancies of rhythm would detract from the lovely music of Tchiakowsky, the band played with a flow of feeling which was most gratifying.

Mark and Miles Crawford from Richmond Hill High School joined the band in its rendition of "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" and the vocal solo by Mark, accompanying himself on the guitar, was nicely done. During this number the flute quartet and woodwind ensemble were excellent. A special salute to the young girl on the drums. Her job was done with great care and right on the beat.

During the evening Blair Hurren presented Mr. McClintock with a gift and Mrs. Elizabeth Harwood, who played the piano for the group was also remembered by the band and choir.

We thought it was outstanding to have a conductor of Ellis McLintock's reputation present and during intermission we asked him when he became a teacher at Thornlea.

Ellis McLintock, who still has his own orchestra (he played at the Palais Royal when mother and dad were younger), was the musical director of the concert band at the Canadian Pavilion for Expo '67. He was first trumpet for nine years with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and played first trumpet for the CBC Symphony Orchestra for eleven years.

Ellis McLintock began teaching at Thornlea in September of this year. "I have had a teacher's certificate since '39", he told me, "and finally decided I wanted a permanent place to hang my hat".

I feel Mr. McLintock's decision is most beneficial for York School Region. It is to be hoped with such a band under the direction of Mr. Burton, and a choir such as Pleasantville School can provide, there will be more Sounds . . . of Music . . . in the near future.

A Happy New Year to all our readers. May 1972 see Peace in our World of today.

Don Deacon says



Studded Snow Tires

The Ontario Government has moved to ban studded tires on the province's roads — and a lot of motorists, especially in the northern part of the province, are howling with indignation. They say that studded tires are a safety aid and a must in the icy slippery conditions that prevail for several months of the year. The province says no. They say that studded tires ruin the highway surface, costing the taxpayers a mint of money for repairs — and, anyway, studded tires aren't the safety help they're cracked up to be.

So be it. People want to use studs — but the studs rough up the roads. Then why doesn't the province levy a sufficient tax on the sale of studded tires — or on the drivers of studded tire vehicles — to defray the cost of repairing road damage? That way, the drivers could have their studs, and the taxpayers wouldn't have to foot the bill. Naturally, we wouldn't charge visitors from out-of-province — they're only casual users of our highways, anyway.

And think of the public relations — now our friends from adjoining states and provinces won't automatically become criminals as soon as they drive across the border with their (in their area) legal studs.

As a sidelight on this question, I recently wrote to the Minister of Transportation, drawing his attention to a B.C. man's invention of plastic chains that are claimed to be more effective than either metal chains or studs, with no damage to tires or road surface. I asked if he was carrying out tests — and I shall be interested to hear his reply.

Another Mail Rate Increase Jan. 1

Residents of this area are reminded that on and after January 1 all first class mail weighing up to one ounce will need 8c postage, says a news release from the Post Office Department.

This is the second half of a two-part rate increase that was approved by Parliament earlier this year and announced July 1. The first increase took effect at the time of the July announcement.

The 8c rate for first class mail will apply to all Canadian destinations, as well as points in the United States, its territories and possessions and the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

Mail over one ounce and up to two ounces will be 14c, over two up to four ounces 20c, over four ounces to eight ounces 32c. Also effective January 1 is an increase in weight limits on fourth class mail and parcel post to the United States, from 25 to 35 pounds. Mail rates to Canadian Forces Post Office are adjusted also and details can be obtained at the local post office.

On the international scene, letters weighing up to eight ounces automatically go by air. Up one ounce, the rate is 15c; over one ounce up to two ounces, 30c; over two ounces to four ounces, 40c; over four ounces to eight ounces, 90c. This mail must have an "Air Mail" sticker affixed or the words "Air Mail" marked plainly on the envelope face. These rates are unchanged.

Victoria Square News

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A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL

Church News

During the church service Sunday morning, Rev. Martin Jenkinson read season's greetings to all the friends of Victoria Square United Church from Dr. and Mrs. Graham Scott, a former student minister on this charge, who are now living at Noranda, Quebec.

Mr. Jenkinson also read greetings from Rev. and Mrs. Eldridge Currey, also a former minister of the Victoria Square charge. Rev. Currey plans retirement in a year and a half. They have bought a home in Scotland (near Brantford) and he commutes each day to his church in Brantford.

Sunday, January 2, at 11:30 am, Rev. Jenkinson will bring a New Year's Message. Why not start 1972 off right by attending the church service?

Neighborhood Notes

The first euchre for 1972 will be held in the community hall January 7 at 8 pm.

Miss Mary Ellen Johnson spent the weekend recently with Miss Shirley Nelson.

Mrs. Mabel Frisby, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frisby and girls spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Walls and family at Bethesda.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rumney, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stephenson and family enjoyed Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rumney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Boynton and girls had Christmas with Mrs. Earl Jackson at Downsview.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Pennock and Michelle of Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sande and Betty spent Christmas with Mrs. Stanley Boynton and Grace.

Miss Mary Boynton assisted the minister, Dr. Dillwyn Evans in the church service at Thornhill Presbyterian Church Christmas Morning.

The many friends of Lloyd Tenyson were sorry to learn of his accident at work one day last week when he had the misfortune to have his right foot badly crushed. He is now in Branson Hospital, Willowdale. A speedy recovery is wished for him.

The annual Christmas gathering of the Perkins family was held in the community hall Christmas Day.

Friends are pleased to hear that Earl Empringham is able to be home following his recent operation in York Central Hospital, also that Jim Boyd Sr., is also able to be home from the same hospital.

Birthday greetings to Jean Vanderkooy, January 4; Clarke Canning, 11 years, January 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nichols and family, Mrs. Faye Willis and Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nichols and family, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Nichols and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Buchanan and family at Willowdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hart and

family, Miss Janet Colvin, Mr. Bruce Mortson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Barry Hills and family at Scarborough.

Charlie Hart spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Henry Hill, Mr. Hill and family at Scarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and Larry, Islington, Mrs. Lillian Knapp and Irene, Richmond Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Woodward, Richmond Hill, spent Christmas with John Empringham, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham and Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Collard, Miss June Collard and Miss Jean Becroft spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Barry Collard and family at King.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wilson of Islington called on his grandfather, John Empringham Friday afternoon.

Miss Jean Becroft, formerly of Australia, now a teacher at the Banting High School, Alliston, is spending the Christmas vacation with Miss June Collard.

Charlie Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rennie and family, all of Scarborough, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hart and family had Christmas Monday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Jarvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nichols and family of Knoxville, Pennsylvania, spent the Christmas weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols.

Miss Mabel Sanderson called on Harry Forster at York Manor, Newmarket, Tuesday of last week.

(Held From Last Week)

Women's Institute

The Christmas Meeting of the WI was held December 14 at the home of Mrs. John McCague.

Roll call was answered by exchanging Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Martin Jenkinson was the guest speaker and gave a very inspiring message on the "Legend of the Candle, Holly and Creche" which was very much enjoyed.

Dainty refreshments were served at the close.

The Christmas Meeting of the UCV was held December 15 also at the home of Mrs. John McCague.

The worship service was taken by Mrs. George Joyce, Mrs. Fraser Gee and Mrs. Joe Stephenson.

Mrs. John McCague gave a paper on the "Hand", written by Gordon Sinclair, which gave much food for thought.

There was also a shower of canned goods for the Victor Home for Girls, Toronto.

Please save your used stamps from your Christmas Cards and letters and give them to Mrs. Mabel Frisby, who in turn will send them to the Leprosy Mission in Toronto.

At the close of the Sunday school session Dec. 19, Mrs. Kenneth Petty on behalf of the teachers and pupils presented Superintendent Mrs. Martin Jenkinson with a poinsettia plant.

The Christmas Church service was held Sunday morning December 19 with Rev. Martin Jenkinson bringing the special Christmas message.

Special music was given by Mr. and Mrs. Terry Whitfield of Markham, which was very much enjoyed by the large congregation.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Harvey Collard, Christmas Day; to Laurie Canning, 13 years, Christmas Day; Jeannette Ottaway, 11 years, December 27; Anne Smith, December 27; Mrs. Earl Empringham, December 28; Allan Chadwick, December 28; Allan Nichols, December 30; Roseanne Mortson, one year, December 30; Susan Canning, one year December 30.

Wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Britnell married 42 years, December 28; to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gee, married six years, December 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen at-

tended the wedding of their niece Miss Leslie Allen and Christopher Oourumis in West Hill United Church Saturday afternoon, and the reception which followed in St. Lawrence Parish Hall.

Friends are pleased to hear that Mrs. Robert Boyd now has the cast off her leg. We hope that she continues to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. David Boynton and twin sons of Woodstock spent Saturday afternoon with his mother and sister, Mrs. Stanley Boynton and Grace.

A speedy recovery is wished for Donald Boyd, Jim Boyd and Earl Empringham who are all in York Central Hospital.

Mrs. Earl Jackson and granddaughter Michelle Jackson of Downsview, Mr. and Mrs. Don Boynton and girls had Sunday dinner with Mrs. Stanley Boynton and Grace.

Children's Christmas Party

The annual children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Lions Club was held Dec. 18 in the community hall, with Lion Dave Tinker as master of ceremonies.

Games were played led by Bobo—The Clown, and other Lion members.

Michael Ross, a magician from the Agincourt area delighted the children and parents with his magic acts.

Refreshments were served and Santa arrived and had each child sit on his knee and tell him what they wanted him to bring them. Bobo gave each child a bag of candy.

Red Lakers Quit Tire Stud Fight

Residents of Red Lake in Northern Ontario have given up their fight against the Ontario Government's law banning studded snow tires. The village had a committee of 27 residents who had resisted the law since it came into effect in November.

Non-compliance with the law led to ticketing by police and court appearances by the 27 members of the committee. The group pleaded guilty before Judge Joseph Fregeau, who said he would return December 29 to see whether the studs had been removed. The fine would have been \$20 and costs.

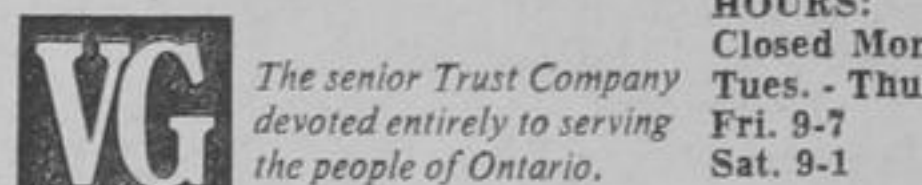
Although the residents have decided to comply with the law, they still feel that studs are necessary for driving conditions around the mining town of 2,200 where roads become thickly packed with snow.

AURORA: Councillors are irate over a decision of the Canada Department of Agriculture, Health of Animals Branch to delay a county-wide free rabies clinic until late January. Aurora, the centre of a serious rabies outbreak, weeks ago requested a free clinic be held there.

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The new premiums will be payable in January, 1972, and thereafter, to cover benefit periods beginning on or after April 1, 1972. These new premiums will be:

- \$11.00 a month for a single person, and
- \$22.00 a month for a family (2 or more eligible persons)

REPLACES "OHSIP" AND "ONTARIO HOSPITAL INSURANCE"

The Ontario Health Insurance Plan will replace the OHSIP (medical) and Ontario Hospital Insurance plans as of next April 1, and you will then have only:

- one plan to deal with;
- one health insurance identification card;
- one health insurance number (your former Ontario Hospital Insurance number);
- one combined premium to pay.

If you now have Ontario Hospital Insurance, your changeover to the new combined plan will be automatic. No action on your part is required as the new plan will be based on the existing hospital insurance billing system.

FREE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

(After 1-year Residence in Ontario)
 As of January 1, 1972 residents aged 65 and over are exempt from paying Ontario Health Insurance premiums to cover themselves and their eligible dependents. To benefit from this exemption, insurance may be transferred to the name of the older spouse if it is presently in the name of a spouse under age 65.

Most residents aged 65 years and over have already applied for premium-free coverage, but if you have not done so, please write to the Plan giving your Ontario Hospital Insurance number, your OHSIP number, and month and year of birth.

Persons who turn 65 after January 31, 1972, should apply at the time for free coverage. If you pay your premium on a direct basis, write to the Plan for an application. If you pay through a group, advise your group. Premium-free coverage will take effect on the first day of the month in which your 65th birthday occurs. Any premiums paid to cover benefit periods beyond that date will be refunded.

PREMIUM ASSISTANCE

(After 1-year Residence in Ontario)
 Effective with the benefit month of April, 1972, individuals and families with no taxable income for the year 1972 are eligible, on application, for 100% Ontario Government premium assistance.

Individuals with less than \$1,000 taxable income in 1972, and families with total taxable income of under \$2,000 are eligible for 50% premium assistance. This will reduce the monthly premiums to \$5.50 for such individuals (instead of \$11.00) and to \$11.00 for an eligible family (instead of \$22.00).

Taxable income is the amount on which a person pays income taxes, after subtracting from his total income all exemptions and other deductions to which he is entitled.

Note: If you remit your premiums on a direct basis, details on Premium Assistance will be mailed with your next Premium Notice. Residents enrolled in groups will be informed through their groups.

NEW IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The Plan will provide each insured single person and each insured head of a family with a new Ontario Health Insurance Identification Card to use for insured services received on or after April 1. Anyone who has not received his or her card by that date should use the current Hospital Insurance Certificate, after April 1, 1972, for medical and hospital services until the new card is received.

Your present OHSIP card should be used when claiming for medical and practitioner services received up to March 31, 1972.

IMPORTANT

As the present Ontario Hospital Insurance numbers and billing system will form the basis of the new plan, anyone who does not now have hospital insurance coverage should register without delay.

Applications are available in banks and hospitals and from offices of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

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