

Buttonville Community Happenings

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Church News

The Christmas Season was ushered in last week at Brown's Corners United with the first Sunday of Advent. There was special Christmas music sung by the junior and senior choirs. Lynn Carr lit the first Advent candle.

Rev. Allen Hallett chose as his topic "God—Thing or Person?" and Mrs. Donald Reesor, Regina Allen and Sharon Buchanan played choir accompaniments on the piano and organ with Regina playing the organ prelude.

New Hymn Books, presented

by members of the congregation, were in the pews and hymns were chosen from this book. A service of dedication will be held December 17. During the service Mrs. Gertrude Holt of Richvale was welcomed into membership. In the evening families of the congregation were entertained by the Mobus, the teenagers' group led by Rev. and Mrs. Hallett. A pot luck supper preceded Christmas carols led by Gina Allen and David Webster, with puppeteers Wayne Stiver and Ron Best lending an able hand to Santa and friends.

Later, family groups made banners with assistance from Mrs. Alf Miller and Mrs. Reg. Allen. These talented ladies gathered materials and made samples for demonstration purposes. Everybody worked with a will for an hour, some with creditable results. A good evening.

The Mobus will meet at the church Friday at 6 pm sharp and proceed to Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Square in downtown Toronto to see a presentation of "The Christmas Story." All young people in the community are welcome.

White Gift Sunday will be celebrated this week at Brown's Corners Church. Gifts will be presented during the processional to the altar.

Neighborhood Notes
Russell Boyington returned home late last week from York Central Hospital after his second eye operation in a month. Happily he was able to enjoy Sunday's Grey Cup game on television.

Friends were sorry to learn that Bob Cunningham suffered loss of an eye in an industrial accident last week. Bob is supervising mechanic at a local concrete

ready-mix plant and was working when a steel particle struck him. He was taken to North York General for surgery. His family expects him home this week.
And another neighborhood family has an ailing father. Richard Carr has been confined to his bed for the past week with a back ailment. We wish him a rapid recovery.
Mrs. Walter Craig is recuperating from a serious fall at Brown's Corners Church on Sunday. One knee and an arm were badly bruised.
The YCHA will hold a Christmas Euchre and Sale of baking and gifts Friday evening at the WI Hall. Good prizes. Good games. Good refreshments. Everyone welcome.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Hoo-Ray For Alois Girls Softball Team

Another big year for the Alois Brothers Ltd., Realtors' Girls' Junior Softball team culminated recently in a buffet at the Piper Club. Shown above are members of the team and executive of Alois'. It was the biggest softball season yet for the girls who picked up

three trophies. There was also a six piece band on hand to add spark to the occasion. Pictures and trophies are on display in the window of Alois Brothers Real Estate, 3 Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill.

Council Approve Holding Bylaw Amid Day Centre Atmosphere

Markham Council Chambers resembled a day care centre November 29, as some 30 mothers and their children filled the available space to see that council did the right thing with the Unionville Zoning (Holding) Bylaw.

And the right thing for the women, who represented ratepayers in the area, was that third and final reading be given to the bylaw, which was set out as a protective device for Unionville residents until the town can come up with an overall plan.

It covers the built up area of Unionville, with the exception of Varley and Carlton Villages.

At an earlier public meeting to discuss the proposed bylaw, Mayor Anthony Roman said that, theoretically the town had no control over the various existing uses. Once a building was put in, it was very difficult to change the uses. The town was attempting to develop a proposal for the Markham-Unionville area that would ultimately benefit the whole community.

None of the women present at last week's meeting spoke to the bylaw — although some of their children were heard occasionally — but council did receive one objection.

Gary Smith, a solicitor representing developer Norman Lean, said that his client had made a "substantial commitment" for property at the northeast corner of Highway 7, where he planned a shopping plaza.

Both Zeller's and A & P had indicated their intention of locating in the plaza, he said, and there had been "nothing in the wind" to prevent them. His intention was to complete the acquisition of lands along Scibaras Road.

Mr. Smith said plans had been filed "on faith of certain understanding of the town", and were in accordance with the town's bylaw. It was not a speculative proposition, he said, and asked for an exemption from the bylaw to see if he should complete acquisition of the sites.

He said that he would have come before council earlier, but had only recently been made aware of the steps council had planned.

Councillor Murray Henderson repeated the fact that the bylaw was only temporary and would put a hold on property "for whatever length of time the planning department takes to come up with a plan."

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