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Neighborhood Notes
The celebrations are over for another year, and the grand nephew and niece, aged four and two respectively, have departed plus parents. We are all so delighted to see them.

In fact, they made Christmas—with their enthusiasm and enjoyment. But the revolution in the household management is something else again. The menus included jelly, ice cream, hamburgers and pop! Also peanut butter and cookies at odd hours. (Why is leoric such a favorite? By sheer chance we had some in the house, and I was hounded for it. "But, Aunt Margaret, you have lots," I was told very seriously when I said he'd had enough for the time being.)

The dogs go round with ears drooping, and tails low. They are not used to children. And if these children were even slightly afraid of dogs, it would make life easier!

I keep a few toys here, I call them "mine" and they remain with us until the next visit. One of these days the question will be raised as to what I do with them, when they (the children) go home. I borrowed a toboggan this time, and it was made use of. The small nephew has a time clock inside of him. At six-thirty his alarm goes off and his day — and some one else's of necessity — begins.

Now they have gone. We pick up the pieces. A collection of treasures at the foot of the niece's bed, hidden by bed clothes: a music box under the bed, and many articles in strange places. Of course there are mitts, and panties, and such like, although we did a hunt just before everybody left.

The house is strangely quiet. "How come?" a synonym for "Why?" doesn't

South Thornhill & Bayview Glen

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Neighborhood Notes
A couple of South Thornhill's young men rounded out the holiday season by taking a bride.

Friday, Allan Carle of 105 Morgan Avenue wed Lynda Austin of Rexdale at the Kingdom Hall in Woodbridge. The following afternoon in Brantford, Tom Kidney of 47 Highland Park Boulevard exchanged vows with his bride, Brenda Lee Moffatt of Brantford.

The couple are honeymooning in Antigua and will reside in Toronto on their return.

Birthday greetings this week go out to Mark Wilson, 86 Meadowview Avenue, who will be nine years old tomorrow and to Robert Hampson of Henderson Avenue, who on Saturday will mark his fifteenth.

Trudy Johnson of 43 Woodward Avenue, was at home in bed recovering from a freak accident which happened when she was asleep in bed last weekend. It seems she severely wrenched a muscle in her neck.

Incidentally, Trudy is a nurse and the problem was, of course, not serious but very uncomfortable and required bed rest to overcome.

The Doncaster Community Ladies Club today will enjoy a belated Christmas dinner and get-together at the Royal Fontainebleau dining room, Yonge and Steeles. Approximately 16 ladies have made reservations for this function, reports Social Convenor Mrs. Zella Edgar of Sprucewood Drive at press time. Others may make arrangements to attend also, she points out.

Included in those who will be attending are two former members, Mrs. Elva Angel and Mrs. Jeania Greenham, both now living in Willowdale.

Mrs. Harry Mizen of Sprucewood Drive, the only charter member with active membership in the 20-year-old community service group, is also expected to be present.

School News
The staff at Henderson Avenue Public are sorry to lose the services of Mrs. Christine Roberts, kindergarten teacher, who left the profession at the end of the year.

They welcome Mrs. Debra Semeniuk who will take over the kindergarten class vacated by Mrs. Roberts.

Church News
Approximately 12 high school members of the Doncaster Bible Chapel will join youths of the Richvale, Bedford and Bethany (Yorkdale) Bible Chapels at a winter campout on the weekend of January 18-20. A total of

ring through the rooms. And it is so dull!

However I think we'll be better for a period of dullness. I did not envy my friend who bade goodbye to her young relatives, only to have the car return half-an-hour later because it wasn't running properly!

Horticultural Society
The first general meeting of the Thornhill and District Horticultural Society for 1974 is scheduled for Tuesday at 8 pm at the North Thornhill Community Center, Baythorn Drive and Royal Orchard Boulevard.

The speaker is Tom Van Ryn of the Sheridan Nurseries, and his subject is "Pruning and Espalier Training". There will also be a paint sale, draw prizes, refreshments, and the library will be open. Visitors are most welcome.

Senior Citizens
The first meeting of the Thornhill and District Senior Citizens for the new year was an afternoon of Euchre on January 2. Everybody enjoyed it. The White Elephant Table was loaded with treasures. This is a very popular addition to the meetings.

The executive of the Thornhill Senior Citizens will meet on January 9 and the general meeting will take place on January 16. The meeting is to conclude with a Barn Dance and, of course, refreshments. The club hopes for a good turn out.

Mrs. Grace Baker and some of the other members are leaving for Florida on February 1. They will be sorely missed. Mrs. Nan Wright is also going south. This will be the story often during the cold weather which older persons cannot enjoy as once they did.

Of Interest
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pherrill of John Street had a most interesting visitor the other

evening, Ron Wickett of Lindsay. His father, the late John Wickett, whom many people will remember, worked for the late Wilfred Dean. The Pherrills have kept up their contacts with the Wicketts ever since.

Ron attends Queen's University, specializing in commerce and finance. He was the recipient of an International Rotary Foundation Scholarship which gave him the opportunity to study wherever he chose, for six months, with all expenses paid. He and the faculty at Queen's, with which he was involved, mapped out a course for him to take. The best college for this was St. Mark's in Adelaide, Australia.

Besides the course in Australia, he managed some travel both on the way there and the way back. He had two weeks in Japan visiting a missionary, and stops at Fiji, Hawaii, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Now he is back at Queen's finishing the remainder of his course. The Pherrills were delighted to see him.

On December 23 Mrs. Earl Jackson of Erica Drive was hostess to four grandchildren from Uxbridge, Glen, Carol, Lynn, and Gail Jackson. They had been talking about carols, and the word carolers came up.

"What were those?" the children asked and as if in answer five children arrived at the door to sing carols. They were Nancy Hamilton, Kim Street, Billy Schoeler, Eric Stephenson and Cameron Brooks.

They were trying to earn money for the "Save the Children" fund. Mrs. Jackson was delighted to see them, both because she likes carol singing, and because they were a live demonstration for guests.

She got in touch with them later and found that they had made something over \$19.

Timothy Russell of Deanbank Drive, recently went on a cruise arranged by the Creighton Travel Agency. Mrs. Arthur Creighton accompanied the trip herself. There were 12 people in all.

The group flew to Fort Lauderdale which they reached early enough to have a sight-seeing tour before

embarking at 4 pm. The boat was a Dutch one, the New Amsterdam, and it was its last trip before being sold. It had been in service since 1938. It was very comfortable.

The trip was planned to sail at night, and give most of the day time hours to a port of call. The first day was spent in Curacao, in the Netherlands Antilles. Next they reached La Guaira, Venezuela and then St. George, Granada.

At Gaudeloupe the boat let the passengers off at one end of the island, and picked them up again at the other. They landed at Basse-Terre and re-embarked at Point-a-Pitre. The last day was spent at St. Thomas on the Virgin Islands.

They landed also at Port Everglades.

Everywhere the flowers were beautiful, the food fabulous, and the company delightful. It was a wonderful trip.

Nature Notes
A flock of snow buntings was seen in the Pomona Mills Park. Also a northern shrike paid a call.

Church News
The New Year's Eve Dance at the Church Hall, St. Luke's, was a tremendous success. The hall was filled to capacity and everybody had such a good time. It is to become an annual affair.

The guests were received by Kay and Bill Reeve, Mary and Carl Pindera, Alice and Edward Leon, Joy Gould and George Maier.

Elaine Malcolm looked after the catering. The five piece orchestra, Reuban Rivas conductor, was all it should have been and more. 1974 was welcomed with enthusiasm and enjoyment.

The United Church had a spontaneous family party. Some of the families had a New Year's Eve Party in a private home for some years.

But this year the number of guests "boiled over" and so an arrangement was made to use the church.

Result: a gathering of all ages to welcome in the new year. They played games, sang, had a short meditation and ate.

It too sounds as if it would become an annual affair.

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THE GHOST OF THOMAS KEMPE — by Penelope Lively. At first 10-year-old James Harrison is merely irritated by the poltergeist activities of a 17th Century sorcerer who has intruded into his life in 20th Century England. But after some day sinister events occur, he decided that he must, at all costs, find a way to lay the ghost forever. A spooky novel for children from 12 to 16. (Fiction at Markham and Thornhill.)

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Around Bayview Fairways

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Neighborhood Notes

School re-opened for the second term on Monday for children in the area. An extra-long holiday was enjoyed by all of them, with plenty of snow for skiing and tobogganing.

In the school yard an ice surface has been prepared for pleasure skating and hockey. You will remember that an ice surface was also prepared last winter but the weather was too mild and not much skating could be done. Next winter we hope we won't have to depend on the weather since we'll have two artificial ice arenas at the new recreation complex at John Street and Bayview Avenue.

Our family, for one, was hoping that a Thornhill figure skating club would be formed once the new arenas are built. Apparently that is not a foregone conclusion.

Before a new figure skating club can be formed a vote must be taken by all other clubs within a 25-mile radius. Some clubs in the vicinity feel the population in the area doesn't yet warrant a new club being formed.

However a club in the recreation complex would be very convenient for the skaters in Bayview Fairways.

Just before Christmas Mrs. Phyllis Lownds' Music Club had its Christmas and Hanukkah Party. Each student chose several selections to play on the piano for the other children.

The children have a weekly piano lesson and this was their second Music Night since September. Gradually, they become accustomed to playing for an audience.

Birthday congratulations to Steven Griggs of Kings Inn Trail who was six on January 6.

RICHVALE RECORD

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Winter Has Come

Winter decided to enter 1974 gracefully while huge snowflakes fell, making our richly treed community look something like an old-fashioned Christmas card.

Unfortunately this was not so at Christmas time with its mild, rainy weather.

Despite the absence of public skating rinks in the area over the holidays some of the children managed to enjoy themselves on backyard rinks, practising hockey, or by going tobogganing or skiing in the nearby conservation areas.

The two week Christmas holidays came to an end when all the local boys and girls in secondary and elementary schools returned to their classrooms Monday.

Coming Events
A public forum on the "Yonge Street South Corridor" will be held at Don Head School, Vaughan Road, in the cafeteria at 8 pm January 17. It will be a general meeting for the whole community from Vaughan Road to Highway 7.

Please send some representative from your family, organization, ratepayers' group, etc. Your recommendations are urgently requested before final plans are made for this main thoroughfare which connects this area to the old town in the north and to Metro in the south. The planning consultants depend on us, the residents of the new town of Richmond Hill, to give our suggestions that night. So gather some concrete ideas and bring them to this all important gathering.

Another meeting at Ross Doan School on January 31, is directed to the residents of the study area — that is to those living within 600 feet of Yonge Street.

At both meetings there will be discussions on preliminary proposals and citizen input will be taken into account before final recommendations and decisions are made.

Everyone who is interested in the future of this community is welcome to attend.

Church News
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is being held from January 20 to 26. A service of prayer will be held at St. Mary's Anglican, Yonge at Vaughan Road, January 20 at 8 pm.

St. Mary Immaculate Ski Club got off to a good start Tuesday with its senior members in great numbers again this season.

Tonight the juniors take off at 7 p.m. (wrong time announced last week). Come at 6:30 to be fitted and ready to start on time.

When in doubt as to snow conditions call the Honey Pot at 889-4988 or 889-1507 for information, not the rectory, please!

Neighborhood Notes
A happy birthday is wished for Dorothy Godson January 1, Olive and David St. John January 10 and Lynn Webster January 22.

Brian Webb was able to be home over Christmas and New Year's but returned to St. John's Convalescent Hospital for further treatment. A speedy recovery is wished for him.

We also extend best wishes for a rapid recovery for Mrs. Salt who has been at St. John's for some time.

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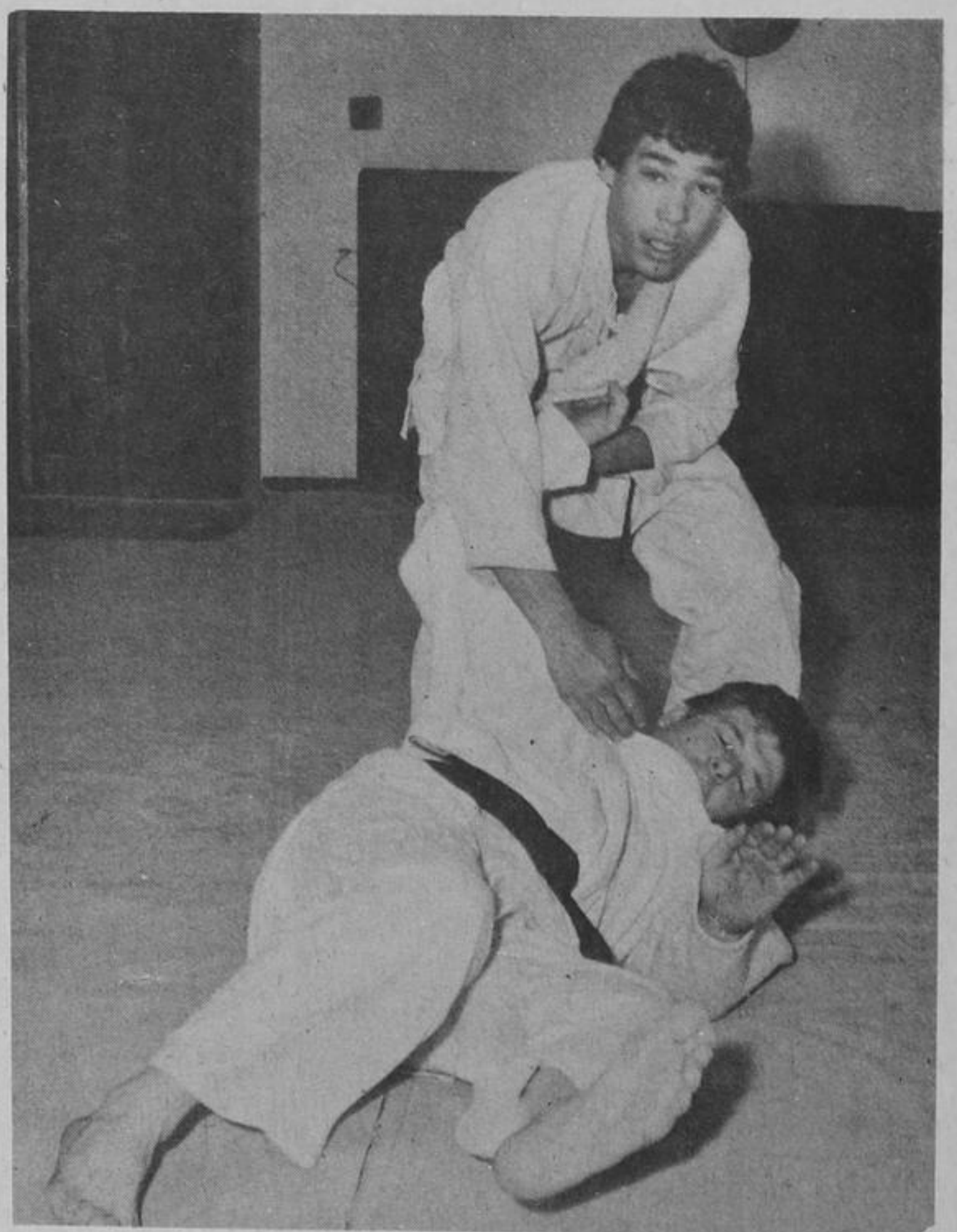
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Happy Landing

Welcome to the club, fella. That could be the greeting Joey Toule (standing) could be saying to Myron MacPhersons (outch) in the above photo. It was all part of the game at the Budokai Judo Club of Thornhill recently. Both Joey of Thornhill and Myron of Bradford were presented with their first black belt degrees in a club ceremony. Joey is the son of Chris Toule who operates the Thornhill club. The boys decided (above) to do a demonstration for the occasion. Ouch.

LANGSTAFF NEWS

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Church News

There will be a service of ordination at St. Mary's Anglican Church on January 20 at 10:30 pm. The Rev. Donald Downer will be inducted into the full priesthood by the Rev. John Bothwell, the Bishop of Niagara.

The choirs from Emmanuel and St. Gabriel's Anglican Churches will join the choir of St. Mary's for the event. All residents who are interested are invited to attend.

As an observation of the Week of Prayer, an ecumenical service will be held at 8 pm in St. Mary's Anglican Church on January 20. Several churches in Richmond Hill will be taking part.

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