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Project '59 is alert. Recently, an opportunity arose to present a special program on Field Marshal the Viscount Montgomery. Project '59's planners immediately took advantage of the opportunity.

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Find Rare Owl Along Milliken Rd.

A rare type of owl was discovered recently in a swampy woods along a road near Milliken. In a written story published in the Globe and Mail, the background of this little-known species is described:

A letter from Leslie Miller of Milliken tells of a recent exciting find by Garry Page of Agincourt and Dave Hessel of Willowdale, who were tramping through the swampy woods at Milliken. They met some other birders who said they had just seen what they thought was a Screech Owl in the nearby cedars. But Garry and Dave found, to their delight, that it was a rare Richardson's Owl, like the one in today's picture.

"As these little fellows are almost blind in daylight," writes Mr. Miller, "the boys had no difficulty in catching it." Then after it was banded by an expert, the owl was released in the same swamp.

Mr. Miller (whose sister is the wife of Stuart Thompson of Toronto) reported the find to Mr. Thompson, who exclaimed: "That is something! I have seen only one alive in my life, in this area."

This owl was named after Sir John Richardson, a Scottish naturalist. It is said by Mauserman to be a bird of the midnight forest and abroad only at twilight and in darkness. It is stupid in daytime and so is readily caught.

Going back in his life, Mr. Miller tells that in 1907 he became a member of The Globe's Circle of Young Canada when he competed in a bird observation contest. He "took second place after a girl competitor," he wryly states, and used his prize money (with some addition) to buy a pair of field glasses and a bird book, McIlraith's Birds of Ontario.

"Thenceforth I was a bird watcher to this day," he adds. When studying German in Markham High School (in 1908) Mr. Miller read a story of a Grey Crow which he supposed was mythical. But years later, in looking over the parapet in Flogstree Wood during the Great War, he recognized the bird not 100 feet away. Eime Graue Krache, it was called in German. Up till then, the warrior bird watcher thought all crows were black.

A Richardson's Owl was picked up, dead in Peterboro last week by Frank Pennett, who took it to the annual meeting (last Saturday at Brantford) of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists. From there it was brought to the Royal Ontario Museum where it "rests" in a drawer of the metal filing cabinet along with other owls.

John Musgrove, of Toronto had a small owl alight on his window sill and thought he "must be seeing things." Mr. Musgrove asks identification, though giving few details.

Watch and listen for the crows tomorrow. Not the Grey Crows like the one Mr. Miller saw in Germany, but the big black fellows. H. G. Kimber, a former executive of The Globe and Mail (and a keen bird watcher), once told us he could

set his calendar by the crows: That they always swept into Toronto on March the first.

BUTTONVILLE

Neighbourhood Notes
On Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. John Storey entertained at a birthday party for Marcelle who celebrated her 12th birthday. Among the guests were Marcelle's sister Berta, Donna Kerr, Patricia Patterson, Georgina Vollett, Margaret and Christine Selders, Maurine Martin, Pat Stewart and Susan Harrott.

Mr. Helmar Bauhus left by plane on Sunday for a business trip to Norway. This time he will enter the land of his birth as a Canadian citizen.

Tuesday night of last week the mercury dropped to 23° below zero—the coldest it has been all winter. On Wednesday, however, the crows appeared in our neighbourhood as if to take the sting out of this winter gesture, and on Sunday they moved in in full force with their cawing heard on all sides.

Congratulations to Dawn Hood who celebrated a birthday on Saturday of last week—also to Mr. Douglas Hood who slipped another one on Feb. 20.

Miss Isobel Hood of London spent last weekend with her family here, and Miss Margaret Gray of Branksome Hall visited Mrs. S. J. English.

We were happy to hear that wee Caroline Alex is making good progress now and is able to walk again.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson returned last weekend from Florida where they vacationed at West Palm Beach and other points. Unfortunately Aubrey contracted Florida pleurisy and was seriously ill for a few days. Davidson Mission Band members met at Brown Corners Church on Saturday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Wilfred Turner had an interesting story for the children and there were games also. Officers this year are: Pres., Donna Kerr; Sec., Patricia Patterson; Treas., Susan Stewart; Miss. Outreach, Deborah Hood. The group plans to hold the Easter Thankoffering later in the month.

Baptism Service
Four children were baptised at a ceremony at Brown's Corners Church last Sunday morning, with Rev. A. F. Binnington officiating. They were William Harvey Ross Halkes and Cheryl Joanne Halkes, children of Mr. and Mrs. William Halkes; Leslie Anne Hood, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hood; and Heather Ann Watt, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. Watt (nee Norma Denby).

Mark Bowlers Euchre Party.
Buttonville players were hostesses at a euchre party sponsored by Markham lawn bowlers when they met at Buttonville Hall on Monday evening of last week. There were 14 tables of players present, with members attending from points as far distant as Claremont. Local hostesses were Mrs. F.W. Baker, Mrs. George Kelly and Mrs. Ben Gayman. Mr. Gayman was scorer.

Home & School Ass'n Hears School Nurse
Parents in the Buttonville School area were addressed by the local Public Health nurse, Mrs. Jory, when the Home & School Ass'n met in the school on Wednesday evening of last

WORDS & THOUGHTS



Sunday School Lesson

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from the Father which this demanded.
Verse 37—"He cometh... findeth them sleeping... saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldst not thou watch one hour?" Luke adds that the disciples slept "for sorrow". They were overcome by sheer physical and emotional exhaustion. All the disciples may have received the rebuke (see Luke 22:45). Mark singles out Peter, who had boasted of his courage (see Matt. 26:33) and who as the events proved needed a personal warning to be alert. (Mark 14:66-72).

Verse 38—"Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak." The antidote for hours of testing is spiritual preparedness and steadfast prayer. Ready means "willing" or "eager". High resolves are not enough. The disciples could not stand the physical strain of Gethsemane; nor could they meet the critical hours ahead, apart from divine aid in answer to prayer.

Verse 39—"Again he went away... prayed... spake the same words." Gethsemane's struggle was prolonged. Three times the Saviour faced His crisis alone. The disciples, although their senses were nearly drugged by sleep, must have overheard His pleading intercession. The "cup" was before Him. He was about to take it to His holy lips.

Verse 40—"When he returned, he found them asleep again... neither wist they what to answer him." Even the Saviour's sweat, pouring like "great drops of blood" (Luke 22:44), could not arouse the weary men. He suffered alone. His closest, dearest companions were near, yet so very far. They knew not what to say because they were physically inert, mentally stupefied and spiritually dulled.

Verse 41—"He cometh the third time, and saith... Sleep on now... it is enough, the hour is come... of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners." The spiritual struggle of the Son of man was ended. The matter was settled. The cup would be drained to the dregs. What man did now made little difference. Let the disciples sleep, sinners approach, treachery lift its ugly head, and events pursue their ruthless course. The hour had chosen. God's will would be done. The world's redemption would be accomplished.

Verse 42—"Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand." The "sleep on now" was changed to "rise up" because Judas and the armed rabble were approaching. The shadow of the cross loomed clear and very near indeed.
The Heart of the Lesson
The Gist's agony of spirit in the Garden of Gethsemane can be understood in the light of the cup (Mark 14:36) which He took in His unflinching hands and drank for sinful man.

What was that cup?
Recall that a bit earlier James and John made an ambitious request of Christ (Mark 10:35-37). In reply our Lord asked, "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of?" (Mark 10:38); and assured them, "Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of" (Mark 10:39). Later James was slain (Acts 12:2) and John was banished to Patmos (Rev. 1:9).

The "cup" which the disciples to some extent shared had to do with death. James and John partook of its contents; but the Saviour drained it to its last and bitter dregs.
For Christ the cup was far more than physical death. It was a heart-scarring, devastating, soul-rending drink such as no man had ever imbibed nor ever will.

It was the cup of sin-bearing. The iniquities of humanity, from Adam's transgression to the last sinful thought or deed of the human race, were in that deadly cup. But Christ was holy, undefiled, untainted by the cruel blight of wickedness.

The idea of the sinless One bearing the crushing load of sin was staggering; it drove the Saviour to His knees. It was a horrifying, choking thought.

It was the cup of separation from the Father. Christ's identification of Himself with the sinful race, His becoming sin on our behalf, His assumption of the role of vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice meant that His beloved Father must turn His eyes from His dear Son. For the Father is holy and will have no traffic with sin. On Calvary the Son cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" The Son, who from eternity had been "in the bosom of the Father" (John 1:18), experienced cruel, rending separation until the atonement blood was outpoured in death. The prospect was terrifying.

It was the cup of loneliness. Only the God-man could save lost sinners. Our Lord drank the cup alone. In the hour of His soul's struggle, even His dearest disciples slept. They had been told the meaning of His death (Mark 14:24). They had boasted of their loyalty. But in the solemnity of Gethsemane's hour the Saviour agonized alone.

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