

### BUTTONVILLE

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cement floors have been carpeted and draperies shade the windows. New floodlighting points up the church to highway travelers, and at present a building programme is under way and greater change is due with the next year. As we enter the 7th decade of the twentieth century, there is still much change in the air.

Today the proposed CNR bypass which is to cut our community; the Don Roadway extension and a new roadbed for No. 7 (or 407) highway which will surely influence this area, are at present causing further real estate speculation. Several new farm sales (or re-sales) were negotiated late in 1959, and those farmers who still own land are being broached at present with most attractive offers. Where five years ago \$1,000 was considered an ordinary price, today \$2,000 is the starting point for negotiations.

We have come a long way economically and socially in the past decade, but there is still a long way to go before we are a self-contained community.

There is plenty of recreational activity for adults within a short distance — curling, skating, swimming at Unionville, Thornhill or Richmond Hill — but we have yet to create a community home for our children and young people. They need a place where they can work and play together and feel the strong support of interested adults in their own community. There should be tennis courts, badminton, skating, a baseball diamond, opportunity for singing and playing and dancing close to home. At present there is nothing for the sixteen year old who is not attending school.

Let's make a community centre our project for the '60s: Neighbourhood Notes—

The executive members of the Buttonville School Parents' Club met at the home of Mrs. Jim Hood on Wednesday evening of last week to consider plans for the winter and spring meetings, January 27 is the date for the next meeting, and on January 29, members will hold a Bake Sale at the school.

At present, the group plans to hold graduation exercises and presentation of pins for '59 and '60 graduates at the close of the school term in June.

A new baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Jones of Markham, recently. We offer congratulations to the parents and to grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallen.

The Brown's Corners W.M.S. members haven't had much success seeking a meeting date this month. On the regular day, too many members were ill to meet, and last week the ice storm made driving too hazardous, so postponement was made till February. In the meantime, reports from various secretaries were sent in to Mr. Harold Steffler to be included in the church annual report for January 19.

If anyone doubts that crows spend the winter here, they should take a look at the place where Tompsett's have been dumping garbage on their property in the flats back of McQuays' service station. Each morning at daybreak the crows come from the north-west in great flocks, and spend the day cawing and feeding at the dump. Question — Just because Mr. Tompsett owns land in Markham Township, can he dump garbage from another municipality? Pardon us! We have been informed that the price of the brass horse was under—not over \$10.00.



### TIMELY TIPS

If you drive your car on an icy road early in the morning, you'll probably find the traction and stopping ability fairly good, says Hal Wright, safety expert with the Ontario Dept. of Agric. But as the sun comes up and the temperature rises, the icy road becomes more treacherous. Test your brakes often so you'll know how your car will react if danger threatens.

Feed your dairy cows individually rather than all from the same size of scoop, suggests Bruce Stone, O.A.C. scientist. If you have only fair quality of roughage, feed 1 pound of grain to each 3½ to 4 pounds of milk. Higher testing breeds such as Guernseys and Jerseys need more grain—about 1 pound for each 3 to 3½ pounds of milk.

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## Did Vancouver Island Have Another Name

Yes. At one time this island, on which the capital of British Columbia is situated, was known as Quadra, and Vancouver Island to commemorate the friendship of Capt. George Vancouver and the Spanish navigator and administrator, Juan Francisco de la Bodega y Quadra. Quadra, born in Peru about 1744, commanded a ship that in 1779 voyaged along the northwest coast of America as far as the sixtieth degree of latitude, sighting Mount St. Elias.

In 1792 he was sent to Nootka Sound on Vancouver Island as Spanish envoy to meet Captain Vancouver and to arrange with him for the restoration of British properties seized by the Spaniards in 1789. The two men differed on details of their diplomatic mission, but became firm friends. An island at the northern end of the Strait of Georgia, between Vancouver Island and the mainland, is still called Quadra Island. Quadra died in 1794, probably in San Blas, Mexico.

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