







Rev. T. Fleetham, Pres. Mt. Zion Men's Club

annual meeting of the Men's party. Club was held here last week. Rev. T. H. Fleetham was elected President. The Vice-President is Murray Jones and the Secretary-Treasurer, Percy Jones.

The Active Service Class met last Wednesday night for the Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Lorne Jones. Following the worship on "Christmas" Mrs. Wm. Harbron played an instrumental and Mrs. Glen Manderson gave the topic on "Stories behind famous carols" and ended with a quizz on Carols. It was decided to give \$60.00 to the Missionary and

BALSAM - MT. ZION - The ing closed with a Christmas

The young people went caroling Sunday night to the homes of the Sr. Citizens.

Mr. Keith Jones visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Don Piett at Hamilton.

held their Christmas dance in Mt. Zion Community Latin.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Martin moved last week from Whitby to Mr. Geo. Pickett's new house in Glen Major.

Next Sunday, Dec. 26, there will be a special combined Maintenance Fund. The meet- service at 1.30 p.m.

List Honour Students At St. Mark's School

75% average at St. Mark's Sep- Year. The treasurer's report arate School in Stouffville. Their showed that the Council has a names are listed on the Honour total of \$16.08 in their account. Roll for the first term - G. President Gerry Egberts opened Egberts, P. Hulshof, M. Moran, an account at the bank last Fri-S. Smith, M. Corcoran, M. Raes, day. Council members voted P. Foulds, D. Chamberlain, C. unanimously to purchase a dixie Viscardi, J. Hulshof, W. Egberts, cup of ice cream for each pupil C. Colburn, D. Kamps, J. Mc- in the school. The ice cream was C. McDermott, K. O'Connor, S. on Tuesday afternoon. Council Foulds, S. Viscardi, T. Mann, M. also voted unanimously to use Hulshof, R. Boss, K. Foulds, D. some of their funds to purchase Garrett, M. Kamps, L. Stangret, a Christmas present for our

Physical Education Now that we are able to use our beautiful Gymnatorium, our regular Physical Education Programme is underway. Each class holds Phys. Ed. periods twice weekly. Immediately after completion of the Christmas holidays, our boys and girls House League Basketball will get un- son. Next issue is due out toderway. It is also hoped that an wards the end of February. All-Star team will be chosen from the House League teams and will represent our school in | p.m., nominations and elections competition with other schools.

Student Council Meetings Student Council was held last Mark's School.

STOUFFVILLE-The follow- | Thursday, and this was the final ing students obtained above a regular meeting before the New Dermott, M. Kamps, B. Moran, distributed at the class parties M. Vanderburgt, J. Malasic, M. caretaker and bus driver, Mr.

> School Newspaper The second edition of the St. Mark's Chronicle was issued on Wednesday afternoon. Once again the members of the paper did an excellent job in preparing this issue. Naturally the majority of articles are related in some way to the Christmas sea-Elections of Trustees

On Wednesday, Dec. 29 at 8 for the new combined Roman Catholic School Board will be A meeting of the St. Mark's held in the auditorium of St.

"Silent Night" Oldest Of Christmas Carols

as old as Christmas itself - Town of Bethlehem" in 1868 aftthough not in the form we know | er visiting Bethlehem.

Book Encyclopedia, In 1223, St. Handel. Francis placed a creche (miniature Nativity scene), in a hermitage in Grecchio, Italy.

gan displaying a Nativity scene at Christmas, and soon the people began acting out the Christmas story. The actors composed carols to sing with their Nativity plays and after the plays they would stroll down the street, singing. In that way, street caroling was born.

Joseph Mohr, a pastor in Oberndorf, Austria, composed "Stille Nacht," or "Silent Night" on Christmas Eve, 1818. Franz Gruber, the local schoolmaster and organist, composed the music the same day, and the hymn Midnight Mass that night.

Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, wrote, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!" in 1739. Phillips Brooks, a noted Boston mas — there's still time.

Christmas caroling is almost, clergyman, wrote "O Little

Though not a carol, Handel's An early historian wrote that | noble "Messiah" is a Christmas in the Second Century the bish- tradition. It first was performed op of Rome urged his people to in Dublin in 1742. "Joy to the sing "in celebration of our World," written in the early 18th Lord." Christmas hymns 'go | Century by Isaac Watts, was set The Brooklin Jr. Farmers | back to the Fifth Century, when | to the music of a segment of the most of them were written in "Messiah." "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by St. Francis of Assisi is regard- Night," written in 1703 by Nahed as the father of caroling as um Tate, was set to music takwe know it, according to World en from "Siroe," an opera by

No one knows who wrote "The First Noel." It first appeared in print in 1833 in a book After this many churches be called "Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern," and is believed to be very old.

The author of "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," also is unknown, but he lived before Shakespeare.

So if you should go caroling this Christmas season, think of other carolers of years gone by, of the people of Charles Dickens' time in their beaver hats and cutaway coats, of English villagers in hose and jerkin, of good St. Francis and of the priests of the time of the Christian Roman Empire who, before was sung for the first time at caroling, as we know it, existed, sang "in celebration of our

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