

# Passing Of Well-known Ladies Saddens Buttonville Community

By JEAN LEAF

**BUTTONVILLE** — This community was saddened last week to learn of the death of Mrs. Andrew Grant of Unionville, who died Thursday, January 5, at the Scarborough General Hospital after a short illness.

Mrs. Grant, the former Helen Thomson, was a member of Brown's Corners United Church and a willing helper in church and community affairs. She was also a curling enthusiast, an honoured member of the Unionville Ladies' Curling Club, well known throughout Ontario and Canada as a fine competitor.

Surviving are her husband, 'Andy', one son Ray of Stouffville, and three grandchildren, Randy, Gary and Heather; also a brother, Robert, Toronto, and a sister Harriet, Winnipeg. A service was held Monday afternoon, January 9, in the chapel of the Ogden Funeral Home, Agincourt, with interment at St. Andrew's Cemetery, Bendale.

Mrs. Elmo Snider

The Buttonville community extends sympathy to Russell and Roy Boyington whose sister, Mrs. Eliza Boynington Snider passed away last week at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Snider spent her girlhood in this neighbourhood. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Boynington who farmed the land where Arnleigh Heights and Knob Hill Farm Market are located at Don Mills Road and No. 7 hwy.

Mrs. Snider is survived by her husband Elmo, of Yonge St., Richmond Hill, and her brothers, both of Buttonville.

A funeral service was held Saturday afternoon, January 7, from the Pipher

Funeral Home, Richmond Hill.

**Neighbourhood Notes**

Mrs. Albert Copp's mother has been staying with the Copp family since the death of her husband, late last fall.

Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson's mother, Mrs. A. E. Milner, has taken up residence at Stouffville.

Mrs. Clarke Young of Unionville entertained for Mrs. D. Harrington on the occasion of her 90th birthday, and among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Boyington and Dr. and Mrs. George Kelly. For Mrs. Harrington it was not only a re-union with old friends, but a return to her former home as well.

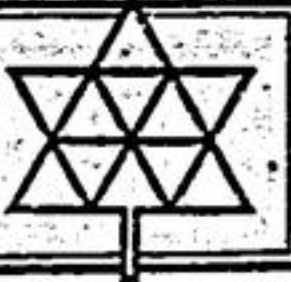
Janet Craig is recuperating from a tonsilectomy and Mrs. Richard Carr returned home Monday from Scarborough Hospital after surgery.

The Victoria Square and District Lions are planning another musical evening for 300 lucky people who are fortunate enough to get tickets for their concert at the Community Centre Friday, Feb. 3. This time there will be a brand new program by the Scarborough Chapter of Barbershoppers. As well as the 46-member chorus, there will be three outstanding quartettes, all of them prize winning groups, The Comic Quartette, The Home Towners, and The Wanderers. There are only 300 seats at the Victoria Square Community Centre, so make your reservations early. For further information contact Lion Aubrey Stephenson.

Mrs. George Hooper and Mrs. Clayton Jones were at Richmond Hill District High School on Monday, Jan. 2, with the York Choralists when they sang at the Richmond-Hill Centennial program.

## CANADA'S CENTURY

A news background special on the Centennial of Confederation



### Canada's Classroom Revolution

(Fourteenth Of A Series) By WALT McDAYTER

In early Canada, the emphasis in education was on the four R's: reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic . . . and religion.

The first schools in Canada were run by French Roman Catholic missionaries. As early as 1635, Jesuits were teaching French and Indian children in Quebec.

Mother Marie of the Incarnation was the first nun to come to Canada, 1639. She dedicated her life to educating settlers' children and Indians, establishing a teaching monastery in Quebec City, then spreading to other settlements in New France.

Shortly after the conquest of New France by the British, the only schools instructing in English were a few set up by church groups, for religious instruction. It was not until after the War of 1812 that pioneer logcabin schoolhouses began to mushroom.

In this period, there were only a few hundred people in all Canada educated beyond the primary school level. Canada's first English-language university was King's College, founded in Windsor, N.S., 1782. It was restricted to Church of England (Anglican) pupils. Students were expelled if caught attending a Roman Catholic or Presbyterian service, or other "rebellious or seditious meeting".

A similar King's College was established in Fredericton in 1828, and Anglican Archdeacon John Strachan received a charter for a King's College in Toronto. He hoped to establish an Anglican monopoly over education in all Upper Canada, but was thwarted by a Methodist, Egerton Ryerson. The Methodists founded Victoria College and the Presbyterians started Queen's University in 1841.

Laval, founded in Quebec City in 1852, was Canada's first French-language university, under Roman Catholic control.

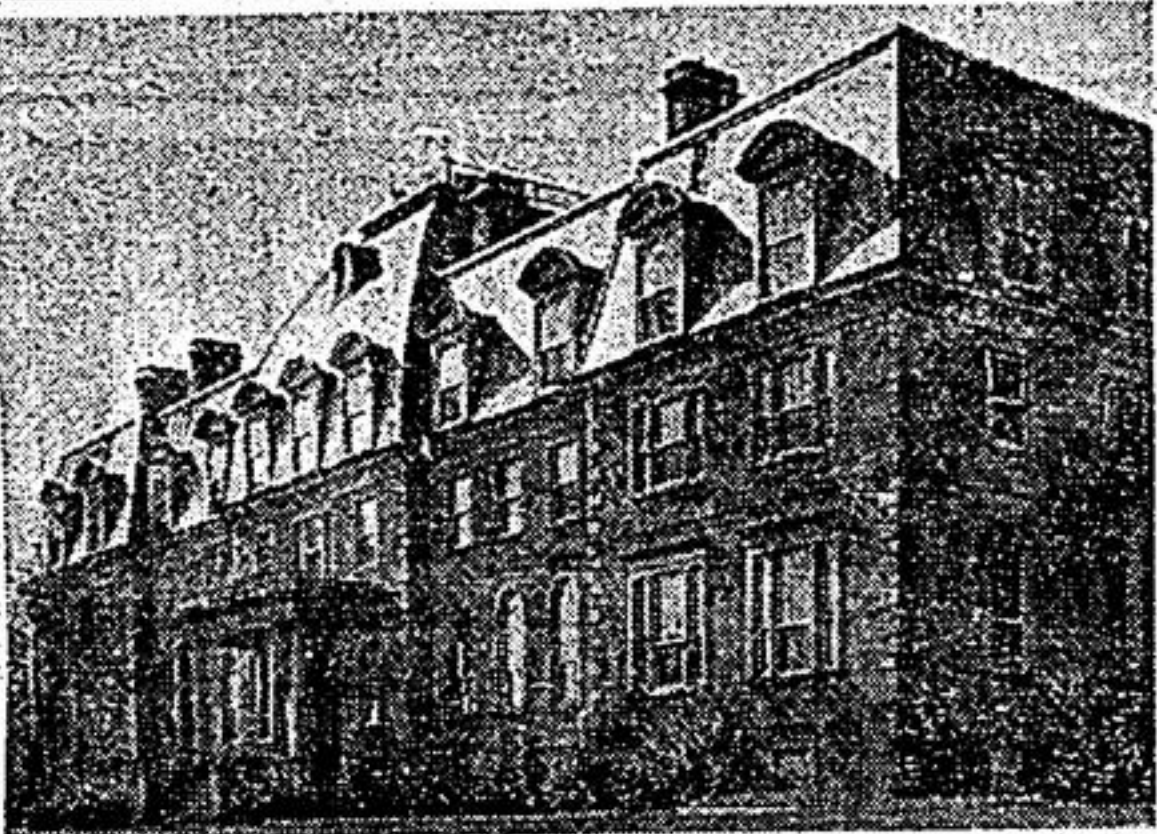
Chief among the early non-denominational universities were Dalhousie at Halifax, 1818; McGill at Montreal, 1821; and University of Toronto, 1827.

The Fathers of Confederation, in the BNA Act, put education under the jurisdiction of provincial governments, ensuring higher educational standards. As for separate schools, it was decided that minorities would retain rights held prior to federation, and the provinces would determine any further concessions.

This issue came to a head in 1890 in Manitoba, when the provincial government withdrew fi-



Egerton Ryerson, named superintendent of education for Upper Canada, 1841, architected an education system which served as a blueprint for all Canada. He added new subjects to the curriculum, and introduced free compulsory education.



The University of New Brunswick Arts Building in Fredericton is the oldest college still standing in Canada. Its structure completed in 1829.

Present denominational schools, including universities, continue to play a significant part in the education of Canadian youth, but generally speaking, the trend is toward separating religion from education.

And as we approach the Centennial of Confederation, we can boast of an education system that is second to none in the world. However, education remains the greatest challenge facing Canadians.

The world is in flux, and the next century will spawn an even more complex society. Whether Canada maintains its place of prominence with the other great nations, will depend chiefly on what will happen tomorrow in the classrooms across our country.

financial support from Roman Catholic schools. Catholics protested that they had been guaranteed separate schools by the Manitoba School Act of 1871. Wilfrid Laurier finally brought about a compromise, offering optional religious instructions after school hours.

Today separate schools continue to thrive in four provinces: Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec, supported by local taxation. In Newfoundland, almost all schools are administered by religious groups, but supported by provincial grants.

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