

# Markham Opens New \$90,000 Centennial Public Library



Markham opened its new \$87,000 centennial library Saturday. Librarian is Mrs. Gladys Hall (right) and her assistant, Mrs. Winnifred Hall.—Staff Photo.



Included among the many young people who attended the library opening was 12 year old Karen Wright, Houghton Boulevard.—Staff Photo.



The first book presented to the Library Board was a Bible from Rev. F. H. Cromey (right) to Board Chairman Alex Williams.—Staff Photo.



Junior assistants on the Markham library staff include (left to right) — Patty Sutton, 16, Debbie Wills, 14, Darlene Seebeck, 16 and Marlene Davis, 15.—Staff Photo.

## Bible Is First Book Presented To Chairman

MARKHAM — The Bible was the 1st official book added to the 9,000 volumes of reading material in Markham's new \$87,000 Centennial Public Library, Saturday afternoon. Rev. F. H. Cromey, chairman of the Markham Ministerial Association and pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, presented the Scriptures to Library Board Chairman, Alex Williams.

The building, located on the east side of Main Street, has sufficient room to hold 15,000 books. The librarian is Mrs. Bert Hall. Her assistant is Mrs. Hugh Hall.

Instead of the customary ribbon-cutting ceremony, the presentation of a

book was considered more appropriate for the occasion. Una Abrahamson, the author of 'God Bless Our Home' was in attendance to make the presentation.

### FIRST OF ITS KIND

Reeve Alma Walker said she was most pleased with the completed project, the first of its kind to be officially opened in Ontario in 1967. She extended a welcome to York County Warden, Floyd Perkins and Mrs. Perkins of Richmond Hill; Reeve and Mrs. Ken Laushway of Stouffville and A. A. 'Lex' Mackenzie, M.P.P. "I feel honored to be the receive of the village in this centennial year," she said.

"Your accomplishment is a wonderful one," said Mr. W. A. Roedde, Director of Provincial Library Service. He said that a shortage of qualified librarians was a pressing problem in Ontario. In Markham, Mrs.

Hall has held the position for the past 17 years.

Markham's library history dates back to 1848. The first recorded President was Chester Hall. It was re-organized in 1921 by the Women's Institute, headed by Mrs. Robert Clark. The treasurer of that day was Mr. D. F. Williams and the secretary, Miss Emma Thomas.

The present Library Board includes—Alex Williams, President and members, R. H. Foster, Mel Williams, Hartwill Smith, Roy Haines, Mrs. Alma Walker, Mrs. Lachlan Catnach, Mrs. Donald Sim and Miss Blanche Crosby.

The Canadian and American Red Cross societies have a reciprocal agreement to supply free blood to tourists who may need transfusions while visiting in their neighboring countries.

## Church Fellowship

UNIONVILLE — New residents in Unionville are not long in finding new friends, thanks to an organization of community volunteers called the Unionville Council of Churches.

Rev. Robert O. Ball, pastor of St. Philip's Anglican Church, told The Tribune that he was pleased with the reception that had been accorded the committee. Rev. Ball is the chairman.

Opportunities for this kind of work have increased, said Rev. Ball, due to the buildup of Varley Village during the past year.

Fifty-six volunteers are involved in the program. They are divided into teams of two, representing

congregations at Central United Church, Bethesda Lutheran Church and St. Philip's Anglican.

A brochure tells each couple how they and their families may contact any one of the churches personally and also lists the names of other active organizations in the community, including Nursery School, Cubs, Brownies, Swimming and Curling Clubs, Folk Dancing and Lawn Bowling. A short history of Unionville provides some background information about the village, its homes and its people.

The right hand of good fellowship has been extended by the churches in Unionville and the results have been most rewarding.

## Hockey Fever In The Ross Family

By BETTY ROSS

On Saturday nights when the final "happy motoring" theme wraps up the N.H.L. game, we shut off the TV. After watching five games over a period of about six hours, we are finished with hockey for that day.

Five hockey games in one day—Isn't that a bit much? It surely is. And we are not coaches, referees, or players, merely spectators and parents. Ruefully I think of all the other things I might have accomplished in those six hours—sewing, reading, baking. My husband could have painted a bedroom almost.

Our present involvement and love-hate relationship with hockey really began the day the television arrived. My husband always would choose to attend a hockey game rather than, say, the ballet. With a free front row seat in his own home to watch the Toronto Maple Leafs, we became hooked. Truthfully I must say 'we'. To my surprise, as I watched, those numbers on skates began to have personalities, faces and names.

Before he made a team our first son played shinny on a backyard rink and was forever "taking shots", even in July.

### COMEDY ON ICE

Luckily in our area the churches have organized a league. The littlest boy of eight or over is given an opportunity to play if he can stand up on skates. Now we found ourselves on Saturday afternoons in the chill arena alternately laughing as the boys fell all over themselves, and shouting. . . . "PASS IT! PASS IT! . . . MOVE, MOVE, CHECK HIM!"

For uncontrived comedy nothing can equal the junior teams. A referee anxious to hold a face off at the opposite end of the rink will carry a faltering skater from one end to the other. The assortment of shapes and sizes of boys in undersize and oversize equipment—grotesque bulbous knees, pants large enough for two boys, Cas-

sius Clay shoulders topped by spacehelmeted heads—is comic in itself.

If you do not live within walking distance of the arena, you drive your son each Saturday, and a full 40 minutes ahead of his game so that he will benefit from what his coach has to say. This leaves mama out in the cold arena banging her toes against the bench ahead to keep them warm and watching whatever game is in process, pondering the while on its roughness as the players wham each other into the boards with thuds that vibrate the building, or pummel each other at the bounce of a puck.

In a year or two your son is on the intermediate team. You are buying him new and more expensive equipment. In his bedroom you cope with collections of hockey cards from bubble gum, autographed pictures of Johnny Bower, the great Rocket Richard, hockey magazines, books, and signed programs.

Mama is pressed into service at the yearly hockey banquet. Mama drew the head table to wait on the year Bob Pulford was the guest speaker. Imagine—wasn't I lucky to wait on Pulford! All I really saw was the back of his head and a strong neck and all he saw of me was a shaky paw thrusting victuals and coffee at him!

### NEAR TO BLOWS

On the intermediate team some of the boys begin to show a real aptitude for the game. And a few fathers show an exaggerated partisanship. Once when the Presbyterians were playing the Anglicans, two opposing fathers differed so sharply on a point of refereeing they had to be restrained from punching each other! The younger son, who had memorized all the names of all the players on each of six N.H.L. teams before he went to kindergarten, who could skate and was well practiced in the art of "taking shots", inevitably joined the junior team as soon as they would accept him.

His brother took two hours to dress him for his first game. This wispy little kid encumbered with equipment equal to a suit of armour caused all the hockey mamas in the row behind us to ask audibly—"WHO is number 17. He is so small?" Number 17 was out for a total of nine minutes in three shifts, swiped at the puck three

times and fell down each time.

Since the coaches and officials give so freely of their time in the interest of boys' hockey, the least the parents can do is attend the games. Thus it is we have junior son there 40 minutes ahead of his game and watch a game while we wait. The junior game, our second, over, we

rush home grab something to eat, and return to the arena for senior son's game, taking in game number three while we wait. The fourth game finished, we go home and by then the N.H.L. contest is in full swing. Piles of smelly expensive equipment are dropped on the back hall floor—they can't miss a second of the game on TV. It's hockey night in Canada no doubt, but it has been hockey almost all day for us.

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