Leave for Nicaragua to serve on mission

By Evelyn Milsted GORMLEY - Rev. and Mrs. Walter Kelly left Toronto International Airport by air, Sunday, to serve on the mission field in Nicaragua.

Mrs. Ted Jones and children are spending two weeks' holiday with her parents in Minneapolis, Minnisota.

Mr. Gerald Sudeyko and Miss Heather McDonald flew to Vancouver to spend the holiday season with her parents.

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Thornhill and girls of South Bend, Indiana, spent a week with her mother, Mrs. Gordon Har-

Mr. Frank Baker of Toronto is visiting his sister, Mrs. Elias Elliott. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ben-

son and family enjoyed Christmas with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Benson at Owen Sound. Mr. Latchlan Munro at-

tending university in St. John's, Newfoundland, is holidaying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Munro. Mr. and Mrs. David

Heise and daughter of Kearns are spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Heise.

Miss Carol Steckley of Nassau, Mr. and Mrs. John Eyre and family of Niagara Falls, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McTaggart. Miss . Reta Steckley, and Mr. and Mrs. Greene and son, all of Toronto, were Christmas guests with their parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Levi Steckley. Miss Patsv Hunking of Kitchener visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Elliott. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer By-

er of Calgary are visiting his brother-in-law and sister. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Empringham. Other Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byer of St. Anns, Mr. Lloyd Byer of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Empringham and Bradley of Queensville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Empringham and family of

Unionville. Rev and Mrs. A. Mc-Niven, Robert and Marlene were guests at the wedding of their son Donald in the Brethern in Christ Church at Boyle, Dec. 26.

Ferne and Shirley Doner of Regina, Sask, are holidaying with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Don-

Miss Marilyn Stacey. R.N., taking a special

course in Intensive Care Nursing in the United States, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stacey.

Mrs. Beulah Jones enjoyed Christmas with her daughter - in - law, Mrs. Edyth Jones and sons of

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Steckley and John spent the holiday season with her mother. Mrs. Clyde Slaymaker at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. E. C. Wilford, Mrs. Winnifred Ferguson, Mrs. Gertrude Keenan, all of Toronto are spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Britnell.

Mrs. E. B. Read and Mr. W. H. Banford spent Christmas with his sonin-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Lee at Oak-

son and children spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown at Tot-

were sorry to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. James Douglas at Hamilton recently. His wife, the former Alma Farquharson, was born and raised in the Gormley community.

Family reunion at Buttonville home

By Jean Leaf BUTTONVILLE—Christmas Day was the occasion of a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craig. Janet was home from Europe; Fraser arrived from the north country; John and his family were there from Toronto and Mrs. Lauder Hamilton was present from

At Brown's Corners United Church the season was marked by meaningful services; The Christmas

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service at 11 a.m. December 21; the CGIT Christmas Vesper Service that Sunday evening; Christmas Eve Communion by candlelight with the congregation partaking from

the common cup. Jack and Mary Rodick entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rodick, Mrs. Rodick, Grace Rodick and her fiance Ted Early, Miss Lily Tate and Mrs. Mary Mac-Pherson, Dec. 24.

Mrs. John Brown entertained family members Christmas Eve. There was a family party at the Grants on Christmas Day. At the Gohn home, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fuller were among the guests.

Reg. and Joy Crawford were at Bancroft this year; Mrs. S. J. English went to London to be with her daughter and family; the A. W. Millers were with Jim's family at Markham for breakfast and with Paul and Rena Mingay and their family for dinner. Don and Dorothy Ree-

sor and their children spent the Christmas season with Jack and Marion Stephenson in Saskatchewan; and the Dr. George Kellys and Russ Boyingtons were at Newmarket with Dr. George Kelly Jr., and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hord were away from home for the first time — they travelled to Belleville to be with David

and his family. At the Harvey Cox home, Mr. Clarence and Miss Rhea Scott were among the guests and there was the usual family party at the Aubrey Stephensons.

There was the whiff of romance in the air of neighborhood homes to brighten the season - at the Bill Hood's where Jim has plans for January; at the Joe Robinsons where Bill and his fiancee plan a Valentine wedding; at the Copp home, where Carolyn's wedding plans are in the making for spring; and at the Fierhellers where

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wil-Friends in this area

and be merry.

On Dec. 31, Watchnight Services are planed for several churches in the

The following are sche-

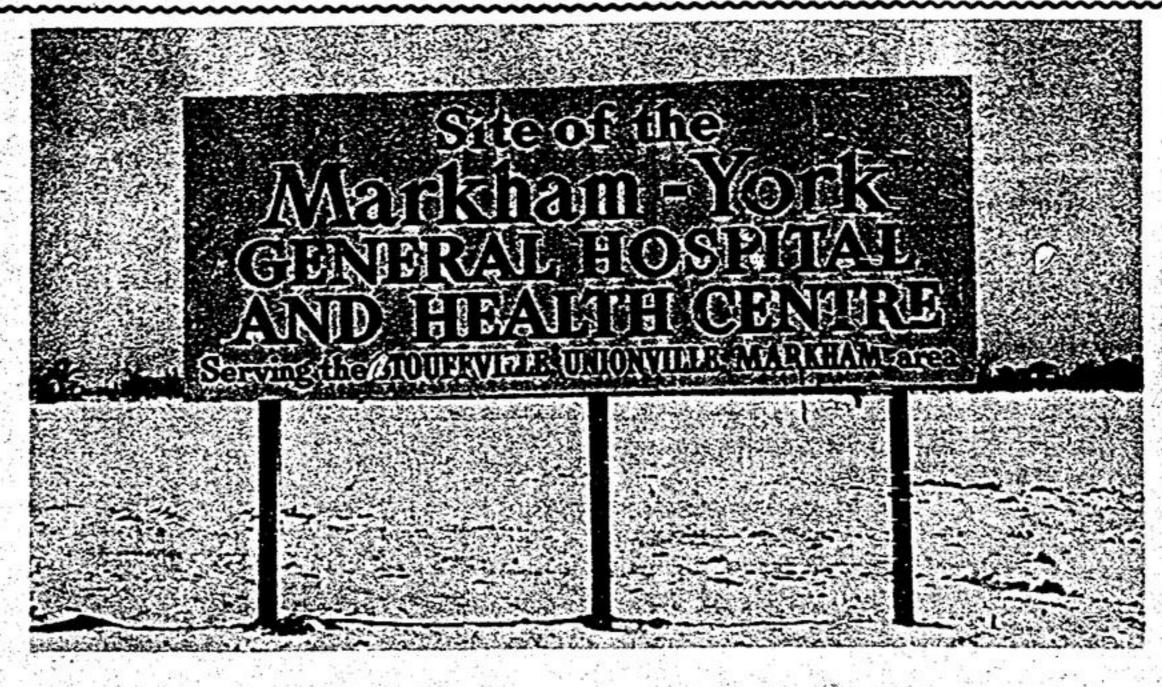
At Heise Hill Brethern in Christ Church, a full evening of gospel songs and inspiration will begin at nine o'clock. Featured are - The Deverux Singers. The Harmonaires Quartette and the Heise Hill and Missionary Church Choir. Refreshment will be served after midnight.

At Altona, the congregation of Stouffville Pentecostal Church will gather at 10.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. A little farther east down the road, the Missionary Church plans a similar service at the same hour.

At Bloomington, a New Year's Eve service will begin at 11 p.m. Prayer meetings and

Bible Study gatherings are planned for the Stouffville Christian Church,

Wesley has matrimonial ideas for the summer.



Sign marks the site of new hospital project

This property, located east of conc. 9, Markham Township and north of Hwy. No. 7, is the site of the proposed Markham-York General Hospital and Health Centre. The land was purchased for this purpose by Arthur Latcham of Stouffville. -Peter Harris.

Watchnight services

STOUFFVILLE - What does New Year's Eve mean to you?

To some, it's a party time. A time to eat, drink

To others, it's a time to attend church. A time to give thanks for accomplishments in the year. just past. A time to look forward with optimism to the year just ahead.

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Melville Sunday School supports Korean boy

By Isabel Nigh

MELVILLE - The Canadian Save the Children Association is doing an excellent job among unfortunate children around the world, victims of poverty or the ravages of war.

Greater unity urged by trustees

YORK CTY. - The York County Board of Education has given its support to a stand taken by the Ontario Public School Trustees' Association urging no extension of grant support for grades 11;12 and 13 in the Roman Catholic Separate School system.

Churchill Church, Baker

Hill, Second Markham

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Baptist; Ringwood Chris-

tian Church and McCor-

mack Memorial Church at

Persons planning to at-

tend the church of their

choice are urged to check

the advertisements for

changes in times. It's an

excellent way to end the

old year and a good way

to start the new one.

In a letter to Premier John Robarts from W. B. Doubleday, Association President, the Ontario Government is commended on its stand on this issue. It reads in part:

The Ontario Public

School Trustees' Association serves all public school boards in Ontario with jurisdiction from Kindergarten to Grade 13. This Association represents seventy-six boards of education; six public and secondary school boards which will be reorganized in 1970 and four small bublic school boards. These eighty-six boards are responsible for the education program for 1,478,513 pupils which represents 91% of the public elementary and secondary school population. We are the voice of the public school system in Ontario.

The Association was interested and, in fact, amazed by the number of Roman Catholic parents who choose to support public schools. For example, the public elementary schools of Metropolitan Toronto enrolled 72,-716 Roman Catholic children in September 1968, while the enrolment under Metropolitan Separate School Board was 72,165. Every citizen of this Province realizes that we are in an era of grave financial strain. We applaud the appeal to school

boards and colleges to prepare a second five-year forecast of student population and capital and current expenditures. This is clearly an unfortunate time for the Government to take any action which would adversely affect the financial future of Ontario by agreeing to the demand of the Roman Catholic separate school representatives.

A major withdrawal of Roman Catholic separate school students from our high schools will result in increased expenditures by the Department for legislative grants; by school boards for building programs and by the public school taxpayer who will assume the outstanding debentures on our present secondary schools.

The Ontario Public School Trustees' Association believes that parents have a right to send their children to a private school if they so desire. It is the opinion of the Association that tax supported education at all levels should be provided within one school system. Such a move would result in eliminating duplication of such services as transporting, administration and school plants. No longer would the separate school trustees complain about a break at the end of Grade 10, since all pupils under the jurisdiction of the board would have a uniform promotion policy.

In this day when so much concern is felt and expressed over the segregation of our people by race, language, colour and creed, let us in Ontario do nothing to further divide our people but rather let us move in the direction of greater unity and co-operation.

Sponsorship for a year is \$84 and this amount in its entirety is forwarded to the child. It is used for food, clothing and educational needs. Melville Sunday School has supported a child for a number of years. The first was Franka in Italy and Lim Kyung Ae in Korea. Presently, they are sponsoring a 13 year old Korean boy Chai Suk Sik, whose father is dead. His mother sells apples and finds it difficult to earn enough money to

support her family. The age-old Christmas story was presented in words and music at three services. Christmas Sunday. Church and Sunday School were at the usual hour with a candlelight service in the evening. Choir-leader, George, Mc-Cleverty was unable to be present due to illness. Others on the sick list over Christmas were -Miss Flossie Atkinson, confined to Uxbridge Hospital; Mr. Harold Carruthers and Miss Ada Tennyson, patients in Scarboro Centenary Hospital. All are wished a speedy

return to good health. Mr. Edgar Nigh was able to join a family gathering at the home of Mrs. Frankie O'Boyle and Mr.



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Frank Brown was with his family for Christmas Day. Mrs. Lois Baker and her Girl Guide members would like to thank all the parents who helped

them with their goodie

baskets which they and

the Brownies a collected and distributed over the Christmas season.

The annual meeting of the Sunday School is planned for Tuesday evening, Jan. 6 in the church basement.



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