

"Mo-Jo" Marshall

King of cats is killed

By Gord Ness
"Mo-Jo" Marshall, the King of O'Brien Avenue, is dead. His sudden passing occurred Dec. 17, presumably hit by a car. He was about eight years old.

Mo-Jo (or "Beau Meau Jeau" as he was known to the lady cats of the neighborhood and beyond), is survived by his maiden sister, Genz and by a harem of wives and hordes of kittens in many places.

His passing is deeply mourned by the Marshall family and by his many neighbors, especially the children on O'Brien.

He was respected by neighbor dogs 'Heinz' Card, 'Stouffer' Cave and 'Ben' Patterson who always knew their place when majestic Mo-Jo asserted control over his undisputed territory.

He gave O'Brien Avenue furry tortoise cats like little 'Tilly' Ness who looks just like her father and lives on O'Brien still. He was a great cat and his death marks the end of an era for the neighborhood.

Children's Group

Seventy-five attend party

By Elsie Boland
GOODWOOD — An estimated 75 parents and kiddies attended the Children's Group Christmas Party in Goodwood Hall, Saturday. Several 'graduates'

Concert is

well attended

Mrs. Fred Steckley
RINGWOOD — An estimated ninety people enjoyed the Sunday School supper and concert, Saturday evening at the church.

Mrs. Stewart Vague accompanied by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. Crane, travelled to Minden on the weekend to visit her sister, Mrs. M. Stiver.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cockwell and daughters called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steckley, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Walt Vague and Mr. M. Brownsberger visited with Mrs. Herb Yakeley in Stouffville, Tuesday.

were present from past years. The organization holds its regular gatherings every Tuesday and Thursday.

The community extends sympathy to the families of the late Mrs. Staley and Mrs. Kydd.

The dinner and dance hosted by the Couples Club, Dec. 16 in Goodwood Hall, was well attended. Bill Moxley, Immediate Past President was honored through the presentation of a Pin. Each lady received a carnation. The dinner was provided by the Women's Institute.

Eucre winners, Dec. 13 were: Ladies - Mary Anderson, Grace Thompson, Bea Harrison, Gentlemen - Chuck Lintner, Gord Wilson and Irwin Kydd. Door prizes were won by Verna Rawns, Phyllis Clarke and Tom Seely. The next eucre is Wed., Dec. 27.

Christmas Eve services will be held at both the United and Baptist Churches. Worship times are 7:30 p.m.

Wes and Clara Brillinger

Christmas was religious day

By Ed Schroeter
STOUFFVILLE — As the Yule-tide approaches, visions of sugarplums and jolly old St. Nick dance in every child's head. But Wes and Clara Brillinger recall that Christmas was a good deal different when they were growing up.

Wes spent his childhood on a farm on the fifth concession of Whitchurch, below the Bloomington Sideroad. For his family, Christmas was above all a religious occasion. "It was a very special time for us," he explained.

Of course it was more than just an austere day of worship. It was a season of gaiety and friendship, when the whole family was again

re-united under one roof. There was always a lot of catching up to do, according to Clara.

Members of the family hosted the annual event in turns. Unfortunately, the milk cows didn't take a holiday, so there were chores to do before the families left for the colossal feast by horse and cutter.

Upon arrival, a repast, which included duck or goose, an array of vegetables, carrot pudding, and mince pie would greet them. Turkey was virtually unknown, because few farmers raised them.

"All we did was eat and wash dishes," Clara recounted.

Ornaments were

unheard of, until the advent of paper bells. There were certainly no Christmas trees. Even Santa Claus represented a very different concept to the children.

He was not the jolly old pipe-smoking man in red with a white beard. The original meaning of the word, according to Wes, is "gift child." Each child knew that the "gift child" was really his mother or father.

The presents from Santa were always something useful, like socks or mittens. "We either hung our stockings up, or as in my house, we put plates on the table." There were homemade cookies and candy, too.

Wes recalled once he tried putting a bigger



WESLEY BRILLINGER

plate out on the table, hoping for a larger gift. All he found in the morning was a potato peel.

Centre of service

STOUFFVILLE — The Board of the Stouffville Family Life Centre held a luncheon meeting, Dec. 12, at the home of Jerry and Anita Waite, Sunset Boulevard.

At the gathering, members had an opportunity to acquaint some new people to services provided by the Centre within the community. Present were - Rev. Jim Byrnes of the Stouffville Baptist Church; Town Mayor Eldred King; Stouffville Dist. Secondary School Principal Mervin Witherow and Orchard Park Principal John Hincks.

The Board Chairman, Rev. Ted Green thanked the Stouffville Lions Club, through representative Jim Richards, for their generous financial support. This assistance, he said, had enabled the Centre to cover operating expenses and deal more effectively with counselling and family education programs.

Russell Kerr was thanked for his work in preparing a new logo and brochure. These will be available in January. The

brochure will explain the goals and services of the Centre here.

Appreciation was extended to Stella Coultice, co-leader of The Children-The Challenge Course held in St. James Presbyterian Church, for her participation in the new book display to be set up in the Library during the week of Jan. 5. A resident of the community and the Centre donated books used in Effective Parenting Courses to the Library.

Former Mayor Gordon Ratcliff was made an Honorary

Member of the Board out of appreciation for his assistance in obtaining space in the Credit Union Office free of charge. Mr. Ratcliff was evoked in the initial planning meetings of the Stouffville Family Life Centre.

The Board is sponsoring a poster contest for high school students to honor "The Year of the Child". Twenty-five dollars will be awarded the best entry.

A 3-part program is planned for Jan. 9 in St. James Presbyterian Church: (1). Registration for Effective Parenting

Courses to begin the following week at the Centre. (2). Counselling demonstrations by Dr. Evelyn Wolf and Larry Nissenbaum. (3). Discussion geared for the professionals in the Region.

Members of the Board are: Chairman, Rev. Ted Green; Secretary, Anita Waite; Treasurer, Margaret Beeby; Rev. Jim Carder, Dr. Don Smith, Dr. Don Petrie, Jacqui Morrison, Diane Kerr, Gordon Ness, Sigmund Kusatz and Gordon Ratcliff.

Bell hosts dinner

By Jennie Johnson
GLEN MAJOR — Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sauter attended a Christmas dinner for Bell Canada employees, Saturday evening, in Latham Hall, Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. David Jones of Port Perry visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Gill, Saturday.

The many friends of Mrs. Claude Simmonds will be sorry to hear she is

a patient in Sunnybrook Hospital.

Mrs. George Johnson visited with her grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Graham of Port Perry recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pickett, Mr. Edgar Fiss, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilson, Miss Hazel Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones were Saturday

luncheon guests at the home of Mrs. Charles Fiss.

Kevin Knight of High Point visited with Gary Johnson, Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Jones and Mr. Paul Baster attended a luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Potter of Epsom following the morning church service.

Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Gill attended a pre-Christmas dinner at Glen Echo Inn, Monday evening.

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I John 3:17

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