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Loses fingers in snow blower

By Jean Leaf
BUTTONVILLE — Mike McQuay had the misfortune to lose three fingers in a snowblower he was operating during the first snowstorm we experienced.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chaffers returned recently from a five weeks' trip as representatives of B'hai to Israel, Paris and the Mediterranean. Mr. Chaffers' mother who has been with the family here for several months will return home to Australia in the near future.

The annual party for doctors at York Central Hospital and their wives was held at the Lions Hall, Richmond Hill, and Buttonville Branch members of YCHA were on hand to assist with the event.

The Brown's Corners Church Pairs and Spares club had a wonderful time Friday evening at a theatre party. Afterward they were guests at the home of Don and Dorothy Reesor.

Next Sunday,

December 19 at 11 a.m. there will be a special Christmas service when both choirs will sing, and at 7:30 p.m. the CGIT will present their annual "Candlelight Christmas Vesper Service."

The senior group, Brown's Corners UCW, returned the executive to their respective offices when the December meeting was held at the church. Mrs. Walter Craig is the president; Mrs. Harold Steffler, secretary; Mrs. Norman Reid, treasurer, etc. Officers elected by the "Happy Timers", unit 1, are: Leader, Mrs. Carole Carr; Assistant Leader, Mrs. Harvey Brown; Secretary, Mrs. George Felgate; Treasurer, Mrs. Carol Newman.

Buttonville W. I. History - Buttonville W. I. history in retrospect does honor to the ladies of that intrepid group who have been responsible for so much of the social life of the community.

At meetings held in



New bank officially open

The new Bank of Nova Scotia on Markham's Main St., officially opened Dec. 9, has some very attractive features. Teller Janie Kerr, of Markham, demonstrated the bank's new desk-top computer. The IBM 2970 will do everything except approve an overdraft.

—Mark Niblett.

November and December some of that history has been rediscovered by the members. The group was organized at the Craig home, then the home of Mr. Walter Craig's parents, in the summer of 1927. The first euchre party was held on Nov. 7, 1935. Their objective was to build a community hall. By January 1937 there was \$811 in the treasury, and by 1940 there was enough in the till to purchase the land at the corner of Buttonville Cres. E., and Don Mills Road.

\$325. The hall was begun when Dr. George Kelly purchased the old Ballantrae church and men of the community have served as president since its inception in 1927 are still living, most of them in this area.

One of the most extraordinary things about Buttonville W. I. is that all of those sixteen ladies who have served as president since its inception in 1927 are still living, most of them in this area.

Closed schools Auctions bring extra \$25,000

YORK REGION - A detailed report on the recent auctioning of four surplus schools was submitted to the Board of Education, Dec. 13.

Morley Kinnee, head of the Board's committee conducting the sales, commented favorably on the sales. "I think this has proven that selling by auction is well wor-

thwhile", he said. In a comparison of bids over the highest tenders, the auction brought the Board \$25,640 more. The greatest difference was at Melville School, where a bid of \$27,500 compared with a tender of \$15,000. Successful bidder there was Mr. Edward P. LaBuick. Pot-

tageville went to Mr. J. Dileo for \$28,500 - the exact amount of the Board's reserve. Michael Kuczer purchased Bloomington for \$23,000, while Mrs. M. Mensen paid \$32,500 for Hagerman.

Mr. Kinnee said he expects the sales will be made final by Dec. 22.

Ballantrae School plans shown

YORK REGION - A brief verbal report on the progress of planned additions to Ballantrae Public School was made to a Board of Education meeting Dec. 13.

Preliminary sketch plans were on view at the meeting. Cliff Grant, the Board's assistant superintendent of planning and development, stated that matters are progressing well. The official sod-turning ceremony is expected to take place "sometime next summer".

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