

Schools fill week with plays, songs and music

Erindale

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Students of various schools in the Erindale community

were busy preparing their annual Christmas programs for presentation to parents and friends over the past few weeks. The result of their efforts was a highly entertaining week featuring a

variety of Christmas plays, musicals, and carol singing in each school throughout the area. **SHERIDAN PARK** Sheridan Park School chose Christmas week to

officially open a new addition to the 12 room school. All the rooms are open classrooms. J. Turner, director of the Board of education, and W. Kent, a school board trustee, spoke

to the assembly of parents about the school. **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** Students at St. Francis of Assisi Separate School presented a variety of plays and music for their parents recently. The kindergarten group played in a rhythm band made up of various musical instruments. Several plays were also performed: Christmas Everywhere by grades one, two and three; The Week Before Christmas by grades three and four; Too Good To Be True, Poor Santa, and The Bright Red Cloak by grades five and six and also by grade six The Santa Claus Fiasco.

Most of the plays performed by Grade 6 classes were written by the students. A medley of Christmas carols was also sung by the Grade 4 students.

HOMELANDS Homelands School spread their program over the week. On Monday, the school choir sang a variety of Christmas songs at assembly. On Tuesday, the whole school attended a hockey game between the boys in grades seven and eight, at Huron Park Recreation Centre.

On Tuesday afternoon also, the girls choir sang Christmas songs for the Mississauga Rotary Club at Markland Golf Club.

THORNLODGE

Thornlodge presented Christmas program at its school assembly with the senior mixed choir singing selection of carols from around the world. The primary grades one and two presented a play The Shoemaker and Elves, which was the highlight of the program. Also featured were some arrangements by recorder and guitar group **WOODLANDS**

At Woodlands school the 300 voice school choir presented a moving variety of Christmas songs. The choir has only been singing together since September under the direction of Mr. David Lethbridge.

Several skits were also presented by the staff: The Shuffle, The Fine Musician The Nairobi Trio, along with a musical rendition of M and My Shadow and a kic line.

Performing in the skit were staff members R Allen, Mrs. T. Carder, E Christie, J. Croft, M Hadlow, Mrs. F. Hoad, Miss B. Odo, R. Sheppard and R Wood. Accompanist for the evening was R. Mullen.

There was also a film entitled A Day at Woodland and greetings from Santa **ERINDALE**

At Erindale the program was a musical feature with several student music groups performing.

Things you should know about...



YOUR NEW COMBINED GOVERNMENT PLAN

The new "Ontario Health Insurance Plan" will provide all the coverage now available to you under both OHSIP and Ontario Hospital Insurance. And it will do so at a lower combined premium than you now pay for the two separate plans. The new premiums will be payable in January, 1972, and thereafter, to cover benefit periods beginning on or after April 1, 1972. These new premiums will be:

- \$11.00 a month for a single person, and
- \$22.00 a month for a family (2 or more eligible persons)

REPLACES "OHSIP" AND "ONTARIO HOSPITAL INSURANCE"

The Ontario Health Insurance Plan will replace the OHSIP (medical) and Ontario Hospital Insurance plans as of next April 1, and you will then have only:

- one plan to deal with;
- one health insurance identification card;
- one health insurance number (your former Ontario Hospital Insurance number);
- one combined premium to pay.

If you now have Ontario Hospital Insurance, your changeover to the new combined plan will be automatic. No action on your part is required as the new plan will be based on the existing hospital insurance billing system.

FREE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

(After 1-year Residence in Ontario)

As of January 1, 1972 residents aged 65 and over are exempt from paying Ontario Health Insurance premiums to cover themselves and their eligible dependents. To benefit from this exemption, insurance may be transferred to the name of the older spouse if it is presently in the name of a spouse under age 65.

Most residents aged 65 years and over have already applied for premium-free coverage, but if you have not done so, please write to the Plan giving your Ontario Hospital Insurance number, your OHSIP number, and month and year of birth.

Persons who turn 65 after January 31, 1972, should apply at the time for free coverage. If you pay your premium on a direct basis, write to the Plan for an application. If you pay through a group, advise your group. Premium-free coverage will take effect on the first day of the month in which your 65th birthday occurs. Any premiums paid to cover benefit periods beyond that date will be refunded.

PREMIUM ASSISTANCE

(After 1-year Residence in Ontario)

Effective with the benefit month of April, 1972, individuals and families with no taxable income for the year 1972 are eligible, on application, for 100% Ontario Government premium assistance.

Individuals with less than \$1,000 taxable income in 1972, and families with total taxable income of under \$2,000 are eligible for 50% premium assistance. This will reduce the monthly premiums to \$5.50 for such individuals (instead of \$11.00) and to \$11.00 for an eligible family (instead of \$22.00).

Taxable income is the amount on which a person pays income taxes, after subtracting from his total income all exemptions and other deductions to which he is entitled.

Note: If you remit your premiums on a direct basis, details on Premium Assistance will be mailed with your next Premium Notice. Residents enrolled in groups will be informed through their groups.

NEW IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The Plan will provide each insured single person and each insured head of a family with a new Ontario Health Insurance Identification Card to use for insured services received on or after April 1. Anyone who has not received his or her card by that date should use the current Hospital Insurance Certificate, after April 1, 1972, for medical and hospital services until the new card is received.

Your present OHSIP card should be used when claiming for medical and practitioner services received up to March 31, 1972.

IMPORTANT

As the present Ontario Hospital Insurance numbers and billing system will form the basis of the new plan, anyone who does not now have hospital insurance coverage should register without delay. Applications are available in banks and hospitals and from offices of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

BE SURE YOU ARE COVERED NEXT APRIL 1st!

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A busy year for local associations

Forest Glen

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Busy and productive describes 1971 in Forest Glen. Did you know that in the area bounded by Dixie Road, Burnhamthorpe Road, Dundas Street and Etobicoke Creek, there are the following associations?

Residents groups which include Burnhamdale Residents Association, Fleetwood Homeowners Association and Forest Glen Community Association. These groups are involved in community planning, educational activities and traffic safety.

Glenforest Recreational Association is set up and financed through the parks and recreation department to provide recreational activities in the area.

The Glenhaven Community Association, set up through the board of education, and run by community volunteers (you and students in the area provide facilities, free of charge, to residents.

Glenhaven School, Havenwood Drive, is available after school hours to groups or individuals for meetings, sports activities, social functions and arts and crafts classes, subject to the approval of the Community School Committee. In some cases, charges are levied.

In general bonafide local groups receive priority. This community school project has been in operation for three months, and has been a tremendous help in providing recreation at a low cost and, in the case of some children's activities, free of

charge.

It should be made clear that maintenance, the setting up of chairs or installation of microphones, is the responsibility of the group using the school, and must be done by members of the group. As an alternative, the caretaker must be reimbursed by the group.

The eight directors of the school committee, five adults and three youth, meet once a month for discussion and the granting of permits. For more information call Tom McBurney 625-7356.

RECEPTION

Rev. A. G. Nelson and his wife Heather of Forest Glen Alliance Church receive members of the parish and their friends after the Christmas carol service held Thursday at Lakeview Alliance Church. Light refreshments were served.

WATCH NIGHT

Rev. and Mrs. Albertson and members of the parish of Bethel Nazarene Church, Burnhamthorpe and Ponytrail, have invited Rev. A. G. Nelson and his congregation of Forest Glen Alliance to join them on New Year's Eve for a watch night service. From 10 until 1 p.m. there will be a time of fellowship with food and drink laced with carol singing. The formal service begins at 11 p.m. ending with midnight communion.

BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have children baptized at the New Year's Service, Sunday, Jan. 2 at 11.00 a.m. at Bethel United Church of Forest Glen, should contact Rev. Donald F. Bell 625-2336 as soon as possible.