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Thornhill District News

Young People's Meeting
The regular weekly meeting of the Young People's Society of the United Church was held in the school room, last Monday evening, with the president, Neil McDonald in the chair and a very interesting programme was carried out. Mrs. Edgar Dean and Floyd Davies gave two instructive and interesting readings. Miss Nora Johns favored the members with a piano solo. Next Monday evening a contest will be put on, to which prizes will be awarded to the winners and there will also be several readings and musical numbers. All young people of the district and surrounding community are invited to attend this interesting meeting.

Girls of this Village Assist on Tag Day.
A very successful tag day was held in Toronto last Friday, when around forty thousand dollars was raised in aid of the disabled veterans and their wives and children, during the winter months. Those from this village assisting Mrs. Major Morrison, who is a member of the Canadian Legion were: Misses Lela and Ila Brillinger, Norma Ground, Nora Johns, Mona Woods, Gladys Hooper, Isobel Farr, Verna McLean, Doris Walker, Bessie Watts, Jean McDonald, Marion Smellie, Isobel McLean and Vera Morris of Richmond Hill, Jane Watkins, of Newtonbrook, and Mary Hickey, of Willowdale.

Women's Institute Meeting
The regular monthly meeting of the Thornhill Branch of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. David Boyle, last Thursday November 10th. On account of the Institute Convention this meeting was a week earlier than usual. The Roll Call was answered by Thanksgiving Thoughts. After the business was transacted, the ladies were favored with a solo by Miss Jean Helmky. Mrs. James Pearson gave a very good reading entitled "Ma's Party Dress." As it was near Armistice Day, Miss Almeda Clubine read a very interesting paper on The History of Nursing and the part the nurses took in the great war and also the Crimean war referring to Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell. Miss Marion Forrester's reading on Confederation was splendid dealing first with the part the Fathers took in Confederation and after explaining the Mother's part, as keeping her sons fit. Miss Mead recited "The Model Church," which she had learned years ago, and which was appreciated very much. The competition in cooking was won by Mrs. W. Riddell. Community singing was indulged in and the meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. Corkery's House Burnt to Ground
Great excitement was caused in this village last Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock a.m. when the house owned by Mr. Morris Corkery was burnt to the ground. Practically all the furniture was saved except that of the kitchen which it was impossible to save on account of the fire starting in that part of the house. The Richmond Hill and North York fire brigades answered the call and did good work in keeping the fire in control and also saving the home of Mr. E. Dean. The cause of the fire is unknown. The house was covered with \$3,500 insurance.

Teachers and Officers meeting at A. W. Galbraith's Home
Teachers and officers of the United Church Sunday School met on Tuesday evening, November 15th at the home of the Superintendent, Mr. A. W. Galbraith, Newtonbrook. After completing arrangements for the annual Christmas entertainment a social hour was enjoyed with games and music, after which Mrs. Madeline Jackson, Mr. N. McDonald and Mr. Cecil Martin were called to the front and each received a finely bound, large type bible in recognition of their continuance in Sunday school work, though recently married. Rev. B.R. Strangways conveyed the greeting of the teachers and officers and Mr. A.W. Galbraith presented the bibles.

Another pleasing event was a presentation of Roses to Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith on the occasion of their twentieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Galbraith gave some interesting reminiscences of events and conditions characteristic of twenty years gone by. Misses Tait, Milburn, Russel and Jackson assisted Mrs. Galbraith in the social side of the program. Refreshments were served and all present were pleased with the event.

Social and Personal
Miss Florence Clubine spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. Moyle, (nee Francis Carlton,) at Brantford, Ontario.
Mrs. C. Lowery and daughter Reba,

Diphtheria Is A Preventable Disease
The following interesting and instructive article regarding one of the dread diseases of the human race was headed for publication by Dr. J. P. Wilson, local M.O.H.
In recent years a method has been perfected for the prevention of Diphtheria. This consists in the injection under the skin of small doses of about eight drops, of a preparation known as Diphtheria Toxoid. Three doses are necessary given at intervals of three weeks. A small percentage of children have a natural immunity against Diphtheria and consequently would not develop the disease even though exposed to it, in such cases it is unnecessary to administer toxoid.
By means of a test known as the Schick test it may be determined whether or not a person is susceptible to diphtheria. This consists in the injection into the skin of the forearm of a minute quantity of diphtheria toxoid. If a positive re-action occurs it shows that the person is liable to contract diphtheria if exposed to it. This reaction appears slowly as a trace of redness at the site of the injection in from twelve to twenty-four hours and reaches its height as a small area of redness about the third or fourth day, gradually disappearing as a brownish area which persists for three or four weeks. If the skin remains normal it is an indication that the person will not contract diphtheria. The Schick test material and the toxoid may be used by any qualified physician.
This method of prevention if adopted universally would practically eliminate diphtheria. The provincial Dept. of health supply the material and

ELGIN MILLS
Farewell Banquet Tended in Honor of Mr. Walter Scott—Ratepayer Will Discuss Possibility of a New School
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Norman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. Woods. Miss Doris Wilson, of Toronto, visited her aunt Mrs. Thomas Burns over the week-end.
We were pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Raney and family of Langstaff in the neighborhood spending Sunday with Mrs. G. Kerswell.
Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Haldane and Mrs. Pollard for the loss of their sister, Miss Marion Lockhart.
The community wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Healy and family for the loss of their little son, Elliott Healy.
We are glad to hear that Mrs. Darrel Goulding has returned from the York County Hospital and is recovering nicely from her operation.
Revolver Discharged
Last week when Levan Shepherd was playing with a revolver not knowing that it was loaded his older brother took it from him and it was accidentally discharged, the bullet passing through the little boy's shoulder. We are glad to hear that the wound was not serious. Dr. Langstaff was successful in removing the bullet this week.
There was a large attendance at church service in the pavilion last Sunday, sixty-eight being present. Archdeacon Warren of Toronto, and Rev. Burnyeat of Aurora, took the service. Beginning next Sunday the church service will be held in the evening and Sunday school at 3 o'clock.
The boys club met in the pavilion on Tuesday evening, with sixteen present. Plans were made for their Cobweb social which will be held in the pavilion on Saturday, December 3rd. At their next meeting, Tuesday at seven o'clock, they will decide on a name for the club.
We are glad to see Mr. Jenkins is able to be out again after his recent illness.

Farewell Banquet
A farewell banquet in honour of Mr. Walter Scott, who has sold his farm and is going to St. Catharines to live, was held at Elgin Mills on Tuesday evening. On account of the bad weather there was not as large a crowd as has been expected but those present spent a very enjoyable evening. Mr. Robert McCullough, past president of the Toronto Milk Producers Association, was introduced by the secretary, Mr. C.B. Sissons, and after his address presented Mr. Scott with a handsome umbrella on behalf of those present. Mr. Campbell of Stouffville new president of the Association, spoke as well as Mr. Sissons Mr. Harry Naughton, Mr. D.W. Clubine and others.

Ratepayer's Meeting
The regular monthly meeting of the Markham and Vaughan Ratepayer's Association will be held in the pavilion on Monday evening, November 21. A good attendance is requested as there may be some discussion regarding a school at Elgin Mills, a thing which is very necessary in such a rapidly growing community.

Sale of Home Baking
The young ladies of the Elgin Mills club are arranging for a sale of home baking on Saturday, November 26th. Watch for further notice.

Malvern I.O.D.E. Dance
Malvern chapter I.O.D.E. held a very successful dance in the town hall on Friday last, with the popular MacDonald's orchestra in attendance. Old time square dances were an interesting feature of the evening. Winners of the lucky number dance were Miss M. Poynter and Carl Winch. Tickets were drawn for a hope chest and Mr. Leahy of Toronto was the winner. The attendance which established a record was over 500.

strongly recommend this precaution as a safe and reliable means of protecting children against this dangerous and treacherous disease.

OBITUARY
Late Mrs. Clara V. Bell
The death occurred on Friday, Nov. 11 of Clara V. Vanderburg beloved wife of James N. Bell at her home, Norfolk Virginia. The late Mrs. Bell who was in the forty-eighth year was formerly of Richmond Hill, the daughter of the late William Henry and Mrs. Vanderburg, but for the past twenty four years has been a resident of Norfolk. Her death took place after an illness of a few weeks duration and the news of her passing is received by her many friends here with keen regret. Th funeral was held on Sunday, November 13 and interment followed at Cedar Grove cemetery at Norfolk. Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter Miss Mildred V. Bell and one son James N. Bell Jr., one brother George Vanderburgh, of Richmond Hill, one sister Miss Laura Vanderburgh of Ohio, her step mother, Mrs. Sarah Vanderburgh; a stepsister, Miss Mabel Vanderburgh, and one stepbrother, Murray V. Vanderburgh, all of New York City.

CARD OF THANKS
The family of the late Mrs. E. Barker wish to thank their many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement.

DIED
HEELEY—On November 14, 1927, at Elgin Mills, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Heeley of Elgin Mills, aged two years, two months.
Funeral was held from the residence to Richmond Hill Cemetery, Wednesday, November 16, at 2.30 p.m.

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