

Thornhill District News

Young Men Conduct Service in United Church

On Sunday evening, March 18th, worship in the United Church was conducted by the Men's class of the Sunday School.

Mr. Ralph Johns, President of the class was in charge and directed the service in a way most effective and reverent. The choir loft was filled by members of the class who led splendidly in the hymn worship and in two choruses.

The subject considered was Stanley Jones' Book "The Christ of the Indian Road," of which over 300,000 copies have been sold.

Mr. Craig McDonald was the first speaker taking for his subject the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi, a scholarly man of the Hindu faith who sought to set India free from British Rule. In this he failed but his life and teaching gave a new turn to Indian thought and called attention to Jesus in a way that has greatly aided the Missionaries in planting in the Indian mind the self-sacrificing Principles of the cross. The story Mr. McDonald told was intensely interesting and was much appreciated.

Mr. Bryan Sharpless followed with an estimate of the Supremacy of Jesus as set forth in the Book. The people of India are among the most religious people in the world. They do not want Christianity because it is associated in their mind with British rule. But while they bitterly oppose Christianity they are being more and more charmed with the life and teaching of Jesus. They have accepted the Supremacy of Jesus to a very large degree. It is beginning to come into their minds that they may have Jesus without accepting Christianity.

The Missionaries are also impressing the same thought upon them with the result that Jesus is receiving more attention in India than ever before, and probably more than in any other Non-Christian land.

Mr. M. J. Johnson, teacher of the class set forth the difficulties that confront the Missionaries. These are chiefly the fact of domination by a foreign country which calls itself Christian. Also the great difference between Christianity So-Called and real Christianity as Christ would have it. A third difficulty is the sense of Superiority too often observed in so-called Christian people.

Each member who was called upon to take part performed his task well and to the credit of the class. Mr. Stewart, the choir leader directed the service of song with Miss Edna Wiltshire at the piano.

Mr. M. J. Johnson has developed a splendid class and is rendering a valuable service to the Community.

Mr. Stewart is doing excellent work as leader of the choir. The members and friends of the church are now looking forward to Easter music of high order.

Women's Institute Meeting

The Women's Institute met at the

home of the President, Mrs. R. Thompson on March 15th, and was visited by the Aurora Institute. The meeting opened in the usual manner and after the business was transacted, Mrs. Charles, president of the Aurora Branch was called on to take charge of the programme. Mrs. Charles read the Institute creed after which community singing was indulged in. The following ladies gave splendid papers, Mrs. Hamer, "Individuality" Mrs. Thornton, "Costume Planning," Mrs. Baycroft, "History of their farm which dated back to 1802, Mrs. Clark, "Ireland and the Irish". These readings were interspersed with solos by Mrs. Leslie Bordon who sang "That old fashioned Mother of Mine" and "My Task." Mrs. J. Francis moved a vote of thanks to the entertainers and Mrs. Goulding seconded the motion and all showed their appreciation by a hearty hand clap. The National Anthem closed the meeting and a social hour was spent.

Newtonbrook Y.P.S. Visit Thornhill Society

The Young People's Society of the United Church here held their meeting as usual last Monday evening and were honored with the presence of Newtonbrook Young People's Society, Mr. Neil McDonald occupied the chair for the opening exercises and welcomed the guests after which Mr. Thos. Lees President of the Newtonbrook Y.P.S. was called upon to take charge of the programme which was furnished by the visitors and consisted of solo's readings and two very interesting and humorous contests, all being greatly enjoyed by the members present. At the close refreshments were served which brought this friendly meeting to a close.

Social at Mrs. Morrison's Home

The Ladies Aid of the United Church here, are holding a social at the home of Mrs. W. J. Morrison, Langstaff, on Wednesday evening, March 28th at 8 p.m. A very interesting programme has been arranged also two contests with prizes. Refreshments will be served. Collection will be taken at the door. Everybody welcome. Come and have a good sociable time.

BIRTH

FARR—At Chatham, Ontario on Monday, March 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. Robson I. Farr, a daughter.

Successful Euchre

The most successful and well attended euchre of the season was held in the Victoria Hall last Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Ladies Softball Club, when twenty-five tables were in play. The following are the prize winners:—Ladies, Miss N. Daly, servette rings; Mrs. B. Weldrick, China candy dish; Consolation, Mrs. Wiltshire, tape measure. Gents, Mr. Roy Woods, cuff links, Mr. Fred Echlin, 2 silk handkerchiefs; consolation Mr. Baker, tooth paste. At the close Miss Edna Wiltshire delighted her audience with a couple of vocal solos, after which refreshments were served.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farr accompanied by Mrs. S. Reaman of Richmond Hill, motored to Chatham on Tuesday and returned Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver of Toronto, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Wells.

Miss Rheo Hooper spent Sunday with Miss Margaret Vanderburgh at Carrville.

Miss Reba Lowery, visited with relatives in the Village on Sunday.

Much sympathy is extended to Mrs. Norman McDonald in the loss of her sister Mrs. Geo. Thomson, Newtonbrook, formerly of Thornhill who passed away last Wednesday, March 14th.

Weekly Newsy Notes From Newtonbrook District

Mr. Ben Tackaberry, of Brockville, paid a visit to his brother Mr. Tackaberry on Drewry Avenue, last week.

The Irish social of the Home and School Club in the New School last Friday was a great success every way. There was a great crowd, the entertainment was amusing and the refreshments were abundant. Mrs. Galbraith presided. Mrs. Nuttall and Miss Russell gave readings and excellent instrumental solos were rendered by Miss Milburn and vocal solos by Miss Bruce. Comic stunts and Irish songs were rendered by Wil Smith, Don Booth, Gordon Galbraith, Robert Jack and Egerton Young. The wonderful performances of various Irish families proved the most effective entertainment of all and the judges had their hands full to pick the winners when all points of excellence, singing ability, good looks and potato peeling, were all considered. The Murphies won with the O'Grady's, O'Briens and the Gilhooley's as runners-up. Nearly twenty-five dollars were added to the club funds.

The regular meeting of the Home and School Association will be held this (Thursday) evening, when Miss NeTanis Semmens of Toronto, will be the special speaker.

Whitehorn—Foreman

A quiet wedding took place on Saturday evening, March 17th, at the home of Mr. F. D. Foreman, on Goulding Avenue, when his daughter, Dorothy Geraldine, was united in marriage to Thomas Sydney Whitehorn, of Toronto. The bride was given away by her father. She was attended by her sister, Miss Lola Bernice Foreman, while the groomsmen was Mr. Wilfred Whitehorn, a brother of the groom. Only members of the immediate families were present. Rev. E. R. Young performed the ceremony.

Choir practice will take place this week at the Parsonage, 5670, Yonge Street, on Friday evening.

The Sunday School held a social in the Sunday School room of the United Church on Wednesday evening. Pictures of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" were shown; music and refreshments were enjoyed. The school has begun a sinking fund for school furnishings.

Late Mrs. Geo. Thomson

Mrs. Geo. Thomson, of Pemberton Avenue, passed away on Wednesday, March 14th, Mrs. Thomson came to this country from Scotland with her family some years ago. For some time she has been in indifferent health. Much sympathy is extended to the family in losing the mother in the prime of her life. Besides her husband, Mrs. Thomson leaves three sons, Hugh, George and John. Mrs. McDonald of Thornhill is her sister and Mr. Hugh Thomas, of Toronto, her brother. The funeral service on Friday afternoon, March 16th was conducted by the Rev. C. P. Muirhead. Interment was in the Thornhill Cemetery.

Late Leonard Whatmore

Pemberton Avenue has lost another of its inhabitants this week in the person of Mr. Leonard Whatmore, a returned soldier only thirty years of age. Mr. Whatmore came from England some years ago. He was badly shocked and gassed in the war but seemed to have regained his health. He built a little home on Pemberton Avenue and has lived there for some time. He leaves a widow and two little children, a boy and a girl. The funeral service took place on Thursday afternoon, the Rev. E. R. Young being in charge.

Mr. Robert Moore of Newtonbrook, the Richmond Hill High School entry in the Star Oratorical Contest, having reached the semi-finals, spoke at Runnymede High School on Saturday night. Despite the fact that he was not ranked as a winner, he spoke well and is deserving of much credit for his oratorical ability. His Newtonbrook friends extend their congratulations to him and wish him even better success in the future.

Mr. Gordon Galbraith has been confined to his bed for a few days owing to a bad cold.

The members of the Newtonbrook Young People's Society were entertained by the Thornhill Young People's Society on Monday evening. Mr. Neil MacDonald, president of the Thornhill Society, welcomed the visitors, conducted the opening exercises and then placed the meeting in charge of Mr. Tom Lees, the President of the Newtonbrook Y.P.S. A short programme of music and readings was first given: the music being furnished by Miss Eva Thomas, Miss Bertha Smith and Miss Eileen Moore; readings by Miss Doris Soden, "The A. B. C. of Life," and Egerton Young, "The Legend of St. Patrick." This was followed by games in which all took part. Delightful refreshments were served by the Thornhill Society and a happy social hour was enjoyed by all.

Home Burned

About 2 o'clock Tuesday morning fire broke out in the new house of Mr.

Hayward, just south of Drewry Avenue and as the house was new and frame, it was soon a mass of flames. The wind was high and when the firemen arrived it was almost entirely consumed. A couple of years ago Mr. Hayward came to Newtonbrook and built a two-roomed cottage. Last summer he added two more rooms. He and his wife had been away all winter and returned about a fortnight ago. An over-heated stove is said to be the cause of this disaster.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown, of Drewry Avenue, on Friday, March 16, a babe was born.

The Union Good Friday Service will be held in the Newtonbrook United Church, 11 a. m., April 6th. The Baptist, Presbyterian and United Churches of Lansing, Willowdale, Newtonbrook and Thornhill are cooperating. A cordial invitation is extended to all within this territory to join in this service.

A grand concert is to be given in the Zion United Church on Tuesday evening, April 3rd. Mr. Alex. Park of Toronto will be the entertainer and he will be supported by talented elocutionists and soloists. Keep this date for this event.

The Newtonbrook Woman's Missionary Society met at the Parsonage on Tuesday afternoon. The devotional exercises were taken by Mrs. J. Soden, Miss B. Southwell and the President, Mrs. E. R. Young, dealt with the subject of the day, "International Attitudes." Plans were laid for the Easter meeting.

Hockey

On Friday, March 16th, the Lansing and Newtonbrook teams met at the Willowdale Arena in the play-off for the championship of the North York Hockey League. The game was fairly fast and, for the most part, clean. Lansing started off with a rush and scored a one goal advantage in the early part of the first period. But this advantage was short lived, for the Newtonbrook boys soon tied it and added another goal before the first period was ended. In the second period Lansing tied the score but from then on the Newtonbrook team out played and outscored them. The winners scored twice in the second period and added two more tallies in the third period. The game ended with Newtonbrook winning by 6 to 2. The Lansing team, though beaten, showed some good hockey ability and were worthy finalists. The line-up of the champion Newtonbrook team is: Goal, E. Young; Defence, O. Smith and A. Jack; Centre, B. White; Left wing, F. Hughes; Right wing, B. Hutchinson; Subs, B. Hughes, Chas. Proctor, Clem Proctor.

Mr. Harry Smith has purchased Mr. Joseph Grainger's brick residence, No. 20, 40th Avenue East, Finch's Corners. We understand that Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family intend in the near future to leave their farm and occupy their new home.

Mr. R. H. McDonald, of 40th Avenue East, we are sorry to say, is seriously ill and confined to his bed.

Mrs. McKay of "Lunch Shop," corner of Yonge Street and Drewry Ave. is in the St. John's Hospital, Toronto.

Bedford Theatre

Star is Ideal in Waif Role
Choice is Unanimous in Selection for Leading Part

Petite Shirley Mason made so decided a hit in the title role of "Sweet Rosie O'Grady," a Columbia success of last season, that she was the immediate choice of Harry Cohn, Vice-president in charge of production, for the starring role in "Sally in Our Alley," this company's screen romance of an East Side waif, which is now showing at the Bedford Theatre. Miss Mason has achieved distinction in the portrayal of the Cinderella type of role demanded by the part of "Sally," and was pronounced by Mr. Cohn—and other studio officials as being ideal for the character. As the heroine of the modern adaptation of the famous old ballad, Miss Mason is said to give one of the best characterizations in her career. Richard Arlen (courtesy Paramount Famous Lasky) is cast as the hero a young plumber lad.

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