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The annual Harvest Thanksgiving services were held during the past week. On Thursday evening, Sept. 26 Very Rev. C. E. Riley, Dean of Toronto, preached. Master Norman Hobson, boy soloist of St. James Cathedral choir sang "Come Unto Me." On Sunday morning Rev. J. S. Harrington of Toronto was the preacher. Mrs. Walker sang "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord." In the evening the service was specially for the young people and was addressed by Mr. H. L. Pink of Wycliffe College, Toronto. Quite a goodly number of former members were present from Toronto.

On Saturday afternoon at four o'clock Eleanor Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hill of Richvale, and Frank Russell Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith of Oshawa were married in Trinity Church. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Miss May Hill was her sister's bridesmaid and Mr. Fred V. Smith, brother of the groom, was best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Colclough.

Mrs. Martha J. Simpkins, wife of Mr. John Simpkins of Centre Street, Thornhill, died on Saturday, September 28th after a prolonged illness of over two years. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, service being conducted in Trinity Church by Rev. J. H. Colclough. A large number of friends were present to pay their last respects to the memory of one who had been a great sufferer. Surviving are her husband and one sister Mrs. W. Flavelle of Toronto. Mrs. Simpkins was in her 58th year.

The annual Fair in connection with Trinity Church will be held in Lawrence Memorial Hall on Saturday, November 30th. Further particulars later.

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Neal on Friday, Sept. 27th with a good number in attendance. The Ladies are indulging in the task of re-making clothes donated to them for War Refugees and wish to thank all those who have so kindly donated thus far. Further meetings will be held at Mrs. Neal's home each Friday, commencing at 10 a.m., and donations of any type of clothing that can be reconducted will be gratefully received.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ball, Miss Rena Ball and Mr. Wilfred Frost were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Talbert Findlay.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Brillinger were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Len Short of Toronto on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. MacGregor and daughter Patricia Lin of Toronto, have returned home after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brillinger for the past few days.

We are pleased to report that the prayer meetings being held on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00 in the various churches at Thornhill are being well attended.

The Senior Red Cross are extremely happy to report to you the fact that they have received many lovely letters from the boys in the army expressing their appreciation of the gifts sent to them by the Red Cross here, and of the happiness they derive from the knowledge that the ladies of their own small village stand firmly behind them. This warm gratitude coming directly from those who are fighting the battle for us, will, we all know, be a great measure of encouragement to the members of the Red Cross to continue their wonderful work. Watch this paper for sketches from the various letters, which will be produced in a later issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Maud spent last week-end with their son, Aircraftman Norm Maude who is at present at St. Thomas, having been recently drafted from Brandon where he has been on duty for the past six weeks. Norm is enjoying the best of health and is very happy at his work, all of which pleases us greatly.

Mrs. Woolley, a resident of Thornhill for many years, has recently moved to St. Clair Ave., Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Bignell will take over Mrs. Woolley's former residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderson and son John visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Henderson on Saturday.

Miss Evelyn Dean spent Sunday with Misses Winogene Henry and Murdeene Beaton of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce and family have left Thornhill to take up residence on Garden Ave., Richvale.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Morton visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morton of Keswick.

Pte. Russell Wice of Camp Borden spent the week-end with his family.

The regular meeting of the Junior Red Cross was held in the Public School on Tuesday, October 1st, the attendance numbering 21. The girls were in the best of spirits and a good amount of work was accomplished.

The Intermediate pupils of the Public School held a sale of homemade candy, fruit and various other delicacies on Tuesday afternoon, the proceeds of which were presented on Tuesday evening to the Junior Red Cross. The Red Cross wishes to say "Thank you very much boys and girls," for this nice little boost to the funds.

Sprint Winner

Miss Janet Ellacott of Thornhill, and a member of the St. Clair Club, won the open 100 metre dash at the Beaches Olympic Club meet, last outdoor competition of the track and field this season. This makes Janet the Ontario 100 metre dash champion. Janet ran second to the great Stella Walsh in the 100 yds. at the C.N.E. on Labour Day. Congratulations Janet.

A Bazaar will be held in the Presbyterian Sunday School room on Saturday, October 26th. Be on the lookout for further particulars.

UNITED CHURCH, THORNHILL
A Friendly Greeting Awaits You
Rev. Eldridge A. Currey, B.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, OCT. 6th, 1940

10 a.m.—Sunday School. International Lesson: Luke and His Gospel. Golden Text: "It seemed good to me also...to write...that thou mightest know...things wherein thou wast instructed."—Luke 1:3,4.

11 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject: "Eternity Crowded out by Time."

7 p.m.—Evening Worship. Subject: "What Have We Done with the Power of Jesus?"

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1940

8 p.m.—Presbyterian Church. Service of Intercession. (God's pleasure is at the end of our prayers.—Quarle.)

"Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you."—James 4:8.

VELLORE

A euchre and dance under the auspices of the Vellore Sr. W. I. will be held in the hall Friday evening, October 11th. Catania's Orchestra, Ernie Evans, floor manager.

"I wonder why rich folks so often marry rich folks?"
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LUCKY ELMER
Mr. Elmer Godfrey of Thornhill had a narrow escape when he was caught in a violent lightning storm while walking along the road on Alumette Island near the Quebec-Ontario border. Mr. Godfrey took shelter under a tree but on finding the foliage was not thick enough to shelter him, quickly ran and took cover under a second tree. He turned about in time to see his first shelter split down the centre by lightning. A lucky day for Elmer I guess we'd say.

NEWTONBROOK

The Centenary Services of Newtonbrook United Church will continue next Sunday, Oct. 6 and Oct. 13 with special services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. D.S.T. Former ministers will preach. At the morning service Rev. W. E. Hassard, B.A., a junior minister here many years ago, will preach and it is hoped that Rev. Edward Baker, a minister on the circuit from 1910-14 will also be present and assist the pastor in the Communion service which will immediately follow the regular worship service. Special music by the Newtonbrook United Church choir. Mr. Irving Grey, baritone soloist, will sing.

The Richmond Hill choir under the leadership of Mr. A. Melecci will sing at the evening service. Rev. E. R. Young, B.A., of Toronto will preach.

Next Monday evening, October 7th a hot dinner will be served from 5 to 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Woman's Association. There will be a Bazaar Booth where many useful and attractive gifts will be for sale. A grand entertainment will be given at 8.15. A special feature on the program will be the Venetian Trio. The following artists will take part: Miss Catherine Tees, accompanist; Mrs. Wheatley, violinist; Miss Joan Pritchard, elocutionist; Mr. D. B. Tees, celloist; Mr. R. M. Smith, baritone. Admission, Adults 40c., children 25c.

A large number of friends came back for the Centenary Services last Sunday and hope to return the following two Sundays. The Sunday School was given first place in these services, also the Young People's work. The Sunday School was started over 90 years ago. A class book in the possession of one of the former members dates back to 1850 and reads "Class meets at the Parsonage. Church on Sabbath at 3 1/2 o'clock. Abram Johnson, Leader, 1850."

Among those to return last Sunday was a son of Abram Johnson, now an aged man, who was secretary of the Newtonbrook Sunday School 55 years. A former organist of sixty years ago was present, Mrs. John Risebrough, formerly Miss Mina Jackson, a daughter of Thomas Jackson, the S.S. Supt. at that time. The Young People's organization has always been a very important work of the church. The Epworth League was organized in 1888 when Rev. J. C. Wilmot was minister.

There have been rumors circulated to the effect that Air-Marshall Goering, Nazi No. 2, flew over London in one of the recent air-raids. It is "highly improbable."

James Fowler Pioneer Resident Called by Death

One of York County's oldest citizens and pioneer residents, George Fowler, Fisherville, died last Saturday after a brief illness. He celebrated his 89th birthday on September 19th.

Born in Yorkshire, England, he arrived in Canada at the age of 18. He first worked for William (Daddy) Jackson, a fellow Yorkshireman, whose house at that time was but three feet from the Northern Railway, built a few years before that.

On James Brack's farm, a little farther north, the railway had run between the house and the barn. Daddy Jackson had obtained this farm in trade for a shotgun from Jacob Troyer, who was the grandfather of Mr. Fowler's wife. In the early days, Dufferin st. was much farther west than at present, it having followed the valley courses to avoid the steep hills. It was straightened out about 45 years ago.

For 20 years, Mr. Fowler lived at Fairbank, doing market gardening. At that time there was little but market gardens from Bloor street north. He moved to his farm on Steele's side road 29 years ago.

Being of Yorkshire Methodist persuasion, Mr. Fowler took a keen interest in the activities of that body, having sung in the Methodist choir at Fairbank for 18 years and later in Elia choir, of which church he was the oldest member.

He used to tell of "camp meetings" having been held in Stong's bush at Elia, one of which, after lasting for six weeks, was continued in the church for several more weeks. The late Rev. James A. Rankin, then a farm hand in the community, was one of the 50 converts at this time. Mr. Rankin occupied several pulpits in Toronto.

Mr. Fowler, interviewed on his last birthday, was sure that England would win the war. "No nation ever prospered which persecuted God's chosen people, the Jew," was the comment of this octogenarian.

Mr. Fowler married Sarah Ann Levitt of Elia, 72 years ago. She has been dead eight years. Surviving are his children, Herbert of Toronto, Mrs. L. Watling of Fairbank, Alvin of Thornhill, William of Elia, North York and Ida at home in Fisherville. The late Fred Fowler of Brampton was another son. Twelve of his 21 grandchildren also survive. He has two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Fowler told how wooden benches, hand made, did for seats in the old church at Elia. The women sat on one side and the men on the other. He remembered when they first began to sit together. When a new hymn book was introduced to save the expense of getting two hymn books, the women were allowed to sit with their husbands so they could both use the same book.

Toronto and district has had a cool, damp summer, the coolest according to official Observatory records, since 1929. And September, to date, has been below average from a temperature standpoint and above normal from a rain standpoint, so that the title of "coolest, dampest summer since 1929" was well earned and is likely to stick.

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