

Thornhill District News

Old Time Dance Nets \$123 For British War Victims Fund
—Neil McDonald, S.S. Supt. For Ten Years, Honored With Presentation—Red Cross Hold Annual Meeting—J. A. Thompson Heads Horticulturists

The Old Tyme Dance held last Friday evening at Lawrence Memorial Hall by the old boys of Thornhill was even a greater success than even the most enthusiastic looked for. Billy MacDonald's orchestra was in tip top form and young and old alike were dancing in fine style being directed by the caller, Mr. Bill Walker. During the course of the evening tickets were sold on a well decorated hamper of groceries of which Mrs. Mike Pickett was the lucky winner. The amount realized on the hamper was \$16.00. A delightful surprise to the crowd was a visit from Morgan Baker who was kind enough to take time and give a short talk in connection with the cause for which the dance was being sponsored. Old timers from Buttonville, Elgin Mills, Richmond Hill, Victoria Square, Maple and many other of the surrounding districts were on hand and Scotch reels and real old square dances were danced like they haven't been danced in Thornhill for the past number of years, which all goes to prove that some of the older folk can still put us to shame at their own game.

Mrs. M. Patton and Mr. Ed Francis were winners of prizes for being the oldest lady and gentleman in attendance.

Credit is to be given to the members of the committee, their associates and helpers for the splendid way in which their dance was conducted and for the delicious lunch they were able to serve with the willing help of the ladies.

The total proceeds, amounting to \$123, were forwarded to the British War Victims Fund.

It is thought that by popular demand another old tyme dance will soon be sponsored for this same purpose, so watch your Liberal for further notice.

We are very sorry to learn that Master Billy MacDonald is suffering from a severe cut in the foot obtained by an axe and will be unable to take part in the Operetta "The Princess of Poppyland" being given by the pupils of the Thornhill Public School on Thursday and Friday evenings in Lawrence Memorial Hall. Master Jimmie Spring will fill Billie's role.

On Wednesday evening last a delightful party was held by a number of boys at the home of Mrs. R. Campbell in honour of Clayton Scott who is now training at Manning Pool, Toronto. On this occasion Mr. Scott was the recipient of a lovely money belt with which went the good wishes of his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McDonald Honored

The annual congregational meeting of the United Church was held on Wednesday evening last, when reports were given by the various officers concerning the activities during the past year. At the close of the reports given concerning the Sunday School, Rev. E. A. Currey requested that Mr. Neil McDonald, who has been Superintendent for the past ten years, remain standing and that Mrs. McDonald kindly come forward. Miss Geraldine Wesley then gave a delightful address in which she thanked Mr. and Mrs. McDonald for the wonderful way they have contributed to the work of the Sunday School in unceasing willingness to lend a helping hand at all times. Mr. Floyd Davies and Mr. Donald Smellie then presented Mr. McDonald with a very lovely chesterfield chair, and Mrs. McDonald was presented with a beautiful bouquet of red roses by Miss Mary Morton.

Red Cross Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Thornhill branch of the Red Cross Society was held Friday, January 31st at the Public School. The room was well filled with an enthusiastic audience who listened to an encouraging report given by the various conveners. During the year the sum of \$5297.21 was raised, 4803 articles made consisting of 2985 hospital and surgical supplies, 346 box linings, 241 articles of refugee clothing and 1231 woolen articles.

Fisherville, Bayview and Thornhill Jr. clubs each have a group of splendid workers. 11 boxes have been given to local boys going overseas and at Xmas a special fund was raised to send sixteen boys cigarettes overseas.

All officers were re-elected with the exception of Miss Nazer who felt she could not let her name stand so Mrs. Feeney was elected in her place.

The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Russell-Browne of England,

who told of the jenkins made from old leather and worn by the mine sweepers. She also gave an interesting description of the preparation for war by the women of England. A social half hour followed and was much enjoyed.

We are very pleased to report that Mr. Ed. Seager who has been quite ill is showing a slight improvement.

The many friends of Mrs. B. Weldrick wish to convey their sympathy in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Darling of Toronto.

Mrs. W. B. Wright of Campbellcroft is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. S. S. Findlay.

Horticultural Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society was held in the Masonic Hall on Monday evening last. Following the financial reports officers were elected for 1941. The following is a list of the officers: Hon. Presidents, Rev. Colclough, Rev. Currey; President, Mr. J. A. Thompson; 1st Vice-Pres., W. Hinckley; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mr. Foster; 5 new directors elected were, Mr. P. Bone, Mr. W. Howard, Mr. Nightingale, Mr. J. Teeson, Mrs. P. Maud; Auditors, Mr. N. L. Morton, Mr. E. Francis. Miss Lucille Dean was re-appointed Sec.-Treas. Very picturesque and interesting slides were shown by Mr. Ronald Bedford of Mr. F. T. James' garden.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

KEWELL-WILSON

The marriage of Gloria Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Wilson of Willowdale to Mr. Herbert M. Kewell, son of Mr. John Kewell, and the late Mrs. Kewell, also of Willowdale, was solemnized by Rev. J. H. Colclough in Thornhill on Friday evening, January 31. Mr. and Mrs. William Prebble attended the happy couple. Mr. Kewell is serving with the R.C.A.M.C. at Camp Borden.

ELLACOTT-HOLINSHEAD

Trinity Anglican Church was the setting for a quiet wedding on Tuesday evening, February 4, when Enid Mildred, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Holinshead of Huntsville, and Charles William Buchanan Ellacott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ellacott of Thornhill were married by Rev. J. H. Colclough. Mr. S. Hawkins of Toronto was best man while Miss Addie Crisp of Toronto was bridesmaid. The happy couple will reside in Ottawa.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Freida Cornelia Roberts who died in Toronto on Monday was held from Watson undertaking parlors on Wednesday at Thornhill. Mrs. Roberts, who was in her 75th year, was the widow of the late Percy Roberts.

The Women's Club of Trinity Church held their annual meeting on Tuesday evening in the Parish Hall. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. Pritchard; Vice-President, Mrs. S. Willecocks; Secretary, Miss Muriel Simpson; Treasurer, Mrs. Hayes.

THORNHILL UNITED CHURCH

A Friendly Place to Worship
Rev. Eldridge A. Currey, B.A., B.D., Minister

10 a.m.—Sunday School. Lesson topic, The Christian Attitude Towards Possessions. Golden Text, "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." Luke 16:13.

11 a.m.—Morning Worship. Sermon topic, The Tears of Christ.

7 p.m.—Evening Worship. Sermon topic, Fear Cast Out.

Fellowship Period

Immediately following the evening service; you are cordially invited to be with us.

"God sent His Singers upon earth With songs of sadness and of mirth, That they might touch the hearts of men, And bring them back to Heaven again." Longfellow.

Service of Intercession

In the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday evening, Feb. 11th, at 8 p.m.

"Trouble and perplexity drive one to prayer, and prayer drives away perplexity and trouble."—Melancthon.

"Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us."—Psalm 62:8.

DANCE AT MAPLE

A Valentine dance will be held in Maple Concert Hall, Friday, February 14th. Gillam's orchestra, Ernie Evans, floor manager. Admission 25c. Under auspices of Hall Executive.

Newtonbrook

Among those who attended the Toronto Centre Presbyterian annual meeting of the W.M.S. last Tuesday in St. Clair Ave. United Church, Toronto, were: Mrs. A. W. Galbraith, Mrs. A. W. Stephenson, Mrs. W. E. Hick, Mrs. J. F. Soden, Mrs. R. F. Hicks, Mrs. A. H. Halbert, Mrs. Alfred Brown. Miss Lorraine Brown represented the Girls' Mission Circle and Miss Reta Hurd the Mission Band.

The Women's Association will hold their regular meeting Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Miss Edna Street. There will also be a sewing meeting.

The Golden Rule Mission Band will meet next Saturday, February 8th at 2:30 p.m. An interesting program will be given after which there will be a St. Valentine party. Every girl and boy is asked to make a Valentine and bring it to the meeting. The children in the community are cordially invited.

The Y.P.U. enjoyed a sleighing party last Monday evening and afterwards had refreshments at the United Church school room.

A special meeting was held at the Parsonage last Wednesday afternoon to arrange for the Day of Prayer service which will be held in Newtonbrook United Church on Friday, February 28th. Representatives were present from Willowdale and Lansing United churches, Willowdale Baptist and Westminster Presbyterian, Salvation Army and Gospel Mission.

RAILWAY BARGAIN FARES

Feb. 7th and 8th to Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City.

Feb. 7th, 8th, 9th to Brantford, Chatham, London, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and other points in districts named.

Feb. 14th, 15th, to Lindsay, Peterboro, Belleville, Kingston, Brockville, Smiths Falls and other points in districts named.

Feb. 14th, 15th, to points in Georgian Bay, Muskoka, Huntsville, Parry Sound, Sudbury, and Nipigon Districts.

Full information from C.N.R. ticket agents.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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Sunday, Feb. 9 Septuagesima

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

2.30 p.m.—Sunday School.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Wednesday 8 p.m.—Community service of prayer and intercession in the United Church.

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Beef Ring Has 50th Birthday

The fiftieth birthday of part King and Vaughan Beef Ring Association was held in King Masonic Hall on Jan. 22 with councillor Cameron E. Walkington, the secretary-treasurer, as chairman. In March 1891 the association was formed with the sixteen required members, under the leadership of its founders, William Walkington and Neil Malloy. Mr. Charles Nixon became president, Mr. Malloy secretary and Mr. Walkington treasurer and butcher. Rules and regulations governing the association were patterned after those of Eversley Beef Ring formed in 1890 but now extinct. These rules were binding and strict but evidently good for any group as the association apparently has spent its 50 years in harmony and co-operation. Mr. Mitchell Hadwen, 85, is the only charter member living and he put the first beef into the ring. Mr. Hadwen was honoured by the association with a fine pipe and can of tobacco. More than 900 lbs. of beef have been eaten since 1891 but ironically enough the banquet table was laden with well cooked fowl and all the trimmings. Councillor Walkington gave a historical outline of the Ring, while the President, Mr. Wm. Bryson and several other members made comments. Mr. Thos. Smeltzer was the second oldest member present with Mr. Berwick Weldrick running in third place. The 150 guests were entertained by Bob Grace, musician from Toronto.

RICHVALE

Jackson Taylor heads a committee in Richvale district for the February War Savings drive.

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