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Thornhill District News

Last week Mr. and Mrs. T. Empringham moved from the residence they occupied on Brock St., to the farm of Mr. Chas. Heintzman, which farm Mr. Empringham is now managing.

The monthly meeting of the Boy Scouts Group Committee of the 1st Thornhill Troop was held on Monday, May 6th with a sufficient number of members present to conduct general business. The secretary, Mr. T. Jackson, reported to the committee that the bid made to the War Assets Corporation regarding an unused building was too low, and consequently rejected. This is unfortunate as it was the intention of the Group Committee, if successful in their bid, to set the building up on the piece of land allotted to the Scouts in the Village Park. Several schemes were discussed along the lines of money-raising campaigns which the Scouts themselves would undertake during the Summer and Fall. These matters will be discussed again at the June meeting. It was also reported that two successful Scout hikes took place recently, during which some of the boys passed further tests towards their First Class Scouter badge. With an active membership in the Scout Troop of seventeen, and in the Cubs of about thirty, these two Thornhill units are going ahead in grand style. Mr. T. Jackson was also successful in obtaining some extra equipment, some of which will be sold to the Scouts and Cubs, the balance being turned over to become Scout Troop property. In the latter is included field telephone, ambulance stretcher, etc.

Parents' Night will be held in Thornhill Public School on Thursday evening, May 30th. There will be a display of the pupils' work and a short programme. It is the intention of the teachers to have a special speaker on that occasion, and all parents are urged to attend.

Last Friday afternoon saw Cadet Inspection at Earl Haig Collegiate. Marion Ellacott was a marker, Yvonne Mackintosh was a lieutenant and Mary Kertland was a company sergeant major. Peter Wade was bugler and Lloyd and Doug Morton, Eric Neil and Ralph Hicks were in the first aid corps. Friday afternoon, May 10, will be Field Day.

A joint meeting of the W.A. and W.M.S. of Thornhill United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Dean, John St., on Thursday last. There was a good attendance, and the devotional was taken by Mrs. P. Bone. It was decided that the W.A. would give a donation to the Sunday School with which to purchase some extra chairs, as the attendance in the Sunday School has been growing steadily. Miss Baxter, Mrs. Russell and Miss Clubine were appointed a committee to see about getting some kindergarten tables for the Primary Department, which would be a gift of the W.A. Mrs. Russell then gave a very interesting report on Centra Presbyterian which was held at Maple last week. Mrs. Richard Simpson, on behalf of the W.M.S., in a few well-chosen words, presented Mrs. Wesley Sr. with a W.M.S. life membership pin, and Mrs. Wesley thanked the ladies. At the close of the meeting Mrs. W. Dean poured tea and Mrs. George Dean and Mrs. Heslop were hostesses.

Mrs. Harry Swabey of Steele's Ave., left by plane for Detroit on Thursday morning to visit a former girl friend. She will be returning also by plane on Wednesday, May 15th.

Let LaGrove Gifts and Handicrafts help you remember Sunday, May 12. Mrs. Blackburn has a nice assortment of Mother's Day cards by Coutts, appropriate gifts, and a supply of artificial waxed sweet peas which may be used as corsage, boutonhole, etc.

Miss Irene Chapman was the victim of an unfortunate accident last week when she fell down the basement steps of Thornhill Presbyterian Church. In addition to a broken wrist, she was badly bruised and shaken up, but managed to reach Dr. Wesley's office where she collapsed. Miss Chapman is in Toronto General Hospital and is progressing nicely now.

Thornhill Women's Institute will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 16th, at the home of Mrs. K. Mackintosh, Centre St. The election of officers will hold the most prominent place in the program and a good attendance is expected. If you have not yet completed your ballot, will you please do so at once and mail it to the convenor. For the benefit of those members who have been wondering about the absence of Mrs. Wells at recent meetings, she has been spending the greater part of each week with a sister, Mrs. Wisener of Aurora who has been laid up for some time as the result of a stroke. Your fellow members have missed you, Mrs. Wells, along with many of the older members who have been unable to attend during the winter months.

Mrs. Sumner, as Historical Research convenor for Thornhill Women's Institute, has received not a single phone call since the previous reminder in this column, regarding snapshots and information on the boys and girls of the community who have served in the armed forces. If Mrs. Sumner is unable to prepare a creditable record, then none will be on display when the fiftieth anniversary of Women's Institutes takes place next year. Naturally, everyone is busy these days, but in all fairness to those who have served, an effort should be made to get this information to Mrs. Sumner at Thornhill 151 and just as soon as possible. Will you see to it?

A meeting of the Thornhill Parks Commission was held on May 1 and the following officers were nominated and forthwith elected: Chairman, J. C. Smith; Vice-chairman, Dr. K. Wesley; Secretary, F. C. Crosby; Treasurer, P. Bone; Publicity, G. Giles. It was decided, in the interest of greater efficiency, that the various village organizations might be better served if they had a contact member of the Parks Commission. A motion was passed that the following organizations should deal with the individual members of the Parks Commission as listed below: Athletic Association, Mr. F. C. Crosby; Horticulture Society, Mr. P. Bone; Boy Scouts and Cubs, George Giles; Churches and Schools, Dr. R. Wesley; Women's Institute and Thornhill Business Men's Club, Mr. J. C. Smith. Letters have been sent to the various organizations advising them that in future any dealings they might have with respect to the use of the Village Park should be through their Contact Member of the Parks Commission who will bring the matter before the next meeting of the Commission. Because of the direct interest to the Village Park, the matter of water for Thornhill was discussed at length. A committee of two, Mr. P. Bone and Mr. F. C. Crosby will contact the authorities, and a meeting of all people in Thornhill area will be called for Wednesday evening, May 15th at 8 o'clock. This is a subject of vital interest to all Thornhill area residents. Be sure to mention it to your friends, and come out to the meeting.

Mother's Day will be observed by the United Church Sunday School and congregation next Sunday. The 107th anniversary of the founding of the United Church Sunday School will be observed on the last Sunday of the month. Arrangements are going merrily forward for the United Church Sunday School picnic which will be held just at the close of the school term. There is every indication that the United Church will reach its quota in the Pension Fund Campaign which is now in its second week.

Trinity Anglican Parish Council met to discuss ways and means of putting necessary conveniences in Lawrence Memorial Hall, as by the looks of things it will be rented almost every day next winter. The W.A. of Trinity Anglican Church will meet at Lawrence Memorial Hall on Thursday afternoon, May 9th, to pack the bale for the Old Sun Indian School in Alberta. This will be the final meeting of the season, but the organization will reopen at the end of September.

Quite a number of the ladies of the W.A. attended the Annual at St. Anne's Parish on Dufferin St. in Toronto last week. There was grand display of the work done by all the different Women's Associations, which is sent to the Missionaries, Indians, and elsewhere.

On Friday evening, April 26, Trinity Anglican Church held a get-together in the Parish Hall in order to become acquainted with the newcomers to the church. It was also held for the purpose of presenting Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bell, who resigned from being the People's Warden after a great number of years, with a radio. During the evening, there was old folk dancing and a sing-song. Mr. Howard and the male members of his choir sang "Finlandia" (in the metropolitan style) and then Mr. Whitmore and Mr. Styan dressed up as ladies, sang "No John", Mr. Styan in navy blue skirt, beautiful grey sweater and red accessories, even earrings. Peter Wade and Charles Blackburn gave violin solos. About 150 guests enjoyed the delicious refreshments provided by the W. A., and everybody had a grand time.

Mr. Percy Simpkins, caretaker of Thornhill Public School, and Mr. T. Jackson, Chairman of the School Board, were in Leaside and Toronto last Friday visiting some schools and

observing how the pupils of the City are conducted across busy intersections.

Miss M. Allendore, a teacher in Thornhill Public School, was absent for two days this week due to illness. Mrs. Bishton taught her classes during Miss Allendore's absence.

The Altar Guild of Trinity Church held its final meeting for this season at the Rectory on May 1. There was a large attendance and the schedule of duties was arranged up to the end of September. "Family Sunday" will be observed on May 19th in Trinity Church. It is hoped that many family groups will make a point of attending the morning service.

Miss Rose Peachey of Regina is visiting with Mrs. Hayes. Mr. and Mrs. Peachey were here last year for a holiday and were so impressed with Thornhill that Mr. Peachey is returning from his business in Regina and coming to Thornhill to live.

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On Sunday, May 5 Rev. R. Jones of Toronto occupied the pulpit and taught the Bible Class.

Next Sunday, May 12th, Mother's Day, the Sunshine Group of Thornhill will be in charge of the evening service. We have had this fine group of young people before and can highly recommend them. The speaker is to be a young man recently discharged from the R.C.A.F. This is to be a special Mother's Day service and it is requested that parents and families will endeavour to be there together.

May 19th Rev. G. Simpson of Ajax is to be with us all day and we ask that a good attendance will be present. The church was filled to capacity last Friday when the second part of the series of pictures of the life of Paul were shown. Next Friday, May 10th, a special group of musical young people with their teacher will be in charge of the service. We extend a welcome to all.

The women from Willowdale Baptist Church and from Newtonbrook Mission are to meet with Langstaff Women's Fellowship on May 16th at Langstaff Baptist Church. We extend a very special invitation to all women who are interested in prayer and missionary work.

The community was shocked to hear last Friday of the sudden passing of little Bruce Roy Kain. He was such a bonny bright little fellow and was so happy in his class at Sunday School. The funeral was held from Wright & Taylor's Funeral Parlour at Richmond Hill Monday, May 6th. Dr. M. H. Blandin of Langstaff was in charge of the service. We extend our sincerest sympathy to the bereaved families. "Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on His gentle breast".

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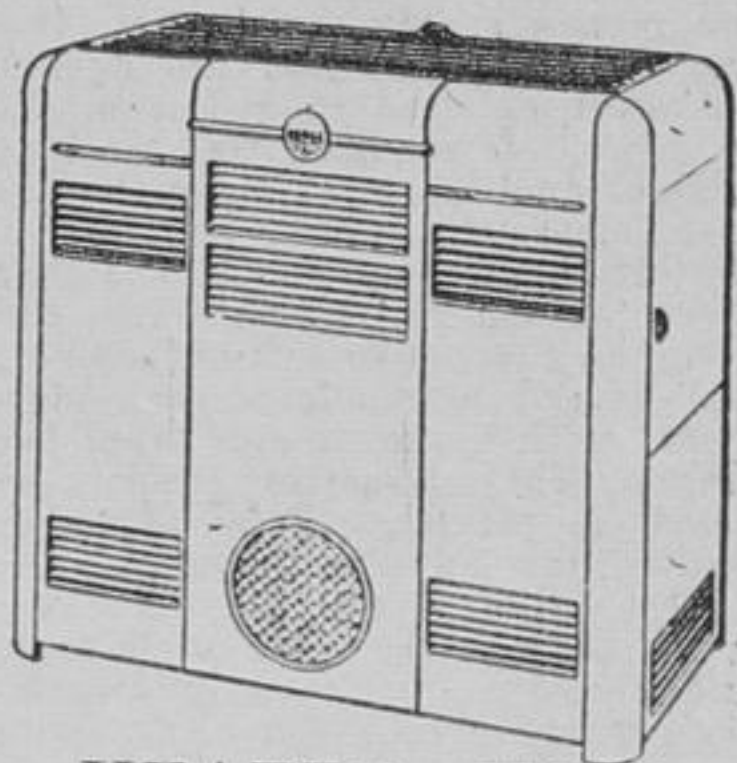
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