

THORNHILL NEWS

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Presbyterian Church

Mr. Dean Smith, B.A., of Knox College, will conduct the services next Sunday, January 15, at 11 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church.

Women's Institute

Thursday, January 19, is the date of the next meeting of the Thornhill Women's Institute. The program for this meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Johns. Let's start the new year with every member being present and ready to answer the roll call with a "Quotation from a Canadian Author." The meeting is to be held in the Masonic Hall at 2.15 p.m.

Trinity Church News

Thanks are due to Mr. Floyd Davis of Willowdale who so kindly played the organ at last Sunday's service due to the absence of our organist, Mr. Howard.

The secretaries of the church organizations have been called upon to have their 1949 reports ready for the coming Vestry meeting. From accounts already received 1949 proved to be a very satisfactory year.

Married as well as single folks are invited to join the Badminton Club which now meets every Thursday evening at 7.30 in Lawrence Memorial Hall. Anyone interested in playing badminton should go along to the hall Thursday evening and can obtain further information from the members there.

Rev. Wood has received a letter from Rev. and Mrs. Beavis of Cheshire, England, acknowledging the parish for the Christmas parcel they so kindly sent to them. Rev. Beavis states the food parcel and the turkey were most welcome and thanks to the parish of Trinity Church they had a most delightful and enjoyable Christmas. Presbyterian Church

The Fortnighter's Club will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, January 17, at 8 p.m. at the home of

Miss Elizabeth Francis, John St.

United Church Notes
The Evening Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Duncan, Arnold Ave., last Tuesday evening and in spite of the poor weather and road conditions there was a splendid attendance. Officers for the new year were installed by Rev. Kent. For the devotional period Mrs. J. Michell was in charge of the study book "Growing with the Years" and very ably presented the subject of "Evangelism," assisted by Mrs. E. E. Kent, Mrs. Russell and Mrs. D. Smellie. This was followed by a discussion on ways in which the members could assist in their church and community.

The Women's Association met at the home of Mrs. Lee and Miss Baxter, Old Yonge St., on Thursday afternoon. Miss Wesley and Mrs. T. Empringham were in charge of devotions. Two beautiful solos were given by Mrs. Burke. An address on "Influence and Effectiveness" was given by the minister, followed by the installation of officers.

The Young People's Union met in the Sunday School Hall on Wednesday evening, January 4. The topic for discussion was 'Sunday Sports' and needless to say a very lively discussion took place. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, January 18.

The Married Couples Group will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, January 17, in the Sunday School Hall at 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 15, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the reception of members will take place at the 11 a.m. service.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay enjoyed a conducted tour to New York for the holiday week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rouxel and family from Trenton visited their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rouxel on the holiday week, Colborne St., Thornhill.

Warning Signals On Maple Rd. Being Considered, Council Told

The Board of Railway Commissioners is considering installation of warning signals at the railway crossing on the county road just east of Maple where a local lad met death a few weeks ago and where another fatal accident occurred ten years ago, it was revealed at the initial session of the Vaughan Township council for 1950. Reeve John Hostrawser reported that the matter had been considered by the Toronto and York Roads Commission, and had been recommended.

With all members present, and W. J. Agar, newly elected member of council replacing Councilor Carl Shaw, taking his seat for the first time, the religious part of the opening ceremonies conducted by Rev. Mr. Hodgson of Woodbridge United Church. The reeve and all members of the council spoke briefly, the main theme being the problems which would face the township during 1950 on account of growth.

The deputations received included two members of the Canadian Pacific Railway staff, who discussed the graveling of the crossing at Elder's Mills and also asked for reconsideration of the council's decision not to approve of the flag station at that point. They pointed out that there was an almost entire lack of business com-

ing therefrom.

The reappointment of A. O. Thorne to the township planning board for a three year term was approved. Councilor Albert Rutherford was appointed as the council's representative on the board. Roads in the Pine Grove subdivision were considered and it was decided to discuss this with the Highways Department.

A communication from the subsidiary planning board at Maple pointed out that a considerable growth of population was anticipated and asked for the appointment of a town planning consultant. After a long discussion it was decided to arrange a meeting between the council and the planning board chairman.

It was also decided to purchase an additional supply of calcium for use on township roads during 1950 and a sixty ton order was authorized.

A considerable amount of time was spent discussing the appointment of an inspector for tourist camps in the township. The council for the year consists of Reeve John Hostrawser; Deputy Reeve Marshall McMurchy; Councilors James Robson, Albert Rutherford and W. J. Agar. The latter was appointed the council's representative on the Humber Valley Conservation Authority.

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Champion Plowmen Set Sail For Europe

When Canada's champion plowmen sail on January 12 to participate in matches abroad they will take maple trees with them to plant in Great Britain, Holland, Denmark and West Germany.

In addition to the maple trees the Canadian plowmen will carry with them a quantity of maple sugar supplied by the Province of Quebec for distribution to friends. The trees are furnished by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests.

Canada's champion plowmen are Ronald K. Marquis, 28, of R. R. 1, Sunderland, Ont. and James M. Eccles, 30, of R. R. 2, Brampton, Ont. Esso gold medalists in the horse and tractor classes respectively at the International Plowing Match held near Brantford last October. The pair are accompanied by Alex McKinney, Jr. of Brampton as coach-manager.

The three sail from New York on the Queen Mary for a month's tour of the British Isles as the guests of Imperial Oil. In addition to taking part in plowing matches they will study British methods of agriculture and visit many places of interest. At the end of the British Isles tour they plan to visit Holland, Denmark, West Germany at their own expense. They will fly back to Canada.

None of the three have ever been abroad but they are all of British stock. They represent fourth and fifth generations of families that migrated to Canada more than a century ago and they plan to look up family connections when overseas.

Vaughan Twp. Building Permits Decline But '49 Total Still Large

Total value of building permits issued in Vaughan Township during 1949 showed a sizeable decline from the 1948 figures, but, township officials say, this may be due in part to the fact that in the first year a full-time building inspector was employed for the first time, making possible the "catching up" on buildings already under construction for which permits had not been taken out.

In spite of the decline it was a big year for building in the township 325 permits totalling \$1,227,205 having been issued. The figure for 1948 was \$1,487,951.

Convictions Are Registered In Two Test Cases Launched By Vaughan Twp. Council

A test case of considerable importance to the township was settled when William D. Baker of Richvale and Douglas Flear of Jacques Avenue were found guilty of an infraction of Vaughan Township's by-law governing building restrictions. Baker was fined \$10 and costs while sentence was suspended in Flear's case.

Charges were laid by H. C. H. Miller, township building inspector, on the instructions of the township council.

Giving evidence in the Baker case, Mr. Miller stated that he had taken out a permit for a garage and dwelling. The garage was built and Baker started to occupy it as a residence in September, 1948. In November of the same year he was given official notice to vacate, as the building did not comply with regulations laid down by the township for dwelling purposes. He was given until 31st October, 1949, a year later, to make arrangements.

On November 14, 1949, said Mr. Miller, Baker was sent a letter asking the time at which he intended to vacate, but made no written reply. Finally the summons was issued.

In the case of Flear, the building inspector's evidence was that he had been given a permit for a garage only in July, 1948. This was occupied as a dwelling and, as

in the Baker case, notification to cease using it for that purpose was given, with a year being allowed to vacate. Flear, he stated, had replied saying that it was his intention to build a residence in 1950 and that he would take out the necessary permit at that time. Subsequently, however, he started to build an extension to the garage, and without a permit, consequently a summons was issued in this case also.

Vaughan Township Council, officers of the municipality say, has permitted temporary occupancy of sub-standard buildings in a number of cases, with the understanding that construction of a house which would comply with building regulations would be commenced within a reasonable time. As it was found that in spite of this certain people were continuing to make use of sub-standard property for residential purposes the test cases were launched.

The by-law which regulates construction was passed early in 1948 and at that time a copy was sent to every ratepayer. Later a session of council was held at which any ratepayer might appear and make suggestions and comments. As a result of this amendments were made and finally the regulating by-law was approved after a hearing by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Moves Hydro Cable - Is Killed

A motorist was killed instantly on January 10 when he picked up a hydro wire which had broken and fallen across the Don Mills Rd. south of Markham.

He was identified as Michael Januszewski, 25, of Green River. He is a painter by trade.

Constable Clarence Wideman of Markham said several motorists who had stopped their cars near the wire warned the man to leave it alone.

Instead, Januszewski picked up a board and put it under the wire.

He was lifting the board when the wire slipped and touched his hand. Coroner Dr. R. P. Johns of Willowdale pronounced the man dead.

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BUTTONVILLE

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Rev. E. Currey presided over Sunday School annual meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Boynton on Monday evening. The following teachers were appointed for the classes: Bible Class, Mr. Walter Craig; senior girls, Art Newson; senior girls, Mrs. Walter Craig; int. girls, Miss Ellen Boynton; int. boys, Keith Hood; Jr. int. girls, Mrs. A. Burns; Jr. girls, Miss Jocelyn Easton; Jr. boys, Mrs. N. Reid; primary, Miss Mary Rodick.

Assistant teachers for above classes are: Mrs. Walter Craig, Art Newson, Mrs. Wm. Rodick, Alex Burns, Wm. Brooks, Miss Aileen Easton.

Mr. Wm. Brooks was reappointed superintendent, with Mr. Norman Reid and Mr. Alex Burns as assistants. Pianist, Miss Heather Burns; Cradle Roll, Mrs. A. Burns.

After a delicious lunch served by Mrs. Boynton and Ellen, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fierheller have recently sold their farm on the fourth of Markham and intend moving in the spring. Mr. Fierheller has lived his entire life on the farm which came into the possession of his father 77 years ago and it is with regret that the many friends and neighbours of the family hear of their departure. Possibly they will not move too far away. Business of the sale was completed by Mr. Woodhead.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fergus Houlihan on the arrival of a baby girl.

The January W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. John Black. Annual reports were given by the convenors of the different groups. All bore record of a five years' achievement; the allocation is \$150 but \$180 was forwarded to headquarters.

The theme of the meeting was "The Bible, our guide to Christian Faith and Conduct" and this thought was carried out in the devotional in which Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Baker, Miss Rhea Scott and Mrs. Craig took part.

A quilting will be held in the church on Monday afternoon, the 16th, after which a congregational supper will be served. You are asked to come and bring a second course with you, and then remain for the annual meeting which follows. The Harmony group decided to hold a bazaar this Fall.

Mrs. Miller favoured with a solo, "Build an Altar to your God," Mrs. Black gave a talk on one of the books of the Literature Department, "Prophet in the Wilderness" the life of Albert Schweitzer, musician, doctor and "man of God," a truly great man.

Mrs. W. Craig, Christian Stewardship secretary delved the meaning of the term "Stewardship" ending a brief talk with the words "You cannot bring the Kingdom of God into the world until you bring it into our own heart first."

Lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Craig. Sincere thanks were extended to Mrs. Black for the use of her house.

EDGELEY

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The Edgeley Women's Institute met at the home of Miss E. Whitmore, Wednesday afternoon, January 4, with 14 members and 5 visitors present.

The president, Mrs. Paul Snider, presided. After the business part of the meeting, Mrs. E. Phillips gave a talk on Current Events.

The motto was "A New Broom Sweeps Clean, but an old one Knows the Corners." Roll call was answered by news highlights of the past week, after which followed an interesting discussion on roll call.

The members voted donations to the following: Cancer Society, Save the Children Fund, Crippled Civilians, York County Musical Festival. The meeting closed in the usual way after which the committee served the luncheon.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. Greenley. A special speaker will be at that meeting from the St. John's Ambulance Corps.

The sympathy of the community goes out to Mr. J. Robb and family in the death of Mrs. J. McDowell, who passed away at her home in Toronto on Thursday, and was interred in Hillcrest cemetery, Woodbridge, on Sunday, January 8, at 1.30 p.m.

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