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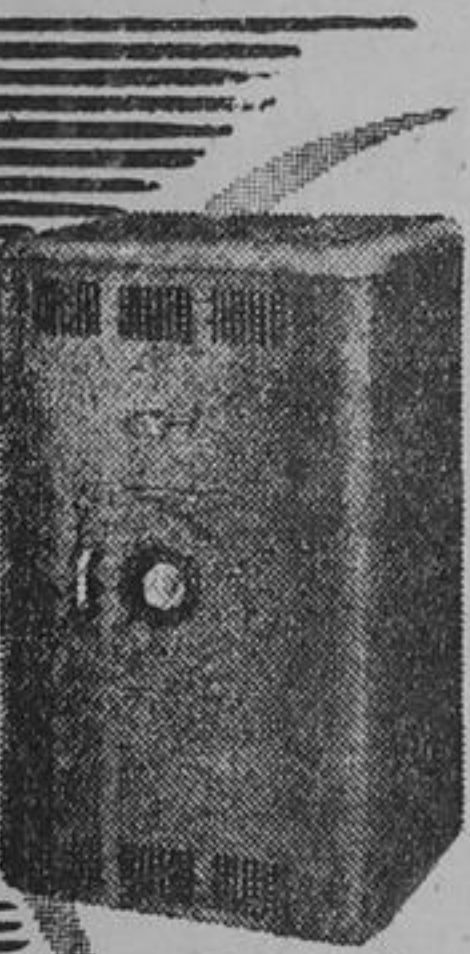


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It has been intimated to your staff that a number of the parents of children attending the school are desirous of having an opportunity to see the school in session. This being so an invitation is extended to those interested, to visit the classes in session at any time on February 5th, 6th, and 7th.

It is likely that various parents will find it convenient to visit the school at different times and for this reason we would ask you to enter the class room without knocking and take any seat available without greeting the teacher or observing the usual amenities.

I am sure our guests will find that all the teachers will be glad to be able to establish closer relations with the parents and will also be pleased to discuss any problems relating to the progress of any individual student. . . These discussions should take place at any time when the pupils are dismissed.

Also please take note of the following schedule:—
Mr. Nighswander and Mrs. Lee will be supervising in the play yard for the full day on Monday.

The same is true of Mr. Wagar and Mrs. Styromo on Tuesday and Mrs. Unger and Mr. Bilson on Wednesday.

We trust that all the parents who are able to accept this invitation will find the period spent with us both profitable and interesting. Teachers have been instructed by me not to decorate the rooms etc. or make any special preparations for this occasion. Our aim is to enable the parents to see the regular routine of the school as it is carried on from day to day.

Signed on behalf of the Richmond Hill Public School Staff.

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Annual Reports Indicate Major Progress Made By Thornhill United Church

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Thornhill United Church which was held on January 26, 1951, was well attended. The minister, Rev. E. E. Kent, presided and in his report said "All departments of the Church showed great activity again during the past year."

The Young Peoples Union is growing in interest and numbers and the Adult Fireside Group meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings are proving stimulating. The work of other organizations is greatly encouraging. A word of appreciation is due the members of the Junior and Senior choirs for their faithful service. A Choral Party to celebrate the 25th Year of Union was held at the Parsonage and all organizations took part.

"A survey of the community undertaken by the members of the Woman's Association and Ladies Guild showed that 42% of Thornhill and community are United Church. The attendance at the services continues to increase; the membership of the church is 349, including 41 non-resident. The Minister recorded appreciation to Mr. M. Heron, Mr. K. Robertson, Miss R. Lacheur, and Mr. E. B. Sharpless for donations of special gifts to the Church; to the Ladies Guild for wedding pew markers and to the Junior Choir for primary chairs, also to Mr. G. H. Craig's unstinting leadership in the Building Campaign, Mr. E. B. Sharpless on the Building Committee and all who assisted in the campaign. He concluded his report by adding his own personal appreciation for the interest and devotion of the congregation."

Because of the urgency of the accommodation situation, a "Building Campaign" was launched last June. The total amount raised by the church and organizations was \$14,427.00 including \$6,507.00 on the Building Fund, \$586.00 to missionary and Maintenance Fund and \$241.00 for benevolences. The total amount received in cash or pledged for the Building Fund was \$12,470.00.

Mr. Lew H. Hicks, Clerk of the Board of Session, reported that whereas attendance during the first quarter of the year averaged 187 for each service, during the last quarter the average including Junior Church and Nursery, was 242. He stated that the Minister has under his pastoral direction 301 known families and that during the past year he had made over 700 visits. He noted that 57 persons had been received into membership, 28 on Profession of Faith and 29 by certificate. There had been 33 baptisms and 17 weddings. He mentioned the loss by death of Miss Bertha Chapman and Mrs. J. S. Duncan, wife of the late Dr. Duncan whose faithful ministry lasted from 1942-47.

Mr. G. H. Craig, chairman of the Board of Stewards, submitted the financial statement for the year 1950 and a proposed budget for 1951. He briefly reviewed the General, Special, Building and Furnace Funds and concluded by advising that suggested ways for providing additional space for Children's Work had been worked out and would be submitted to this Annual Congregational Meeting for consideration.

Report of Mr. A. F. Martindale, treasurer of the Missionary and Maintenance Fund showed an increase of 22% over 1949. That of Mrs. M. Heron, Jr., superintendent of the Sunday School, showed that enrollment at Christmas in 1948 was less than 100, in 1949 141 and in 1950 was 231, the ages being up to 14. With the addition of 45 in the Nursery Department as given by Mrs. A. Morton, superintendent, the total enrollment in 1950, including 15 teachers and officers, was 291. Appreciation was expressed to various individuals including Mr. I. Ford, to the W.A. and to the Ladies Guild for donations to the Sunday School, and to the Junior Church leaders, including Mrs. D. Law, Mrs. R. Tamblin and Mrs. S. Kent who joined the staff in the

Fall of 1950, as reported by Mrs. G. Wesley, its president. The report of the Young Peoples Union was provided by Ernest Kent, president, and of the Adult Fireside Group by the president, Mr. A. Morton.

In her brief summary of the work of the Woman's Association, Mrs. N. L. Morton, president, mentioned that the W.A. had sponsored the Annual Anniversary Supper, to which over 200 sat down, as well as other catering. She referred to Miss Marguerite Boyle's part in the concert promoted in November. The Ladies Guild, with Mrs. R. Wesley as president, and a membership of 54, worked in three groups and gave \$1,000 to the building fund. The report of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society showed that its Presbyterial allocation had been exceeded; the Evening Auxiliary met its allocation in full and assisted the Afternoon group in providing for the "Mother and Daughter" banquet for the C.G.I. T. in March. A busy year was indicated by the president of the Afternoon Auxiliary, Mrs. J. Michell, and by Miss G. Wesley, president of the Evening group. Membership in Canadian Girls in Training was reported as 19 with many projects of interest and service accomplished. The Mission Band report showed that the Presbyterial allocation was exceeded; superintendent is Miss F. Clubine and for the Baby Band, Mrs. A. Morton. The Choir report included an appeal from its president, Mrs. E. E. Kent for volunteers for the Senior Choir, especially male voices. Mrs. W. Heath announced that on Palm Sunday evening Stairs "Crucifixion" will be given by an augmented Senior Choir.

There was a lengthy discussion on relieving the congestion and the congregation voted to accept the offer of Asbury West Church of a prefab building, 26' x 60'. It will be brought to the site of the Thornhill United Church and will be completely renovated and sided to conform with the present church building. The overall plan is to make it permanent, placing it alongside the present storage room at the side of the church. The storage room will be transformed into a kitchen and the present kitchen will be fixed up for the Nursery. To the east of the present storage room it is planned to excavate and put in the heating and plumbing. The committee appointed to take care of this project will consist of Mr. G. Crutcher, chairman and Messrs. D. Davidson, F. Richardson, L. Hicks, H. Rogers and Dr. E. M. Honey.

The following were elected to fill the vacancies on the Boards: Elders, elected to the Session for 3 years, Messrs. A. F. Martindale, E. Shulver and E. Francis, all re-elected; and Mr. H. Gent.

Stewards for 3 years: K. Duncan, G. Lunau, re-elected; M. Sloan and F. Richardson; for 2 year period, C. Jones.

Committee of Ushers: P. Forster, chairman; M. J. Johnston, W. S. Davis, C. Turner, C. G. Gibson and L. G. Riley.

THE LEGIONNAIRES Branch 375 Canadian Legion, B.E.L.S. Richmond Hill

Members of the Branch, Ladies Auxiliary, and their friends held a very enjoyable social evening and euchre at the home of R. Littleford, Avenue Road, on Thursday, January 25.

A veteran of World War II C. H. Fagan of Oak Avenue, Richvale has returned home after having undergone a major operation at the Toronto General Hospital.

For the information of our members, the second Tuesday of each month is the date set aside for the regular business meeting of the branch. Veterans and members are welcome whether the receive notification or not. Please watch for date and place in "Coming Events Column."

Grade 4 Pupils See Plant

Pupils from Grade 4 at Richmond Hill Public School, under the leadership of their teacher, Mr. Paul Wagar, visited The Liberal office last Tuesday afternoon and were given a demonstration of the processes by which a modern newspaper is produced.

Many questions were asked by the students and were answered by members of The Liberal's staff as the tour of the plant was carried out.

Those who visited the plant were: Wayne Koning, Gordon Bradshaw, Barry Smith, Billy Bunker, Bobby Whalley, John Thomson, Alastair Grant, Gerry Phipps, Doug. Ramer, Billy Rice, Bob Cunningham.

Many Attend Lions Ice Frolic Staged At Thornhill On Friday

Canadian winter weather of the best type was in evidence when Thornhill residents of all ages, sizes and shapes enjoyed themselves at the Ice Frolic staged at the swimming pool by the local Lions Club last Friday night.

Those who felt the cold were able to warm themselves at salamanders placed around the rink. Even if the weather was cold the salamanders were hot — as a Thornhill youngster found to his sorrow when his trousers were burned off from the knees down. Hot coffee and chocolate and coffee, together with eatables dispensed by Mesdames William Lennox, Tom Jackson and John MacNeil found a ready sale.

Many events were staged during the evening. A skating race for boys under ten was won by Donald Gibson and one for the girls under ten proved Linda L'Adventure the speediest girl of her age on the ice. A ten minute game of broom hockey, with brooms used in place of sticks, saw Thornhill Public School senior boys hockey team and Langstaff Public School senior team battle to a one all tie. A fast comedy solo by Foss Mallory of Richmond Hill was a well-appreciated feature.

That "the female of the species is more deadly than the male" was proved when a team of Lionesses ran up an overwhelming

score over a Lions team. Lionesses Bill Anstey and Dennis Moore were stars of the tilt. The Lionesses' mascot, a large raccoon which turned out to be Nels Findlay, was said to have a lot to do with the success of the ladies.

Two teen-age teams, one from Vaughan and one from Markham, played a ten-minute broom-ball game. Miss Sonya Zinkan, in a smart yellow skating dress, gave a graceful display of fancy skating.

The carnival ended in a grand march during which judges Tom Jackson and F. J. Picking made what turned out to be a popular choice of the best costume — that of Steven Crutcher. Skating to music separated the various events on a program which drew a lot of appreciation from Thornhill residents, who attended in large numbers.

The big event of the evening came when Steven Crutcher drew the winning ticket for the thousand dollar Persian Lamb coat on which tickets had been sold for some weeks. Winner was Mrs. Roy Woods of the Bathurst Street district. Lion President Bill Pocklington, accompanied by Lion Bill Lennox, delivered the coat to Mrs. Woods a few minutes later. The coat, manufactured by Adam Reiter of Thornhill Furs, fitted as if it had been made to order. Talbot Winlay won the \$50 prize for selling the winning ticket.

Public Health Nurse Service At Oak Ridges, Lake, Is Discussed

The fact that Whitechurch and King Townships do not belong to the County Health Unit has created the necessity in the fast growing community of Lake Wilcox and Oak Ridges for the services of a public health nurse.

Aware of the acute problem Bob Woolley approached Miss Marion Ferguson at the Toronto Headquarters of the Victorian Order of Nurses, who referred him to the Aurora Society.

Part of the services of the V.O.N. Nurse in Aurora are under con-

tract to the Heath Unit. Mrs. Lorne C. Lee informed the local committee that there is a possibility the remainder of her time could be shared by Aurora and Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox.

A tentative committee has been formed and any one interested in the project should contact Mrs. C. L. Stephenson or Mrs. Hume.

Plans for a baby clinic and more extensive school nursing are among the first matters to be dealt with provided there is sufficient public response.

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