

Thornhill And District News

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Thornhill Horticultural News

The Thornhill and District Horticultural Society held a Christmas show and social evening, Tuesday, December 15, in the United Church Sunday School Hall.

The evening got off to a good start with some slides taken and shown by R. C. Poulier, 1954 president. Colored pictures of the United Church Sequels-Centennial, local scenes and the Santa Claus parade provided an enjoyable half-hour. Miss Geraldine Wesley also showed some beautiful shots taken on a trip to the Gaspe country.

Life memberships were presented to the following by John F. Clark, secretary of the Ontario Horticultural Society: Miss Florence Clubine, Miss A. Cooper, Mrs. W. Lundy, Dr. W. Lundy, Mr. E. Nicholson and Mr. W. Ness.

A very seasonal tone was added to the meeting with the carol singing led by Mr. and Mrs. Don Davidson.

Dr. E. E. Kent was present and brought the Society a thoughtful Christmas message, "The Beauty of Christmas".

At this point the Society joined in extending to Phill Delf, the retiring president, its sincere thanks for the excellent leadership he had given over the last two years. Mr. Willard Simpson, alias Santa Claus, arrived in the nick of time to present Mr. Delf with an electric clock and a plant for Mrs. Delf. Mrs. Pherrill, the secretary, received a DuBarry cosmetic kit for her services during the past year.

The meeting was then adjourned to the other Hall to view the Christmas wreaths, table centres, door sprays, etc., which had been judged by E. Kohler.

Refreshments were served from a gaily decorated table on which the most significant object was a roast turkey. A chef, hat and all, appeared and with the assistance of Mrs. Scott, prepared turkey sandwiches.

The results of the show were: Christmas corsage: Mrs. Thorncroft, Mrs. Mizen.

Door Hanger Spray: Dr. A. Scott, Miss H. Welsh.

Door Hanger Wreath, Dr. A. Scott, Mrs. Riley.

Dining Table Centre, P. Delf, Mrs. P. Horton.

Window decoration, E. T. Pherrill.

Coffee Table Decoration, W. Lennox, Mrs. Hamilton.

Mantle arrangement, W. Lennox, Mr. Delf.

Christmas Modernistic Arrangement, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Mizen.

Original Arrangement, Mrs. Horton, Mr. Delf.

Juniors: Door Spray, Alvin Thompson, Helen Fraser, Christmas table arrangement, Alvin Thompson, Allan Findlay.

Presbyterian Church News

Sunday School Party

The Presbyterian Sunday School held its annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 18, attended by the children, their parents, and other members of the congregation. Following supper, a program of carol singing was held in the church. After this two colored films were shown in the church hall, one entitled "Brightest Night", the Nativity Story and the other the story of a Little girl's Dream. The younger children sang two carols, and as a climax to the evening, all the children took their white gifts and placed them under the tree. The minister, Rev. Mr. Chambers received them for distribu-

tion amongst the poor. To close the evening, the children went up to receive their bags of candy and oranges.

Happy Hour

Because of the Holiday season, there will be no Happy Hour until the first Friday in January.

New Choir Gowns Dedicated

At the Christmas service, new choir gowns were received and dedicated. These gowns are a gift from a member of the congregation. They are deep red with white collars and tabs, and the caps are of the deep red. The soloist for the occasion was Mrs. Gordon Patterson, contralto.

United Church News

A creche, placed in the chancel of the Church, and made by T. Pherrill, was among the seasonal decorations placed in Thornhill United Church for the annual Christmas Service. Over 550 persons were present and a public address system was installed in order that those seated in the Guild Hall were able to take part in the entire service. Amongst the magnificent music heard that morning were two carols by the combined choirs — "Come Ye Lofty Ones" and "Birthday of a King."

Soloists were Mrs. L. Burke, contralto, who sang "He Shall Feed His Flock", and Mrs. H. Ryan, soprano, whose selection was "Come Unto Me".

Dr. E. E. Kent baptised the following children during the impressive service: Richard Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hill, Willowdale, (great-grandson of N. J. Smellie, Thornhill); Susan Leslie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hollowell, Concord; Keith Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bagg, Paul Street, Thornhill; and Robert Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Gibson, Arnold Avenue, Thornhill.

Mrs. C. Thompson, president of the Women's Association, on behalf of that organization, presented Hymnaries to the Choir in memory of the late Mrs. E. E. Kent who was a faithful member of both these organizations. These were graciously received by Mrs. N. L. Morton, president of the choir and dedicated by the minister.

The singing of the carols combined with the timely sermon of Dr. E. E. Kent "There's a Song in the Air!" produced another very memorable Christmas Service.

In the evening, another large congregation was present to hear the choir's annual Carol Festival. The program gave an excellent variety of carols from many lands. Solos were taken by D. Davidson, baritone, Mrs. L. Burke, contralto and Mrs. H. Ryan, soprano. In the famous and well-loved American carol "We Three Kings" the solo parts were taken by D. Davidson, R. Platt and W. Watson. The offering of this beautiful service was for the Choir Memorial fund. They plan to present in the near future, a lectern in memory of the late Mrs. E. E. Kent.

Christmas Day Service

At 10 a.m. on Christmas Day a short family service will be taken by Rev. Mr. Kent.

Choir Party

Following the evening service last Sunday, the members of the Senior Choir were graciously entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Stanley Robinson, Merymount Farms, Thornhill. The group enjoyed a very pleasant period of Carol Singing accompanied by Don Leno. Delightful refreshments were served with Mrs. L. Timbers, eldest daughter of Dr. Kent, and Mrs. N. L.

Morton, president of the choir, pouring tea. Mrs. V. ...

ganist, who is flying to England on December 27 for a month's vacation, was presented with a token of appreciation for her hard work. During her absence, Mrs. D. Davidson will officiate at the organ.

On Saturday evening in the Church Hall, the members of the Young Peoples Union gathered for an enjoyable Christmas Party. A committee including Mrs. Doug Kemp, Barbara Statton and Betty Empringham arranged a very interesting program of games and song.

Thornhill School News

The staff of the Thornhill Public School entertained their families at a turkey dinner on Saturday, December 12. The party was held in the Thornhill School in the Craft Room which had been just redecorated by Mr. Percy Simpkins. Presents were exchanged around the gaily decked Christmas Tree. Everyone enjoyed musical numbers by several of the children followed by movie films of the trip taken to Midland by the Senior grades in the Fall.

Home and School News

The Thornhill United Church Hall was the scene on Monday, December 14, of a very memorable Christmas meeting of the Thornhill Home and School. The singing of "O Canada" accompanied by Mrs. Faith Vardon, opened the meeting, which was attended by a large number of parents, as well as the school children taking part in the entertainment. Dr. E. E. Kent gave a very inspiring Christmas message followed by the Christmas Pageant under the direction of Mrs. Kathleen Elliott. The reader was Mrs. Mary Atkinson who read the Christmas Story from the Bible against a background of Christmas Carols sung by 50 voices of the Thornhill Public School choir. The school children performed the tableaux of the story as it was told, in a picture frame setting, making very impressive scenes against the black background. All those taking part deserve a lot of credit for their performance, especially Norma Fugler and John L'Aventure, who took the parts of Mary and Joseph and who held their positions during the entire 30 minute production. The part of the Angel was taken by John Gibson, the Shepherds by Jim McGhee, Nelson Edwards and John MacNeil; the Wise Men by Nicol Tanquity, Steven Crutcher and Sandy Kelson. Also during the pageant two students gave beautiful solos, Dennis Robinson, a harmonica solo of "Away in a Manger" and Marion Fraser a vocal number, "Gentle Mary". The audience also participated in some of the carol singing.

To carry through with the Christmas theme, three films were shown: "The Night Before Christmas", "Excerpts from Dickens' Christmas Carol" and one on Carols — illustrated while they were played.

To end this enjoyable evening, a very delicious supper was served, during which an announcement was made by Mr. Ladell to the effect that the new wing of the Thornhill School would definitely be opened on January 4.

Trinity Church Notes

Trinity Church held its 12th annual Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday, December 20. A packed Church lighted entirely by the 225 candles enjoyed to the full the singing of the old Christ-

mas Carols under the direction of the organist and choirmaster, C. H. Davey. The choir sang a variety of less-known Carols. A Polish carol "Born is Little Jesus" was sung by the Junior choir and the French-Canadian carol "Whence Come You Good Shepherd" in which the juniors were assisted by the Senior Choir were two of the most attractive numbers. This carol and a lullaby based on an old Scottish air, and the words of an Alsatian were especially arranged for the choir by Mr. Davey. In the latter the solo part was taken by Mrs. Roger Priestman. This annual Carol service has become one of the features of the Christmas season in Thornhill, and was enjoyed as it always is by those who were present.

Every Member Canvas

At the morning service last Sunday, the Rector announced that the Every Member Canvas was in its final stage. The business of the Christmas season has made it difficult to get in touch with many people, and repeated calls have been necessary to find Parishioners at home. The Campaign has now reached the \$20,000 mark and the committee expresses every confidence in its being brought to a successful conclusion. The canvassers wish to express their gratitude for a cordial and sympathetic reception they have received wherever they have gone. An extremely fine piece of work has been done for which the whole church is proud and grateful.

Brownie, Guide & Cub Parties

The Brownies of Packs 1 and 2 held a Christmas Party for their mothers last Tuesday, December 15. One of the events of the afternoon was the enrollment by Brown Owl, Mrs. J. MacNeil of the following girls: Sheila Stewart, Karen Anderson and Ellen Jackson. There was also a presentation of the Collector's Badge to Suzanne Ball, Patsy Kelson and Ann Rogers; the Knitter's Badge to Suzanne Ball, the Swimmers to Dorothy Fugler, and Patsy Kelson and Writers to April Featherstonhaugh and Angela Mickleborough. The girls presented their mothers with gifts that they had made themselves, and a very pleasant afternoon was completed with games, songs and refreshments.

Guides

Last Thursday in the Trinity Church Hall, the Guides of the 1st Thornhill Company together with leaders enjoyed their annual Christmas Party which included a program of music and games. An exchange of gifts and delightful refreshments provided by the girls brought a very pleasant atmosphere to the otherwise busy Guide meeting.

Cubs — "A" Pack

The United Church Hall was the spot chosen for the "A" Pack's Annual Christmas party last Thursday evening. This party was arranged, planned and provided for by the boys' fathers for the Cubs and their mothers. Dr. E. E. Kent addressed the gathering with a short Christmas message. The guest speaker was C. V. Nunn, Registrar of Scouts for Ontario, who related a most interesting and timely story of the boy who lived Christmas — the well-known Lord Baden-Powell. Another guest of the evening was Miss Gwen Herbert who is in charge of the distribution of badges in the Provincial office for Boy Scouts. Miss Herbert, together with Mr. Nunn led the boys and their parents in a period of Carol singing. The climax of the event was the refreshments served by the fathers assisted by members of the Thornhill Scout Troop who were also

invited in the party.

"B" Pack

The boys of "B" Pack held their first Christmas Party since its beginning, on Tuesday, December 15th. The main event of the evening was the presentation of the Cub Flag to the Pack by Mrs. Whyard, president of the Ladies Auxillary, who bought the Flag for the boys. This group who also provided the refreshments for the evening certainly deserve a great amount of credit for all the work they have done for the Cubs of both packs in so many ways. "B" Pack especially expresses their appreciation of the Auxillary's help in making this first Christmas Party for them so successful. Over 80% of the parents turned up for this occasion, showing the great amount of interest given the boys and their leaders in Cub work. Two guests were present to entertain the group, Doug McCallum of the McCallum Manufacturing

Company in Toronto, who is a personal friend of Mr. Chambers, the Akela, completely mystified everyone with his magic tricks, while Ted Carthwaite of Willowdale, who was once a Scout himself entertained with his accordion, and told interesting stories of his Scouting days in 1912. The first meeting of "B" Pack for the new year will be held on January 5 in the Scout Hut.

Thornhill Nursery School

Even the little Nursery and Kindergarten children had their own Yuletide parties. Mrs. Gage, the school's instructor, directed the parties for the boys and girls and their mothers last week at the Nursery School on Uplands Avenue. The children enjoyed the games arranged for them and the seasonal sing-song and Christmas Tree. Through the courtesy of the T. Eaton Company, gifts of apples, oranges and candies were distributed before the little ones returned home.

DONCASTER NEWS

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There was a good attendance at Mission Sunday School Christmas party on Saturday last, some of the children took part, Miss Mabel Baker played the piano for the Carol singing there was a picture a Christmas movie and a travelogue. Each child received a gift, hot sausage rolls and cookies and orange drinks were served.

The Ladies Club gave a donation to the Mission, which was gratefully received by the Superintendent.

Mrs. Vester, Clarke Ave. won the turkey at the ratepayers raffle. Mrs. M. Monson, Morgan Ave., the chicken and Mrs. E. R.

Loughead, Glen Cameron also a winner.

Mrs. K. A. Sheperd, Procter Ave., gave a Christmas party to the neighbors children on Thursday Dec. 17th from 3 to 6, after the games a lovely supper was served, and each child carried home a gift.

Ann Russell spent the weekend with her Aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tearney, in Toronto.

Mrs. Goodchild on Henderson Ave., has two boys staying with her for awhile.

The Ladies Club extends to all the shutlins in the Park a happy and peaceful Christmas.

EDGELEY NEWS

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Farm Forum

In discussing the topic "Telling the Farmers' Story" at a meeting of Edgeley Farm Forum on Monday evening, December 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Darlington, the Forum members considered the best ways of getting along with other sections of the public and keeping the public informed on agriculture.

Who, How and Why

The problem facing farm organizations is how best to tell the public who they are, what they are doing, why they are doing it and how they are doing it — in other words they seek to build soundly toward good public relations.

Some of the facts of farming that the Edgeley Forum members find town and city folk should be better informed on, are the prices farmers receive for their products in relation to those the city people have to pay for them, also the capital investment that is necessary to operate a farm.

Improve Understanding

The ways to improve understanding of their problems, the Forum members found, are for the farmers to be aware of the difficulties themselves and discuss them with their friends and associates. To invite officers or members of the Canadian Association of Consumers to Farm Forum meetings was suggested as another means of creating

better rural-urban relations.

Asked what they would recommend by way of good public relations if they were on the executive of a provincial or national farm organization, the members suggested the circulation of more literature explaining the work and objectives of their organization.

Social and Personal

The annual Christmas concert held Thursday evening, December 17, in Edgeley Community Hall was presented before a capacity audience by children of the Edgeley Public School, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Brooks.

Last week Mr. James Witney, who has been ill for some time at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Ash, took a turn for the worse, we sincerely hope he will be feeling better soon.

Mrs. Isaac Watson and Mrs. Ken Lane of Maple visited Mrs. Ed. Witney Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Manwaring of Toronto visited Mrs. Ada Witney and son John on Sunday.

Mr. John Bay of Toronto spent Sunday with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Witney and family, and also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bay.

To all the people of Edgeley, I extend best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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