

Thornhill And District News

The Liberal is always pleased to publish items of interest contributed by its readers in the Thornhill area. Our representative in Thornhill is Mrs. Elizabeth Sumner. In order that your items may appear in The Liberal simply phone AV. 5-1338.

Rev. E. E. Kent of Thornhill United Church has accepted a call from Chatsworth United Church, Grey Presbytery. His duties will commence the first of July.

Seven boys from 1st Thornhill Scouts successfully passed their First Aid St. John's Ambulance test. Under the instruction of Gordon Crutcher, Ken Chambers, Ian Ross, Clive Simpson, David Iverson and Raymond Thirgood worked hard and well. The examiner was Dr. Steele. Clive Simpson has received his 1st class badge and also his Handyman's badge, Carpenter's and Musician's badge. Ian Ross also received his 1st Class badge, the Rescuer's badge and the Canoeing and Marksman's badge.

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Elocution Pupils Marguerite Boyle Win At Peel Festival

Elocution pupils of Marguerite Boyle, Thornhill, taking awards at the recent York and Peel Music Festivals, include the following—
Glady's Carter, who won the gold medal and senior scholarship at York, the Robert Simpson scholarship and a gold and silver medal at Peel; Joyce Perkins, a gold and silver medal in the senior classes at York; Gary Skippon, a gold and silver medal at Peel and three thirds at York; Susan Keachie, a gold at Peel and two thirds at York; Donna Graham, a gold and a silver at York; Robert Howard, a gold at

District Congregations Invited

Ascension Day Service Trinity Anglican Church

What should prove to be a most interesting service is to take place in Trinity Church, Thornhill, on Ascension Day, May 19, at 8 pm., when the combined choirs of the Deanery of York North will sing Evensong. The choir, consisting of 150 voices, will be made up of the choirs of the 11 parishes which cover the area from Woodbridge to Sutton, all of which are included in the Deanery of York North in the Diocese of Toronto. Conductor will be John Cozens, well-known in the Canadian College of Organists, and Musical Editor of the Canadian Churchman, the national paper of the Church of England in Canada. Two anthems will be sung, one a unison anthem, the other in

Clean-Up Week May 14 To 29

The period May 14 to 29 is Forest Conservation and Spring Clean-Up Week, sponsored by the Dominion Fire Prevention Association, Ottawa.

This is the month when many summer resort operators, cottage owners and other land owners will be visiting their property and getting ready for another season. Make "clean-up" week a time to ensure that all dry leaves, dead grass and other debris are removed around the buildings and dispose of any hazards which exist and may cause trouble later. Stove pipes, chimneys and incinerator screens etc., should also have a careful check up and any other precautions taken to eliminate fire danger during the months ahead.

The best time to dispose of debris by burning is late in the day or evening when the wind is down and when there is no danger of the fire getting out of hand.

Sylvia Kent Holds Recital

A number of parents and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Sylvia Kent, Boyle Drive, Langstaff, for a recital by her pupils, assisted by Mrs. Alice Crowhurst, Painswick, Ontario, guest pianist, and the Don Valley Ramblers.

Mrs. Crowhurst opened the program with one of the gayer preludes by Bach "Prelude in B Flat Major". Grace LaRiche, a first year pupil, showed much promise as she presented two numbers, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and "Gossip Joan". Murray Hobbs selected "Three Blind Mice" and a Sonata by Beethoven. Grace LaRiche and Sheila Craig joined in a duet, "Dutch Dolls Dance" by Helen Crannin.

"Prelude in G Minor" by the Russian composer Rachmaninoff, a number that is increasing in popularity, though not as well known as his famous C Sharp Minor, was presented by Mrs. Sylvia Kent. Her second number was "The March a La Turque" by Mozart. Sheila Craig played "Waves of the Danube" from which the popular "Anniversary Waltz" has been taken, and a Sonata by Beethoven. Murray Hobbs then played a waltz by Strauss.

Nursery School Holds Ballet Demonstration

The annual report and demonstration of ballet shared the interest of members and guests at the annual meeting of Thornhill Nursery School held on Wednesday evening, April 27, in Thornhill Public School. The annual reports were given by the retiring executive with many recommendations for the improvement of the school program accompanied by appreciation of the efforts of the supervisor, Mrs. Nels Gage and her assistants.

Mrs. R. C. Fairfield announced that Mr. and Mrs. William Kajola have kindly consented to the use of their ground floor by the Nursery School for the third consecutive year.

A display of work of the Nursery and Kindergarten children along with photographs of the children both at work and at play was a feature of the evening.

Mrs. Ralph Robinson announced the results of the voting which had taken place earlier in the evening. The 1955-56 executive is as follows: President Mrs. James Kearns; vice-presi-

SUTTON: Miss Mary Jane Hawker who taught at Sutton Public School for the past 25 years, passed away recently. At one time, the late Miss Hawker taught at Markham Public School.

N. GWILLIMBURY: Council has adopted a new mill rate of 25 3/10 mills an increase over last year's figure of 21 1/2 mills.

Bell Telephone To Build Extension Thornhill Office

An extension, designed to house equipment required for the widening of Thornhill's local calling area and also equipment to serve more telephones here, will be added to the Bell Telephone exchange building on Yonge Street.

A. I. Macmillan, Bell company manager for this area announced this week that a contract for construction of the extension has been awarded to Evan S. Martin

The Knowing Heart

By Elizabeth Sumner

The slick woman's magazine lay open at a double page spread illustrating the newest kitchen. Cupboard doors opened by magic. Press a lever and crushed ice spews forth. Press another and orange juice flows. The advertisement assures you that you can play bridge while your dinner cooks and sleep while your clothes are laundered. It says "This streamlined kitchen... created to remove all effort from living."

Is it such an effort to live, I wonder. I myself find it singularly simple and exciting. I have achieved a hard-won philosophy which tells me that this modern kitchen, "created to remove all effort from living," succeeds in removing all living from living. The gadget has taken over leaving the hand and the mind to dwell in a sort of limbo for the unused. In this age we are urged, exhorted, nay driven to strive for simplicity but in the case of this kitchen the end result is not simplicity but complication. It involves countless experts to keep this "streamlined" functioning properly. And is it not a strange paradox indeed, that once possessed of these "dream" kitchens, we immediately build an outdoor fireplace or a barbecue pit in order to enjoy the "thrill of a simple meal simply cooked" and eaten out of doors?

I thought of my own small kitchen with stove, refrigerator, cupboards and running water and of the countless number of meals made for the countless number of people who seemed to enjoy them and the getting of which hadn't weakened me noticeably. I thought further and called to mind the picture of the pioneer woman in "The Backwood-woman" by Isabel Skelton. This book is dedicated in part, to "Canadian women pioneers who not only met the needs of their own day, but laid lasting foundations for ours." Those women had no kitchens. There was no cupboard, no stove, no kitchen cabinet, let alone a sink, running water or refrigerator. The fireplace was her sphere of action. The cook of 125 years ago had few implements but what she had were all in evidence. Her iron bake kettles, pots and pot-hooks, her long-handled frying pans, her ladles, tongs and shovels, her candlesticks, snuffboxes and moulds, all sought refuge with her earthen and pewter-ware dishes beside the fire.

"The Lord did anoint thee with his odorous oil to wrestle, not to reign." This was the portion of the backwoods woman. As Mrs. Skelton describes her— "She gardened, milked cows, cared for poultry, bees, managed calves, lambs and pigs. She was

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FRIDAY, MAY 13, at 8 p.m
— in —
Trinity Anglican Church Hall

Mr. R. C. Poulter, Chairman Area Recreation Commission will preside at the meeting. Other A.R.C. members to be present are Mr. Bill Balfour and Mr. Bob Priestman.

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