

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.

Around The Village
Mrs. J. S. Glen, Elizabeth St. left Tuesday for Quebec City where she will sail in the "Samarina" for London, England. She will join her eldest daughter Elinor who has been studying at the University of London for the past year. Together, they will tour the continent from mid-June until the first of August. Dr. Glen will join them in July at Geneva, Switzerland when he will attend the Presbyterian World Alliance Conference of which he is an Executive Member.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mothers Auxiliary, 1st. Thornhill Cubs and Scouts, which usually takes place every third Monday will be held on the fourth Monday, May 30 at 8:15 p.m. in the United Church Hall due to Monday 23 being a holiday. It will be a social evening.

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Congregation Votes To Buy New Church Site

At a congregational meeting of Thornhill United Church, presided over by Rev. E. E. Kent

Missionary Speaks At Baptist Churches

The Rev. R. E. Wilton, Missionary to India for the past 28 years was guest preacher last Sunday at Thornhill Baptist Church. During the past 80 years, two churches have been established every year, some churches having over 1,000 membership. The underprivileged were the first to receive the Gospel but today caste people are joining the churches in large numbers. The result of much sacrificial work on the part of the missionaries has resulted in there being, in the Baptist area, four church members to every five in the Convention of Ontario and Quebec. The Indian churches have their own convention and Mission Board which decides where to send the missionaries before they leave Canada.

Cancel Picnic In Favour Of Garden Party

The Ladies Guild of Thornhill United Church met May 12 in the Church Hall when it was decided in order to raise money for the new church annual picnic should be cancelled and a Garden Party held. Mrs. G. Spring offered her garden for the occasion, the date of which will be announced next week.

Rev. Douglas Reid, Assistant to the Rev. Dr. Ray McCleary of Woodgreen United Church was guest speaker. Mr. Reid is vitally interested in young people and he talked about his work at the Woodgreen Community Centre.

Many aprons were finished and donated for the Bazaar to be held next November. They were on display and Miss Loretta Dean won first prize for a reversible apron.

and held May 11, the congregation voted to authorize the Board of Trustees and the Board of Stewards to negotiate the purchase of a new church site. The congregation also authorized the Board to arrange for the disposal of the present parsonage and the property on which it stands.

The church property in question is an area of 2.2 acres directly behind Thornhill Farmers Market and adjacent to the new High School. Entrance to the property is east on Elgin St., then south on newly created Dudley Avenue.

G. D. Dobson presented the report of the fact finding committee regarding the new site. The report stressed the advantages which would accrue from the purchase of this property namely, that it is in the centre of a fast-developing suburban area; the parking facilities of both the farmers' market and the high school could be used; the existence of a traffic light at Yonge and Elgin Sts. to control traffic. In the opinion of the committee this site would best meet the needs of future development. The congregation was unanimous in its approval.

It was announced that the campaign for the Church Building Fund, which has been temporarily delayed will be resumed the first week in October.

Brownies Presented Awards At Banquet

The Mother and Daughter banquet of the First and Second Thornhill Brownies was held May 10 in the United Church Hall when District Commissioner Mrs. J. E. MacNeil, who is retiring next month, was in charge of the evening.

During the presentation of awards, Lynn Turner of First Thornhill was presented her Gardener's Badge and her Collector's Badge, and Angie Mickelborough of Second Thornhill received her House Orderly and her Book-Lover Badges.

The girls who sold the greatest number of cookies in First Pack on Brownie Cookie Day were Judy Grimshaw, Wendy Vaxwick and Sheryl McKean. Those in Second Pack were Pat Harding, Gall Howe and Jean Gilbert.

Lions Lucky Draw



Mrs. Jenny Plaxton owner of Jenny's Dress Shop, Thornhill, watches a happy customer, Stephanie Kramer, drop the stub from her free draw ticket in the Lions container.

Merchants in the Thornhill area who are supporting the Thornhill District Lions Club in the distribution of free tickets with purchases of goods, are enthusiastic about the program.

Customers who buy in an amount which exceeds a nominal charge get free draw tickets. Stubs are placed in a container and the draw will take place at the Lions Carnival in Thornhill June 22 and 23.

Chairman Lion Roy Bick reported that when the first containers were emptied into the big drum it was found that a number of customers had put the wrong end of their ticket in the container.

Holders of these tickets should bring the stubs to Harley's Drug Store, Thornhill, and get the proper portion of the ticket which they retain: 83849 83840

Commissioner Resigns

Mrs. J. E. MacNeil, District Commissioner Thornhill Guides and Brownies, issued her resignation May 16, at a meeting of the local association.

Mrs. MacNeil's resignation was accepted regretfully. Her position will be filled next September by Mrs. Charles Sissons. Mrs. MacNeil, however, will continue to be in charge of Second Pack as Brown Owl. Mrs. Grant Gibson, Tawny Owl of First Pack is to take over as Brown Owl of that pack.

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The Lions Club reports that it cannot undertake to publish any more numbers. Customers are advised to be sure to put the stub only in the containers.

Scout News

On Saturday, May 14, a very successful hike was held, 36 Scouts and Cubs attending.

Leaving the Gamble farm at 9:30, they were transported to the Maple side road, and hiked from there, down the Humber Valley.

At 4:30, they were picked up by bus, and brought home.

Under the able leadership of Scouter Alf Wille, and his assistants, more of these hikes are in demand by the boys, but transportation is the difficulty. Now is the time for interested parents to show what they can do. The group committee suggests that the parents form a transportation committee.

On Sunday, May 15, the annual Church parade, York Central District was held in Willowdale. Fifty Scouts and Cubs attended the parade, and when the service was over, were served cold drinks, supplied by the group committee and Cub mothers.

Helped Bring Natural Gas To Toronto

Edward John Tucker, 65, father of Frank Tucker, Thornhill, often referred to as the man who brought natural gas to Toronto, died Monday, May 9. He was for nine years vice-president and general manager of The Consumers' Gas Co. of Toronto.

A prime organizer in the development of the Canadian gas industry, Mr. Tucker initiated negotiations in the United States which resulted in Toronto being served with natural gas.

The transition climaxed 45 years' service with Consumers' Gas which began in 1910 when, as a young man of 20, Mr. Tucker came to Canada from his home town, Bristol.

His rise in office with the company was rapid — assistant general manager in 1928, secretary in 1931, general manager in 1936, director in 1939 and vice-president and general manager in 1945, the position he held until his retirement last year.

He was president of the Canadian Gas Association in 1936-37 and a director of the American Gas Association from 1941-47.

Mr. Tucker was an active Toronto Rotarian for many years, serving as president of the Rotary Club in 1944. Last year he received the first presentation to be made of the "president's orchid" — an honor bestowed on former Rotary presidents for outstanding service.

In his younger days, Mr. Tucker was an enthusiastic canoeist and golfer and one of Canada's top cricketers.

He was a past master of St. John's Lodge, a member of the Scottish Rite Toronto Lodge of Perfection, a charter member at St. David's Donlands Church and more recently, a member of Christ Church, Deer Park. He also belonged to the Board of Trade and St. George's Society.

He leaves his wife, the former Helen Ethel Curtis of 30 Rosedale Heights Dr.; two sons, Frank E. of Thornhill and Lieut. John B. Tucker, RCN, of Philadelphia; a daughter, Mrs. Arnold Lonsdale of Kitchener, and ten grandchildren.

BRADFORD: Thomas Whitfield Evans, Q.C., 87, who has practised law here for 61 years, passed away last week. Still in active practice at the time of his death, Mr. Whitfield was the oldest practising lawyer in the County.

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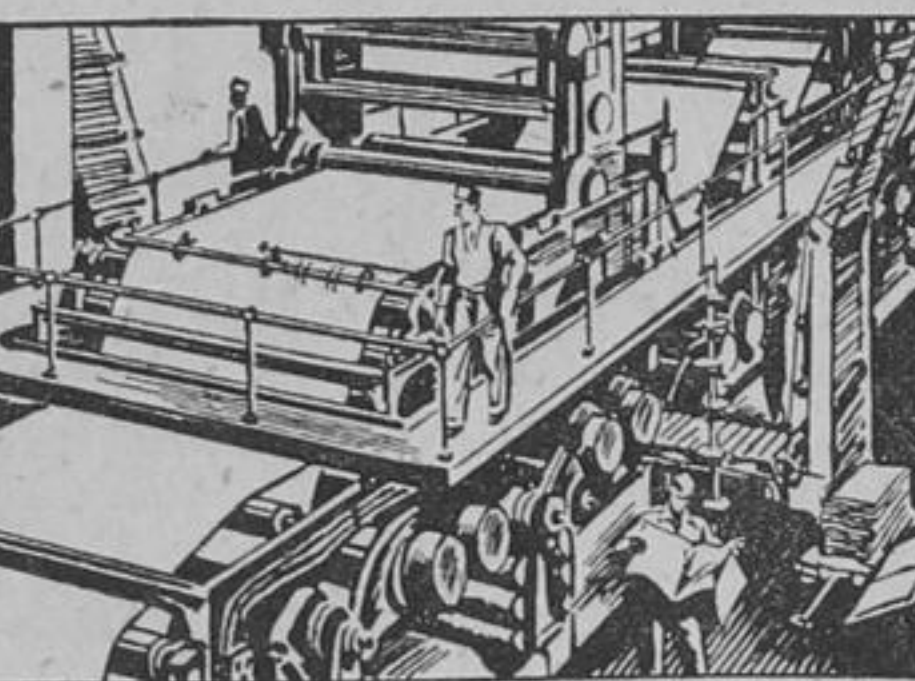
The *Gazette* had depended on government support. When this patronage shifted, *The Gazette* died. But Henry was determined. In 1769 he launched *The Nova Scotia Chronicle and Weekly Advertiser*, first Canadian newspaper entirely dependent on the support of the general public.



Meanwhile, other newspapers were rising — meeting the growing public demand for news, opinion, entertainment.



Soon, newspapers were everywhere. Government support was no longer necessary, for newspapers attracted private financial backing.



A modern newspaper is a costly enterprise, but as Henry attempted to prove, it can exist independent of government financing.



Men like Anthony Henry depended upon their all-important associates — the far-sighted lending institutions and banks of Canada. They are always ready to help men of sound resolve... to help create the achievements that make Canada great. When you deposit your savings or do business with your Bank, you contribute to its power for progress. You become a partner with your Bank in the many enterprises which shape the future of our country. Drop in for a chat with your Bank of Nova Scotia manager. Your initiative can profit from his sound financial advice and assistance. You'll find him a good man to know.

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