

Thornhill And District News

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Thornhill Socials

Appendicitis
Jimmy Wood, 16 year old son of Rev. and Mrs. S. A. R. Wood, was stricken with appendicitis early Tuesday morning and rushed to St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto for operation that same day. At present he is resting comfortably although the will be confined to bed for some time. Jimmy is a student at Ridley College and was spending his Christmas vacation at home at the time.

Lucky Draw Winner
Arthur G. Crawford, 8 Arnold Ave., Thornhill, was the winner of a \$50.00 prize when his lucky number season pass was drawn at a North York Midget League hockey game between Nobleton and Thornhill on Wednesday night. The draw was held under the auspices of the Thornhill Hockey Association, with Dave Foster, the Thornhill goal keeper, making the draw. The score during the game was 5-0 for Nobleton.

Week Of Prayer
Under the auspices of the Thornhill Ministerial Association, a special week of prayer has been arranged for Thornhill during the first week in January. All the services will be conducted in Trinity Anglican Church with Rev. Percy Buck of Thornhill Baptist taking the Tuesday service; Rev. Calvin Chambers of Thornhill Presbyterian taking the Wednesday service; Rev. E. B. Eddy of Thornhill United taking the Thursday service and Rev. S. A. R. Wood of Trinity Anglican taking the Friday service.

Christmas Visitors
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harley, Galt, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harley Jr., Long Branch, spent December 26 with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Harley, Yonge St.

Mrs. Richard Harrison had as Christmas guests her two sisters, Cynthia and Joan who are nurses in training at Galt General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Booth, Highland Park, had as their Christmas guest, Dave's father, Mr. Walter Booth, who is a patient at Kleinburg hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Napier, Elmbank Road, spent Christmas in Detroit and will return in the New Year.

Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Eddy left on Tuesday to visit with friends and relatives in Brantford and returned today (Thursday).

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bell, Toronto, had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Poulter, of Thornbank Road.

Canon and Mrs. R. A. Armstrong, Toronto, visited with their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Stratton and family on Christmas Day. Mrs. David G. Kennedy and Miss Margaret Kennedy, Thornbank Rd., spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Kennedy's son, David Kennedy, Toronto.

Mrs. W. A. Dean, John St., had the 13 members of her immediate family for dinner on Christmas Day.

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Previewing an event of the New Year, Evelyn Hardy holds a front cover of the new Toronto Suburban-North telephone directory which will be delivered to Bell Telephone customers in Thornhill, Willowdale and Dor Mills areas in January, 1956. She points to a map on the cover showing the areas served by the Avenue 5, Baldwin 1, Baldwin 5, Hickory 4 and Hickory 7 exchanges. The telephone numbers beginning with these prefixes will be contained in the new book.

Pupils Of Thornhaven School Enjoy Christmas Concert

Gaily decorated with an exhibition of their own work, Thornhaven School on Bayview Ave. recently was the scene of a Christmas concert given by the 17 pupils of the Thornhill and District Association for Retarded Children for their families and those of members of the Association. Directed by their teachers, Miss Dolly Kotela and Mrs. Natalie McPherson, the children and their guests enjoyed a lively programme.

First came a Nativity tableau to the piano music of "Silent Night," then two children pantomimed "Miss Polly had a Dolly who was sick, sick, sick." The Rhythm Band, dressed in red hats and capes, entertained with several numbers, ending with their favorite "Davy Crockett," then three children did the skit "The Night Before Christmas in pantomime. Baton twirling and square dancing ended the concert.

The climax of the party came with the entry of Santa Clause (Mr. Bert Hodgins of Willowdale Rotary Club) who distributed gifts to the children, and it ended with refreshments for all.

Trustee Chairman Willard Simpson

In the recent elections a number of changes were made in the various municipal councils, village trustee boards and school boards in the area. The newly elected members, who take office in January, will bring a wide background of knowledge and experience to the municipal bodies they will serve on.

In the Police Village of Thornhill, the newly elected chairman of the board of trustees is Willard Simpson who led the polls at the recent election. Mr. Simpson has been a resident of Thornhill nearly all his life and attended Thornhill public school and Richmond Hill High School. Following the completion of school, he joined the staff of the Standard Bank which was later amalgamated with the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

After many years with the bank, Mr. Simpson along with his wife, the former Marion Ellis of Richmond Hill, left to become owner-manager of Idylwyld Lodge in Muskoka. Recently he joined the staff of the J. R. Herington Insurance Agency.

Mr. Simpson has always been interested in the community, being a former member of the Board of Langstaff school and then secretary treasurer prior to the formation of the present school area. He is a charter member of the Thornhill District Lions Club and has served as president and secretary in the early years of its formation. He has two daughters, Nancy and Jane, both attending Richmond Hill District High School, and is a member of Thornhill United Church.

Turkey Dinner For Pensioners

A brightly illuminated Christmas tree, a long table prettily decorated with motifs suited to the season, covers laid for 27 chairs grouped by the piano, all in the cosy, cheery Social Hall of Thornhill United Church, made the setting for a full-course Christmas Dinner complete with turkey, cranberry sauce, angel cake topped with whipped cream and cherries, mince pie, and all the rest, for 25 members of the Second Mile Club, all Old-Age Pensioners, who depend solely on their monthly cheques from the Government for their rent, food, and everything.

Thursday evening, December 15, was the date of the Woman's Association of the Church were the hostesses, and the Rev. and Mrs. Earl Eddy acted as table host and hostess, and Mr. Eddy warmly welcomed the guests. Place favors at table were a handkerchief, wrapped in the form of a Christmas cracker. The President of the Woman's Association, Mrs. P. Barrow, made a charming Mistress of Ceremonies, leading in the singing of Christmas Carols, chosen by the guests, while Mrs. D. A. Gunn officiated at the piano. Special numbers included solos by Mrs. W. L. Burke, duets by Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Barrow, and humorous recitations by a skilled, young elocutionist from Richvale, Garry Skippin.

Then, to everyone's delight there emerged volunteer artists from among the guests, who favored the assembly with solos and recitations, thoroughly enjoyed by guests and hosts alike.

Besides the place favors, the gifts from the hostesses included red Christmas stockings filled with oranges, apples and candy, and a Christmas card for each, enclosing a money donation. Then, there was a grocery bag for each guest, holding canned goods, wrapped individually and donated by the pupils from the Henderson Avenue Sunday School. And, welcome too was a gift sent at the request of one of the hostesses by the Borden Company, of a large tin of milk powder for each of the guests.

The visitors left the social hall with hearty expressions of thanks and cheery Christmas wishes. Volunteers from the Men's Club of the Church motored the guests to and from the Church, on that very happy occasion.



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Party Marks End Of Exams For Thornhill H. S. Students

To mark the end of Christmas Examinations and the beginning of the Christmas holidays, students and members of the staff of Thornhill High School enjoyed a holiday party on December 22. Entertainment was under the direction of Mr. E. Lavender. Students participating in the program were Jim Stuckey, the negro flea trainer; Nevil Thomas as

Liberase; George Putnam as Pavlova II and Bob Shipley as Mr. Thomasson's Chinese friend. Roger Hobbs, Doug Langdon, Liz Coulter, John Bord, Robert Biggs and Ann Watts also added to the humour of the event.

The Staff Carollers were under the baton of Mr. Thomasson while Mr. Bateman made a perfect Davy Crockett, right down to the shotgun and coonskin hat. Agile stick-handlers were Mr. Seath, Mr. Lazar, Mr. Lavender and Mr. Turchin.

The mystery guest of the day further concealed his identity by appearing as Santa Claus and during the party, singled out some of the students for the presentation of special gifts. Much to the surprise and delight of the students, Santa turned out to be none other than Principal A. S. Elson. The presentation of a gift to Mr. Elson from the staff ended the party on a gay note.

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Visiting Clinics
Mr. J. J. McKay, Managing Director of Shouldice Surgery, has been travelling in the western United States and Canada visiting the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., The Thorlissen Clinic at Winnipeg, Man., and other similar institutions to gather information about the internal financial arrangements of other group practices. He has been accompanied by Dr. Nicholas Obney, Chief Surgeon of Shouldice Surgery, who has been studying surgical procedure at the University of Minnesota and elsewhere in the West.

School Concert
Thornlea School celebrated Christmas on the morning of December 22 in the spirit of giving. Pupils and staff assembled in the hall at 9:30 a.m., sang carols, then presented their caretaker, Ernest Glassford, with a turkey, towards which all had contributed. Three children from Miss Nicholson's Grade I class, Hugh Lennerville, Gary Henderson and Eileen Churchill, made the presentation.

After further singing all returned to their own classrooms which were festively decorated by the pupils and each class held its own concert around its own Christmas tree. Gifts were exchanged, and before leaving for the holidays each child enjoyed refreshments and a bag of candy and fruit treats.

The principal, Gordon Learn, wishes to express thanks and appreciation to the School Board for the gift of ice cream, and to Thornlea H & S for the bag of treats. School will resume January 3.

Personal
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Fox of John Street who celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marchiori with Judy, Janice and Deborah motored to Timmins to spend a few days at Christmas with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hunt entertained her brother, Kenneth Plumridge, and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Holden and Bruce, as guests for the Christmas week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shropshall and daughters, Linda and Elizabeth spent a few days at Christmas with Mrs. Shropshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill at Richmond Hill.

A merry custom was continued this year when several men went carol singing and calling on their neighbours on John Street and Green Lane on Christmas Eve. As they went from house to house they gathered more and more merry-makers, then all gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Hunt for late refreshments.

Miss Karen Hunt and Alan Gibson enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Morrison, Douglas Drive, Toronto, who entertained a group of University of Toronto School students and their friends on the evening of December 23.



central news room looking at a news script prepared for one of the CBC's first newscasts 15 years ago: (L to R) Lamont Tilden, Larry Henderson, Frank Herbert, Harry Mannis and Earl Cameron. Approximately 100 editors and writers are employed in news gathering and editing for CBC radio and TV newscasts



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