

Thornhill and District News

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The Liberal is always pleased to publish items of interest contributed by its readers in the Thornhill area . . . Our representative in Thornhill is Mrs. Donald Smellie, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-3555.



These three Scouts, members of the 1st Thornhill Troop were the recipients of Queen Scout rings presented by the executive of the Mothers' Auxiliary at a recent

Parents' Night. The boys are, left to right: Dennis Robinson, Clive Simpson and Bruce Whyard.

97 Entries Flowers & Baking October Horticultural Show

There were 97 entries in the October Show, held by the Thornhill Horticultural Society on October 16. This special fall show had not only floral arrangements but entries of home canning, home baking and fruits and vegetables. Prize-winners are as follows:

- Decorative Arrangements**
A vase of seasonal flowers: Mrs. Crutcher, Mrs. Bridges, Miss Shaw. An arrangement featuring chrysanthemums: Mrs. Bridges, Mrs. Crutcher, Mrs. Mizen. "Summer's Echo," an arrangement of dried materials suitable for mantle: Mrs. W. Thompson, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Bridges. "Autumn Splendor," an arrangement of autumn colors: Miss Shaw.
- Jams, Jellies, etc.**
1 Jar raspberry jam: Mrs. Whatley, Mrs. W. Thompson, 1 Jar strawberry jam: Mrs. Whatley, Mrs. Poulter, Mrs. Pherrill. 1 Jar of jam, any other variety: Mrs. Healey (second), 1 Jar conserve, any other variety: Mrs. Poulter, 1 Jar Red Currant jelly: Mrs. Poulter, Mrs. Whatley, Mrs. Pherrill. One jar any other jelly: Mrs. Poulter, Mrs. Whatley, Mrs. Pherrill. Canned peaches: Mrs. Poulter (second). Canned pears: Mrs. W. Thompson, Mrs. Poulter, Mrs. Pherrill. Canned plums: Mrs. Poulter, Mrs. Thompson. Canned cherries: Mrs. W. Thompson, Mrs. Pherrill, Mrs. Poulter. 1 Jar fruit, any other variety: Mrs. W. Thompson, Mrs. Poulter, Mrs. Pherrill. Chili Sauce: Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Poulter. Mixed mustard pickles: Mrs. Pherrill.

United Men's Club Hears Missionary

The Men's Club of the United Church held its first meeting of the fall last Tuesday evening in the Sunday School hall with 40 present. A delicious roast beef dinner was served by the ladies of the W.A. Mr. Kenneth Duncan, president, took over the meeting. Rev. E. B. Eddy introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr. Godfrey Gale head surgeon at Weston Sanitarium. Dr. Gale gave a very interesting and enriching talk on his experiences as a medical missionary in China during World War II. The last two years there he and his wife and baby spent in a Chinese internment camp. Dr. Gale was thanked by Mr. Wm. Staples.

A nominating committee was appointed to select new officers for the coming year, these being: Rev. E. B. Eddy, Mr. Ken Duncan, Mr. David MacLaren, Mr. E. B. Hodgins and Mr. Bryan Sharpless.

Car Demolished Driver Injured

On Friday evening last a serious accident took place at Yonge and Elgin Sts. Mr. E. C. Read of Elgin St. was returning home and was making a left hand turn onto Elgin St. off of Yonge when he became involved in a collision with a car traveling north. Mr. Read's car was completely demolished and he, himself was badly shaken up with several broken ribs and slight internal injuries, but we are glad to report that he is progressing favorably in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Dorothy Fugler Wins Speaking Contest

Miss Dorothy Fugler won the public speaking contest at the Thornhill Public School which gave her the privilege of participating in the area contest to be held Tuesday, October 30 in the Henderson Avenue Public School. The delightful Halloween decorations appearing on some of the shop windows in the village are the work of the senior grade children of Thornhill Public School. They are to be congratulated on their artistic endeavors. Two of the artists' pictures were noted in a Toronto newspaper, these being Miss Susan Kaye and Miss Dorothy Fugler.

Thornhill Notes

Convening the forthcoming Bazaar put on by the Parish Guild of Trinity Church, will be Mrs. Betty Tyson. Working with her will be the following members: Sewing, Mrs. D. Sowdon and Mrs. P. Echlin; knitting, Mrs. Jackie Barrett; dolls' clothes, Mrs. Kay Shaw; candy, Mrs. Hazel Booth; bake table, Mrs. Elaine Ackerhurst; fish pond, Mrs. Betty Ball; white elephant, Mrs. D. Kingdon and Mrs. J. Langman; tea tables, Mrs. Clonie Jones. The members of the Girls' Auxiliary will be selling Christmas corsages. Proceeds of the Bazaar will go towards carpeting the church.

Miss Loretta Dean, John St., is spending a two week vacation in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Burgess, Thornridge Drive spent last week holidaying in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cameron of Port Hood, Nova Scotia, are visiting, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Toby, Yonge St.

Mr. Norman S. Dowd of Ottawa spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fugler, Arnold Ave.

Presbyterian Church News
We are glad to report that Rev. Calvin Chambers is progressing very nicely after his recent throat operation. The Rev. Thos. Maxwell, a lecturer of the Toronto Bible College, was guest speaker at the Sunday morning service.

The Young Adults group met Sunday afternoon for tea and fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marge. The program centred around the study book, "What is the Church" and a film strip, "The Living Word" was shown.

The Young Life Club joined the Young People of Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Saturday evening for a Halloween gym game at the Knox Youth Centre. Games and sports were held in which Thornhill was the basketball champions. The evening was under the direction of Mr. Samuel Butler, director of youth at Knox Church.

The showing of the film "Martin Luther" on Sunday evening in the Sunday School hall was very successful with a large gathering.

Anglican Church News
The Little Helpers of Trinity Anglican Church celebrated their fourth birthday with a party on October 23, attended by 65 children and 25 mothers. A short service was held in the church conducted by the Rector, Rev. W. E. Askew. The mite boxes which the Little Helpers brought were opened and the children emptied their donations into a basket held in front of the chancel steps. Rev. Mr. Askew showed the Little Helpers the Baptism Font where they were christened, and also the beautiful glass stained window wherein the infant Jesus was brought to the temple to be baptized.

After the service the children

and mothers were entertained in the Church Hall where the children played games and were shown slides about "The Little Helpers". Children Bible Story books and Little Helpers literature were on display. Refreshments were served by members of the Woman's Auxiliary which group sponsors the Little Helpers. Mrs. C. Phillipson Stow is the secretary of the Trinity Church Little Helpers group.

On Friday evening last the Rector and Wardens of Trinity Church entertained the choir at a turkey dinner and social evening with 50 in attendance. The caterers served and the evening was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tyson and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Day.

Confirmation classes for early teenagers have started and meet Tuesday afternoons after school in the Church Hall. Twenty young people are attending these classes.

United Church News
A meeting of the Sunday school teachers was held Thursday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. Wm. Heron, Oakbank Rd., with 14 present. Plans were discussed for the Christmas party and gifts for the children. Mrs. Nelson Gage will be the Sunday school superintendent for the 10 a.m. service with Mr. Allan Martindale remaining superintendent at the 11:30 a.m. service.

The Guild will be holding the annual bazaar and bake sale Saturday afternoon, November 3, in the church hall. Mrs. Charles Sinclair will open the bazaar which will start this year at 2:30 p.m., a half hour earlier than previous years. The bazaar convenors are: Mrs. F. MacMullen, tea table; Mrs. H. Large, Christmas table; Mrs. A. Jamieson, plants; Mrs. J. Davies, bake table; Mrs. R. Jeffrey, delicatessen table; and the three convenors for the fancy goods and sewing section are Mrs. C. Atkinson, Mrs. Bryan Sharpless and Mrs. G. Buckler.

The H-C group held its third meeting of the season Sunday evening with a very good attendance of boys and a noticeable absence of boys. The counsellor for this meeting was Dr. Meuser, and his group presented the program. The devotionals was taken by Mr. Short and Bob McGhee. Rev. E. B. Eddy took his usual Bible study period. A fine film was shown entitled "The New-comers". This picture portrayed the variety of contributions that emigrants of Canada are making. Dr. Meuser then led a very interesting discussion of the theme. Refreshments were served by Nancy Clement and Penny Reid.

The two christenings performed Sunday by the Rev. E. B. Eddy were David Gordon Cram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cram of Thornlea Farm, John St., and Kevin George Gardiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gardiner, Yonge Street.

Planning For Highway Commercial Development

by F. H. Brennan (Member of Markham Township Planning Board)

In considering the many miles of roads that traverse Markham Township it would readily be apparent that three categories of roads exist. Of greatest importance are the arterial or trunk roads like No. 7 Highway and Don Mills Road linking up main centres of population. Next in importance are roads such as the Kennedy Road carrying traffic having its origin outside the Township and its destination generally within the Township. Finally there are the local roads usually linking small communities.

Perhaps for long term sound planning we should ensure that our arterial roads do not run through a neighbourhood, nor be flanked by development which has access to it. However, such an ideal plan is not practical at this stage in our growth. Frontage on such roads can be valuable if 'properly' developed; and what is meant by 'properly' is a contentious issue!

Paralleled by Service Roads

Today highways are being engineered for ever-increasing speed. The greater the speed, the straighter must be the road, and the more clearly defined its boundaries. To maintain speed vehicles must not be allowed to stop — and so reduce the width of the moving stream. The plan for the development of highway commercial sites therefore envisages certain sections of well travelled highways being paralleled by service roads. These service roads would have limited access to the main highway only at points having good visibility in both directions. Consequently areas where the road winds, is undulating, or where vision is masked by trees, etc., are unlikely to be zoned for commercial development at this time.

The establishment of service roads will be new to the Township, and will necessitate new decisions by council. Roadside advertisements and signs must not be allowed to disfigure the countryside or cause blind spots, or contribute to road accident. The planting of trees should be given some thought, e.g. the poplar has a bad reputation for breaking pavements. The service road should either be fully lighted or not at all as patchy lighting is distracting and dangerous.

Bound to Have Opposition

Inevitably certain individuals will object to areas designated for highway commercial. Conflicts will arise where a man has a nice home and learns that some day a service road will run through his garden. Here, as in other cases of non-conformity, Planning Board proceeds with the view that a non-conforming building should not be given a perpetual "life." The duration of its life will vary dependent upon its probable physical life; its probable effective economic life, and the detrimental effect of its continuance. It is an old saying that "You can't make an omelet without breaking eggs" and "vested interest" however human and reasonable they may be must

make way to some extent for the general good of the whole community. The development of highway commercial establishment and light industries other than on a service road is not encouraged, as they tend to create conditions of congestion and danger. The highway store is being replaced by the shopping centre where adequate parking facilities ensure safety and convenience for all, and do not jeopardize the swift movement of through traffic.

The only deviation from the principals set out above is for gasoline service stations. However, only certain sites which have been deemed desirable will be zoned for development, and strict regulations are being drafted to assure that every safety factor possible is incorporated in the station layout.

(This is the thirteenth of a series of articles on Planning written by a member of the Markham Township Planning Board designed to better acquaint the public with the work of their local planners. — Editor.)

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