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. Donaid Smellie, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-3555.

Trinity W.A. Holds Party

The beautiful spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Tobias once again lent itself to the members and friends of the Woman's Auxiliary of Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill, for the annual Christmas party.

Rev. Wm. Askew opened the meeting with prayer. The president welcomed all present. A letter of thanks was read from the rector's wife of Colinton, Alberta, where two bales of good used clothing and Christmas gifts for children had been sent by the

Mrs. F. Frater who had lived several years in Budapest told the ladies about this beautiful city and its people and made an appeal for help for the Hungar-

The highlight of the afternoon was the showing by Mrs. W. Askew of the pictures taken on a trip to the west this past sum-

Gaily wrapped Christmas gifts were brought by the members and will be delivered before Christmas to the two elderly ladies in the room adopted by the W.A. at Strachan Houses, the Anglican home for elderly people. The singing of some of the old familiar carols was enjoyed to the piano accompaniment of Mrs. Wm. Howard.

Mrs. G. Johnstone and Mrs. Roger Priestman expressed the thanks of the members to Mrs. Tobias and Mrs. Askew for their part in making this such a happy

Refreshments were served to Society celebrated its 40th an- Address Mrs. Askew presided.

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40th Anniversary



One of the highlights of the recent 40th anniversary of the Thornhill Horticultural Society is seen above as Mrs. J. A. Thompson cuts the anniversary cake. With her in the picture are: left, Mr. J. E. Francis, centre right Mr. N.

Mr. and Mrs. Teason.

Mr. Percy Bone named the

winner of the Percy Bone Rose

Mr. Healey then gave a most

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buffet supper.

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nesday, December 26, 1956, will be

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requested to govern themselves

Alfred LeMasurier

Reeve

The Thornhill Horticultural interesting and informative talk The first school was started in

village of Thornhill.

Following the supper, Mr. Tom | The Horticultural Society re- school is built on land formerly Pherrill, the president introduc- ceived its charter in 1916, the owned by Nicholas Cober in 1794. ed the guests at the head table: first meeting being held at the He built his saw mill on the Don Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Mr. residence of the late Mr. Francis where now stands the New Upand Mrs. St. Clair Tennant, Dr. Simpson, which was formerly an lands Golf Club. There is a lot of and Mrs. Lundy who are life important stop for the change of historical background in this villmembers and four charter mem- horses and passengers in the age unknown to many people who bers, Mrs. Arthur Thompson, early years of the stage coach are now living here in very mod-Mrs. J. Wells, Mr. Nelson transportation system.
Smellie and Mr. Ed. Francis. Mr. Simpson was the

Mr. Simpson was the first hon- Links With Past Beautiful bouquets of 40 red ouary president, with Mr. Nes- In closing, the Findlay House, Christmas meeting of the After- Meuser, and the following were A. Cooper, Mr. E. Nicholson and The president thanked the executive members who were in charge of organizing the evening and the ladies of the United Church Guild for the delightful lic schools including Newton-

> der for their awards then and bers by a "Barber Shop Quarwith a lot less to work with. To- tette," the Tone Rangers from day with the use of machinery it Willowdale, who are members of has been asked what do we do the S.P.E.B.S.S.A.

with our spare time. members who worked so hard in guest speaker, Mr. John Clark, gave a Burma. the early years of the society but | who has been with the Horticulthe Thompsons, Bones, Heslops, tural Society of Ontario for 50 Teesons, Deans, Boyles, min- years. Mr. Clark recently returnisters of the churches, Mrs. Jas. ed from a conducted tour to the Pearson, the Howards, and Mrs. Near East of which he was the R. Simpson, who was very active Horticultural Expert. right up to her late years, are among the many devoted work- culture of such places as Japan, ers. Mr. E. Kohler is known for Hong Kong, Thailand, Sîam and his hard work and is often quot- Hawaii. He also spoke of the

century mark. To support four was enjoyed by all. churches a century ago in straggling community meant that there must have been industry and there certainly was. Ten mill were in operation in 1810 to 1850 chiefly centred round the river Don, running back from the present Thornhill Golf Course and below the old Yonge St. trail and it was from these mills that the community was known first as Atkinson's Mills, then. from Devon, England and was very successful in business or trading. He bought up mills and Yonge & Centre St., Thornhill was heavily engaged in the export of flour to England and the boats brought back mrchandise so badly needed in that period He also with Wm. Parsons ran a large store, hotel and stables. He lived where the Thornhill Golf Club House is today. His home was burned and Dr. Wm. Langstaff built his famous Hawthorn Mineral Springs on the same foundations.

More Early History Mr. Thorne was responsible for the first post office in the community and Mr. Parsons was the first Master of the post office. Mr. Thorne became president of the Bank of Montreal in 1843 and laid the cornerstone at Front and Yonge about that time. When he bought the mills on the Don the name was first Thorne's Mills, and then the farmers jocularly called the community THORNE'S HILLS because of the very steep hill leading up to his flour mill and later it was shortened to its present THORNHILL. These were the busy eighties but the crash came when the repeal of the Corn Laws took effect about 1848 and the dam went out in a GENERAL AUTO REPAIRS | bad storm which ruined the mill ponds and the first railway line was built ruining the community TU. 4-1242 entirely. The village never recovered from the triple loss to its

industry.

Smellie and right Mr. E. T. Pherrill. Mr. Pherrill is the 1956-57 president and the other members of the group are charter members, joining the organization at its inception in 1915.

- Photo by Lagerquist

Balser Munshaw's old log house the 50 ladies present by the hos- niversary Tuesday evening of Mr. Healey, who is chairman built in 1794 at Langstaff and the tesses, Mrs. L. Redman, Mrs. D. last week in the United Church, of the show committee spoke on first teacher rode from AMBOY Ross Myles and Mrs. F. Jennings. Hall in the form of a Buffet sup- the past 40 years of the Society in New Jersey on horseback, 550 per with approximately 160 pres- and included some history of the miles. His name was John Langstaff. The present Langstaff

roses were later distributed to bitt the first president, Miss Mary formerly called the Queen's Ho- noon Auxiliary of the Woman's elected: three other charter members who Simpson was secretary and later tel, was a well-known landmark Missionary Society of the Thornwere unable to be present, Miss Mis Winnifred Simpson was the but was burnt down in 1950 and hill United Church, which was Vice-President, Mrs. D. Davidsecretary-treasurer for some time. the present modern shopping held on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. son; Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. During her term of office, the centre is on the old site. The 10th, in the Church Hall. Society was very active holding shop of the late Bart Edwards | The President, Mrs. I. W. Ford, Mrs. G. R. Stewart; Treasurer, very good flower shows through was the old shop of the late G. conducted the meeting. the summer months but the Soc- A. West, a very well-known spot | The Devotions were in the ardship, Mrs. E. B. Eddy; Chrisiety was kept well in hand to buy about everything that was form of a Candle-Lighting serv- tian Citizenship, Mrs. . Russell; through the winter months. The needed. Mr. West was the great- ice, which was related to the cur- Community Friendship, Mrs. E. annual banquet was always a sell- grandfather of Mrs. Gordon rent study on the Churches of N. Meuser; Associate Members, out with full course meal, guest Davie. Eggs and butter were dear South Asia. The following coun- Mrs. W. Stewart; Missionary speakers and the prizes for the but meat was a good buy at from tries were represented by: season's work in the various 3c a pound for pork to 6c for Burma, Mrs. M. Honey; Korea, ture Sec'y, Mrs. E. N. Meuser, classes. The junior work was beef and lamb at 5c. Strong links Mrs. W. Simpson; New Guinea, Supply and Assistant, Mrs. G. then fostered by the three pub-still remain today with the past. Mrs. D. Davidson; Canada, Miss Harper; Miss L. Kerfoot; Press, Mr. P. Delf thanked Mr. Hea- A. Boyle; Malaya, Mrs. W. Sta- Mr. T. Barrow; Study Book, Mrs.

ley. The meeting was then fav- pells; Hong Kong, Mrs. T. Bar- R. Whatley; Pianist, Mrs. G. Rus-The members had to work har- ored with some well-known num- row.

Guest Speaker It is hard to pick out the many Mr. Bone then introduced the

He spoke of the beauty and ed as the Santa Claus of the poverty in Hong Kong and with his closing note asked that we The Society keeps about 200 ac- who are blessed to be living in tive members on the register and this beautiful province of Ontarhas been very happily housed in io, remember these people at the halls of the United Church. the Yuletide season especially, This church with the Anglican, Mr. R. Poulter thanked Mr. Clark Presbyterian and Roman Cath- and presented flowers to Mrs olic churches are all over the Clark. A very wonderful evening

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The Guild held its annual was an elder at Armour Heights Christmas party Thursday even- Church; and Mr. Jan. Kok, a ing of last week at the Summit native of the Netherlands. In View Restaurant, Richmond Hill, Holland he was deacon in with 44 present. The tables were church with a membership of gaily decorated with candles and 10,000 people. He also served as the ladies enjoyed a delicious chairman of the Board of Manturkey dinner with Mrs. E. B. agers in the Christian Reform Eddy as their guest. The pro- Church, Toronto. gram and evening was convened | Sunday School Party by the Christmas committee con- The annual Christmas party of venors, Mary Atkinson, Helen the Sunday school was held Fri-

Large, Marion Sharpless, Marion day evening at Thornhill Public Craig, Gladys Robertson, Jean school with over 100 present. MacDuff and Lorraine Denby. After dinner the group sang program. Some of the highlights familiar Christmas Carols ac- of the evening were a piano duet companied on the piano by Clare by Vicky and Linda Watt, a re-Hodgens. Lillian Francis read citation by Virginia Wade and a lovely Christmas story, written by Mrs. Peter Marshall. The re- Lynn and Jack Tanquay, Franmainder of the evening was spent | cis Barrett, Lynn and Jack Tanplaying court whist, the first two quay sang "We Three Kings of prizes going to Marian Sharpless | Orient' dressed in costume. The and Lily Jamieson. The consola- program was convened by Mr. tion winners were Joyce Davies | Alex Brown. The Fortnighters and Elizabeth Ecclestone. Due to the Christmas Examin- and candy were distributed to ations at school, the Hi-C met the children by Mr. Ross Brown

Sunday evening in the church and Mr. Richard Penrose. hall with a very small attend- The Young Life group met on ance. However, those present en- Sunday evening in the Sunday joyed a very interesting meeting. School hall. Dr. Max Hopwood Penny Reid and Clara Heron of India spoke of his mission took part in the devotional period | work among the lepers and showwith Rev. Eddy playing the piano ed coloured slides. Cokes and for the Christmas carols that were | cookies were served as refreshments to the 30 present

Mr. W. O. Hallawell, who was The W.A. held its Christmas unable to be present, had two meeting Thursday of last week men from the T. Eaton's Public at the home of Miss Elizabeth Relations Department show a Francis with 15 present. The devery colorful and extremely in- votional period was taken by teresting film on a trip to the Mrs. Mizen, with Rev. Chambers Eastern Provinces which they reading from the Gospel of St. Light refreshments were served shown on the theme, "The Blesand the meeting adjourned.

United Church WMS In 1957

The Festive Season was very! The slate of officers for the

much in evidence, with lighted ensuing year was read by the

candles and a Creche, for the Nominating Convenor, Mrs. E. N.

Eddy also took part in the serv- A Carol sing-song, led by Mrs.

Mrs. R. Whatley was in charge The meeting closed with the Miz-

of the Study Book which dealt | pah benediction and a social half-

gave a very fine presentation on being Mrs. I. Ford, Mrs. E. N

Five new elders were ordained | tess, Miss Francis. into the church Sunday morning. | Socials They were Mr. Norman Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Thomptwo years; Mr. Murray Malloy ing in Prescott, Ontario.

Each class had a part in the served refreshments and oranges

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Luke. Christmas pictures were sings of Bethlehem." Refreshments were served by the hos-

a native of P.E.I., who also has son of Renfrew have returned to been very active on the Board their home in Thornhill after of Managers and keenly interest- having been away for 10 years. ed in the young people. Mr. Gor- Mr. Thompson is now with the don Patterson, a former member Bank of Nova Scotia in Markof Glenview Church, Toronto, ham. Their son Bob, is living in and also Superintendent of the Russell, Ont., and their daughlocal Sunday School for the past ter Marilyn is married and liv-

of King City, who before com- Dennis Robinson, Arnold Ave., ing to Thornhill, was an elder of the 1st Thornhill Scout Troop in the "People's Church", Tor- was one of 12 boys picked to onto; Mr. Lloyd Magee who be- represent York Central district fore coming to Thornhill was in the Jubilee Jamboree to be very active in boys' work at held in England next summer.

President, Mrs. I. W. Ford; 1st

Monthly, Miss A. Boyle: Litera-

sell; Assistant Pianist, Mrs. G.

G. Russell, was much enjoyed.

Meuser, Mrs. E. B. Eddy.

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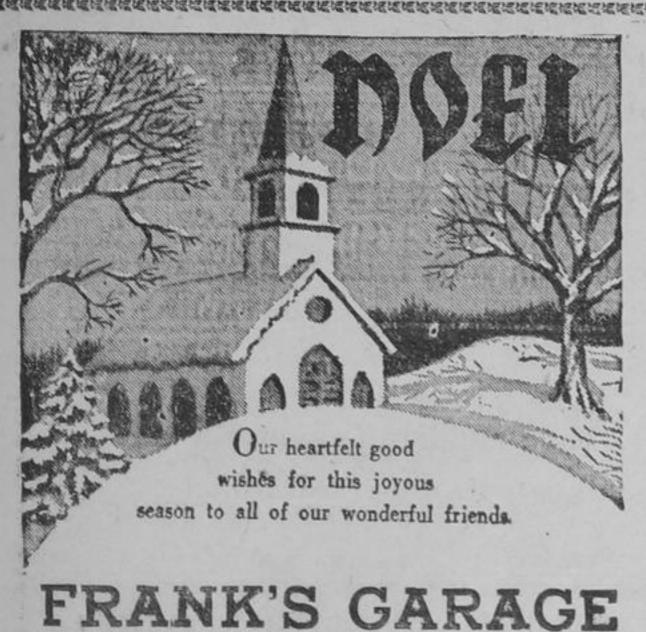
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