

# Thornhill and District News

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## Trinity W.A. Holds Party

The beautiful spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Tobias has 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 W.A.

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 Hungarians.

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

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 occasion.

Refreshments were served to the 50 ladies present by the hostesses, Mrs. L. Redman, Mrs. D. Ross Myles and Mrs. F. Jennings. Mrs. Askew presided.

## 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.

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

The Thornhill Horticultural Society celebrated its 40th anniversary Tuesday evening of last week in the United Church, Hall in the form of a Buffet supper with approximately 160 present.

Following the supper, Mr. Tom Pherrill, the president introduced the guests at the head table: Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Tennant, Dr. and Mrs. Lundy who are life members and four charter members, Mrs. Arthur Thompson, Mrs. J. Wells, Mr. Nelson Smellie and Mr. Ed. Francis. Beautiful bouquets of 40 red roses were later distributed to three other charter members who were unable to be present, Miss A. Cooper, Mr. E. Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. Teason.

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 buffet supper.

Mr. Percy Bone named the winner of the Percy Bone Rose Bowl Trophy.

Mr. Healey then gave a most interesting and informative talk.

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**Links With Past**

In closing, the Findlay House, formerly called the Queen's Hotel, was a well-known landmark but was burnt down in 1950 and the present modern shopping centre is on the old site. The shop of the late Bart Edwards was the old shop of the late G. A. West, a very well-known spot to buy about everything that was needed. Mr. West was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Gordon Davie. Eggs and butter were dear but meat was a good buy at from 3c a pound for pork to 6c for beef and lamb at 5c. Strong links still remain today with the past.

Mr. P. Delf thanked Mr. Healey for the meeting and then favored with some well-known numbers by a "Barber Shop Quartette," the Tone Rangers from Willowdale, who are members of the S.P.E.B.S.S.A.

**Guest Speaker**

Mr. Bone then introduced the guest speaker, Mr. John Clark, who has been with the Horticultural Society of Ontario for 50 years. Mr. Clark recently returned from a conducted tour to the Near East of which he was the Horticultural Expert.

He spoke of the beauty and culture of such places as Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Siam and Hawaii. He also spoke of the poverty in Hong Kong and with his closing note asked that we who are blessed to be living in this beautiful province of Ontario, remember these people at the Yuletide season especially. Mr. R. Pouiter thanked Mr. Clark and presented flowers to Mrs. Clark. A very wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

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## Thornhill Notes

### United Church News

The Guild held its annual Christmas party Thursday evening of last week at the Summit View Restaurant, Richmond Hill, with 44 present. The tables were gaily decorated with candles and the ladies enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with Mrs. E. B. Eddy as their guest. The program and evening was convened by the Christmas committee convenors, Mary Atkinson, Helen Large, Marion Sharpless, Marion Craig, Gladys Robertson, Jean MacDuff and Lorraine Denby.

After dinner the group sang familiar Christmas Carols accompanied on the piano by Clare Hodgins. Lillian Francis read a lovely Christmas story, written by Mrs. Peter Marshall. The remainder of the evening was spent playing court whist, the first two prizes going to Marlan Sharpless and Lily Jamieson. The consolation winners were Joyce Davies and Elizabeth Eccleston.

Due to the Christmas Examinations at school, the Hi-C met Sunday evening in the church hall with a very small attendance. However, those present enjoyed a very interesting meeting.

Penny Reid and Clara Heron took part in the devotional period with Rev. Eddy playing the piano for the Christmas carols that were sung.

Mr. W. O. Hallawell, who was unable to be present, had two men from the T. Eaton's Public Relations Department show a very colorful and extremely interesting film on a trip to the Eastern Provinces which they took last summer.

Light refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned.

**Presbyterian Church News**

Five new elders were ordained into the church Sunday morning. They were Mr. Norman Martin, a native of P.E.I., who also has been very active on the Board of Managers and keenly interested in the young people. Mr. Gordon Patterson, a former member of Glenview Church, Toronto, and also Superintendent of the local Sunday School for the past two years; Mr. Murray Malloy of King City, who before coming to Thornhill was an elder in the "People's Church", Toronto; Mr. Lloyd Magee who before coming to Thornhill was very active in boys' work at

Glenview Church, Toronto, and was an elder at Armour Heights Church; and Mr. Jan. Kok, a native of the Netherlands. In Holland he was deacon in a church with a membership of 10,000 people. He also served as chairman of the Board of Managers in the Christian Reform Church, Toronto.

### Sunday School Party

The annual Christmas party of the Sunday school was held Friday evening at Thornhill Public school with over 100 present. Each class had a part in the program. Some of the highlights of the evening were a piano duet by Vicky and Linda Watt, a recitation by Virginia Wade and Linda Watt, a Christmas duet by Lynn and Jack Tanquay, Francis Barrett, Lynn and Jack Tanquay sang "We Three Kings of Orient" dressed in costume. The program was convened by Mr. Alex Brown. The Forntighters served refreshments and oranges and candy were distributed to the children by Mr. Ross Brown and Mr. Richard Penrose.

The Young Life group met on Sunday evening in the Sunday School hall. Dr. Max Hopwood of India spoke of his mission work among the lepers and showed coloured slides. Cakes and cookies were served as refreshments to the 30 present.

The W.A. held its Christmas meeting Thursday of last week at the home of Miss Elizabeth Francis with 15 present. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. Mizen, with Rev. Chambers reading from the Gospel of St. Luke. Christmas pictures were shown on the theme, "The Blessings of Bethlehem." Refreshments were served by the hostess, Miss Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Thompson of Renfrew have returned to their home in Thornhill after having been away for 10 years. Mr. Thompson is now with the Bank of Nova Scotia in Markham. Their son Bob, is living in Russell, Ont., and their daughter Marilyn is married and living in Prescott, Ontario.

Dennis Robinson, Arnold Ave., of the 1st Thornhill Scout Troop was one of 12 boys picked to represent York Central district in the Jubilee Jamboree to be held in England next summer.

## Mrs. I. W. Ford Will Head United Church WMS In 1957

The Festive Season was very much in evidence, with lighted candles and a Creche, for the Christmas meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Thornhill United Church, which was held on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 10th, in the Church Hall.

The President, Mrs. I. W. Ford, conducted the meeting.

The Devotions were in the form of a Candle-Lighting service, which was related to the current study on the Churches of South Asia. The following countries were represented by:

Burma, Mrs. M. Honey; Korea, Mrs. W. Simpson; New Guinea, Mrs. D. Davidson; Canada, Miss A. Boyle; Malaya, Mrs. W. Staples; Hong Kong, Mrs. T. Barrow.

Mrs. I. W. Ford and Mrs. E. B. Eddy also took part in the service.

Mrs. R. Whatley was in charge of the Study Book which dealt with South East Asia, and she gave a very fine presentation on Burma.

The slate of officers for the ensuing year was read by the Nominating Convenor, Mrs. E. N. Meuser, and the following were elected:

President, Mrs. I. W. Ford; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. D. Davidson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. Barrow; Corresponding Sec'y, Mrs. G. R. Stewart; Treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Eddy; Christian Stewardship, Mrs. E. B. Eddy; Stewardship, Mrs. E. B. Eddy; Community Citizenship, Mrs. Russell; Community Friendship, Mrs. E. N. Meuser; Associate Members, Mrs. W. Stewart; Missionary Monthly, Miss A. Boyle; Literature Sec'y, Mrs. E. N. Meuser; Supply and Assistant, Mrs. G. Harper; Miss L. Kerfoot; Press, Mr. T. Barrow; Study Book, Mrs. R. Whatley; Pianist, Mrs. G. Russell; Assistant Pianist, Mrs. G. Davidson.

A Carol sing-song, led by Mrs. G. Russell, was much enjoyed. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction and a social hour followed, with the hostesses being Mrs. I. Ford, Mrs. E. N. Meuser, Mrs. E. B. Eddy.

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