

Thornhill and District News

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Trinity Church Annual Meet Shows Considerable Activity

The annual meeting of the Vestry of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill, was held last Monday with 89 members in attendance. In a report on the condition of the parish, the Rector, Rev. Wm. E. Askew showed the growth was evident in all aspects of church life. He reported that the large attendance at the 11 a.m. service on Sundays is well over 400. In the church school and Bible Classes over 350 are registered and average attendance is at a high level. During the year branches of the Anglican Young People's Association and Girls' Auxiliary were formed. The Rector plans formation of a parish council of Christian Education, a men's organization, a Guild and a program of mid-week activity for boys. The Warden's report showed that congregation offerings amounted to \$23,399.91. Contributions sent to extra parish needs amounted to \$5,565.40. A budget of just under \$25,000 for 1957 general expenses was accepted by the congregation. The assessment and allotment of \$4,025.00 was approved. The congregation authorized the awarding of a scholarship of \$1,000. to a divinity student at either Wycliffe or Trinity College. John F. Day was presented with the Bishop's Licence to act as Lay Reader for the parish. Herbert T. Girard was presented with a hymn and prayer book on his retirement as superintendent of the Sunday School after eight years service. The Rector appointed W. S. Kertland as Rector's Warden. G. P. Howe was re-elected People's Warden. Other officials elected were: Head Sidesman Ed Lean; Envelope secretary M. A. Hunter; lay delegates to Synod, R. C. Napier, R. V. Tyson, Mrs. Joe Robinson, with W. S. Kertland, Mrs. R. B. Priestman and R. C. Byford, E. W. Duder, H. H. Idon, R. B. Priestman, F. D. Jennings and those elected were R. C. Poulter, J. F. Day, F. Baxter, A. J. Everett, M. Powell, F. N. Donkersley. Auditors appointed were F. C. Baker and H. E. Garland.

Thornhill Notes

The March of Dimes
Turn your porch light on Thursday evening, January 31, and welcome the mother who calls at your home for "The Mothers' March of Dimes" between 7 and 8 p.m.
Mrs. Keith Croft is the Captain heading the committee for the Thornhill area. Her lieutenants are Mrs. R. Byford for Thornridge Dr. and Arnold Ave.; Mrs. J. Buchanan, Uplands Gardens; Mrs. F. Boyd, the Ball Subdivision; Mrs. S. J. Kaye, Elgin Street; Mrs. G. Davie, Thornbank area; Mrs. John MacNeil, Central Thornhill; Mrs. E. Axelsson, Highland Park; Mrs. Nathan Hicks, Langstaff East; and Mrs. Margaret Fletcher, and Mrs. Margaret Dennison, two well known experts who have been specializing in music for young children for 25 years gave a talk and demonstration, and their subject was "Music for Children". They stated their aim was to show the children that music can be enjoyed by everyone and not just the favored few who are very musical. They wanted to ensure the enjoyment of the music by the children. Their greatest objective was to help the young child become creative in music and allow him to experiment with different instruments and enjoy them without continually correcting and directing him. After the talk, Miss Fletcher and Mrs. Dennison demonstrated with different musical instruments their methods of introducing music to children and played some of the delightful music they have written for young children. The meeting ended with refreshments being served under the sponsorship of Mrs. D. Berg and her assistants, Mrs. P. Whitehead and Mrs. W. A. Wright.
Presbyterian Church News
The Young Adults group met Saturday evening for a bowling party at Richmond Hill Saturday evening. Afterwards the group plan who died in July.
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Mens Club Speaker Tells Of Progress In Telephone

The United Church Men's Club met Tuesday evening of last week in the church hall with approximately 35 present. After a roast beef dinner served by the ladies of the W.A. Rev. Mr. Eddy opened the meeting with prayer. Gerry Hill, the president, was in the chair. Al MacMillan introduced the speaker for the evening, who was E. C. Forster of the Bell Telephone Co. In his address entitled "Talking Box to Transistors" he stated: "Research is constantly being carried on to provide Canadians, who are the world's top telephone users, with the communications their vast and growing country needs, also statistics show that Canadians speak on the telephone more than any other people, but that Canadian leadership in telephone matters should not be regarded as a novelty. "Alexander Graham Bell did much of his early research work at his family home near Brantford. The first successful long distance test of the telephone was held between Brantford and the neighboring community of Paris. The first telephone exchange in the British Empire was opened in Hamilton."
Whereas the Bell Telephone Company served only 2,000 telephones in 1880, the year it was founded, it now has a network of 2,600,000 in its Ontario-Quebec territory.
Mr. Forster said this growth has been made possible by continual technical progress which he illustrated by comparing a primitive type of telephone, a wooden box with an attachment which served both as mouthpiece and as earphone, with a new type introduced only a few years ago.
Termining the two instruments symbols of the development of the telephone industry, Mr. Forster illustrated the difference in their qualities of voice reproduction.
Mr. Forster also demonstrated the transistor, "a revolutionary new device which will do most of the work of a regular vacuum tube — and a lot of other things as well — using only a fraction of the space and power."
By inserting a tiny capsule containing a transistor-amplifier into the circuit of a record player, he turned soft music into a thunderous roar. To demonstrate that an extremely small amount of power is needed to operate a transistor he showed how it worked as an oscillator using a "battery" consisting of a piece of damp paper and a 25-cent coin.
Mr. Forster also described the Bell Solar Battery. He said it was the first device to convert substantial amounts of the sun's energy directly and efficiently into electricity. The solar battery has been tested successfully in a rural telephone system.
Whereas the most important problems faced in the early days of the telephone industry related to transmission, the chief problems today are caused by the great volume of calls, the speaker said.
The number of calls, both local and long distance, and the number of telephones served have both more than doubled in the last eight years.
To cope with this expansion, mechanization — first of switchboards, later of dial equipment — has been gradually introduced.
"The telephone companies of North America are developing a plan for direct distance calling on a continent-wide scale, and your operators here will soon be dialing calls to the majority of the 5,000,000 telephones in Canada and the United States," said Mr. Forster. "Equipment which will switch and forward calls automatically is being set up in the major traffic centres." Long distance centres of this kind are now in service in both Toronto and Montreal making it possible for four out of five long distance calls made in Bell territory to be dialed direct by the operator.
The speaker was thanked by Mr. Bryan Sharpless.

Bellwood Camp Forms Happy Centre For Retarded Children

The January meeting of the Thornhill and District Association for Retarded Children was held at the Thornhaven School, with the Rev. Walter McCleary as speaker. Rev. McCleary is associated with the Bellwood Camp for retarded children which is situated on 22 acres of land belonging to the Kinsmen Club at Grand Valley, Ont.
The reason for starting the camp, which has been organized for the past three years was that there are camps for diabetic children, spastic and crippled children, but none for the retarded child who, as Rev. McCleary pointed out is just as much a child as the others. The motto of the camp is "Every child has a right to his childhood" taken from Charles Dickens' "Barnaby Rudge" which is in part a story of a retarded boy, who also coined the expression, "Now we are going to see what makes the stars shine." Rev. McCleary said they certainly found out what makes these stars shine as many of the children arrived at the camp as introverts, shy, retiring and lonely but after a few days they came out of their shells and really started shining, were full of fun, with rosy cheeks, enjoying one another's company and most of them left as extroverts.
Need Accommodation
The demand for accommodation was beyond the capacity of the camp and last year 25 applications were turned down. This year's quota has already been filled. He went on to say it seemed too bad that they have so much land and so many children waiting; many of them from the downtown sections of the city, but because of lack of facilities they cannot be accommodated, this year at any rate. They are expanding by leaps and bounds, but this project is just in its infancy and will take time to complete. The financing of the camp is a big problem and the parents are asked where possible for a modest sum to cover the child's board. The greater part of the financing is sustained by donations, the Kinsmen Clubs playing a great part in this respect.
Active Programme
The main building is a stone structure with a large dining room, which is also used for crafts on rainy days. In addition, films and dancing classes are held there. Swimming instructions are also given by competent teachers on fine days. All types of retarded children are accepted from the age of six upwards. There are two nurses and a doctor present at the camp at all times as well as a counselor for every three children.
Rev. Mr. McCleary stressed that, as with all work with re-

THORNLEA NEWS

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The Thornlea Boys Hockey team played their second game of the season on Monday, January 21st against Henderson Ave. School. After two exciting periods of play, Thornlea edged out Henderson two goals to one, winning goals being scored by Dave Pady and Howard Curtis.
Little Stevie Van de Kempe, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, Master Feeds Farm, has been a patient in Sick Children's hospital for several days.
The next regular meeting of the Home and School Association will be held on Wednesday evening, February 15th, in the school. Please keep this date open and plan to attend the meeting.

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Birthdays go to Terry Gain, 26 Henderson Ave., who celebrated his 10th birthday on Friday, January 25.
On Tuesday, February 5, the Doncaster Ladies' Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Jordan, corner of Morgan and Henderson Aves. Mrs. Jordan is the club's new representative to the Doncaster Highland Park recreation committee. At this meeting they will elect new officers and carry out the already twice-postponed draw for an eight-piece kitchen utensil set. Any women wishing to join this club may do so by phoning Mrs. Angel at AV. 5-1557.
On Friday the Doncaster Bible Chapel's teenage club held a delightful party at the home of a member, Roberta Rosendale, 1 Clarke Ave.
The Henderson Ave. School senior boys hockey team lost a close 2-1 contest to the boys from Thornlea school on Monday, January 21.
Recreation Committee
The Doncaster-Highland Park recreation committee has drawn up these times restrictions on the use of the ice rink at Henderson Ave. school ground. The ice is open to everyone except on most of Sundays which is to be used for hockey in this order: the Thornhill and District hockey club up to 9 a.m.; from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. all boys 12 years and up; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for boys 12 and under; 1-3 p.m. the boys over 12 again; and from 3-5 p.m. the under 12 lads take over the ice. On Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. the rink is reserved for the Thornhill and District midget hockey club to practise.
The first euche scores of the current Ladies' Club marathon were Mr. and Mrs. Rischbrough of Willowdale winning over Dave Barbour and Vic Dale; Mrs. Peacock and Russell defeated Mrs. Dale and Richard Barbour 62-57. The other score was 76-55.

Presbyterian Church Reports Show Healthy Expansion

The annual meeting of Thornhill Presbyterian Church was held Jan. 28 in the form of a buffet supper. The meeting opened with a short worship service conducted by Rev. C. H. Chambers. Reports of the various organizations all showed progress and a fine spirit of co-operation.
Among new members elected to the board were Messrs. Arris, R. Watt, W. Sinclair, H. Stoddard, W. Sharpe, E. Tanquay, R. Ild, E. Sand, N. Buck and B. Williamson.
Session
The session reported 162 members, with between 50 to 60 adherents. 38 joined the church in 1956, 12 by profession of faith and 26 by transfer of membership. There were 10 infant baptisms and one adult and one death.
Highlights of the year were: The congregation raised \$16,140, through envelopes which exceeded the objective of \$16,000. This figure included \$1,000. for missions and over \$10,000. for church extension. A planned visitation campaign was made with 13 teams taking part. Communion trays were dedicated in memory of Mr. John Coper, life-long member and elder of the congregation who died in July.
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HIGHLAND PARK NEWS

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The first issue of a new venture in the publishing field came off the mimeograph machine this week. The Henderson Gazette is the work of fifth grade students at Henderson Avenue School, and we hear that it is to appear weekly under the supervision of Mr. Myers. The staff of the Gazette is made up of Bonnie Barnes, editor-in-chief; Jim Hayes, news; Paul Russell, sports; Dyanne Snary, literary editor; Honor Griffith, art editor; Ann Butler, lost and found; Marilyn Tobey, weather; Janet Crapper, gossip column; and Pamela Morrison, fun and games. The task of cutting stencils will rotate each week among those other students whose parents can supply typewriters. Stencils for the first week were cut by Elaine Babington and Dorothy Smith.
The contents of the first issue included items of local and foreign news, sports accounts, and a brief crossword puzzle. The staff of the new paper has succeeded in obtaining paid advertisements. We understand that the rates are quite low for a paper which might well have a circulation in the hundreds — only ninety cents for a full page. We extend best wishes for every success to the staff of the Gazette, and to all those other students at Henderson Ave. School who are supporting this new publication.
Socials
The Girl Guides held a skating party on Saturday, January 19. After skating on the rink at Hen-

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Ministerial Assoc. Presentation To Rev. A. A. Chote

The Thornhill and Richmond Hill Ministerial Association held their first meeting of the new year on Tuesday morning, January 22 at the home of Rev. Wm. Hiltz, minister of Langstaff Baptist Church. It was a farewell meeting for Rev. A. A. Chote of Richmond Hill Anglican church who is leaving to take up his new duties in Toronto. Mr. Chote brought a message entitled "Impressions of my Parish Life in Richmond Hill." He was then presented with a book from the members of the association. Expressions of gratitude for his fine work and fellowship were made by the chairman.
In the election of officers Rev. C. Chambers was returned as chairman and Rev. Mr. Hiltz as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Hiltz served coffee.

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