

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

Presbyterian Men's Club

Thursday evening's last week the Men's Club of the Thornhill Presbyterian Church held their monthly dinner meeting with the men preparing and serving the dinner.

Mr. James Boyd, the president, was in charge of the meeting. The guest speaker was Rev. Kenneth MacMillan, B.A., B.D., the general secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada.

Youth Vesper Service

Sunday evening the first Youth Vesper Service was held in the Presbyterian church at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting was in charge of Norman Terry. Mrs. Cathy Glen led in the responsive reading. A trio with Andrea McCarthy, Julie Morrison and Norman Terry sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

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For Over A Century

Boyle Family One Of Oldest In The N. Yonge District

by Doris M. Fitzgerald

Residents, who have moved to this district within the past ten years, associate the Boyle with the subdivision east of Yonge St., at Langstaff. To old timers, however, it means a family well known and respected throughout the area for more than a century.

It was in 1842 that twenty year old David Boyle left Liverpool, England, on a sailing ship bound for Canada. Just before embarking he wrote a farewell letter to his father in Greenock, Scotland, which is now in the possession of his grandchildren, Agnes, Marguerite, and Morgan Boyle, of Centre St., Thornhill.

After arriving in this country, David Boyle worked as a blacksmith for a short period in York Mills. His real brick smiting, in the hollow, of the west side of Yonge St., was only recently demolished. He then took up farming, first in Willowdale, and then in Richmond Hill, on the west side of Yonge St. The large white Boyle homestead, a landmark for many years, was sold to Don Head Farms.

David Boyle's son, David, also became a farmer, acquiring first, one hundred and five acres, on the west side of Yonge St., at Langstaff, and later, adding one hundred acres on the east side of Yonge St., which had once belonged to John Langstaff, for whom Langstaff is named.

In 1902 when a building on his property, which was operated as a store and post office by Mr. H. Horne, was destroyed by fire, Mr. Boyle succeeded Mr. Horne as postmaster. The post office used a corner in several private houses until 1912, when Mr. Boyle moved it back to his holdings at Yonge St., and the Langstaff site. Two years later he built the present brick building as a combined store, and post office. Mr. Boyle had assumed responsibility for the Post Office to insure continuance of the service in the community. The actual work however was delegated to an assistant postmaster, or postmistress, and in busy seasons, or in the absence of an assistant, his young son Morgan often sold stamps, weighed parcels, sorted and gave out mail.

In 1908 Mr. David Boyle built a commodious brick house on a knoll on his farm east of Yonge St. He and his family enjoyed this new home for four years. Then the property was expropriated by the City of Toronto, and the house became the residence of the Governor of the Jail.

Langstaff's loss was Thornhill's gain, for, in 1914 the Boyles bought and moved to Homeowood Hall, which had just been vacated by Dr. Carleton, a general practitioner. This charming old house provides a gracious setting for their many interesting pieces of antique furniture, several of which were inherited from their maternal grandparents. The Boyles, for instance, are in perfect condition though it came through the Battle of Waterloo. It belonged to their great grandfather, John Hann, whose name is engraved on one of the brass handles. A paymaster in Wellington's army, he emigrated to Canada as a half pay officer, after the war, and settled in Scarborough. His daughter Elizabeth married John Morgan, member of a pioneer Scarborough family. From this source they also inherited a chair of finely woven straw, which had belonged to Lady Colborne, and a square iron box stove once owned by Lieut. Gov. John Graves Simcoe, and which is now in the Museum at Sharon.

Since the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. David Boyle, their daughters and son, have continued, in the family tradition, to serve their church and community in an unobtrusive way. While willing to assist us by giving a few historical facts about their forebears, and some details about the too-short career of "Grip", they resolutely refused to talk about themselves. We are therefore adding the following particulars from personal knowledge.

Miss Agnes Boyle, long a member of Thornhill United Church Unit, is treasurer of Thornhill United Church Welfare Fund, and has capably held the same office in several other church societies, as well as for the Thornhill Branch of the Canadian Red Cross, all during the

last war. She has been a volunteer assistant at the Thornhill Library for more than 23 years, and a member of Thornhill Horticultural Society for even longer.

Miss Marguerite Boyle, a graduate of the Owen Smiley Studio, has made a name for herself as a teacher of elocution in Toronto and Thornhill. She is kept busy by her many pupils, and has countless scholarship, and gold medal winners to her credit.

After his father retired, Mr. Morgan Boyle continued to do mixed farming, commuting each day between Thornhill and Langstaff, until the farm became a subdivision. A former trustee of Langstaff Public School, which he once attended, he has been a Director of Richmond Hill Agricultural Society for many years. He is a member of Thornhill Masonic Lodge, and a charter member of Thornhill Lions Club, and of the Unionville Curling Club.

We also happen to know that the Boyles were members of the energetic group to whom we owe our Thornhill Park. They put on annual field days in the village, and the funds raised thereby were banked, and eventually, when the price was lowered, used to buy the park property, which had previously been rented for sports events.

And who was the aforementioned "Grip"? He was the Boyles' talented tame crow, given to them as a fledgling, and named for the raven in Dickens' "Barney Rudge".

Grip answered when called, and would even cock his glossy black head and say "hello" or "Well, well". He could bark like the dog, cackle like the hen, and differentiate between friends of the family, and strangers. Fond of accompanying anyone he knew on a walk, he would hop from bush to fence, to tree beside them, pausing briefly, now and then to bury with his beak, in the ground, any tidbit or small shiny object that caught his eye. Best of all he liked to ride on the shoulder, or wrist, of any of the Boyles to the butcher store, where he was always given morsels of meat. During the day he roamed the garden, and sometimes slipped in to the house. At night he slept in the barn but always expected a personal escort to his roost. "Mother, who was not very well, found him a very diverting pet", said Miss Boyle, "and he was marvellously well behaved at home". However, there were some complaints that "Grip" visited the Golf Club, and sometimes flew in through open, unsecured windows and disturbed dressing tables. One day Grip went "out of bounds" and never returned.

Bowling Scores

RICHMOND MAJOR WOMEN'S LEAGUE

February 28, 1958
Star of the week: Helen Tonner 665, games 241, 188, 236.
High triples: Ethel Carlisle 655, Grace Lusignan 633, Marge Fleming 628, Irene Mashinter 612, Bernice Darling 612, VI Laurie 612.
High singles (200 and over): Ethel Carlisle 205, 265, Marge Fleming 219, Irene Mashinter 204, 212, Eldra Taylor 237, Elvira Sparrow 255, Violet Woods 248, Vera Shropshire 261, VI Laurie 279, Grace Lusignan 246, Bernice Darling 225, Marie Mueselman 220, Addie Lund 229, Marj Black 204, Mary Robson 203.
Team standings: Marie Mueselman 22 pts, Helen Tonner 21, Edna Maybury 16, Bernice Darling 11.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

March 4, 1958
Bowler of the week: Mary Robson 706, games 300, 229, 177.
Blanche Ferry 224, Anna Wilkie 202, Bernice Darling 210, Jo Craik 200, M. Gibson 220, Edith Harding 200, Greta McKibbin 217, Dot Glass 243, Marj Archer 229, Isobell Bonner 204, Edna Maybury 16, Bernice Darling 11.

RICHMOND ROLLERS

February 27
G. Lusignan 222, 230, M. Mueselman 210, 236, C. Graham 211, V. Laurie 215, 215, T. Brooks 261, 239, R. Simons 229, D. Crutchet 202, A. Lund 226, V. Shropshire 211, 220, G. Towne 217, Pat. Linstead 214, D. Kipper 209, E. Dale 229, 204, D. Palmer 206, B. Darling 241. High three flat: B. Rumble 698.

THORNHILL LADIES

Bowler of the week: Dot Anstey 692.
Dot Anstey 258, 294, Lily Burnett 202, Jean Simpson 215, Hazel Cairns 233, Lily Jamieson 211, Lois Curtin 200, Anna Wilkie 220, Bernice Carswell 237, Dot Coutance 223, Joy Pickthall 211, Eliz. Campbell 206, Helen Water 222, Marg Slauenwhite 246, Beth Townsend 208, Muriel Robson 222, Bilyve Mover 224, Marg Eber 229, Jean Smith 217, Jane Baker 223, Elma Kent 240, Vera Moore 203, Jean Stewart 201, Amy Willocks 222, Mary Smith 211.

GLENBOWLING LEAGUE

As the fourth and final series started the Hustlers, Try Hards, Handicappers battle for first place with 7 points each, followed by Glenbowling, Busy Bees and Corner pins with 20, 10 and 10.
Bill Jackson led the men with a fine 806 followed by Charlie Pearce 700, Bob Stevens 676, Art Bedford 651, Geo. Gourlay 642, Morris Ferisue 639.
Louis Nelson led the fair sex with 746 followed by Lillian Pearce 735, Fran Leschak 702, Muriel Stevens 672, Pattie Page 661, Mae Moss 652.

FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES

February 28, 1958
High triple: Bud Hamby 792, Zella Teetzel 584.
High single: Al. Blackburn 328, Kay Kirk 236.
Over "200": Ross Casement 252, 253, Bill Huron 221, 216, Bud Hamby 316, 232, 244, Bill Smith 222, 204, 242, Bob Ross 294, 281, 229, 204, 267, Ken Flynn 250, 239, Earl Lamb 207, 240, 240, Jess Russell 209, 263, Jack Kiper, 212, Herb Ref 246, 213, Russ Brilling 288, Don Fettes 252, 282, 212, Bob Littleford 218, Bob Smith 217, 214, 202, Al. Blackburn 226, 328, Don Lawrie 262, Zella Teetzel 217, Dot Kipper 219, Kay Tomlin 204, Kay Kirk 236, Marjorie Murphy 200, Dot Power 215, Barb. Lambert 215, VI Laurie 208, Bert Ref 219.

MONDAY COMBINES

Ladies high triple: Irene Mashinter 595, Men's high triple: Herb Joslin 809.
Ladies over 200: Irene Mashinter 238, Beulah Baskerville 272, Grace Lusignan 221, 220, Joan Whily 211, Blanche Facer 226, Marilyn Taylor 202, 201, J. Stewart 206, Emily Barker 212, 222, Ethel Carlisle 208.
Men over 200: Reid 202, 203, Alex Peters 288, 260, Charlie Hawkes 220, John Mabey 273, 235, 213, Sam Carlisle 213, 278, John Nixey 232, Alex Oliver 246, Frank Pratt 202, Herb Joslin 282, 269, 258, Cam Cowan 228, 224, Bob Kennedy 241, Doug Clue 246, 221, Jack Fawns 209, Bill Poirer 243, 210, Geo. Smith 214, Mel Collier 222, Norman Bowen 262, 205, 317, Jim Baker 221.

THURSDAY NIGHTERS

February 27, 1958
Audrey Yule 218, 218, 215, Minnie Ground 231, 211, Ruth Charity 209, 202, Shirley Broderick 259, Marg Hall 253, Helen Jones 252, Eleanor Lecuyer 233, Gloria Allen 232, Wain Collard 207, Ruth Cowan 205, Beth Rice 207.
Cam Broderick 346, 269, 226, Cam Cowan 262, 217, Al. White 255, 239, Dick Mills 237, 212, John Wood 222, 201, Eric Charity 252, Eloyd Pratt 247, Jack Hill 241, Harold Ground 226, Alec Clarke 219, Harold Reid 218, Ben Thompson 212, Morley Hall 211, Will Beresford 206, Warren Hall 202.
Team standing start of fourth series: Bombers 5, Indians 5, Red Sox 5, Tigers 4, Strikeouts 3, Kingpins 2, Spitfires 2, Handicappers 2.

CANCER SOCIETY THORNHILL UNIT ELECTS OFFICERS

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FRIENDSHIP BOWLING LEAGUE

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Pegtops lead this series with 26 points.

COMMUNITY BOWLING LEAGUE

February 24
High single for week: Ladies, Elsie Tullock 278; Men, Hugh Kerr 286.
Other good games of 200 or over: Hugh Kerr 225, 242, Marg. Holtze 223, John Stewart 239, Rene McKee 230, Roy Thompson 284, Eddie Cooper 236, 216, 220, Roy Thompson, Lawrence Harrison 230, 239, Mary Beach 221, Jack Burke 200, 221, Joyce Bennett 219, Bud McKee 239, Andy Johnston 212, 212, Don Lawrie 274, 240, Dick Cooper 217, 200, Chuck Jesson 233, 200, Joe Roberts 226, Bob Jones 205, Joe Bob Correa 236, 200, Jim Fletcher 234, Ted Whalen 211, Lloyd Quance 243, Gladys Cooper 232, Bonnie Thornhill 259, Rene Perry 202.

NORTH END LEAGUE

February 28, 1958
The shining star was Jessie Hill with a terrific 768, beating her previous high triple for ladies by 28 pins, featuring singles of 265, 312, 191, Irene Leech 622 - 259, Addie Lund 218, Marie Mueselman 218, Mabel Haviland 215, Beth Smith 214, Irene Everatt 206, Maise Gibson 204, Dot Baker 201.
Men's high single: Fred Darlington 306, Howard Bennett 267, George Haviland 601 - 241, Bob Karsh 625 - 256, 223, Peter Jones 203, 207, Roy Lund 207, 217, Fred Teetzel 203, 205, Lorne Hill 217, 205.
Team standings: Pawnbrokers 20 pts, Guided Missiles 19, Pilots 19, Gofors 17, Rockets 16, Spitfires 15.

TOWN AND COUNTRY BOWLING LEAGUE

Wednesday, February 26
High single: Ladies, M. Umbach 225; men: M. Aceman 323.
High triple: Ladies, N. Hogarth 556; Men, T. Flejberk 739.
T. Flejberk 244, 247, 248, M. Madden 201, B. Cooke 246, R. Umbach 237, 223, B. C. Phane 243, 235, J. Ireland 236, B. O'Brien 239, R. Fleming 200, A. Brooks 221, J. Meade 278, 207, M. Aceman 323, J. Hope 214, F. Battler 251, K. Groom 243, 240, M. Umbach 225, E. Dietrich 222.

CANADIAN LEGION LEAGUE

Team standings: Ales 47, Ups and Downs 41, Four Pins 36.
High triple: Ladies, Jean Margolin 626; Men, Bruce Hazelwood 753.
Ladies: N. Sim 223, 202, N. Sutcliffe 206, R. Swarbrick 219, M. Burt 234, B. Nadeau 220, I. Hudson 211, 213, J. Marchiori 207, 250.
Men: N. Lenton 220, H. Adams 208, G. Turnbull 201, E. Martin 259, 241, 243, R. Harmer 238, B. West 203, C. Greenfield 218, B. Hazelwood 314, 220, 219, C. Hudson 209, B. Hudson 243, 201, E. Freeland 208, 274, 265, I. Hillaby 217, 208, J. Martin 282, 212, S. Compton 211, H. Hudson 217, 225, F. Leopard 201, J. Christie 217, R. Pearce 202, 251, F. Reid 233, F. Lenton 234, 218, L. Yoteff 204, 207, R. Condy 229, 247, A. Watt 227, R. Stockert 203.

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Visitors Join Holy Trinity W.A. In Annual Missionary Meeting

On Thursday, February 27, the Woman's Auxiliary of Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill, held its annual Missionary Meeting with the president, Mrs. G. S. Howe presiding. The meeting opened with prayer and the Bible reading was taken by Mrs. H. Smith. Plans for the afternoon were Mrs. S. S. Tobias, Mrs. F. Jennings introduced the guest speaker Miss Mary Mundy, who told of her experiences as a Sunday School by post van driver in the Diocese of Moosonee last summer. Coloured slides were shown of the work done among the children at a special school in that district. Mrs. H. Iddon graciously thanked the speaker. Mrs. Roger Priestman assisted by Mrs. G. Johnston had a display of Pakistan embroidery for which the Woman's Auxiliary is taking orders to assist the women of Pakistan. Dorcas work of the branch was also exhibited. A social period and refreshments were enjoyed by members and guests who regaled by the Richmond Hill, Unionville and the local churches in the village.

Special Grant For County Hospital Meets Opposition Before Passing

A special grant of \$20,000 was approved for York County hospital when County council set its 1958 budget. Earlier in the session, Chairman W. A. Spear of the hospital board appeared before council to request \$80,000. A detailed report was given by Mr. Spear for the urgent need for financial assistance to the hospital. He said the hospital's net cash deficit is \$148,768 with \$20,000 being due to indigent patients.
Municipalities pay York County hospital \$5.25 for each indigent patient (charity case) day's care. This is not enough to cover the costs of services provided by the hospital so that a loss on indigent patients for 1957 amounted to \$19,180, Mr. Spear explained.
No additional maintenance grant was approved for the hospital by York County council. A resolution was passed calling for an investigation of the hospital's operation by the provincial department of welfare.

Indigent Patients
A report on the loss to York County hospital due to care of indigent patients was presented. It listed the number of charity cases from each municipality; the number of days each spent in hospital; the total cost of the services; the amount paid by the municipality and the resulting loss to the hospital.

Newmarket had 20 indigent patients at York County hospital in 1957. It cost \$2,931. Since the municipality only paid \$1,436 of this amount, a deficit resulted of \$1,495.
East Gwillimbury's indigent patients received 365 days of treatment at the hospital. A loss of \$3,130 was recorded.
The remaining municipalities in York County and the number of days hospitalization provided for their indigent are: North Gwillimbury, 187; Vaughan, 15; Whitchurch, 25; King, 27; Markham, 42; Aurora, 118; Georgina, 65; Sutton, 93; and Stouffville, 52.

Oppose Grant
Opposition was voiced by representatives of many southern municipalities in York county to the payment of an additional operating grant to York County hospital. When the expansion of the hospital was planned, the county approved a capital grant of \$300,000 payable over a five-year period.

"It is the obligation of County council to contribute for indigent patients," said Warden Fred Armstrong, reeve of Woodbridge. "But I for one would oppose anything more. I realize the important job the hospital does but there should be other means of taking care of this deficit. It is the duty of the government to look after this and not the taxpayer on the municipal level."
"York County hospital doesn't

UNIONVILLE - Unionville Curling Club received a beautiful Silver tankard as a prize when the club defeated two Guelph rinks in the final round of the Ontario Curling Association's premier double rink competition held at the Toronto Granite Club recently.

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