

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

Thornhill - R. Hill Y.P.A. Hold Rally

The Thornhill-Richmond Hill Young Peoples Association held a rally in the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, June 15 with the Rev. C. Stanton, B. Th. a young Hebrew Christian as the guest speaker. Mr. Stanton was accompanied by his mother and brother who played the violin and sang. Rev. Stanton also sang a Hebrew selection entitled "Eli, Eli". Scripture was read by Mr. Gerry Easton and the Presbyterian Youth Choir sang one selection.

Students Visit Old Fort York

Three classes from the Langstaff School visited Old Fort York in Toronto on Monday, Grades five, six, seven and eight left the school at noon and proceeded via bus to the Fort where they went on a tour of all the old buildings and grounds. Among the things that were seen were the Simcoe Blockhouse, the oldest building in Toronto, the different buildings, cannons and magazines. After their tour of the fort the pupils then went for a ride along the Toronto waterfront.

The buses then returned to the school arriving about 4:30 p.m. The excursion was under the direction of Principal Mr. R. Urquhart, Mrs. Snider, Mrs. Windrum and Mrs. Hare, all of whom teach at Langstaff.

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Sr. Women's Institute
At the June meeting held at the home of Mrs. E. Toms, 14 members answered the roll call with "A Parade of Aprons". Mrs. Betty Pattison read a report on the District Annual held at Markham. Institute spoons were given out to all past presidents. The regular monthly auction was won by Mrs. Ruby Manol. The container for waste paper is now at the corner of Garden Avenue and Yonge Street and it is to be hoped that it will be used by all. At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served. There will be no meetings of the institute until September.

Cancer
The canvassers of the recent Cancer campaign in the Richvale, Langstaff area west of Yonge Street, were entertained at the home of Mrs. R. J. Miller, Birch Avenue, on Wednesday of this week. Those present were Mrs. H. Glassey, Mrs. E. Hann, Mrs. Gladys Smith, Mrs. R. McArthur, Mrs. H. R. Smith, Mrs. R. Richards and Mrs. W. Drew. Mrs. G. Purvis of Buttonville, Campaign Chairman, Richmond Hill District Unit of the Cancer Society was present to extend her personal thanks to the canvassers for having given so freely of their time and having produced such splendid results. The cancer society would like to thank all those who donated so generously to the campaign.

AURORA: Mr. and Mrs. George Griffiths were showered with gifts and flowers on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

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Thornhill Notes

Socials

Mrs. Arthur Kent, Thornbank Rd. entertained Monday night in honour of Miss Judith Hole of Willowdale whose marriage to Mr. Ian Shaw will take place on June 26 in Toronto.

Mr. N. J. Smellie, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sharpless, Miss Florence James, Mr. Oswald James and Mrs. Ida Elson attended a family reunion on Saturday, June 14, at the home of Mrs. Gladys Williams Ballard, Weston, Ont., in honour of Mr. Leonard James who left for the west in 1906 where he has resided for the past 52 years. This was Mr. James first visit east since that time.

1st Brownie Pack

The 1st Thornhill Brownie Pack held the closing meeting of the season in the United Church on May 10. Brown Owl awarded the Golden Bar to Dianne Bradley and Tawny Owl presented the following badges: Artist, Donna Sproule; athlete, Jane Brown, Heather Forbes, Lucinda Perry and Donna Sproule; collector, Priscilla Mendoza; cyclist, Heather Forbes; writers, Susan Austen, Susan Byford, and Heather Forbes. After the presentation the Pack walked up to the pool and enjoyed an hour's swimming before returning to the Church for a picnic supper and games. The picnic had originally been planned for the Park but uncertain weather necessitated a change in plan.

Baptist Church News

The June meeting of the Women's Auxiliary took the form of an indoor picnic at the church on Tuesday, June 10, weather conditions being unsuitable for the picnic to be held outdoors. The "centre" group conducted a program of contests and games for members and their pre-school children. Refreshments were served picnic style and a good time was had by all.

Baptist Church

The annual Sunday School and congregational picnic was held at Innisville Park, Lake Simcoe, on

Saturday, June 14, and was well attended. Although the weather was too cold for bathing, the games and races which were arranged by Neville Twine were enjoyed by all taking part. Picnic style lunch followed by a ball game completed a very enjoyable outing.

During the month a number of the Auxiliary surprised Mrs. M. Stringer when they visited her at her home on No. 7 Highway on the occasion of her 78th birthday.

Presbyterian Church News

The Couples' Club held their June picnic Saturday evening at the Boyd Conservation Park north of Woodbridge. Barbecued hamburgers were served by Mrs. J. MacKay, assisted by Mrs. J. Arnett, Mrs. R. Loverock and Mrs. B. Boyle.

Games were in charge of Mr. and Mrs. D. Puddy.

A men's ball game followed. The evening closed with a campfire and sing song, led by Mr. and Mrs. J. MacKay.

United Church News

Mr. G. S. Townsend was the guest speaker Sunday morning in Dr. E. B. Eddy's absence. Mr. Townsend is the student minister of the Wellandport charge. The General W.A. held its June meeting Thursday, June 12, in the form of a luncheon, sponsored by Group 3 under the conensorship of Mrs. Ralph Thompson. The guest speaker was Miss Elizabeth Yorke, buyer of imported foods with the T. Eaton Co. Miss Yorke gave a very interesting and amusing talk on foods of other countries and demonstrated her talk with samples of these foods.

A business period followed, conducted by the president, Mrs. L. May. It was reported that the W.A. cleared \$294.55 from the Smorgasbord luncheon in May. It was decided to name the fall bazaar to be held November 1, the "Hollyberry Fair". The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Donald Davidson.

Thornhill Grade Sixers Picnic At Bell Museum

The Grade 6 children of the Thornhill public school, with their teachers, Mrs. Jean Hill and Miss Vera Bersik and their principal, Mr. John Martin, enjoyed an exhilarating trip Monday, June 16, to Brantford, Ontario. Two bus loads left the school around 8:15 a.m., making their first stop at the Royal Botanical Rock Gardens in Hamilton, where cameras flashed, the children really enjoying the beautiful gardens and flowers. The children then visited the Mohawk Institute and Rev. J. W. Zimmerman, the present chaplain of the Mohawk chapel spoke to them telling of the Indian children who attended the institute, and also showed them the silver communion vessel and platter which was presented to the Mohawk Indians by Queen Anne in 1712. The group then visited the quaint little Mohawk chapel which was the first Protestant church to be built in Ontario with the aid of a grant obtained by Joseph Brant from George III. Over the altar are the Apostles Creed, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer, in the Mohawk language. This church is the only Indian Royal Chapel in the world. The tomb of Sir Joseph Brant adjoins the church.

This followed by all enjoying picnic lunches on the lovely grounds surrounding the home of Alexander Graham Bell. This was the home where Bell was inspired to invent the telephone which he did in the summer of 1876 and the world's first long distance call was made from Brantford to Paris, Ontario. The Bell homestead is now a museum with many interesting heirlooms of the Bell family.

The trip continued into Brantford where the group visited the Bell Memorial, from there they walked three blocks to the Brant County Historical Museum where they spent a fasci-

inating hour. They then walked over to Victoria Park to see Brant's Monument before climbing on the buses for a happy ride back to Thornhill, tired but, having achieved a greater knowledge of some of our Canadian History. Mr. Martin is to be commended for his interest shown in arranging these interesting and educational trips for his pupils. Other trips have been arranged for other grades this week to the Holland Garden and Midhurst Park. Grades 7 and 8 enjoyed an outing to Niagara Falls on Wednesday of last week.

Graduates



Miss Mary Catherine Clement, a recent graduate from the Stratford General Hospital School of Nursing is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon C. Clement, Kirk Drive, Thornhill.

Give Gordon Lake Award To Thornhill H. School

At the regular meeting of the York Central District Board Monday night, Principal A. S. Elson of Thornhill High School, announced a memorial prize has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. William Lake, in memory of their son David Gordon Lake who transferred to the Thornhill division of the Richmond Hill High School in September, 1954. Gordon transferred from North Toronto Collegiate to enter Grade X.

Though severely handicapped by ill health, Gordon at once became an enthusiastic and energetic member of the student body contributing to school activities in every way that it was possible for him to do so.

Even as a Grade X pupil he was both active and effective on the committee which drafted the constitution of the Thornhill High School Student Government. During his term with the school, Gordon gave leadership in many school activities which culminated in his election as Vice President of the Board of Student Senators.

While physically unable to participate in athletics he showed his interest in this field by acting as Secretary for the Boys Athletic Association for one year.

As a student Gordon was outstanding, attaining the highest grades except on such occasions as ill health prevented his doing so. Had he lived Gordon Lake would undoubtedly have attained high recognition among his fellows and brought honour and distinction to his school through a life of brilliance and service. The school is happy to accept this prize in honour of Gordon and to count him among those worthy of special recognition for services rendered.

This award of \$50 annually (until terminated by donors) shall be known as "The Gordon Lake Memorial Prize for English, plus any other two languages (Latin, French, German etc.) of Grade XII.

Conditions of Award
(1) The marks obtained in Grade XII only, following school policy of weighting, shall determine the winner.

(2) Student must write a complete Grade XII set of examinations in the year of award with a minimum of 3 options.

(3) The student must have an over-all average in all subjects of 60% (minimum), using the best 3 options (if pupil is carrying four or more) to calculate this average.

(4) The student must obtain an average of First Class Honours (75% minimum) in the specified subjects (English and Languages) with a minimum mark of 66% in any one or more of these special subjects.

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