

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

"Christmas Story" Carols Are Concert Highlight

On Wednesday evening, December 17, the senior grades of the Thornhill Public School presented a Christmas Concert to a capacity audience in the auditorium of Thornhill United Church. Mr. John Martin, the principal, welcomed all those present. The Grades 5 and 6, under the supervision of Mrs. Joan Hill and Mrs. B. McDowell, dressed alike in white choir gowns, marched in a procession to the stage to present a cantata of well loved carols to tell a "Christmas Story" with narration by Cathy Stewart, David Smellie, Rosemary Cording, Scott Tremaine and Jennifer Sumner. The choir formed a semi-circle around the Nativity Scene with Linda Brain as Mary, Gavin Burgess as Joseph and Andrew Lipp, Graydon Blackwell and Ralph Vandewal as the Wise Men from the East.

The three senior classes presented the operetta "Scrooge's Christmas" based on the familiar "Dickens' Christmas Carol". Major parts were taken by Mark Winter, Frank Maw, Glen Rogers, Bob Shelston, Bruce Atkinson, Joanne Phinnemore, Margaret Hills, Susan Alcock, Gail Gibson, Ken Knowlton, "The David Budget", Richard Jeffrey and John Denley. Every child participated, either as a character, dancer, or chorister. The choir and soloists were directed by Hugh Martif with Mrs. D. Buckingham assisting on the piano. Mrs. Jack Elliot was responsible for the excellent scenery and many of the costumes. Miss Bursik trained the dancers and assisted with the music along with Mrs. Bornhold, and Mr. McElhinney and his able crew handled the stage set up and lighting.

3rd Thornhill Guide Company Receives Flags



The 3rd Thornhill Guide Company was presented with its flags recently at the Powell Road Public School. The flags were donated to the Guides by Mr. and Mrs. Victor G. Stroud of Thornhill. Seen above from left to right are: Mrs. R. Barrett, President of the Women's Committee; Mrs. Stroud, presenting flag to Guide Captain Miss M. Barton; while Lieut. Mrs. F. St. John assists. — photo by Barbour

St. Paschal's Church Campaign Fund Passes \$80,000 Mark

The campaign for a new church in St. Paschal's Parish went over the top. Aiming at \$70,000, which was considered "an ambitious target" for 450 families in a newly established parish, the campaign passed the \$80,000 mark. It was the first time that parishioners worked together as a parish including a substantial number of New Canadians.

"Now we can go confidently to see His Eminence to decide on further plans for our new church," the Rev. Vincent LoSavio, P.S.S.C. Pastor, told his people at masses. More than 1,000 parishioners attend mass each Sunday in the North York Veterans' Hall. "Words are inadequate to describe our great pride in this exemplification of such faith and love on the part of the people in St. Paschal's towards Almighty God," said the pastor. Father LoSavio thanked one and all for the part they played in this drive, with special thanks to the members of the committee. He also thanked Nieuwenhuis and Sunday Fund Raising Co. "For the dignified manner in which they conducted the campaign" with special reference to Elwin Young, campaign director, who lives in neighboring St. Gabriel's parish. The campaign opened in November with special mass in the Veterans' Hall by Most Rev. F. A. Marocco who also spoke at all the masses.

1st Thornhill Brownie Pack Christmas Meet

When the 1st Thornhill Brownie Pack held its Christmas meeting on Tuesday last in the United Church, at least four Santa Clauses of different shapes and sizes were "Ho, ho, hoing" as they filled Christmas stockings. Teams of reindeer, some with antlers slightly askew, pranced about, each led by a red-nosed Rudolph. Near the Toaststool a stocking hung into which each Brownie put her Fairy Gold as she danced to her six song.

Janice Crowter of the Elves and Ruth Harrington of the Fairies counted the contents of "Porky" the pack's piggy bank, and reported a very impressive sum which has been sent to the Star Santa Claus fund.

Points were given each six for the games that were played. "What's in Santa's Stocking" proved to be a puzzler to many. The girls tried to guess, by feeling, just what was in a gaily coloured argyle sock. A parcel post relay in which the older girls' parcels were subjected to all the wear and tear of the Christmas mails proved exciting, and a novel relay in which corn flakes were transported by straws proved amusing.

Last, but by no means least, came a game in which each Brownie endeavoured to creep up and capture a large gally wrapped package without being seen. If she was caught moving she was turned to stone and there were many "stones" surrounding the parcel before Dianne Bradley finally made off with it. When opened it was found to contain crackers full of candy from Santa.

Tawny read the story of "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" as the pack enjoyed the cookies supplied by the leaders. Points were tallied — the Gnomes winning the prize by a good margin.

Thornhill Notes

Nursery School
The Thornhill Nursery School held their Christmas party Friday morning with their mothers attending as guests. The children sang their little songs and some carols under the direction of Mrs. Kathleen Griffen. They exchanged gifts under the Christmas trees. Light refreshments were served to both children and mothers convened by Mrs. Ralph Robinson.

United Church News
A special program of Christmas music under the direction of Mr. Hugh Martin with Mrs. Donald Gunn at the organ was provided at the Sunday morning service, December 21. Members of the choir were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Thornbank Road following their practice Thursday evening, December 18.

Baptist Church News
The Women's Association of

Thornhill Baptist Church held their Christmas meeting on Tuesday evening, December 16, in the form of a congregational social which was well attended. The north group under the leadership of Mrs. Roland Jardine were in charge.

The meeting opened with a few carols followed by a Christmas prayer by Mrs. Jardine who also led the devotional period, her theme being "The Christmas Story". The Rev. James Smith closed with prayer. A program of games followed, after which refreshments were served.

Rev. Percy Buck thanked the ladies and the meeting closed with the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds".

The ladies of the Women's Association cordially invite all the ladies of the congregation to attend their meetings which are held monthly. Look for the date in the church calendar.

White Gift Service
The annual White Gift service was held Sunday morning, December 21. The gifts were sent to Miss Stella Gaverluck of Toronto, who is associated with the "New Canadian Work".

A special of midleight carol service was held Sunday evening under the direction of organist, Mr. Dennis Thompson.

Presbyterian Church News
The annual Christmas party and concert of the Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church was held Friday evening, December 6, in Thornhill Public School.

Mr. Alex Brown, the superintendent of the Sunday school, welcomed the parents and acted as master of ceremonies.

The children presented their white gifts which were later taken to the church for the service on Sunday morning.

Some of the highlights of the evening were the singing of "Away in a Manger" by the beginners and kindergarten children, a duet by Bruce Atkinson and Kees Vandermay, a piano duet by Elizabeth and Richard Sands, the presentation of an amusing skit by Jane Brown and Janice Crowter and the children's choir under the leadership of Mrs. C. E. Tanguy who sang "The Partridge in the Pear Tree" and "Jolly Old St. Nicholas". A very beautiful film entitled "The Birth of a Saviour" was shown.

Mrs. C. Chambers assisted at the piano throughout the concert.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Fortnighters.

White Gift Service
The annual White Gift Sunday service was held December 21 with the many gifts received being sent to Evangel Hall, the Presbyterian Mission in Toronto. Special Christmas music was rendered by the organist, Mrs. F. Heydens and the junior and senior choirs under the direction of Mrs. Ada Rowe.

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Christmas Story

(By Rev. P. G. Buck, Thornhill Baptist Church)

The people of Palestine were not very enthusiastic about Caesar's decree that all the Roman Empire should be registered, each in his own tribal centre. Joseph and Mary lived a long way from Bethlehem, and might be absent for some time.

On their arrival in Bethlehem they found all the lodging places occupied. Some considerate person offered Mary and Joseph a corner in a stable, and there Mary laid the Baby Jesus in a bed of straw in the manger.

Did it really matter to Jesus where he was born? In future years he would not be able to count anything his own. Gladly he renounced the glories of heaven to accept the meager lot of earth's poor and needy, who owned little more than the pallet they slept on and the crust of bread that made up their daily meal. To them, hungry in soul and burdened in spirit, Jesus appealed and offered to satisfy their deepest needs. It mattered very little to the Babe from heaven where He was born on earth.

Had the herald angel sought out a palace in Jerusalem where to announce the birth of the world's Saviour, he would have been disappointed. Most Hebrews were not listening for messages from heaven; they were waiting for some strong voice from among their leaders to call them to action. So it was that the heavenly messenger told the wondrous story to some insignificant shepherds, and they heard the astounding news that in Bethlehem, that same night, the Lord's Anointed had been born.

With hurried steps they went to Bethlehem; they found the Babe even as the angel had promised, and their story caused wonder and praise to all who heard it.

The glory of Christmas is for humble hearts. These alone can hear the angels sing; they alone will hasten to the manger to see God's Gift of Love to all mankind. "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

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CHRISTMAS CANDIES
Because the Christmas season is usually a period of extra candy eating, children and adults should remember that they are endangering their dental health unless the toothbrush works overtime. Teeth should be brushed immediately after eating, since particles of food, especially sugars, may start to form tooth destroying acids within a few minutes.

E. T. Pherrill Appointed Principal Earl Haig H. S.

By Mrs. Doris FitzGerald
Of special interest in this area is the appointment of E. Thomas Pherrill, a resident of John St., Thornhill, as Principal of Earl Haig Collegiate Institute, Willowdale. Mr. Pherrill, who takes on his new duties in January, 1959, will have a staff of 70 teachers, and an enrollment of 1,350 students.

He succeeds R. Allen Young, who has become the Assistant to the Superintendent of Secondary Schools.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Pherrill, who now live in Markham Village, Tom Pherrill was born on a farm in Markham Twp. and educated at Markham and Toronto Normal School. He also took summer and extra-mural courses at the Toronto University.

From his first teaching post near Newmarket, he came to Thornhill Public School and taught grades 4, 5 and 6 until he enlisted in the Army Medical Corps. After 3½ years overseas as Sgt. Major, he returned to the village of Thornhill and in 1946 and '47 took an honor degree in English and History at Queen's University. Then followed two years as a teacher at Stouffville High School and two years at Earl Haig Collegiate.

From 1951-57 he headed the English Department at Bathurst Heights Collegiate. From September 1957 to the present he has been vice-principal at the new Northview Heights Collegiate.

Mr. Pherrill married Miss Lucille Dean, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dean in 1942 and since then has made his home in the village.

A member of "Thornhill United Church, he is a past president of the Men's Club of the Church, also a member and past president of Thornhill Horticultural Society. He is a governor of the Ontario Teachers' Federation and also chairman of the standing committee of teacher certification of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

LAST MINUTE'S BEST

If salt is desired in cooked vegetables, add it at the last few minutes of cooking. Do not use baking soda with the idea of brightening the colour or flavour — it will not improve either and will tend to destroy some of the vitamins and minerals.

WOODBIDGE — Russell Rowntree, well known Vaughan Township farmer, was a guest on CBC Television program "Country Calendar" Sunday afternoon. Mr. Rowntree recently suffered the loss of his barn by fire, and in the TV interview gave some interesting facts about insurance. You learn when you have a fire, said Mr. Rowntree, that none of your implements or equipment should be listed as "miscellaneous."

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

While Christmas tree lights are quite small, they give out enough heat to start a blaze if they are allowed to rest on the dry branches or leaves of the tree, or to touch any inflammable trimming. It is not safe to leave them alight when no one is at home.

Thornhill Lions Club Holds Christmas Party

On Monday, December 15, the Thornhill Lions Club entertained sixty-one deserving children of the district. Following turkey with all the trimmings, ice cream with chocolate sauce, cookies and chocolate milk, and fancy hats — entertainment was provided.

Two coloured films were shown, "Christmas Carols" and coloured cartoons of Mr. Magoo, Donald Duck and Felix the Cat. Gifts were given to the children by Santa who arrived, driving a shiny red garden tractor and a trailer loaded with gaily wrapped parcels. Additional gifts were sent home to children too young to attend.

A unique double-header draw was held whereby the Lion winning the turkey handed the prize over to the winner of the children's lucky draw. The winners were: (a) Lion Ken Miner (briefly) and (b) Alan Woolley (permanently). Congratulations are in order for Ted Lougheed and all who helped him make this party a great success.

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