

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

Thornhill Notes

2nd Thornhill Brownies

The 2nd Thornhill Brownies enjoyed an afternoon at the National Ballet presentation at the Royal Alex Wednesday of last week. Along with their leaders, Mrs. John MacNeil and Mrs. John Summer, the two mothers who so kindly helped to drive the girls were Mrs. G. Morgan and Mrs. W. B. Williston.

Thursday, February 26, the meeting will take the form of the "Thinking Day Ceremony." The Brownies have been cutting out dolls which they will dress in Guide and Brownie costumes of other countries. They will group these dolls around the Toadstool while District Commissioner Mrs. P. McTaggart-Cowan will tell them of Guiding in other countries.

Congratulations to Pamela Heron who has won her Golden Bar badge. Pam will climb up the golden bar ladder to receive her badge. The Brownies to receive their Golden Hand badges at the same time are Judy Allen, Patsy Chambers, Marilyn Hunter, Sharon Morgan, and Diane Ziegler.

These Brownies will tiptoe up the rainbow to the pot of gold to receive their Golden Hand. This ceremony will take place at the March 5 meeting.

Church Parade

A church parade of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thornhill Brownies and Guides and 1st Concord and 1st Langstaff Brownies and Guides was held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Sunday, February 22nd at 3 p.m. Over 200 Brownies and Guides were present. Rev. William Askew preached a very appropriate and impressive sermon. Mrs. Currie, divisional commissioner, was present. This very lively service closed with Rev. Askew dedicating the two flags of 1st Langstaff Guides and the Union Jack for 3rd Thornhill.

Horticultural Meeting
At the February meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society, the members were welcomed by the president, Mrs. J. Bridges. The secretary, Mr. Healey, read the minutes of the January meeting, and letters from the O.H.A. and Garden Club concerning the

O.H.A. convention being held the first week in March at the King Edward Hotel.

The president read a letter from Mrs. Lennox resigning as treasurer because of her recent accident. Mrs. Bridges also asked for delegates to the convention.

Mr. Arthur Bone introduced the members of the evening's panel. Mr. R. Little spoke on lilies, which were introduced in quantity as recently as 1946, giving descriptions of various kinds, and showing a number of interesting slides.

Mr. R. Whatley gave a descriptive talk on dahlias, with pink and yellow the easiest to grow.

Mr. R. Healey demonstrated the construction and use of cold frames by means of a miniature model.

Mr. Robert Calvert, landscape architect, will be the speaker at the March meeting.

Baptist Church News

The Women's Auxiliary of the Baptist Church held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. MacGowan, Cavalier Cres., with an attendance of 22 ladies. The president, Mrs. H. Ellam, was in charge of the meeting. The devotional was taken by Mrs. W. Smook, her theme being, "A Test of Love," based on the book of Ruth. The president reported that 50 stacking chairs had been purchased for use in the Sunday School room. The ladies decided to undertake the making of baptismal gowns as their next project.

Mrs. Willocks, leader of the Centre group, introduced Mr. Cunningham of the Bell Telephone who along with an assistant showed a very outstanding coloured film on the Dew Line story showing the construction of the radar warning system in the arctic.

The meeting closed with prayer and refreshments were served by the members of the Centre group. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Lennie and the guest speaker will be Mrs. E. N. Meuser.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Parish Guild was held in the Church hall on Tuesday, February 17. The meeting was opened with the Guild prayer and the prayer for the Parish, and a short business meeting followed. The Guild will have a Corporate Communion service on Sunday, March 1, at the 11.00 a.m. service. Mrs. R. Shaw, the president introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. W. J. Gilling, candidate secretary for the Diocesan W.A. Mrs. Gilling gave a very interesting talk on the Anglican Women's Training College, describing her work of the College and the various fields in which the graduates may serve. To illustrate her talk, Mrs. Gilling showed coloured slides. Mrs. Gilling was thanked by Mrs. D. Moore on behalf of the Guild members. Mrs. R. Shaw welcomed guests from the Women's Auxiliary and from the Anglican Young People's Association. Tea, coffee, and sandwiches were served by the hostesses: Mrs. B. Barrett, Mrs. L. Wise, Mrs. J. Higginson and Mrs. H. Cross. The next meeting will be a work meeting on Tuesday, March 3, in the Church hall, and the executive would like all members present.

United Church News

The ladies of the Women's Auxiliary of the United Church will have as their guest speaker on Thursday, March 5th, at 2 p.m. in the church, Miss Jane Scott, noted religious writer. All ladies of the community are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church

The Catholic Women's League held their monthly meeting at the Parish Hall on February 9. Mrs. C. F. Enright, the president, announced the regional meeting of the C.W.L. was to be held February 23. The ladies of St. Luke's will be hostesses to the members of the Parish Councils of Richmond Hill, Aurora, Bradford, Newmarket and Woodbridge.

A Floral Demonstration

was given by Miss Irene Mahon of beautiful flower arrangements for the home. Miss Mahon donated the displays after the meeting. The ladies have decided to have a pot luck supper in April and invite their husbands as guests. Mr. Ed. Surratt will show the Dupont film on "Ripple Rock."

The Happy Hour and the Boys Club

evening for a joint meeting Friday evening. The guest speaker was Miss M. Sink of Guatemala who showed slides and spoke to the children about a Spanish family working amongst the Indians. Miss Sink also sang and spoke in Spanish. Fourteen Young People of the Presbyterian Church attended the winter conference of the East Toronto Presbytery held in Aurora over the weekend. The guest speaker Sunday morning was Rev. Fred Knox B.A., who has spent 20 years working with the Bhil people in India. Next Sunday, March 1st, will be the last service in the old Thornhill Presbyterian Church.

DONCASTER

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Birthday greetings are in order for Eddie Clow, 47 Clarke Avenue, who celebrated his tenth birthday on Friday, February 20.

The community is sorry to learn that six year old Stephen Vautier, Sprucewood Ave., is suffering from diabetes. His illness was discovered on Sunday, February 15, and he was admitted to Branson Hospital.

Heather Menzies of Glen Cameron, is in the Hospital for Sick Children for observation. Her friends and neighbours are hoping she will be all right.

On Monday, February 23, at Thornhill Public School, the Doncaster Community Ladies Club held the playoffs of their current euchre marathon and progressive euchre, in which all proceeds will go to the Bonnick Building Fund. An estimated \$225 was realized, thanks to the contributions of cash and prizes.

Prize Winners
Marathon: Mrs. Heaton and Mrs. Cade; Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Morrison; Mrs. McIvor and Miss Trimble. Most lone hands, Mrs. Risebrough with 16.
Progressive: Mrs. W. Hughes, Mrs. Artis.

High for evening (Marathon), Mrs. J. Trimble and Miss Coulson. Consolation for Marathon, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Perry. Next regular meeting of the Doncaster Community Ladies Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Milzen, 27 Sprucewood Dr., on Monday, March 2.

The Bonnick plan to reoccupy their home at 75 Morgan Ave., on Sunday, March 1.

At the Unionville arena, the senior boys hockey team of Henderson Ave. public school lost to Langstaff School 3 to 1, on Monday, February 23.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Angel, Clarke Ave., in the passing of her uncle, Mr. I. Mertens, of Stouffville, Ontario.

Friends and neighbours of Mrs. Maers, Proctor Ave., are sorry to learn that she is in the hospital. She entered it on Friday, February 13.

Area Schools Observe Education Week Mar. 1-7

Supervising Principal E. J. Sand advises that Township School Area No. 1, Markham-Vaughan will observe Education Week (March 1 to 7) with the following events being held in the eight area schools:

Charles Howitt School - Monday, March 2, Open House in conjunction with Home & School meeting; Wednesday, March 4, 9.30-10.30 a.m., Open House class visitation; Wednesday, March 4, 1.45-2.45 p.m., K.P. class visitation.

Henderson Ave. School - Monday, March 2, 1.30-2.30, open house class visitation; Tuesday, March 3, 10.30-11.30 a.m., open house class visitation; Wednesday, March 4, 7.30-9.00 p.m., open house.

Langstaff School - Monday, March 2, Open house, 7.45-9.30 p.m.; Tuesday, March 3, 9.30-10.30 a.m., open house class visitation; Thursday, March 5, 1.30-

2.30 p.m., open house class visitation.

Powell Road School - Monday, March 2, 11.00-12.00, open house class visitation; Thursday, March 5, 8.00-9.30 p.m., open house.

Richvale School - Wednesday, March 4, 2.00-3.30 p.m., open house class visitation.

Ross Doan School - Monday, March 2, 8.00 p.m., Home and School Association; Tuesday, March 3, 9.30-11.30 a.m., open house class visitation; Thursday, March 5, 2.00-3.00 p.m., open house class visitation.

Thornhill School - Monday, March 2, open house, 7.00-9.00 p.m. Children may accompany parents; Wednesday, March 4, 9.30-10.30 a.m., 1.30-2.30 p.m., class visitation.

Thornlea School - Monday, March 2, open house, 7.00-9.00 p.m.; Wednesday, March 4, 9.30-11.30 a.m., open house class visitation.

HEADFORD NEWS

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The weather of the past week has been something to remember, certainly a conversation piece. If you are young, the abundance of snow has been a delight. If you have reached the skating age, the snow presented quite a chore in trying to keep rinks clear for skating; and if you are older, and need fairly rapid transportation, you may be giving the snow your blessing but wishing it would not pile up in so many inconvenient places. But be you younger, or older, you could not but have rejoiced in the spectacle that Mother Nature has presented at the last two weekends. A week ago the world was all glitter as far as one could see - every stem of grass or weed or stubble coated thickly with ice, and with the sun shining so brilliantly we were in a fairland. And on Monday morning of this week, what a Christmas card scene met one's view! Snow everywhere - on every little twig of every little bush or tree, and on the big ones too! And sunshine! How blessed we are!

We feel a compulsion to write about the weather - it has been so gorgeous, yet withal so damaging to one's scheme of things. In Headford, hardly anyone has travelled except where the business of life is taking them, so there is a dearth of news.

Thirty folk managed to make it to the Lenten study group at Brown's Corners, but Headford was not represented. A brave attempt was made by a couple of people, but the weather and roads, superseded their effort.

If you enjoy a certain kind of fun, you should have been at the Brodie home on Tuesday evening last, when one of the 4-H club leaders was trying to leave. It was most fortunate that half a dozen strong young farmers were

present for play practice at the time, to lend a hand and their weight (the latter quite literally). Very many thanks are due them!

The Junior Farmers should have a very fine program to offer next month, if the amount of fun they are having in preparation is any criterion!

The whole Terry family has been a little under the weather this past week, but we are glad to know they recovered in time to celebrate her birthday with Christine on Monday, February 23. Birthday greetings, Chris, though a little late.

Happy birthday also to Murray Acreman, celebrating next week on March 5, and belated ones to his Dad for this Tuesday.

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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT ROBERTSON

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1794 Coverlet Still In Perfect Condition

By Doris M. Fitzgerald

Day dreams were undoubtedly woven in to the warp and weft of the decorative dark blue and white coverlet made about 1794, but they would be the immediate dreams of a young girl happily filling a marriage chest, rather than vague images of a distant future. The maiden who prepared and spun the flax and wool, and hummed as she thrust the shuttle of the big loom back and forth, became the wife of Captain Richard S. Stephens, and did not guess that her painstaking handiwork would outlast them both by many decades. After more than 150 years the old coverlet is still in perfect condition, and a treasured family heirloom which continues

to evoke great interest and admiration. A few years ago it was viewed by thousands of people when exhibited at the Royal Ontario Museum. We were privileged to examine it recently at the home in Thornhill of Mr. Roy C. Burroughes, a great grandson of the maker, and reflected that though modern machines can duplicate the old coverlet patterns to perfection, and in a fraction of the time, they still cannot capture the intangible quality of distinction that clings to well designed, and executed, hand made articles. This particular coverlet was woven of linen and wool in an all over geometric pattern described as "China," and to touch it is to touch hands with a bygone era.

Captain and Mrs. Stephens, who were of United Empire Loyalist stock, first lived in Prince Edward County, then settled in Kent County near Chatham. Captain Stephens was active during the Rebellion of 1837 and received a medal for his services. A member of the Stephens' family owned a farm near Dresden at the back of which lived Josiah Henson, the Uncle Tom of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Mr. Burroughes' mother remembered him as a dignified old negro with snow white hair, and a heavy silver watch, which had been given to him by Queen Victoria, and which he was proud to show.

Mr. Burroughes also possesses an interesting 60 year old "log cabin" quilt made of strips of fine woollen material, in a colorful and carefully thought out design. Not a stitch is visible though his grandmother was 83 at the time, and sewed without eye glasses, something her family attributed to the gift of second sight.

Caryle, which is Roy C. Burroughes' middle name, appears in each generation of the family recorded in the big calbound Bible and stems from the great friendship of his Scotch Presbyterian great grandfather, the Rev. Daniel Struthers, and the famous Caryle.

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