

Thornhill and District News

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THORNLEA

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The May meeting of the Thornhill Home and School Association will be held in the school on Wednesday, May 13. Guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. O'Brien of Thornhill High School and there will be the installation of officers. All members are urged to attend.

About 75 adults and teen-agers enjoyed the annual spring dance which was held at Buttonville Women's Institute Hall on Friday, May 1st. Music was supplied by Mr. Harold Wright with his record system, and Mrs. G. Kent and Mr. Sabiston who played for square dancing on the violin and accordion. Mr. Cleve Burton did a grand job of calling-off for the squares. Refreshments were served by the ladies, bringing the evening to a close. Many thanks to all who helped to make the dance a success.

Remember Children By Deeds



During the Thornhill Lion's Club father and son and/or daughter night held recently in the Thornhill United Church, a cheque for \$1,000 was presented to the Thornhaven Association for Retarded Children, as well as donations to guiding and scouting organizations in the village. Seen above during this part of the evening's ceremonies are (left to right) Mrs. P. McTaggart-Cowan representing the Girl Guides and Brownies; Lion President Walter Smoak; Rolly Curtin, President of the Group Committee for Scouts and Cubs and Lion Ted Loughhead, Chairman of the Boys' and Girls' Committee.

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The Girls' Craft class at Richvale Chapel closed their year's activities with a mother and daughter banquet on Saturday evening. Mr. Colin Anderson asked grace. The tables looked festive with their yellow and green colour scheme. The centrepieces were attractive arrangements of forsythia and cedar, flanked by yellow candles. Following the banquet Mr. Anderson gave a sermonette on Making Life Decisions, using a flannelgraph to illustrate, showing the high roads and the low roads which lead us where we choose to go.

Mary Durand gave a recitation from the third chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John. The members of the Craft class gave a dramatization of an episode from Pilgrim's Progress. Miss M. Gee was narrator. During the play the children's choir sang.

The bazaar and bake sale on Saturday in the Community Hall was a decided success. Eager buyers were there at half-past one although the sale didn't officially open until two p.m. The proceeds go to the work being carried on by both Auxiliaries of the Scouting and Guiding groups of 1st Richvale. The flowers, donated by Fraser's Flowers, were won by Mrs. Ada Cheney.

The Scout and Cub mothers are reminded of the last meeting of the Mothers' Auxiliary which will be held this (Thursday) evening at the home of Mrs. F. E. Martin, Oak Avenue.

AURORA: Nancy Besley, 17-year-old Aurora District High School Grade 13 student, was presented with a plaque as Junior Citizen of the Year, at the Rotary Club banquet recently. Miss Besley is the third recipient of the award and the first girl.

HEADFORD

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The children in Sunday School had a brief practice on Sunday for the joint service to be held on Family Day, May 10. This is the day formerly known as Mother's Day, and the Sunday School students will have a part in the service. We will also welcome Mr. Binnington's new assistant, Mr. Allan Mackintosh, who will tell the story then. The committee hopes for a good representation of parents at the service, which will be at the usual hour of ten o'clock, as the children seem to especially enjoy having parents present in the church when they occupy the choir seats. It will be appreciated if the children can be in Sunday School by a quarter to ten.

We are very happy to know that Noreen Simpson is at last well enough to return to school. Not one member of the Simpson family has escaped illness this winter, and it is certain they will be very happy about this good weather we are having.

There was a very lovely service of affiliation on Monday evening at Browns' Corners Church when the Explorers and C.G.I.T. were officially taken under the wing of the W.M.S. of the Victoria Square charge. A delightful feature of the evening was when Mrs. Ito, recently arrived from Japan, and living at Gormley, dressed her small and charming little daughter in her native costume. Mrs. Clarence Steckley explained the various items of apparel as Mrs. Ito put them on her small daughter who was a lovely model and captured all our hearts with her simple shyness. Two C.G.I.T. girls, Donna Denby and Christine Terry, were awarded their World Friendship honors, but unfortunately their badges were not on hand. This mistake will be corrected at the forthcoming mother and daughter banquet to be held on Monday evening, May 11, in Victoria Square Sunday School room, when they will receive their insignia.

All pupils of S.S. 3 are working like mad on their speeches for the annual oratorical contest to be held on Friday evening in the school. Reports in advance are to the effect that things are coming along favorably.

Saturday will be an important day also for several young folk, for it is Achievement Day for 4-H Clubs. It will be held in Newmarket with many activities.

Headford W.A. will meet on Tuesday evening, May 12, at the home of Mrs. Binnington. Word for roll call is Humility, or Humble will be accepted.

Victoria Square W.M.S. will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 2:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Wm. Orr.

Mrs. Brodie, with Cora, Don and Margaret were guests recently of the Leadley family at Uxbridge.

We are happy to know Mrs. Percy Briggs is up and around, and able to make a brief visit to her summer home in Headford one day this week.

The Murray Acremans visited with Mrs. Foster and Miss Janet Foster at the weekend in Hamilton.

Sunday guests of the Hal Acremans were Miss Betty Gay, Mr. Graham Stewart, and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Gay.

Birthday greetings this week to Alfred Johnston and Jeannie Clark.

It was stated last week that the Vacation School meeting had been postponed until May 18, but this has proved to be not satisfactory. The date is changed to the following Monday, May 25, in Headford church, and this is the final plan.

Thornhill Notes

2nd Thornhill Brownies
The six Brownies of 2nd Thornhill who have passed their house orderly badge which entails a great deal such as learning to cook and prepare vegetables, change a bed, wash socks, poach an egg and fry bacon, make tea, polish silver and brass and dust a room, etc., are Judy Allen, Patsy Chambers, Marilyn Hunter, Sharon Morgan, Wendy Williston, and Diane Ziegler.

Pam Heron will be receiving her skaters badge as she now has her Golden Bar.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
The girls auxiliary attended the annual Toronto Diocesan Festival at Trinity Church in Barrie on Saturday, May 2. The hall was packed with a crowd of approximately 55 girls.

Mrs. Horton of Toronto, badge secretary, was in charge of the program. There was a sing song followed by a panel discussion on the book, "The Cares" in which five girls and Phyllis Haslan of the Elizabeth Fry Association participated.

Following lunch a church service was held at which the Right Rev. G. B. Snell spoke and presented 10 girls with the "Ring of Honour" one of whom was Elaine Jones of Thornhill, who also acted on the panel. The ring is for girls' auxiliary and community work. Five girls were commissioned before going to the Dominion G.A. Camp at Ottawa in August. Elaine Jones will also attend.

Some girls entered the diocesan competition and Jan Cruise of Thornhill came first in her group in making a collar and cuff set. The girls then divided into two groups, one staying upstairs to dance and the others watched movies.

The climax of the festival was the presentation of the "challenge cup" which was won by Thornhill Girls Auxiliary. This cup is awarded for general proficiency throughout the year. The girls took a chartered bus home singing and feeling very proud.

They wish to convey their grateful thanks to their leader Mrs. Askew who was such a help and inspiration to them throughout the year.

St. Luke's C.W.L.

The Catholic Women's League in Thornhill will be hostesses to the ladies of the parish and their friends on May 9, at the Maytime Tea and Bake Sale. The tea will be convoked by Mrs. E. J. Surret assisted by Mrs. D. J. Cameron.

Mrs. Surret, the president for the coming year, and Mrs. V. V. DeMarco, regional chairman, will receive guests at the door.

During the afternoon tea will be poured by Mrs. Geo. B. Davis, archdiocesan president, Mrs. H. Lawson of St. Mary's Parish, in Richmond Hill; Mrs. K. C. Lund of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Woodbridge; Mrs. S. Woolnough, of St. Pascal's Parish, Mrs. T. J. Phelan, Mrs. C. Pickett, Mrs. W. Whelan, Mrs. J. Regan and Mrs. C. Enright.

The refreshments will be served by the senior girls of St. Luke's school, Misses Penny Hurley, Donna Lyett, Lynn Surret, Brenda Lycett, Carolyn DeMarco, Cathy Lodge, Mary Ellen McChesney, Michell Cosentino, Mary Potvin, Cathy Enright, Ann Cameron and Pat Finerty.

Mrs. Edward Bean will assist at the tea table.

Mrs. C. Enright assisted by Mrs. Wm. McChesney and Mrs. G. Smith are in charge of the bake table. Mrs. Wm. Reeve and Mrs. J. Finerty have helped with the decorations, carrying out the Maytime theme.

Mrs. J. Loughren made the lovely posters displayed welcoming all the ladies of the parish and their friends to the tea.

1st Thornhill Scout News

The Scouts held their meeting on Monday evening at the Thornhill United Church. The Scoutmaster gave a talk on artificial respiration and had a few boys demonstrate the right way to use artificial respiration.

Congratulations to the four boys who were invested: David Budge, Barry Read, Doug Welch, and John McLaren.

The Foxes are leading in the points system with 22 points, Falcons 20, Lions 18, Eagles 14, Knighthawks 12, and Beavers 7.

The lowering of the flags and Lord's Prayer brought the Scout meeting to a close.

Cubs
The Cubs met Tuesday evening in Thornhill United Church. The evening consisted of a competition between the sixes on various ways of playing alleys. Each Cub started with five alleys. The winning six was Donnie Rogers'. Each boy in his group received a large bolster for winning the most alleys from the other Cubs.

The meeting closed with the Grand Howl.

DONCASTER

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Birthday congratulations go out to Philip Reddy, 90 Glen Cameron Ave., who celebrated his 9th birthday on Saturday, May 2. Birthday greetings are extended to Jerry Mackenzie, Morgan Ave., who celebrated his 10th birthday on Saturday, May 2.

Birthday wishes are in order for Bill Donaldson, Morgan Ave., who celebrated his 4th birthday on Wednesday, April 29.

A donation to the Canadian Cancer Society is an investment in health.

On Monday, May 11, at Thornhill Public School, the current eucure marathon of the Doncaster Community Ladies' Club will be finalized. As usual, along with the marathon play-off will be progressive eucure. From the proceeds, the club will donate camping equipment to the 1st Thornhill Girl Guide Troop. The time for this event is 8 p.m.

On Monday, May 4, at Henderson Avenue School, the local lads bowed to the Langstaff School baseball team 5-3.

Mrs. J. L. Barber, 24 Henderson Ave., enjoyed the visit of her mother, Mrs. F. Smith, of Hamilton, and friends Mrs. F. Clow and Mr. Wm. Bridle, also of Hamilton. Her guest arrived on Tuesday, May 5, and marked her birthday on Wednesday, May 6. She will remain for the balance of the week.

The sum of \$101.10 has been collected from the people of Doncaster by the Canadian Cancer Society.

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Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

The air around Thornhill is alive with pigeons these days. In fact a thriving business has been going on all winter amongst some of the neighborhood boys and it shows no sign of letting up, and daily there are more converts. As usual, with any hobby involving pets, there are a few problems. The worst criticism seems to be that the pigeons are dirty. Just the same, in spite of this drawback, these same pigeons are doing the boys a lot of good. I say boys, because I do not know a girl that owns pigeons. In the first place, it provides a healthy outlet for extra energy, satisfies the acquisitive instincts which young boys have in great amounts. They sometimes buy and sell pigeons and as you can see, it trains their business sense. They wait eagerly and almost tenderly as each egg breaks and a new little pigeon is added to their holdings. They think in terms of dollars and cents, these boys, but they are capable of great kindness to these lovely looking birds, and they are fed and housed as carefully as any loved pet.

The young pigeon fancier does a great deal of business over the phone and the words "homer" or "tumbler" have become as familiar as the words, "cat" or "dog". Sometimes it is a boy's room that is a centre for the most remarkable discussions. The discussions are serious and quite grown up, and they discuss books that tell them about the different breeds and their feeding and care. The only complaint I have heard so far is, that they have to spend too much time returning pigeons to their proper owners. It seems the homing pigeon has a habit of returning to the place where it was born, but these are only minor risks to this fascinating hobby that has kept a whole group of boys interested for such a time.

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