

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill United Church
Rev. Hugh R. MacDonald announces that Baptismal service will be held next Sunday. The congregation and residents of Thornhill generally were saddened to hear of the death of Doctor E. M. Honey, wife of John Street on November 20th. Mrs. Honey was a lifelong member of Thornhill United Church, and was active in the Women's Association, as well as the Women's Missionary Society. The sympathy of the community is extended to her family.

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Holy Trinity Parish Guild

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Parish Guild was held on Tuesday, Nov. 17th, in the Church hall. The president, Mrs. Kay Shaw, opened the meeting with the Guild Prayer. The bazaar convener, Mrs. Phyllis Devey, thanked the conveners and members for all their work in making the bazaar such a success, and the president also added her thanks. Rev. Logan Varey showed his wonderful pictures of his trip to the Holy Land. It was a thrilling experience for the ladies to see in colour the places where Our Lord had actually lived. Mrs. Mary Weale extended the thanks of the members to Mr. Varey for his interesting comments. Tea, coffee and refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Kit Harvey, Mrs. Florence Judges and Mrs. Mary Weale. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 1st when the election of officers for 1960 will take place.

Thornhill Presbyterian Church

Saturday night, November 21st, the Young Life Club took part in a teen-age rally held at Knox Church in Toronto. Over 150 teenagers met for a supper meeting and then saw a film depicting the work of Billy Graham, entitled "Oil Man U.S.A." Twelve young people from Thornhill attended.

Thornhill Baptist Church

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Thornhill Baptist Church was held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Kent, Thornbank Road, November 17th at 8 p.m. The president, Mrs. H. Ellam presided and opened the meeting with the singing of the hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is." This was followed by the devotional taken by Mrs. Wm. Raeburn.

This being the Annual Meeting and election of officers for the coming year, the program was entirely made up of reports from the president and group leaders on the work completed during the past year. The nomination committee presented its report and the election of officers followed. The Nomination Committee proposed a term of two years for the new executive and this was approved by the meeting. The new executive is as follows: Past President: Mrs. H. Ellam. President: Mrs. Wm. McGowan. Vice President: Mrs. R. Jardine. Secretary: Mrs. A. Kent. Treasurer: Mrs. T. C. Lawson. Social Convener: Mrs. A. Lennie. Group Leaders: North, Mrs. J. Smith, Centre, Mrs. C. Wilson, South, Mrs. W. Raeburn.

The Past President Mrs. Ellam gave a very comprehensive report on the work accomplished during the past year. All projects undertaken have been completed and the Treasurer's report showed a marked improvement in the offerings during the year. The project for the coming year will be the decorating of the minister's study. A sale of miscellaneous articles was held at the close of the meeting followed by refreshments.

The Christmas meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Smook, Helen Avenue, Thornhill, on December 15th at 8 p.m. with the Centre Group in charge. The members of the congregation of Thornhill Baptist Church were saddened to hear that their Pastor, Rev. Buck has accepted a call from the First Baptist Church in Parry Sound. His last sermon in Thornhill will be preached on

December 20th. Rev. Buck has been at Thornhill Baptist Church for seven and a half years and will be much missed by his congregation.

Thornhill United Church

On November 17th, the girls of the C. G. I. T. and their mothers were entertained at a banquet, catered by the W. M. S. After enjoying a lovely meal, an Initiation ceremony was held and the following: Thornhill girls were formally initiated into the C. G. I. T.: Lorraine Davis, Shirley Davis, Linda Fielding, Diane Floyd, Marcia Medcalf, Valerie Medcalf, Linda Higgs, Libby Phinmore, Gail Walker, Karen Whately.

Lanyards were given to Seniors, Sheila Craig, Jackie Howard and Audrey Drake. The girls and their mothers then enjoyed a hat making contest and first prize went to Sheila Craig and her mother.

Lee Davidson, President of the C. G. I. T. Department, presented a silver C. G. I. T. pin and a bottle of cologne to Miss Mary Firs in appreciation of her help as a leader for the past six years. Mrs. Craig, the President of the W.M.S. was a guest at the banquet and spoke a few words to the girls. Miss Firs and her mother were also guests, as was Mrs. Hugh R. MacDonald, wife of the new minister. Lee Davidson gave a speech of welcome to the mothers and Jackie Howard moved a vote of thanks to the ladies of the W. M. S.

Plans are underway for a Christmas Vesper Service and in the new year the girls will be starting some craft work as well as missionary study in Africa.

Pat Harris's group were awarded Chevrons which are awarded to the group with the best record of Sunday School and Church as well as C. G. I. T. attendance, bible study, mission study project and service to the community.

Social Notes:

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Henderson of 13 Campbell Avenue, Thornhill returned Tuesday, November 17th from a whirlwind trip over most of the State of Florida, guests of the Florida Hotel Association and the Hertz Corporation. The tour, arranged over the past six months, was arranged for Travel Editors in the United States and Canada so they could see at first hand the sights they recommend to their readers. Mr. Henderson is the Travel Editor of the Toronto Star and he and Mrs. Henderson were the only Canadians in the group of almost 80 people who took the trip. Starting out from Jacksonville, Florida, they covered 1,500 miles by car and received V. I. P. treatment at every stop, taking part in a continual round of luncheons, tea, cocktail parties and formal receptions. They took a yacht trip on the St. Johns River, Jacksonville, a champagne luncheon flight over the Florida Keys in an Eastern Airlines Jet plane, a jungle cruise at Kawalla Spring, and saw a Water ski show at Cypress Gardens - ALL IN ONE DAY. The pace was terrific and Mrs. Henderson feels she has seen more of Florida in eight days than most Floridians see in a lifetime. Their group travelled in a fleet of 21 limousines and they were called to start their day at 6:30 each morning. Temperatures in Florida were over 80 degrees all the time and when the Hendersons came home last week, it was to a record cold wave. So what are they doing now, that's right, nursing great big beautiful colds!

Elect Mrs. J. Bridges President Thornhill Horticultural Society

The final regular meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society for 1959 was held on November 17. The president, Mrs. Bridges, presented a resume of the year's work and thanked the various committees for work well done, with special thanks to the secretary, Mr. R. Healey, who is retiring after serving several years in that capacity.

Mr. R. Poulter outlined the work of the beautification committee and Mrs. Bridges thanked Thornhill village and the townships of Markham and Vaughan whose grants make the work possible.

Mr. C. Williamson, chairman of the nominating committee and Mr. John Budd, district representative to the O.H.A. presented the slate of officers for 1960 and the following were elected: President,

Mrs. J. Bridges; 1st vice-president, A. Bone; 2nd vice-president, A. Sumner; committee, Mrs. E. Boyden, H. Harrison, R. Poulter, A. Turnpenny, R. Whately. While the ballots were counted, Mrs. Bridges conducted a lucky draw.

After the election, Mr. Budd gave an excellent talk on the care of everyday house plants, followed by some beautiful slides taken in and around Toronto parks. He ended by answering questions, and many members had their house plant problems clarified.

Refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. R. Healey and Mrs. T. Pherrill. Don't forget December 8 - the annual dinner and prize-giving. Members and their families may obtain tickets from any member of the executive.

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by Elizabeth Kelson

The slogan of the Canadian Mental Health Association is: With your help, the mentally ill can come back. This is a concept that was once thought in the realm of impossibility. That is true no longer. The cause of mental health is tugging at the heart and the pulse strings of Canadian people everywhere. Why? Mental health in this country is becoming a serious problem. There are 4560 patients admitted each year to Ontario mental hospitals. Over half the beds in hospitals of all types in Canada are occupied by mental patients. This means over 70,000 patients - more than are hospitalized for cancer, polio, arthritis, heart disease, tuberculosis - and all other diseases combined. Besides that almost a million Canadians are partially disabled by mental or emotional illness not serious enough to require hospital care. These are only a few of the facts given out by the Canadian Mental Health Association, and the problem concerns us all.

We are gradually becoming aware of what good mental health means to each one of us. We can be thankful that there are people with the vision and the will to believe that something can be done to raise the standard of mental health everywhere. Mrs. P. Townshend-Carter believes this.

Barbara Townshend-Carter is the dynamic young chairman of Volunteers for the York County branch of the Mental Health Association. This is what she has to say about the matter:

"We need many more White Cross volunteers, men and women, young and old who can visit approved homes once a month or oftener. We should like community co-operation so that residents of approved homes may be welcomed to the community and invited to use recreational, educational, and religious facilities available.

We should welcome Women's Institutes, Church Groups and Service Clubs to "Godmother" an approved home - give birthday and Christmas presents and financial help with some special help like bowling afterwards or expeditions. Perhaps they could donate to their approved home a sewing machine, piano, TV, radio, record player, books and magazines.

We welcome donations of scrap materials, wool, embroidery materials, handicraft supplies and good used clothing in these homes also." (The volunteer chairman can be contacted at Box 45, Thornhill, phone AV. 5-4465 and arrangement will be made for the picking up and distribution of donations.)

According to the most reliable source of information, did you know that: almost half the patients in Ontario mental hospitals have had no letter for a year or more. Is it any wonder that volunteers are needed?

At the present time, the urgent need is for Christmas gifts to cheer the lonely and bewildered hearts of mental patients. Although cash donations are welcome for other mental health purposes, the Mental Health Association would prefer that interested people will buy, wrap and give gifts out of their concern for these people. A wise selection is necessary so it is suggested that the appropriate gifts for women might be, aprons, cosmetics in plastic squeeze bottles, jewelry, knitting wool, croquet hooks and embroidery thread. The appropriate gifts for men might be cigarette cases, ear muffs, toilet goods in plastic squeeze bottles. Both sexes might appreciate cigarettes, ball point pens and note paper. Interested parties would send these gifts to the Volunteer chairman, Mrs. P. Townshend-Carter.

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