

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. Margaret McLean, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-2331.

Thoughts and Theories

By Elizabeth Kelson

If the stars should decide to appear once a year, there would be millions of people who would anxiously scan the heavens for their appearance. There would be at least as much commotion as that which accompanies the eclipse of the sun or the moon, and everyone would rush about to get the best observation points as they would do if they were about to attend a popular play. As it is, the vast panorama of stars can be seen on any clear night, spring, summer, fall and winter, and is not as a rule given any special notice.

The stars parade above in unmatched glory and with individual charm accompanying the fullness of summer, the first frost, or the return of the robin. It remains for the thoughtful, the lovers of beauty, and the awe and wonderstruck men of science to watch the endless, scintillating communities of stars. There has always been some sort of communion between men and stars. For as long as men have been conscious of themselves and the earth they inhabit, they have looked to the stars for the solutions of all their problems. They have stirred their imaginations as the imagination of the Chaldean shepherds were stirred as they watched their flocks on starlit nights besides the Tigris and the Euphrates. The Egyptians, Greeks and Arabs in their searching for wisdom are responsible for many legends that have been handed down to us. The stars to them were gods and hunters, serpents and eagles flying about the heavenly regions. One of the early names given to the Great Dipper was the Great Bear. This was an Arabic legend which held that the Bear represented Callisto, daughter of the King of Arcadia, beloved of Jupiter, who in order to protect her, changed her into a bear and transferred her to the skies.

Another legend held that the Great Bear purposely put the Great Bear in the sky to act as a calendar for earthly bears. During the half year when the Great Bear is low in the sky, all earthly bears stay in their dens and keep warm. When the Bear is high in the sky, bears leave their dens, for summer has begun.

Getting acquainted with the stars is a wonderful pastime. How long is it since you have looked for the Milky Way, the Big and Little Dippers, Orion and the Pleiades? Have you looked for the North Star, by which the ancient sailors sailed their ships? There is another star that comes to mind — that wonderful star of song and story, the star of the east — that glorious star of Bethlehem that told of the birth of the Christ Child. The great company of stars bid us gently to pause a moment from our mad dash: to ponder for a moment, the truth that we are part of this great cosmos, and that we were made for it and it for us.

Thornhill Notes

Thornhill United Church

Sunday was celebrated as Layman's Sunday at Thornhill United Church, and in spite of the steady rain, there was a good attendance at the service. Mr. Fred Scale read the scripture lesson and the newly formed Men's Choir sang, with Mr. B. Johnston at the organ.

Next Sunday will be White Gift Sunday and the children of the Sunday school will be presenting gifts at the morning service. Adults as well, are free to present white gifts and any such gifts or cash donations will be given to needy families in the district.

The Women's Association of Thornhill United Church held a joint meeting of their afternoon and evening auxiliaries Thursday last week in the church. The meeting took the form of a pot-luck dinner, with the members of each of the seven groups in the W.A. bringing their favourite dishes and sitting at separate tables. Each group had decorated its own table with gay Christmas decorations. Mrs. R. H. Spencer, the President of Toronto Centre Presbytery gave the devotional and Rev. MacDonald spoke a few words.

Following the dinner, the 100 or so ladies present took part in a hilarious game and then enjoyed a fine musical program. Miss Marion Martin, daughter of choir leader Mr. R. Martin performed two Highland dances. Mrs. Martin led the audience in the singing of Christmas carols of different countries, including the only truly Canadian carol, The Huron Indian carol written by Breboul. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. W. Whalen sang two duets and Mrs. Martin sang a group of carols herself.

Uplands Golf Club was the scene of the Thornhill Home & School Association annual dance on Friday, November 27, and 165 people were present to enjoy the fun. Mr. Len Thomson, of Uplands, was the M.C. and did a splendid job, assisted by a fine P.A. system and a good selection of records which he supplied. The generous gifts from the local merchants added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening as there were about 35 separate donations, used as door prizes, lucky number prizes, etc. All the village merchants — the two grocery stores, the hardware and drug stores, Dean's feed and Keith's beauty parlour contributed prizes and their cooperation was much appreciated by the hard working executive who arranged the dance, as well as by the recipients of the prizes. Mrs. E. Bare was the dance convenor and assisted by Mrs. Jo Neeley, Mrs. Dorothy McDonough and Mrs. Jean Goodchild, she did a fine job. Especially noteworthy were the fine decorations which these ladies put up.

Thornhill Baptist Church At the Communion Service held last Sunday morning, the congregation of Thornhill Baptist Church extended the hand of fellowship to Mr. and Mrs. A. McLeod and daughter, Margaret, Mr. R. G. Goadsby and son John, and to David Cook. John Goadsby and David Cook had been baptized the previous Sunday.

The Young People of the church meet every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. for fellowship and Bible study. A warm welcome is extended to young people of the district who are not affiliated with other churches.

Next Sunday will be celebrated as White Gift Sunday at Thornhill Baptist Church and a special service will be held for the Sunday School and congregation. Contributions of clothing, canned goods, toys, etc., will be greatly appreciated.

The Women's Missionary Society with the President Miss Gladys Stevens presiding, held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Twine on Helen Avenue, Thornhill, on Wednesday, December 2, at 8 p.m. The Nomination Committee presented the following slate of officers for the coming year, which was approved: President, Miss Gladys Stevens; vice-president, Mrs. J. Martin; secretary, Mrs. E. Twine; treasurer, Miss Hazel Stringer; White Cross, "Link" and Visitors, Mrs. H. Wilson; reading course secretary, Mrs. H. Ellam; social convenor, Mrs. H. Howlett; Pianist, Mrs. A. Kent.

Mrs. Twine led the devotional period, based on the Christmas story and Mrs. McGowan read once again the well-known story of the birth of Jesus. The group was led in meditative prayer for the missionaries in the various fields by Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Ellam, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Martin. A film on "Summertime Fun" was shown by Mrs. Martin.

Have you noticed the advertisements for the auction sale of country antiques to be held at the Farmers' Market on December 11th? Mrs. Margaret Phillips of Canadian Homestead Antiques in Unionville, and who has a table of antiques for sale at the market each week, is one of those responsible for this auction, the first of a series. All the items to be auctioned are authentic antiques from the Ontario countryside and have been gathered by many people. At a sneak preview last week, I saw just a few of the 100 or so items to be auctioned: pine furniture, glassware, china, harness bells, iron buckets and many others. Interested in a Franklin stove? There'll be one there, and also a beautiful pine mantel. The auctioneer is to be Gordon Sellers, there's lots of parking space, as you know, and Mrs. Morrison is opening her coffee bar, so all your wants will

be well taken care of. See you there!

Socials

If you read the "Engagements" column, you will notice that Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fugler have announced the engagement of their daughter Marylou to Bob Miner, a former long-time resident of Thornhill and graduate of Richmond Hill High School. Marylou's picture was in last week's paper as one of the sweet young Honour Graduates of Thornhill High. Marylou and Bob have moved their wedding date forward from June to December because Mr. and Mrs. Fugler are moving bag and baggage to Victoria, B.C., at the beginning of January. Rather than stay here alone, Marylou decided she'd stay here married and will finish her year at Teachers' College as Mrs. Robert Miner.

Mr. Fugler, who is vice president and general manager of Ever-sharp Pens here, says he fell in love with the west coast ten years ago and is going into partnership in a commercial stationery and office equipment company. Mrs. Fugler made a trip out west last year and she too was thrilled with the country and so is excited and pleased about the move. The only one left in a state of indecision is Norma who can't decide whether to go with the family or stay and finish her Grade 13 here at the Thornhill High School. Well girls, lay in a good stock of tranquilizers for the festivities and good luck to you all!

United Church News

Thornhill United Church C.G.I.T. are holding a Vesper Service on December 13th at 7.30 p.m. at Thornhill United Church. The service has become a symbol of the national strength and unity of the C.G.I.T. movement. Dressed in white middie and navy skirts of the C.G.I.T. uniforms the girls will sing the familiar Christmas hymns, reading and prayers. The climax of the service comes with the lighting of three candles to symbolize the meaning of the C.G.I.T. Purpose. There will also be a procession in candlelight.

The Canadian Girls in Training is an inter-denominational movement under the Canadian Council of Churches and its chief purpose is to present the Christian way of life to teenage girls. The Christian Vesper Service is not for members alone the public is invited to attend and take part. The Holy Trinity Parish Guild

On Tuesday December 1st the annual meeting of the Parish Guild was held in the church hall, Mrs. R. Shaw the President, opened the meeting with the Guild Prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. D. Manning. Reports for the year were given by the membership convenor Mrs. P. Trant and by the treasurer, Mrs. R. McCaw. Disbursements were then voted to be given to various organizations such as: The Anglican Women's Training College, The British & Foreign Bible Society, The Retarded Children's Association, The Altar Guild, The Junior Auxiliary, and The Building Fund. The President then turned the meeting over to Rev. William Askew, who announced the officers for the coming year. These are as follows: Honorary President: Mrs. William Askew; Past President, Mrs. D. Ball; President, Mrs. R. Shaw; First Vice-President, Mrs. P. Trant; Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Mrs. C. Tomlin; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Glover; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. Gall; Membership Convenor, Mrs. J. Kidney; Publicity Convenor, Mrs. W. Harvey; Bazaar Convenor, Mrs. C. Devoy; Tea, coffee and refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Norma Bolton, Mrs. Betty Crawford, Mrs. Nesta Swabey. The next meeting will be the Christmas Party — on Tuesday December 15th in the church hall.

John J. Mackay Seeks Election To School Board

MR. JOHN J. MACKAY of John Street, Thornhill, a candidate for the School Board to be elected December 23rd was born at Fort William in Ontario where he also attended Public and High School later to graduate as a Bachelor of Arts at Toronto University.

Mr. Mackay then served in the Armed Forces before going on to take a course in Business Administration in the University of Western, London, Ontario.

He met his wife at a Badminton Club in Niagara Falls where he was married in 1948.

Commencing an active business career he served as Assistant Sales Manager for eight years, still at Niagara Falls.

He finally moved to Thornhill to assume the important appointment of Administrator to the Shoulder Surgery and in fact manages the hospital in Thornhill and another in Metropolitan Toronto.

Mr. Mackay is well known locally as an able administrator and an active church worker and has been on the Presbyterian Church Board of Management and as Treasurer for the past five years. During this time the church outgrew the original building and the board successfully financed the erection of a new \$175,000 Church on No. 7 Highway.

The Mackays have two children, Janet 9 and Ian 6, both of whom are pupils of the Clarke Elgin School.

Mr. Mackay says that he is standing for the school board because he feels that he could help to stir our educational system from its current lacadaisical methods to an alive and imaginatively administrative system. He believes that we should quit worrying about Russia beating us in the field of defence and concentrate on beating them educationally and then we would not have to worry about their defence-wise.

Serious Split Locally

Mr. Mackay says also that in view of the serious split between Vaughan and Markham it is essential we have a good board of competent administrators. He feels he qualifies for such an appointment as a result of his training and experience as an administrator and he promises if elected to devote all the time necessary to carry out the duties properly and for the improvements he hopes to help achieve.

CARRVILLE

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Church News Rev. Hugh R. MacDonald was in charge of the service at Carrville United Church on Sunday. His talk was taken from 2 Cor. 8-9. The choir sang "Heavenly Sunshine", Sunday, December 13 is White Gift Sunday.

Rev. MacDonald presented award pins to Misses Valerie and Heather Wilson who received their silver pins, completing 13 more Sundays of perfect attendance at Sunday School.

Following the service at Carrville United Church, the committee R. Kirk, J. Bushell and R. Middleton met the representatives of Thornhill United Church and Toronto Centre Presbytery in regards to the relationship to the two churches. Following much discussion it was agreed that the Rev. Hugh MacDonald be minister to both although each church is a self functioning body.

10th Anniversary

Your correspondent has written the Carrville news for ten years now and thanks everyone who has helped to make this column interesting and hope all will continue to co-operate to keep this column worth reading.

We were pleased to hear that Mr. and Mrs. John Wood have their twin sons, David and Blair Wood home with them now.

The children at Carrville School are very busy getting their Christmas concert on the way for the last afternoon of school and Mr. Green is very busy trying to keep their attention on their Christmas exams.

Please keep in mind that Carrville School, S. S. No. 3 Vaughan is 100 years old in 1960 and send along any suggestions or information of the school's history.

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TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to The Ontario Municipal Board for approval of By-law 1781 passed by the Council of the Township of Markham on October 5th, 1959, and that the Board has granted an appointment for the Hearing of the application on Tuesday, the 15th day of December, 1959, at the hour of half past nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Council Chambers Township of Markham in Buttonville, Ontario.

The purpose of this By-law is to remove any doubts as to the validity of certain restricted area repealing or amending by-laws heretofore passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Markham certified copies of which are attached thereto as a schedule (or schedules), and which have been approved by formal orders of The Ontario Municipal Board to the extent set forth in such orders. Each by-law included in the schedule (or schedules) is in the form which was eventually approved by the formal orders of The Ontario Municipal Board.

A copy of the above By-law and schedule (or schedules) thereto is available for inspection at the Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Dated at the Township of Markham, Buttonville, Ontario, this 1st day of December, 1959.

H. C. T. Crisp,
CLERK

LANGSTAFF

Correspondent: Mrs. M. J. Roy Avenue 5-2886

Skating Rink

The Institute has been notified that the township has now completed all the grading possible at the park skating rink. Plans are underway to form some work teams and make plans for leveling and boarding of the rink. The Institute wishes to thank the men who have already put "their shoulders to the wheel" and pitched in to help. It would be helpful if we could have the names and phone numbers of anyone who would like to come and work with us to complete this project. Please contact Mrs. R. Hamblin or this correspondent.

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