

# Thornhill and District News

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## To Be Married December 26th



Miss Marylou Ethel Fugler, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edward Fugler of Thornhill, and Mr. Robert Stuart Miner, B.P.H.E., of Toronto, whose marriage will take place in Thornhill Presbyterian Church the day after Christmas.

## Thornhill Notes

### Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Last Sunday, December 13, was White Gift Sunday at Holy Trinity and the gifts of food, toys and clothing will be sent to the Downtown Church Workers' Association for distribution.

Next Sunday, December 20th, the Annual Candlelight Choral Service will be held in the church at 5 p.m. This is an annual affair put on by the choir and visitors are welcome.

### W.A. Christmas Party

About 40 members and friends attended the annual W.A. Christmas Party at Holy Trinity Church hall on December 10th. The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Leany, who announced that the 70th Anniversary of the Women's Association of Holy Trinity would be celebrated on Sunday, January 3, with a corporate communion and a guest speaker.

A number of carols were sung with Mrs. Tobias at the piano. Christmas parcels and money were put in the attractively decorated box, done by Mrs. Tomlinson, the convener of Strachan House, and will be delivered by Mrs. G. Howe and Mrs. W. McLean. Money was voted for gifts for the sick and shut-ins of the parish. Rev. Logan Vary showed pictures which he took on his summer vacation in the Holy Land and were very much enjoyed by all the ladies present. Mrs. H. Andrews moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Vary. At the close of the meeting, dainty refreshments were served by the social convener, Mrs. L. Redman, and a social half hour followed.

### 3rd Thornhill Cubs & Scouts

The Cubs have been working hard for their badges all Fall, and the following badges were recently awarded: 2nd Star — to Chris Calvert, Stewart Smith, Peter Tremaine and David Rounthwaite. As only those Cubs who have earned their 2nd Star are entitled to wear the Leaping Wolf badge on their Scout uniform, these boys, who are now Scouts, also received their Leaping Wolf badge.

Collectors' Badge — to Gavin Burgess, Douglas Bolton, John Smith, Scott Tremaine. House Orderly — to Douglas Bolton and David Rounthwaite. Swimmers — to Keith Brotherhood and David Rounthwaite. Cyclist — to Scott Tremaine. The Cub Christmas party is to be held on Wednesday at Holy

Trinity Church. Instead of buying a present for each other, the boys are all to bring 25c to be used for buying toys for needy children.

The Scouts have also been working hard this fall and have been collecting and repairing toys for needy children. They have had some interesting lectures at their meetings — one from Dr. Peter Morse who spoke on First Aid and one from Mr. Patrick McTaggart-Cowan, a Dominion meteorologist who spoke on recording weather. A talk on map reading is scheduled for the early new year, to be given by Mr. F. Rounthwaite. The Scouts Christmas party will be held at their regular meeting on Thursday.

Scoutmaster Bob Calvert and Akela Bob Shaw are to be congratulated on the worthwhile and interesting programs they have provided for these boys. Such programs mean that the boys will stick to their Cubbing and Scouting instead of drifting away from it.

### Thornhill Presbyterian Church

On Monday, December 7, the Fortnighters held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Jean Stoddart. The program was led by the president, Mrs. Shirley Patterson. The Fortnighters' choir, made up of Mrs. Alice Chambers, Mrs. Shirley Jamieson, Mrs. Jean Arnott, Mrs. Mary MacKay and Mrs. Emma Brown, sang several carols with Mrs. Mary Boyd at the piano. Mrs. Jean Arnott read a story by Helen Keller on how the blind celebrate Christmas. Mr. Chambers made a jolly Santa who distributed gifts to the 33 members present.

The Men's Club of Thornhill Presbyterian Church held their December meeting at the church on December 8. This was the first meeting conducted by the new executive and they were much gratified to have 69 men present, the largest meeting the group has ever had. It was "Get to Know Your Church" night and the meeting was conducted by the president, Mr. Jack Maver. Mr. Jan Kok introduced the men of the Session in a very amusing way. Mr. Jack MacKay introduced the Board of Managers and Mr. Alex Brown spoke about the work of the Sunday School. Mr. Tom McCaull discussed the Youth Work while Mr. George Mowatt told about the choir. Mr. Bill Linton told about the proposed Church

Pack soon to be formed at the Church.

A fine dinner was prepared and served by the ladies of the WMS and the Fortnighters. The next meeting of the Men's Club will be in February.

The Couples Club held their Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12 at the church.

The meeting was led by Group 2 with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cullen in charge. Those taking part in the worship and devotional period were: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Penrose, Mrs. C. Atkinson, Mr. Elbert Sand and Mrs. John Kerr. The Fortnighters Choir sang and games and refreshments were enjoyed. This meeting was also paid a surprise visit by Santa, but this time in the person of Mr. Sand. During the evening, the group presented Rev. and Mrs. Chambers with a serving tray and a set of glass tumblers. There were 42 people present.

On Sunday, December 13, the White Gift Service was held and the gifts donated will be presented to Evangel Hall, the Presbyterian Mission in downtown Toronto.

The Young Adults met on Sunday evening with Mr. Norman Terry leading the meeting. Mr. Chambers led in the Bible study on "The Divinity of Christ". Refreshments were served to the 32 young people present.

### Thornhill Baptist Church

During the White Gift Service in Thornhill Baptist Church on Sunday, December 13, members presented a beautiful tableau depicting the coming of the shepherds and wise men bringing gifts to the Baby Jesus. This was narrated by Mr. Wm. McGowan, the Sunday School superintendent. A lovely solo "What Child is This" was sung by Miss Nancy Wilson. The children then presented their gifts and sang "Away in a Manger". The anthem by the choir, "Soleil Ye The Lord", with solo by Mr. Ross Cowie, was an inspiring climax to this service. The White Gifts will be forwarded to our New Canadian Secretary, Mrs. D. Gaverluk to help bring Christmas cheer to our New Canadian friends.

Next Sunday morning, December 20, will be the Christmas Service, broadcast over Station CJRH, Richmond Hill, and will be conducted by Rev. Percy Buck. As this service will be Mr. Buck's last service in Thornhill, it is hoped that all members and friends will be present to wish him and Mrs. Buck God speed in their new field at Parry Sound. The Annual Candlelight and Carol service will be observed in the church on Sunday, December 20th, at 7:30 p.m.

AURORA: Mayor Murray will visit Ottawa to request Postmaster General for improved mail service in the town. Council members complained that sometimes a wait of 20 minutes in the line-up was required for service.

# Thornhill Horticulturists Receive Prizes At Banquet

Members of Thornhill Horticultural Society spent an enjoyable evening at their annual dinner and prize-giving.

Upon arrival, the feminine guests received a lovely tea rose, courtesy of Mr. Percy Bone, who was also responsible for the flowers on the head table. Other table centrepieces were made and donated by Mr. Ernie Kohler, creating a very gay and festive effect.

Following singing of God Save the Queen, Mr. J. F. Clark, past secretary of the Ontario Horticultural Association said grace and the members did justice to a delicious turkey dinner served by the ladies of the Thornhill United Church.

The president, Mrs. J. Bridges, introduced those at the head table, and Mr. Hugh Martin led a lively song song, after which Mr. "Dick" Gonnell, president of the O.H.A. and Mrs. G Horton, chairman of the prize committee,

presented prizes to the members for their efforts of the past season, as follows:

The T. Eaton trophy for the most points in the flower section: Mr. C. Williamson.

The most points in fruits and vegetables: Mr. J. Hallwell.

The most points in the decorative class: Mr. and Mrs. J. Manning.

The most points for Mosses: Mr. J. Hanna, tied with the Rangings.

The Percy Bone rose bowl for a floral arrangement for a luncheon table: Mrs. A. Sumner.

The president's prize for the most points for a new member: Mr. A. Turnpenny.

The best delphinium in the August show: Mr. F. Teasdale.

Merit award for increasing interest in vegetables: Mr. Turnpenny.

Other members with more than ten points received cash prizes, with less than ten, bulbs.

Mr. Clark presented a personal gift to Mr. Gonnell for his services to the O.H.A. and one

to Mr. Healey for his services to the Thornhill society. Mrs. Bridges presented a gift to Mr. Healey and a plant to Mrs. Healey as tokens of appreciation on the occasion of Mr. Healey's retirement as secretary, after some years in the position.

Mr. A. Sumner introduced the guest speaker, Mr. P. McTaggart-Cowan, head of the meteorological services for the Federal Department of Transport, who gave a very interesting talk on weather and ways in which it may be modified by the individual gardener to suit his individual requirements.

Mrs. Bridges thanked Mr. McTaggart-Cowan and Mr. Art Bone distributed the door prizes, bringing a very pleasant evening to an end.

## Thornhill Sports Notes

Examinations have taken over at Thornhill High School and will carry on right to the beginning of the Christmas holiday period. Things will be really popping once holidays are over as the first league game is scheduled for the first Friday after school re-opens. The game is against Richmond Hill and the Hill team already have several games under their belts. You basketball players are going to have to make those first four school days really count!

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