

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

2nd Thornhill Guide Company
On December 2nd, 1959 a "first" for the 2nd Thornhill Guide Company took place. The Lieutenant, Mrs. E. Tanquary, was enrolled as a guide, as were two recruits, Wendy Williston and Gail McCrea.

On January 20th, eleven more recruits were enrolled, as follows: Priscilla Mendoza, Rosemary Cordingley, Elizabeth Leycock, Marion McDonough, Judy Allen, Karen Glasso, Marilyn Hunter, Sandra Peck, Patsy Chambers, Ruth Harrington and Sharon Morgan.

To round out the enrollment evening, Miss Evelyn Thornley-Croft, former Captain of the company, showed the company coloured slides taken on her tour of Europe last summer.

Proudly on display at the meeting was the new sewing machine for which the company as a whole worked and saved. On Saturday, January 23rd, the patient leaders will present this sewing machine to the Nursing Home in Newmarket where it is expected that the hostess of the home and the patients will find lots of use for it.

Thornhill Presbyterian Church
On Monday, January 11th the Fortnighters held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. Gordon Patterson. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Honorary President: Mrs. Calvin Chambers; President: Mrs. Gordon Patterson; Vice President: Mrs. Bruce Henderson; Secretary: Mrs. A. McKee; Treasurer: Mrs. Wm. Ponting; Social Director: Mrs. C. Atkinson; Telephone Convener: Mrs. Norman Martin; Nursery Convener: Mrs. Gordon Yule; Music Convener: Mrs. J. Boyd.

Mr. Chambers spoke to the 25 people present and installed the new officers, after which refreshments were served.

The W. M. S. met on Tuesday evening, January 12th at the home of Mrs. P. Williamson. They also held their election of officers and the following ladies were installed:

President: Mrs. P. Williamson; Vice President: Mrs. A. McLum; Secretary: Mrs. J. Buchanan; Treasurer: Miss E. Francis; Home Helpers Convener: Mrs. F. Cole; Church Conventors Secretary: Mrs. R. A. Camsell; Supply Secretary and Assistant Sec.-Treas: Mrs. H. Porter.

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In recognition of her long service as President of the organization, Mrs. H. Mizen was named Honorary President.

The Presbyterian Young People's of East Toronto Presbytery held a sleigh ride in Thornhill on Saturday, January 16th. Following the sleigh ride, the Young People's group of Thornhill Presbyterian Church were hosts and the 75 young people enjoyed games and refreshments in the church.

On Sunday evening, January 17th, the Young Adults met in the church at 7:30 for their Youth Vesper Service. The meeting was led by Miss Corie Heydens and Rev. Chambers led the group in the first of a series of discussions on Church history.

At the regular Sunday morning service, Rev. Chambers' sermon was entitled "The Fifth Column in Christianity." This fifth column was compromise - a lack of loyalty to God and to the principles of Christian faith.

Thornhill United Church
The ladies of Thornhill United Church had a busy week last week, with meetings every day and sometimes two a day. On Monday the ladies of the W. A. Group 3 met at the home of Mrs. W. Heron on Oakbank Rd. On Tuesday afternoon, the first meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Willard Simpson, 615 Yonge Street. The induction of the officers was held and a special film was shown.

On Tuesday evening, the C. G. I. T. held their regular weekly meeting in the church, directed by Mrs. Alan Beckwith and the ladies of W. A. Group 4 met at the home of Mrs. Brawley. Also on Tuesday, the ladies of W. A. Group 2 met at the home of Mrs. Harold Harrison, Yonge Street while Group 1 met at the home of Mrs. Harry Johnson on Woodward Avenue. A travelogue of her trip abroad was shown by Mrs. Flora McMullen.

On Thursday afternoon the General Women's Association meeting was held in the church and the new officers were elected and inducted by Rev. McDonald as follows:

President: Mrs. Frank Kellam; 1st Vice President: Mrs. R. Weaving; 2nd Vice President: Mrs. P. Bone; Recording Secretary: Mrs. D. Smillie; Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. G. Mickleborough; Treasurer: Mrs. F. Mav; Financial Secretary: Mrs. W. McMullen; Press Secretary: Mrs. L. Short; Pianist: Mrs. D. Gunn; Flower Convener: Mrs. L. Riley and Mrs. A. Martindale; Christian Citizenship Convener: Mrs. Ralph Thompson; Parsonage Convener: Mrs. B. Sharpless; Miss L. Francis and Mrs. Williamson; Cullinary Convener: Mrs. J. J. Buchanan; Kitchen Convener: Mrs. W. Kojala; Assistants: Mrs. A. Agnew and Mrs. C. Bell.

On Thursday evening, the ladies of Group 7 met in the church. Well that sounds like quite an impressive week's work, doesn't it? I wonder just how many ladies were involved in all these meetings. And what were the men of the congregation doing? I don't hear a word about them.

At the service on Sunday morning, January 17th Bonnie Sue Currie was baptised. Bonnie Sue is the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Currie of Vaughan Blvd., Concord.

Approximately 125 people attended the service.

DONCASTER
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Birthday greetings go to Leona Gerroir of Morgan who celebrated her fifth birthday on Saturday, January 16.

Friends and neighbours of Mr. C. Russell of Proctor Ave., are sorry to learn that he is ill.

Mrs. D. Morrison, 29 Sprucewood Drive, took three of her five children, Pamela, Stephen and Linda, to Branson Hospital on Thursday, January 14, to have their tonsils removed. The kids all returned home on Saturday.

On Monday, January 11, the Doncaster Ladies Club met at the home of Mrs. Peacock of Arnold Ave., at which Mrs. Townshend-Carter, the guest speaker, talked on Mental Health.

The club is now taking names of participants for their soon-to-get-underway eucure marathon.

Mr. Ted Loughheed, Glen Cameron Ave., joined the coaching staff of the Thornhill & District Hockey Club House League and will be in charge of the Wings, in the intermediate division.

Baby Clinic Day this month is on Wednesday, January 27, at the Thornhill United Church.

tended the United Service at Thornhill United Church on January 17th. The Intermediate Choir led in the hymn singing and following the prayer and reading from the scriptures a film was shown entitled "Invitation to the Wedding." This is the "Life" television series and told the story of a marriage which got off to a wrong start and how it was saved. Following the film about 65 young people remained and the Young Peoples Group and the Hi-C's met separately to discuss boy-girl relationships, and then came together for refreshments and recreation.

Next Sunday evening, January 24th, the picture of the Billy Graham New York crusade will be shown. Afterwards, the Young People's program will be under the direction of Mr. Bernie Smith, Field Secretary for the Inter-School Christian Fellowship.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
The regular meetings of the Holy Trinity W. A. were held on Thursday afternoon, January 14th in the Church Hall.

The President, Mrs. M. Lean opened the meeting with a hymn and prayer. Letter of appreciation and thanks from the sick and shut-ins who received plants and gift at Christmas were read by the Secretary, Mrs. Iddon. The President outlined the program drawn up for the coming year. Following the business portion of the meeting, some of the ladies quitted while the rest worked on the afghan which the group is making. A social half hour followed and refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Askew, Mrs. Davie and Mrs. Barrie.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28th, to commence at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Roger Priestman, the Vice President will be the speaker in the afternoon.

On Sunday evening, January 17th, 35 young people from Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto were the guests of the Young People's group of Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Thornhill and attended the regular evening service. These young people were returning on a visit made by the young people of Mr. Philip Townshend-Carter's Senior Bible Class to Holy Blossom Temple some weeks ago. Following the service the young people met for over an hour with Rev. Askew, playing him with questions and listening intently to his answers. Rather than make aware of differences, their attendance at Holy Trinity had made them all very much aware of similarities between Judaism and Christianity. Having visited churches of other denominations they found that the Anglican form of worship more closely resembled their own than any of the others. Rev. Askew explained this by pointing out that the morning and evening prayers given in Anglican churches have developed from prayers of the ancient monastic orders and thus came from the same background as did the Jewish ritual. The young people, who were from 14 to 17 years of age were interested in the terminology used and enquired the exact meaning of words which are ordinarily taken quite for granted - such as "sin" and the use of the term "misericord offenders." They were also much interested in the Christian beliefs about death and the afterlife, enquired about the relationship of an empty cross to the crucifix, the explanation of the Holy Trinity, and many other details.

The discussion continued to such lengths that in the social period which followed, there was time for only one game before the refreshments were enjoyed. The young people of Holy Trinity were much impressed by the knowledge the Jewish young people had, as evidenced by their questions, not only of their own faith but of Christianity. The entire group now looks forward with enthusiasm to their next meeting when the Holy Trinity young people will again visit Holy Blossom Temple on February 26th.

Socials
Mr. and Mrs. G. Martin, No 7 Highway, planned to hold a skating party Saturday, January 9, but due to adverse weather conditions it turned into a card party. The evening time was had by all.

Judy and Bonnie Jean Curtis welcomed their mother and baby brother home from the Branson Hospital on Friday afternoon.

Home and School News
The January meeting of the Thornlea Home and School Association was held at the school on Wednesday of last week with a good attendance. Members were reminded that the February meeting will be a joint affair in co-operation with Langstaff, Thornhill, Clarke-Elgin and Henderson Ave. Schools to be held at Thornhill High School with Dr. Gordon Rich as guest speaker.

An invitation was extended to members to attend the Home and School meeting at Charles Howitt School on Monday, January 25, at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Westwood, Chief of Intelligence for Metro Chief Defence will be speaking. Home and School Council is planning a theatre night at the Richmond Theatre, showing "Caravan in Russia." A question period will follow the movie. Further details of date will be announced later.

A St. John's First Aid Course is scheduled to commence on Monday, February 1. All persons, 16 and over, will be welcome. Mrs. H. Wright, AV. 5-4415 is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Kinzinger was then called upon to speak. He extended his thanks to Mr. Gordon for his work in flooding their skating rink which has been in use all this week.

He requested that all skates and hockey sticks be cleaned. Thanks were also extended to Tom Gibson for his generosity in lending the school the TV which enables them to watch the programmes every Wednesday. Mr. Kinzinger also explained the new pennant, which the Home and School Association now presents to the grade with the highest parent attendance at meetings, in place of the usual two dollars. However, the association is continuing to donate the money each month to the school. This is being put to renewing the subscription for a long playing record. Miss Kylie won the pennant this month.

Mr. Wilkins reported that the square dancing was a great success with about 40 children attending. More parent interest is needed. PLEAS offer your services. Next lesson is January 22. Mr. Guy Frazer presented Mr. Ted Wilkins with a pin honouring him as past president of the association.

Mr. L. Evans then introduced guest speaker Mrs. Cally Israel, Richmond Hill librarian. Mrs. Israel proved to be a very interesting speaker and said that more children's books are now being published and that any good book must have something to say and say it with style.

Children are more conscious of second rate books than adults are. Some librarians don't purchase books until they have been in circulation for two seasons.

Mrs. Israel advised parents who wanted to buy books for children to consult the librarians who are always glad to help, also parents should be sure children are at an age to understand such authors as Dickens, etc. before suggesting these books.

Printing of children's books should be clear and pre-school age children love picture books, and should be encouraged to enjoy these books by having them read to them. Higher grade children can be encouraged in this and so develop a liking for good books.

Thoughts and Theories

by Elizabeth Kelson

What is altruism? This is a word that is beginning to be heard around the world. The dictionary says that it means unselfishness. I think of it as being other-regarding as opposed to self-regarding. The greatest example of altruism was Jesus because he lived beyond himself for others always. Other famous examples of altruism can be found in the histories of: Abraham Lincoln who abolished slavery in the United States; St. Francis of Assisi who lived for the poor and cared for the lepers; Mahatma Gandhi who raised the standards of living for his fellow Indians, and taught them to meet evil with non-resistance; George Washington Carver, the great Negro scientist whose discoveries have enriched the whole world as well as the cause of the American Negro; Kagawa, the dedicated missionary who did so much for his people, the Japanese. These are only a few names from the roster of great ones who left their lasting influence in the world because they lived beyond themselves for others.

Numerous people living in the world today hold this wide view, and one of our best living examples is Dr. Schweitzer of Lambarene. There are thousands of people in every bracket of life who are confirmed altruists. Wherever you find voluntary organizations working to fight disease, help the underprivileged, comfort old age and care for the orphans, you will find altruism of a very high order. You are being altruistic when you give to missions, support welfare organizations or extend a helping hand to anyone outside the immediate circle of your friends and family. You are that when you get behind the organizations that fight disease and contribute to their drives. Whenever you see that new progress is being made in the battle against polio, cancer, muscular dystrophy, mental illness and other cripples and killers you will be happy to know that it is your dollars and cents that have made it possible. Without your moral and financial support, altruistic endeavours would be at a stand-still. Obviously we have to make choices as very few of us are in a position to volunteer or even donate to everything. However the cheering thought remains that it is possible for all of us to help make this world a better place in which to live because of this altruistic principle.

HEADFORD NEWS

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Recent visitors with Mrs. Wm. Wellman have been the Charlie Wellmans of Cobourg, who went on later to visit in Victoria Square. Charlie spent a few of his growing years in Headford.

The Cummer Lees were guests last Sunday of Jean's mother, Mrs. T. McDougall.

Headford W.A. met Tuesday evening last at the home of Mrs. Elmer Leek. Despite very bad weather and road conditions there was a very fair attendance to greet Mrs. Douglas Calder, the new president. The treasurer's report showed a healthy balance.

Mrs. Wes Middleton gave a delightful talk on her recent trip to California. The spring rally was announced for February 3, in Uxbridge.

Victoria Square WMS scheduled for Wednesday last, was postponed until Friday on account of weather, but actually Friday's weather was not much better, which probably accounted for the poor attendance. There were nine present at the home of Mrs. E. Brands in Gormley. The opening hymn of "Tell Me the Old, Old Story" to a lovely accompaniment on the hostess' hi-fi. Mrs. McCague took care of the devotional; a review of parts of the study book, Africa Disturbed, was given; another hymn with the hi-fi, and dedication of the offering with the Lord's prayer, completed the worship period. In the business session it was announced that Victoria Square had fallen short of its allocation by \$40; but that the aggregate of the whole of York Presbytery showed an increase in missionary giving for the year of \$1,000. The annual meeting was announced for January 28, at Stouffville; and Mrs. McCague brought word about Richmond Hill ladies using a bus for transportation and that there would be room on it for up to 10 Victoria Square members.

Cards were signed by all present to be sent to absent sick members. Next meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Acreman and Mrs. Deverell were present from Headford. By way of benediction we joined hands and sang "Blest be the tie that binds". A lovely lunch served by Mrs. Brands made a wonderful finale to a memorable meeting.

Thursday evening was the occasion of the Sunday School annual meeting. On entering the basement of the church, it was discovered that a small portion of the ceiling had fallen. The meeting opened with the reading of a chapter from the Book of Timothy by Mr. Binnington. As graduation had been in September, teachers were not changed. Stewart Rumble was returned as superintendent, Mrs. Acreman and Mrs. Wm. Wellman were appointed as a missionary committee and Mrs. C. Lee takes over the choruses for Marg. Brodie. Membership in A.V.E.L. is to be renewed. All finances over \$200 of the balance on hand in the Sunday School treasury was voted for the missionary fund.

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Newmarket	64 Bayview Avenue	Tuesday, 2 February, 1960
Mount Albert	Community Hall	Tuesday, 2 February, 1960
Markham	Veteran's Hall	Wednesday, 3 February, 1960
King City	Masonic Hall	Wednesday, 3 February, 1960
Unionville	Veteran's Hall	Thursday, 4 February, 1960
Nobleton	W. I. Hall	Thursday, 4 February, 1960
Keswick	United Church	Monday, 8 February, 1960
Thornhill	United Church	Monday, 8 February, 1960
Aurora	96 Yonge Street South	Tuesday, 9 February, 1960
Sutton	Health Unit	Tuesday, 9 February, 1960
Stouffville/Ballantrae	Health Unit, Stouffville	Wed., 10 February, 1960
Oak Ridges/L. Wilcox	Brethren Church, Aubrey Ave., Oak Ridges	Wed., 10 February, 1960
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