

Thornhill and District News

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Christian Response In Nuclear Age Men's Club Hears Dr. J. Findlay

By Margaret I. McLean
"An Atlas missile containing all the bombing power of two world wars, including Hiroshima, at this very moment sits ready on its launching site. Is this a hostile act?" asked Dr. James Findlay, as he addressed a meeting organized by the Men's Club of Thornhill United Church on Tuesday, February 3rd. Dr. Findlay, for 25 years the minister at Carleton St. United Church in Toronto, now merged in St. Luke's Pastoral Charge, was spearheading a movement of the United Church to gather a consensus of opinion, starting at the grass roots - something which could be called the mind of the Church - on the momentous question of a Christian's responsibility in the light of the new scientific knowledge of our time. "For every dollar Canada spends on aid to under-developed nations, she spends eight thousand dollars for defence. How do we reconcile this waste of God-given natural resources and manpower with our Christian faith?" Rev. Findlay continued, in examining the question of nuclear arms being made and stored merely as a deterrent to possible aggressors, he insisted that the

argument of deterrence rests on immoral grounds and asked, "If we don't intend to use nuclear weapons, why play with them?" He quoted Philip Deane, the Washington correspondent of the Globe and Mail as stating that the development of such extremely accurate missiles has created a revolution, making the only possible defence one of attack. "We are living in an entirely different situation. The old patterns are no good," he insisted. "We must re-think this knowledge against the background of Christ. This is a Christian's responsibility. We have a covenant with God as well as with Nato." In the past, Dr. Findlay stated, foreign policies have been motivated by what was considered politically acceptable or a military necessity and for geographic and economic reasons. They should be based, instead, on what the mind of Christ says should happen. The amazing potential of nuclear knowledge for great blessings is being used almost exclusively for the threat of extinction of all life. "This is no fiction of all time. This is no myth, but the sober judgment of persons close to the facts of nuclear development." In stating that the hydrogen bomb equals five million tons of TNT and that one bomb would mean a million dead and wounded, Dr. Findlay posed the question, "After the dropping of such a bomb, how many of the survivors would continue to exist?" He also quoted Dr. J. E. Keyston, vice-chairman of the Defence Research Board as saying, "Science cannot promise any defence to prevent wholesale hell on earth. It is my opinion that we scientists fool ourselves, we fool the public, and we mislead military men and politicians if we inspire expectations that, before long, we will find a way to provide any country with adequate defence against such attack."

THORNLEA

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We are glad to know Mrs. Tyler, Green Lane, has now returned home from Branson Hospital and is progressing satisfactorily. We hope she continues to do so. Chicken pox seem to be keeping several children indoors these days, in our corner we have Judy Curtis, Wayne Stiver, Russell Walker and Tearle Lepkey on the sick list, but we are glad to know they are all progressing satisfactorily.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. H. Wright, No. 7 Highway has been ill with flu and arthritis. We hope she will soon be up and around again.

School News
Thornlea hockey team played an exhibition game with Ross Doan. Score was 3-1 in favor of Thornlea.

The Junior All-Star team played against the senior boys team at Thornlea School and the score was 5-0 in favour of the All Stars. Don't forget the joint Home and School Association meeting at Thornhill High School next Tuesday, February 16, at 8:15 p.m. with Dr. Gordon Rich from Thistletown Children's Hospital as guest speaker. The Home and School executive meeting was held Wednesday, February 3 at the home of Mrs. Reid.

Mark-Vaun W.I. is sponsoring a home economics demonstration on Thursday, February 18 at the Thornhill Masonic Hall from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. All local ladies are invited to attend.

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Thoughts and Theories

by Elizabeth Kelson
Despite the fact that our Canadian poets are among the most creative and distinctive contributors to our national culture, they literally have to fight for their lives in order to bring their work before the public eye. One of their few outlets for poetic expression is the anthology, "Through The Year," with Canadian poets is such a one. This anthology was compiled and edited by the secretary of the Carillon Poetry Society, Miss Hilda Ridley. She is also the editor of Canadiana, "Through The Year" represents the work of poets from almost all the provinces of Canada. The range of subjects in this 30-page booklet is wide and varied. Some of the most effective pieces are by Marion Cross - D. D. Cliff - Thelma Carleton - and many others who are too numerous to name in this column.

I'd like to mention Aline Bayley as she comes from Elgin Mills, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas from Willowdale as well as myself from Thornhill as being the representative poets from our surrounding district in this anthology. The subject matter of the poems in the anthology deal with appreciation of nature, thought and feeling, and human interest. There are poems about birds and animals. Wallace Havelock Robb, of Abbey Dawn Kingston, noted author and poet, whose picture is on the inside of the first page said once, "I know of no poet, past or living that disliked anything God made."

Hugh Halliday of the Toronto Star supplied the bird pictures for this booklet. "Through The Year" has been arranged in an attractive and comprehensive way with selections for every month in the year. Aline Bayley's poem, "A Smile" is taken from the February section.

"A smile is like a rainbow that glistens after rain, Solacing a weary heart, renewing hope again. Grief and fear must have their way, oft the tears must start, A stranger's smile brings comfort to an over-burdened heart. A pebble dropped into a stream, the ripples start and grow, And ever thus a radiant smile will cheer, where'er we go."

If anyone is interested in seeing this anthology, there is a copy in the Thornhill Public Library.

Thornhill Notes

On Thursday afternoon, January 28th, the Women's Association of Holy Trinity Church held their regular meeting in the church hall with 28 members present.

The President, Mrs. M. Lean presided and the bible lesson was read by Mrs. Stow. A very inspiring address was given by Mrs. Roger Priestman on the work of the W. A. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Holy Trinity W. A. The work done by the ladies, such as children's clothing, knitted socks and garments, quilts and afghans are packed in bales and sent to Yukon and the North West Territories. The Missionaries' salaries are paid from W. A. pledges. The President closed the meeting with a prayer and a social half hour followed with refreshments served by the hostesses, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Everett and Mrs. Foster. The next meeting will be held on February 11th in the church hall.

Holy Trinity Parish Guild
On Tuesday, February 2nd, the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Parish Guild of Holy Trinity Church was held at the home of Mrs. J. Gall, 19 Kirk Drive, Thornhill. Members formed groups to work on sewing dolls clothes and Christmas decorations, to get an early start on this year's bazaar. Mrs. L. Davis discussed further plans for the Daffodil Bridge and Games Night to be held on March 1st. There were 33 members present, including three new members, Mrs. Donna Davis, Mrs. Margaret Rudge and Mrs. Doris Dillon. Hostess for the delicious refreshments were Mrs. A. G. Crawford, Mrs. R. Fisher and Mrs. B. H. Cox.

The next Guild meeting will be on February 16th when the evening will be spent pricing articles for the Opportunity Sale. **District Home and School Associations to Hold Joint Meeting**
A highly interesting and informative evening is in store for the parents of children attending Henderson Avenue, Thornhill, Langstaff, Clarke-Elgin and Thornlea Schools on Tuesday, February 16th when Dr. John Riek will address a joint Home and School meeting of these five schools at Thornhill High School. Dr. Riek, presently the Clinical Director of Thistletown Hospital and an Associate of the Department of Psychology at the University of Toronto will speak on the subject "How Child Psychology Works." The recently opened Thistletown Hospital which Dr. Riek directs is for emotionally disturbed children with severe

behaviour problems but who are mostly of average intelligence. The children there are not retarded mentally but their mental growth is often held back severely by emotional disturbances. Dr. Riek was trained in England and for the last few years worked at the Institute of Psychiatry of the University of London. While there he obtained his Ph.D. for research into juvenile delinquency. He spent three years as psychiatrist to the Juvenile Court and lectured at the University of London and the Home Office. He worked for some years in a children's nursery and also in the Youth Clubs in the dock area of London and was the Governor of the local High School there. Thornhill residents are certainly honoured to be able to hear a speaker of such stature and with such an impressive variety of experience. The joint meeting is in celebration of Women's Day. The time is 8:15 - the place, Thornhill High School auditorium.

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Dr. Minton C. Johnston Inducted At Thornhill

In the presence of an overflow congregation a service of induction of the Rev. Dr. Minton C. Johnston to the ministry of Thornhill Baptist Church was held on Thursday evening of last week.

Rev. James Smith, a member of the local congregation, presided over the service of worship. Mr. Wilfrid Irons, a member of the Pulpit Committee, introduced the minister elect.

Rev. Walter Loader, Moderator of the Toronto Association of Baptist Churches, presented the charge to the minister, and Mr. H. E. Barrow read the charge to the Church.

Dr. P. F. W. Ziemann, General Secretary of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, led in a prayer of induction. Dr. Johnston pronounced the benediction.

During the reception which followed, for Dr. and Mrs. Johnston, telegrams were received from the Secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada, and from

the Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. W. D. McGowan, who is travelling in England wishing them success and happiness in their new ministry at Thornhill Baptist Church.

Fraternal greetings and expressions of goodwill were brought to the assembly by the Rev. Wm. Askew, President of the Thornhill Ministerial Association, and by Rev. John Gallo-way, President of the Toronto Baptist Ministerial Association.

Dr. Harvey Denton, a friend of many years, and minister of Walmer Road Church, offered his congratulations to the Church upon receiving such an outstanding leader, and extended his good wishes to both church and minister.

Dr. Johnston delighted the audience with a gracious response to his many well-wishers, and invited everybody to partake of the delicious refreshments provided by the ladies of the Women's Association.

The 19 members of the C. G. I. T., not to mention their others, are all agog this week, preparing for their annual Valentine Tea and Bake Sale, to be held at the Church on Saturday, February 13th from 2 to 5 p.m.

The mothers, be assured, are doing the actual baking for the Bake Sale, but the girls are preparing the sandwiches and cookies for the tea, and of course will do all the work of running the affair. As well as the baked goods, the girls will have for sale some of the craft work they have been doing.

Thornhill Horticultural Society
Beautiful coloured slides of her recent trip to California and the West coast will be shown at the February meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society on Tuesday, February 16th. The meeting starts at 8 p.m. and will be held in Thornhill Public School. Mrs. Bridges, the President of the Society, is well known for her lovely slides and viewing them may be just what we all need as the winter respite from our struggles with ice and snow which have been more than usually troublesome this winter.

As well as California, the slides show the west coast and the canyons in Utah. A House Plant Draw will be another interesting item on the agenda, and refreshments will be served.

Social Notes
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Perry of Arnold Avenue recently returned from a trip to Winnipeg and the West Coast. While in Winnipeg, Mrs. Perry lunched with Jean Campbell (Mrs. Gordon Campbell) one-time resident of Arnold Avenue, whom many of you will remember. The Campbells are enjoying all the best, not the least of which is a new little daughter, Amy, born since they moved to Winnipeg and now two years old. Leaving Winnipeg, the Perrys spent a weekend in Banff and then travelled to Vancouver and Victoria. From there they returned to Winnipeg by jet plane ("simply fabulous," says Mrs. Perry.) During their two day stopover in Winnipeg both Mrs. Perry and Jean Campbell were entertained at lunch at the Winter Club by Hope Harvey, a sister of Thornhill's Mrs. MacTaggart-Cowan. Home again by jet airliner and just settling down again, Mrs. Perry found herself coping with a case of chicken-pox. Well, well, you have to take the bitter with the better you know!

Several other people of our fair Village have been winter vacationing, too. Mrs. C. P. Johns, 7636 Yonge St. recently returned from a Caribbean cruise. Mrs. Marie Vanderburgh, Yonge St., is spending a month in Florida and Mr. Arthur Elsey of 114 Arnold Avenue is presently in New Orleans and expects to see the Mardi Gras there.

The February meeting of the Women's Association of the Thornhill United Church was held on Thursday, February 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the Northex. The president, Mrs. Killam presided and after a few opening remarks, asked Mrs. Meuser to take the devotional which was based on "Meekness and Humility." The minutes of the previous meeting were read. At the executive meeting on January 28th a number of resolutions were brought in viz. - There be four general meetings a year, i.e.

January - This to be the annual meeting when the first six months budget be brought in.
April - Tuesday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. dessert and coffee then meetings.

September - Thursday the 8th at 1:30 p.m. in the form of a dessert luncheon, at this time the last six months budget be brought in.
December - Thursday 6th at 6:30. Our Annual Christmas Party.

That we have the following major projects in M., 1960-1961 as the present time, the York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association. Former mental patients who are living in supervised homes until they are completely ready to re-enter the community will be brought to the home of Mrs. H. Johnson and she, together with other volunteers from the W. M. S. will give the patients all permanent waves. Mrs. Johnson is a local hairdresser and will instruct her "operators" in their duties. The meeting closed after enjoying refreshments served by Mrs. L. Denby and Mrs. E. Ecclestone. C. G. I. T.

gregation contributed \$81,000, of which \$3,200 was given to missions. The Women's Association was particularly commended for their fine work. The ladies, through their various projects, raised more than \$9,000 for the Church budget.

The following new Elders were elected: Mr. Bruce Johnston, Mr. Ken Duncanson, Mr. Alan Martindale, Mr. Eric Shulver, Miss Geraldine Wesley, Mrs. Donald Davidson, Mr. Wm. Hallawell, Mr. B. Sharpless, Mr. P. R. Mack.

New Stewards elected were: Mr. George Chandler, Mr. George Schroth, Mr. J. R. Elliott, Mr. Wm. T. Heron, Mr. Walter Snary, Mr. W. E. Windsor, Mr. J. D. Honsberger, Mr. G. Douglas Cram and Mr. Wm. Kojala.

Highland Park

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The games of the Junior Hockey League at Henderson Avenue School are proceeding with continued enthusiasm. Games are being played at noon hour with teachers taking turns as supervisors. Up to the present, John Kerwell's team is in the lead with four points. George Leifer has three points credited to his team. Larry Sturgess is tied with Ron Simpson, each team having two points. Bob Good-year's team has one point and Joe Heine's team has yet to win a point. It is hoped that the ice will continue for another week or two so that the schedule can be completed.

The 1st Thornhill Girl Guide Company held a very successful skating party and campers reunion on Tuesday evening, February 2nd at Henderson Avenue School. Five Guides from Aurora, including two Captains, one Lieutenant, Commissioner, Mrs. Harris and Area Camp Advisor Mrs. Henderson were present along with Mrs. McTaggart-Cowan, District Commissioner. About ninety Guides in all were present. The girls had an invigorating skate and then went indoors for refreshments. The girls had a wonderful time reminiscing summer camp days and exchanging snapshots. Cathy Lennie passed her test for Homemakers Badge. The Mothers' March of Dimes Campaign was successful once again this year. On Monday evening, February 1st the Mothers received a good response from the householders whom they canvassed. In Thornhill and district, over \$2400.00 was collected.

The February meeting of the Henderson Avenue Home and School Association scheduled for Monday, February 8th, was cancelled in favour of a joint meeting of the local Home and School Associations at the Thornhill High School on February 16th in the school Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. The speaker at that time will be Dr. John Rich, clinical director of the Thistletown Hospital and an Associate in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto. He was graduated from Toronto University with a Ph. D. after doing research on Juvenile Delinquency. His topic on February 16 will be, "How Psychiatry Works."

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