

# Thornhill and District News

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## 1960 Prom Queen And Princess



Photo by Lagerquist. "The best 'At Home' yet," said students and friends who attended the 4th annual At Home at the Thornhill High School last Friday evening. Seen above is the Queen of the Prom and her attendants. Mr. Stewart Rumble, chairman of the York Central District High School Board, crowned this year's queen, in a setting that was strictly oriental since this year's theme was "Rickschaw Holiday."

Princess Aline Simpson, Princess Pauline Paul, Prom Queen Sandra Stewart, Princess Patricia Kelson and Princess Diane Gentle. The Queen has a bouquet of red and white carnations, her attendants carry sprays of white carnations.

The dance committee did a delightful decorating job in the large auditorium, prior to the commencement of the dance, but gave a great deal of credit for the successful outcome to students, staff, and parents for their aid. Two silver pools — with real goldfish swimming about — under a picturesque bridge, on which a pensive geisha girl rested looking down into the silver water below, as a coolie attend-

ing her stood beside the bridge on the sandy shore line, which extended into a sward of grass and flowers. A 10 foot buddha stood on one side of the huge room and on the opposite wall a 60 foot mural of Mount Fuji had been executed. The north wall sported a large and gaily painted dragon with "flashing eyes", and directly opposite, on each side of the stage were a pagoda and a fountain. Real trees had been planted for the occasion, some around the pools, some along the walls. These had been painted black and "flowered" with pink cherry blossoms

## Jo Anne Jay Marries J. W. Kay In Lovely Ceremony At Thornhill

A honeymoon trip to the southern states and Florida followed the wedding of Jo Anne Jay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jay of Richvale, to John W. Kay of Markham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Kay, Huntsville, on March 5, 1960.

The Rev. Hugh MacDonald officiated at the lovely wedding in the Thornhill United Church, which was decorated with pink carnations and snapdragons, and sprays of lily of the valley tied to the pew with white tulle bows.

Mrs. D. Gunn was at the organ and the brother of the groom, Ralph Kay, was best man, while the ushers were Garnet Kay and the bride's brother, Gary Jay.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was radiant in a beautiful gown of heavy satin with close fitting bodice and low cut shawl collar inset with Chantilly lace and decorated with pearlized sequins. The long finger-tips of the bodice were of nylon organdy matching the overskirt, which was of slipper satin. The front of the skirt featured a panel with two inset bows, the centre of which was lace and sequins, in back a tailored bow with long wide sash stood out like a bustle. The bride wore a tiara of pearlized sequins in the shape of a half crown with hip length veil, and she carried a cascade of deep red roses and white carnations.

Matron of honor, bridesmaids, Mrs. Robert Woods and Margo Martin were dressed alike in fuchsia taffeta gowns with large shawl collars trimmed with rhinestones, and overskirts of sheer nylon one shade lighter than the dresses. They wore white velvet crowns trimmed with white flowers and carried bouquets of white carnations. All the men of the wedding party wore white jackets with black trousers, and "five-year-old Debbie Jenning made a lovely little flower girl."

At the reception which followed at the Yangtze Pagoda, the bride's mother received wearing a powder blue sheer nylon gown with bolero jacket of lace, powder blue hat trimmed with matching flowers and a corsage of pink carnations. The bridegroom's mother assisted in receiving, wearing a powder blue suit with matching accessories and a corsage of red roses and white carnations.

Following the reception the 9 guests retired to the Richvale Community Hall where a family friend, Mr. Bill McKeibon, supplied the entertainment which included square dancing. The uncle of the bride's mother, Albert Childs although 73 years old, danced four complete square dances and a very happy time was had by all.

For her going-away outfit, the bride chose a wool suit in dressmaker's style in a very bright blue with matching sailor hat and gloves. On their return they will reside in Willowdale. The former Jo Anne Jay attended Charles Howitt grade school, Richmond Hill High School and is a graduate of the Thornhill High School '57.

## Silver Linings

by Elizabeth Kelson

One of the most distinctive features of all small shops in Ireland is the post card. According to a student of Irish ways and customs post cards are sacred or profane. Irish love of play acting and gift for satire is the inspiration of the profane card. One example of a favorite character for this type is a pug-nosed person in a swallow-tail coat, worsted stockings and a clay pipe, who twirls a shillelagh as he makes love to a "colleen" with a shawl on her head. Or the same hero is seen driving a jaunting-car over boulders and upsetting tourists into a ditch. Or he is seen leaning over a pig-sty or preparing to fight somebody.

The other Irish post cards are very different. They are the most touching post cards in the whole world. You see them propped up in the little village shop windows or stacked in long racks in village post offices. They are designed to cheer the heart of those who leave their beloved Erin for another land. There is one plentifully sprinkled with sprays of shamrock which shows in a small circle an idealized white cottage against a pink sunset and with a round tower rising at the back among the fields. The fields, too, are idealized. They are not the rocky fields which helped to drive the emigrant to the western world. "The dear little cabin" is the inscription under the cottage. "Fair Land of My Birth" is the general title to the card. Attached to the post card is a little green packet with these words on it, "A packet of real shamrock seed."

I suppose thousands of these cards go out to friends and loved ones on special holidays like St. Patrick's Day. And I can imagine that the little packet of real shamrock seed finds its way into many a home in the United States and Canada, there to be planted into pots and and finally to grow and become the one thing that symbolizes home in a foreign land. There seems to be in all of these cards the fear that the emigrant will forget Ireland. They create the impression of mothers and fathers wondering whether "Mike" or "Kathleen" far off in America is losing touch with home. "Forget not the land of your birth" is the stern warning on one which shows a little Irish bridge in the circle, much shamrock, and a horseshoe hung the wrong way, which seems to be usual in Ireland. This card also bears the packet of "real shamrock seed."

These appealing cards give a real insight into the rare and wonderful qualities of the Irish people. In them you discover their tender sentimentality, love of home and each other, their gift of laughter and sense of fun, without which the Western world would have been poor indeed.

## Bishop Marsh Speaker At Holy Trinity Church

(By Doris M. Fitzgerald)

"If we do not help the Eskimos during this critical period of transition we may fail them forever," Bishop Marsh told the large gathering assembled in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Thornhill, on March 10, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Holy Trinity Woman's Auxiliary.

The Right Rev. Donald Marsh has lived and laboured in the Arctic for 34 years, and in the last 10 has been Anglican Bishop of the 2800 square mile Diocese. He speaks the Eskimo language, is fully conversant with the problems of the people, and deprecates the fact that there are not nearly enough Anglican clergy to minister to, and guide these devoted Christians, who are often bewildered by the lax moral values of the white men they are beginning to meet. Drawn into the larger world by the swifter means of communication, and travel, the Eskimos are trying to exchange their primitive way of life for the accepted pattern of civilization, and to do this they must have money, and jobs. Some were employed on the Dew Line, some do Eskimo carvings but paid work is relatively scarce. Though rich natural resources lie deep under the thick crust of ice and snow, the cost of developing, and transporting them would be prohibitive. Bishop Marsh spoke of the great devotion of the Eskimos to Canon James who continued his work among them despite a physical handicap. He appealed to mothers and grandmothers in the audience to bring the urgent need for clergy in the North West Territory to the attention of young men of their acquaintance, and begged them not to put obstacles in the way of those who would choose this very rewarding, if not very lucrative, vocation.

Bishop and Mrs. Marsh, both good looking, hearty and friendly are the best possible advertisements for such a life. Mrs. Marsh shared the rigours of parish life at Eskimo Point, Hudson's Bay, with her husband for 18 years, and for 3 years at the original Akavik. After he became Bishop, the Marshes and their children moved to Toronto. He spends a few months here on executive work, and the rest of the year travels about his Diocese by plane or boat.

Mrs. Marsh, a gifted artist who received her training at the Horsey Academy of Art in England, has used her talent to make a valuable record of the north country. By special request she loaned some of her beautiful water colour paintings for the meeting. These were hung on the walls, and gave delighted viewers authentic glimpses of the vast snow bound region, and of Eskimos in their natural surroundings.

Work On Display

Also on display during the afternoon were the large silver cup won by Mrs. Askew's Girls Auxiliary for general proficiency, in competition with 60 other G. A. S. articles completed by Trinity W. A. for the Indian bala, and the Pakistan embroidery. Mrs. T. J. Colbourne, King, who was taking orders for the latter said that \$3,000 worth of the exquisite place mats, runners, tea cloths etc. had been sold in Canada last year, and the proceeds used to pay wages of the workers, buy material, and train new workers. The project began ten years ago when Miss Freda Peter went to Pakistan to keep house for her brother the Rev. F. Peter, a graduate engineer, as well as a clergyman. Mrs. Peter was teaching the native men how to drill wells, and irrigate their land, and feeling that she would like to do something for the women. Miss Peter started classes in needlework. Some of her pupils had never used a needle before but made swift progress, and the initial small group has grown to 300. The incentive and work has meant so much to the village women that last year hundreds walked many miles to an anniversary party.

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## Thornhill Notes

**Children's Mission Highly Successful**

The inter-denominational Children's Mission which was held last week, Monday through Friday, at Thornhill United Church was highly successful with 805 children registered. The average daily attendance was 435 with 510 the largest number out on any one day. There were 200 children with perfect attendance and these received certificates at their own Sunday Schools on Sunday, March 13th. This endeavour was an outstanding example of co-operation among the Churches of the area.

**Holy Trinity Anglican Church**

On Sunday, March 13th the congregation of Holy Trinity attended services beneath a superstructure of painters' scaffolding. Mr. Thomas Browne, of Willowdale is presently painting the interior of the church. His fine work is well known in the area and the temporary inconvenience experienced by the congregation will be well worth it.

Mrs. Roger Priestman and her enthusiastic Thespians are hard at work rehearsing a one act comedy to be performed at the Women's Auxiliary Luncheon on April 23rd. "From Five to Five Thirty" is the title of the play, and, according to Mrs. Priestman, "It is a good one," so don't miss it! Luncheon, ladies!

**Thornhill United Church**

On Monday evening, March 7th, six young men of the congregation of Thornhill United, with Rev. MacDonald, attended a dinner meeting at St. Clair Avenue United Church in Toronto. The occasion was a recruiting meeting for young men considering entering the ministry. That there are six young men from the Church considering this calling says much for the young people of the area.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 8th, 16 ladies of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W. M. S. met at the Church. The devotional was taken by Mrs. Stranz, the former Vice-President, who spoke on the meaning of Lent. Mrs. Irving Ford gave a very interesting talk on the conditions of the natives of Africa. She stressed that the Russians were gaining a greater influence in that country because they took 300 girls to Russia each year to be educated and indoctrinated with Russian orthodox. The meeting closed with a hymn and lunch was then served.

On Tuesday evening, March 8th, Group 1 of the W. A. met at the home of Mrs. P. T. Forster, 32 Helen Avenue, while Group 4 met at the home of Mrs. Boynton. The members' husbands attended this latter meeting.

On Thursday evening, March 10th, Group 7 met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Walker, where they were addressed

by a member of the Victorian Order of Nursing.

At the Sunday morning service a proposal was put before the congregation that as its contribution to Refugee Year, the congregation should sponsor a refugee family, bringing it to Thornhill and being responsible for its welfare. This will be arranged through the Church Office. Rev. MacDonald asked all those interested in supporting such a venture to contact him and by Monday noon had a gratifying number of calls.

At the Sunday evening service, Mr. Hugh Martin led in a rousing hymn singing and the series of "Open Season on the Preacher" was continued. The questions which Rev. MacDonald dealt with were, (1) What does "Amen" mean? (2) What about a Roman Catholic in the White House? (3) What about capital punishment? and (4) Is the Story of Adam and Eve true? Mr. MacDonald dealt with these in his usual forthright manner. He could see some possible dangers following on the election of a Roman Catholic as President of the United States, inasmuch as, in other places where the Roman Catholic church had gained control, they refused to recognize any other religion. Capital punishment, Rev. MacDonald felt to be an abomination and a relic of barbarism, and certainly not in any way in accord with Christian teaching. The story of Adam and Eve he felt to be, like other Biblical stories, not really a story, but a parable meant to illustrate something which could not otherwise be explained.

**Thornhill Presbyterian Church**

On Sunday morning, March 13th, the congregation of Thornhill Presbyterian Church held their 111th Anniversary service with Rev. Chambers in the pulpit. His subject was "The Burning Bush." The Junior and Senior Choirs took part in the service and a group of 35 men of the congregation were commissioned for the programme of visiting which took place in the afternoon.

The Couples Club held a square dance on Saturday evening at Henderson Avenue Public School. After the dancing, about 25 couples returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Puidy for refreshments.

This past week end, from Friday night to Sunday morning, 12 members of the Young Adults Club took part in a week end retreat at the Presbyterian Church Lay Centre in the Caledon Hills. Rev. Walter Welch of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Humber Heights addressed the group on, "The Key to Christian Living."

On Sunday evening, the Young Adults met at the Church and the service was led by Miss Myrna Hunt. Rev. Chambers introduced the new Bible Study Programme on the Book of Romans. There were 31 members present.

**Social Notes**

Have you visited the smart new location of the Belina Hat Shop at the Northtown Shopping Centre. Operated by Mrs. Elizabeth Paterson of Idleswift Drive, it was formerly at 5309 Yonge Street, Willowdale. The new shop is in a new group of stores just opened up on the Eastern side of the Shopping Centre, facing on Kenneth Ave. This space was formerly taken up with the service entrance of the Foodtown grocery store which closed up in

## Concord Socials

**Scouting**

The annual father and son banquet was held at the Maple Community Hall on March 9. The tables were gaily decorated with spring flowers. Turkey dinners, which had been cooked and prepared by the mothers, were served to 59 fathers and sons. Films were shown on wild life, and first stars and badges were presented to some of the boys. Iris Orr, president, would like to thank all the mothers who so willingly gave their time to prepare the banquet.

**Guides and Brownies**

Guides and Brownies were very active on the week end. They were out on Friday evening getting orders for cookie day, and on Saturday morning, some of the girls with their leaders went to Maple for orders as there are no Guides or Brownies in that district yet. On their return, they were very glad to find hot chocolate, coffee, and hot dogs waiting for them at Mrs. Pat Smith's. Pat was in the middle of getting her house painted that morning, so two good old souls, Iris Orr and Tilda Day went over to help with the girls. Pat Smith would like to thank all the mothers who donated the hot chocolate and the hot dogs.

We wish the following people who are on the sick list a speedy recovery, Lois Nordin, Audrey Boron, Gord Wood and little David Burlington. We missed you at the banquet, David.

The Concord Home and School is holding a dance at Maple Community Hall on Friday, March 18. This dance makes a lot of work for the people who are arranging it, so please make an effort to make it a success.

Your correspondent has a ghost writer this week as she finally decided to go to the hospital and have a nine and a half pound daughter. Hurry home, Ruth, and congratulations.

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