

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

Thornhill United Church News
On March 15th, an audience of over 400 was privileged to hear a performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" at Thornhill United Church, presented by the I. B. M. Glee Club. The evening was sponsored by the church's three choirs. The performance was directed by Mr. Hugh Martin, who, as well as being the church's choirmaster, also directs the I. B. M. Glee Club, and is music teacher in several Markham and Vaughan Public Schools.

Early on Wednesday morning on the 16th, a bevy of busy ladies of Group 7 of the W. A. began to scurry around in the same auditorium, and by 1:30 had an attractive luncheon arranged complete with a beautiful buffet table gaily decorated in a St. Patrick's day theme and another table with a scrumptious assortment of home baking for sale. By 1 p.m. the home baking was entirely sold out and shortly after 2 the same ladies were clearing away the remains after having served luncheon to over 200 people. Conveners for the affair were Mrs. Gordon Brain and Mrs. George Morgan. Mrs. W. F. Buckler was in charge of the decorations while Mrs. Thomas Pherrill was in charge of the bake table. The luncheon was well supported by the community as a whole and especially by the school teachers who find it a welcome treat to enjoy a tasty luncheon of home cooked foods. This is the first luncheon Group 7 has held and its success augurs for more in the future. The ladies will now turn their attention to preparations for their Annual Rummage Sale, to be held at the end of April.

On Sunday morning, Rev. MacDonald continued his series of sermons on the seven deadly sins and discussed the sin of gluttony. On Sunday evening, the Open Season on the Preacher continued with Rev. MacDonald answering questions put to him by members of the congregation on what do you think of girls smoking, Do Christians believe in fate, The divorce laws in Canada, Is it selfish to want to go to Heaven and How can I be sure that I am a Christian? Rev. MacDonald felt that girls would be richer, healthier, prettier, smell nicer and be more Godly if they refrained from smoking — and so also would boys!

Approximately 125 people attended the service, mostly young people, and following this, 25 of the young people attended a Church Membership Class with Rev. MacDonald while the rest of the young people attended a business meeting.

Holy Trinity Anglican Parish Guild

The regular meeting of the Parish Guild was held on March 15th. This meeting began with a Lenten Service conducted by Rev. Wm. Askew, after which the members enjoyed a film showing how Eskimo families and families of their white teacher, minister and doctor live at a remote settlement in the Arctic. It was a most interesting and enlightening film and Mrs. Kay Shaw, President, thanked Mr. Askew for bringing it to show the Guild. At the business meeting it was announced that the Corporate Communion for the members of the Guild will be held at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 3rd. On April 19th, the Guild will be visiting the Convent of the Sisters of St. John the Divine. The next work meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5th at the following homes: Mrs. Muriel Shaw, Crafts; Mrs.

Wm. Askew, doll's clothes and hats; Mrs. Mary Weale, Christmas decorations. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. Hostesses were Mrs. Audrey Davis, Mrs. Phyllis Garland and Mrs. Irene Halliday.

Girls' Auxiliary

The girls of the G. A. are busy with their crafts and some of the girls are making wool and paper animals and dolls' cradles. At the last meeting, March 15th, it was decided to order oven savers and trays to sell. The girls have been having an interesting time. Three weeks ago they were privileged to visit Holy Trinity College and in February, they took part in a service at the Church.

On Sunday morning, March 20, Rev. Askew spoke on the topic "Why Christians." Next Sunday, March 27th will be Mid-Lent and Mothering Sunday will be observed. The girls of the G. A. will make corsages to be presented to each mother attending church and special prayers will be said for mothers.

St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church

The General Meeting of the C. W. L. was held at St. Luke's Separate School last week and opened with the reading of the League Prayer. The following reports were given: Mrs. M. Martynuk, the Spiritual Convener reminded the ladies present of St. Joseph's Day, March 19th. He is the patron saint of Canada and all were urged to try to observe this day prayerfully. Mrs. Martynuk also reminded the members of the Day of Recollection at the Seneca on March 23rd when wives and mothers can spend a day of retreat and prayer. There had been several ladies volunteer to care for young children to enable their mothers to attend.

The Social Action Convener, Mrs. Paul Johnson reminded the ladies that there was still need for articles for the baby layette. On May 30th there is to be a community Blood Donors Clinic at St. Paschal's Church on Steele's Avenue and cards for donors were passed out in the hope that each member would endeavour to find donors. The Parish Council has been responsible for the distribution of 48 oz. of baby wool for knitting into layette sets.

The C. W. L. is sponsoring a Marathon Card Party in May in the Parish Hill. This party is to bring all players of the game of cards and bridge which was carried on during the year, to the hall to receive prizes. Other ladies and gentlemen of the parish and their friends are also invited to play the game of their choice. There will be several door and seat prizes.

The Book Drive for the Parish Library, spearheaded by Mrs. P. Faughan, Mrs. Fred Mayer and Mrs. C. Cheseldine has been most successful. Many good books have been given and money to purchase more has been contributed.

Mr. Francis Haxby, a well known artist of Thornhill then gave the ladies an interesting talk on Religious Art. His expertise in this field and in portrait painting made the talk most informative and inspiring. Mrs. E. Surratt expressed the gratitude of the members for his kindness in coming and giving his valuable time.

An extensive building campaign is underway at St. Luke's and plans call for a four-room addition of three classrooms (one kindergarten) and a gymnasium.

Thornhill Presbyterian Church

The guest preacher last Sunday morning at Thornhill Presbyterian Church was Rev. A. E. Bailey, assistant editor of publications for the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Rev. Chalmers conducting the 63rd anniversary services at Chalmers Presbyterian Church there. In the evening, E. Young People listened to a discussion on the topic "Should Canada Abolish Capital Punishment. Taking part were Rev. Arthur Gowland, Sec. for Evangelism and Social Action for the Presbyterian Church in Canada and Mr. James Deane of Thornhill, partner in the local law firm of Plaxton and Deane. Both speakers presented the problems from different angles and a lively discussion followed.

On Thursday evening, March 17th, the third Adult Christian Education Programme was held and the topic under discussion was Confucianism and Taoism. A film "The Great World Religions" was also shown. Next week the topic will be "Islam."

Minton C. Johnson of Thornhill Baptist Church

has for some time been taking part in a series of radio broadcasts over Station C. B. L. entitled "Lift Up Your Hearts." This is on C. B. L. news each morning, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and is devoted to church music and gospel singing, while on Monday, Wednesday and Friday there are speakers. Rev. Johnson speaks each Monday morning.

On Tuesday evening, March 15th, the regular meeting of the W. A. of Thornhill Baptist Church was held at the home of Mrs. Clifford Wilson. The president, Mrs. McGowan presided and the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Mrs. Kent, just home from a holiday down south. Mrs. Twine took the devotional. The treasurer's report showed an encouraging balance after an expenditure for chairs, which quite cheered the ladies. Mrs. Andrew, director of music for the church gave a talk on hymns with illustrations, which the group sang. This was followed by some Irish songs because of the close proximity of St. Patrick's Day and a beautiful solo was sung by Mrs. Ed. Roblin. The meeting closed with refreshments served by the Centre Group.

The Couples Club is planning a bowling party this Saturday, March 26th at the new alleys on Yonge St. just north of Finch. Plans call for refreshments to follow at Pellers restaurant. While the rest of us watch the slow and dogged melting of the ragged snow drifts which still surround us, Mr. and Mrs. Stratton of John Street have gone forth to meet the Spring half way. Leaving someone at home to see to the boys, they will visit a sister of Mrs. Stratton in Washington and also spend some time at the ranch of a cousin in West Virginia. They also plan to stop briefly at Williamsburg during their tour.

Obituary

Mrs. Dalton B. Harvie

Constance Margaret Mary Harvie, wife of Dalton Buchanan Harvie died in the Toronto General Hospital on Sunday, March 20, 1960 in her 55th year. She had made an unexpectedly good recovery from a serious operation, but suffered a relapse about two weeks ago.

Born in Hamilton, Ont., Mrs. Harvie was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Webster. Her father, the first medical intern in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, was the Dean of Canadian Psychiatrists at the time of his death in 1954. Constance Harvie was educated at private schools in Hamilton and at Whitby Ladies' College, and after graduation was a librarian in Toronto. Gardening and reading were her hobbies, and she had a deep appreciation of beauty in any form. Since coming to live in Thornhill thirteen years ago Mrs. Harvie had been a member of Holy Trinity Church, and of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband, her daughter Catherine Mary, a student at McGill University, and her son John Patrick Buchanan, at home.

The funeral service in Holy Trinity Church was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Askew, on Monday evening, March 21. Burial took place in the family plot in Cataract Cemetery near Kingston, where her maternal grandfather Canon Cooke was Dean of St. George's Cathedral for many years.

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Mr. Walker told "The Liberal" he has three different departments lined up to handle client's industrial and residential real estate and insurance problems. He himself heads the Residential Department, with Jimmy Natchoff, managing Industrial, and Ross Cox in charge of Insurance.

All three men, and their three assistant salesmen, have had wide experience in these particular phases of selling. Mr. Walker, who moved to Thornhill from Saskatchewan in 1953, has dealt in real estate in this district for the past four years. A former 2nd Lieutenant with the R.C.O.C., he is married to a former Saskatchewan girl, Ruth Russell, and they have three children, a 2-year-old girl and two boys, 3 and 6 years old. They are members of the United Church. Asked about his hobbies, Mr. Walker said he raises and trains Labrador retrievers, and has 12 in his kennel at Langstaff at the present time. Mr. Natchoff has wide experience in restaurant and industrial sales work, having established many such businesses in this district and Toronto during the past nine years. He completed university training for this type of sales work in Prague.

Ross Cox is a well-known figure in Jefferson, Richmond Hill and Thornhill, and has 43 years experience in insurance—coming from a family which has dealt in insurance for generations.

Just recently Mr. Walker's firm negotiated for and sold land for a 14-store shopping centre at Newmarket, and expects to sell a quarter of a million dollars worth of business from this one deal. Drop in any day at 818 Yonge Street, a cordial reception awaits you.

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Thornhill W. I. Celebrates 58th

Guests from Richmond Hill, Buttonville, Markham-Vaughan and Langstaff Women's Institute helped the Thornhill W.I. celebrate their 58th birthday at the Masonic Hall, Thornhill, on Thursday, March 17th.

Not content to be mere spectators, the guests took an active part in the celebrations. The Richmond Hill ladies presented a hilarious skit, entitled "How to Conduct a Social Meeting" with Mrs. J. Bayley, Mrs. J. Pollard and Mrs. W. Sayers taking part. Mrs. G. Hooper, accompanied by Mrs. J. Barker, both of Buttonville, sang two solos appropriate to the day, "My Wild Irish Rose" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." The Markham-Vaughan W.I. ladies led the group in a rousing sing-song, in which Irish songs also predominated. The Langstaff group then conducted a Radio Quiz show, selecting ladies from the audience for questioning. Mrs. Ray Norris and Mrs. Roy Russell were the commentators. Shamrock suckers were awarded to the winners. Mrs. G. Patterson, who is soloist at Thornhill Presbyterian Church, rendered an enjoyable solo, accompanied by Mrs. A. Morrison. Mrs. C. Sinclair of Thornhill W.I. read a poem entitled "The Meaning of the Shamrock."

Of special interest to members, both old and new, was a paper given by Mrs. R. Holmes of Thistleton, outlining some of the highlights of the Thornhill W.I. during the 58 years of its existence. Formed in 1902, the Thornhill branch is one of the oldest in the East York District. The first meeting was held in the home of Mrs. James, the first president. Some of the charter members were Mrs. Chapman (Mrs. Hislop's mother), Mrs. C. L. B. (Mrs. Brillinger's mother), Mrs. Moyle, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Robt. Thompson and Mrs. J. Pearson. Although not a charter member herself, Mrs. Holmes was a member for 29 years and can speak at first hand of the various worthy undertakings of the group during that time. She recalled how during the depression years the ladies packed and delivered Christmas boxes—30 one Christmas. They also provided medical needs for those who could not afford them and even provided care for a couple of high school students to allow them to continue their education. Milk and eggs were distributed to school children and donations were made to the library, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Red Cross, Mental Health Association and for retarded children.

During the war years the group put forth an even greater effort. Mrs. Harry Neal opened up her home to the ladies and there they remodelled and mended clothing for "Bales to Britain."

C. A. Cruickshanks Of Garden Guild Addresses Horticultural Society

"Summer Flowering Bulbs" was the subject chosen by Mr. C. A. Cruickshanks of the Garden Guild when he addressed the Thornhill Horticultural Society on Tuesday, March 15th.

In his most interesting talk, begonias were the first discussed. There are many types of these beautiful plants and the group were shown coloured slides which illuminated their brilliance and some of which were so clear that one could almost feel the texture of the petals. Begonias come from California, the Giant Pacific seeming to be the best. These magnificent blooms can be 10 inches across and range from pure white to vivid apricot, delicate pink and gay scarlet.

England produces many varieties, not so large but beautiful in their form, mostly favouring the rose type. The Belgian varieties are smaller and not as expensive. They make colourful border arrangements and like other begonias bloom all summer long. All begonias must be started indoors about the middle of March, potted only one inch deep in peat moss and sand, then set out in the garden in a shady location in early June. The garden soil must be rich, as these plants need good nourishment. Of the many varieties the most spectacular were the "Begonia Pendula," a profusion of blooms overflowing from hanging baskets. Slides, showing greenhouses filled with these overhanging baskets brought gasps from the audience. Only three bulbs are needed to each ten inch basket which must be lined with sphagnum moss and then filled with rich soil. We hope to see many of these around Thornhill this year.

Other beautiful slides were shown of summer flowering bulbs, dahlias, including the dwarf varieties, gladioli and lilies, as well as others often called lilies but not actually from the lily family.

After Mr. Cruickshanks' talk, a film was shown of Holland's annual tulip festival when floats are made entirely of dazzling flowers. The film also included shots of a park, 76 acres of gardens filled with tulips of every colour. In one bed alone, over 10,000 bulbs had been planted.

Signs Of The Changing Numbers

On John Street, in Thornhill there is, we are told, a plaintive small sign which literally speaks volumes with its notice which reads: "Stow, 32, formerly, 75, originally 18."

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People come from all over the world to see these gardens and having seen this film, the audience all hoped to be able to visit it one day.

Mrs. Bridges, the president, thanked the speaker for his fine talk and reminded the group that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, April 19th when Mr. Brown of the Sheridan Nurseries will speak on "Perennials."

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Thoughts and Theories

by Elizabeth Kelson

You might ask me, whether I, as an individual, am afraid of cancer? Yes. I suppose I could say I was afraid, but that would depend a great deal on the kind of fear you meant. If you mean, have I a blind unreasoning fear of cancer, I would say no. However I do have healthy fears about it. For instance:

I'm afraid to be indifferent to the idea of cancer, because if I am, I might not know of the increasing hope that there is for those that already have it. I'm grateful for the examples of those who have been cured, and I must not let indifference stop me from discussing this problem with others.

I'm afraid to be misinformed. If I seek my information from the proper channels, I will not believe a lot of half-truths and lies about cancer. I must be acquainted with the Seven Danger Signals so that I can recognize them at once and get in contact with my doctor. I'm also afraid to take the chance of putting off going to the doctor for regular checkups. I'd be afraid to waste time by seeking the advice of "quacks" or relying on home remedies. So-called "cures" are worthless and no pill, powder or salve ever cured cancer. Wasted time gives malignant cells a chance to grow. Being older makes a difference where cancer is concerned. What you think may be minor disorders may not be so at all. I'd be afraid to be lulled into doing nothing in the hopes it would turn out alright.

Lastly, I'd be afraid not to support an educational programme that is saving lives, or to deny my financial assistance to the research programmes that may help scientists discover new information and new cures for us.

"We are working today that others may live tomorrow," is one of the slogans from the Cancer Foundation. Let it be ours too. This is what our contributions will do for us: They will support research into the fundamental causes of cancer. They will provide the means of a lay education programme and supply money and materials needed by the Cancer Society volunteers offering assistance to Cancer patients. They will help with further experimentation with the cobalt unit and for training radiologists to use it.

The April campaign for funds is about to swing into action. "Let us work today that others may live tomorrow."