

# Thornhill and District News

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## HEADFORD NEWS

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Mrs. Acreman and Mrs. Hugh Deverell attended on Saturday afternoon last when Victoria Square W. M. S. held their Easter Thankoffering service in the Sunday School room of the Victoria Square Church. The W.M.S. were hosts to the Mission Band, who, under the guidance of their leader, Mrs. Allan Orr, put on a regular meeting for the benefit of their mothers. How charming these little tots were, with their African tom-toms to beat time to their singing and marching! Afterwards there was a film-strip, shown by Mrs. P. Bennett, "Kofi, an African boy," followed by an abundant lunch. This W. M. S. member felt it had been a distinct privilege and inspiration to have been present.

On Saturday evening, as guest of Mrs. Brodie, Cora and Don, Mrs. Acreman attended the Cavalcade of Seasons, put on by Ontario County Junior Farmer's Choir in Buttonville Hall. Their performance, under the superb direction of Mrs. Elsie Dobson, A.T.C.M., with Mrs. Marie Taylor, A.R.T.C. at the piano, ran the gamut of the seasons from Empire Day, through Dominion Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Armistice, Christmas, New Year's, Valentine's Day and Saint Patrick's, and reached a magnificent climax for Easter with a lovely Negro Spiritual and a beautiful medley of Easter songs. One feels very proud to find such a group devoting their spare time to such a rewarding purpose, sharing their talents with other folk so wholeheartedly.

The memory will linger. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Wellman and children, also Mrs. W. H. Wellman, called on Mrs. Fred Spenceley on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Spenceley is very ill at her home at 76, Vanbrugh Ave., Toronto.

Headford W. A. will meet on Tuesday eve, April 12th, at the home of the president, Mrs. D. Calder. The word for roll-call is Heirs. There has been received an invitation for the W. A. to attend the Thankoffering service of Unionville United W. M. S. on April 14th.

These are days of celebration for Headford folk. The Cummer Lees have an Anniversary on April 5, Rosemary Leek her tenth birthday on April 6 (so sorry about the mumps, Rosemary), Harley Horner a birthday on April 9, Jimmy Curtis, Richard Burton and Mrs. Cummer Lee on the 14th. (This is also the anniversary date of Mr. and Mrs. Len Bagg), and for Mrs. George Barker on April 15.

Mrs. McDougall visited for a day or two last week with the Cummer Lees and their family. Mr. Frank Barker was also in the neighborhood making calls on his relatives here. He had dinner on Sunday with his sister Mrs. W. H. Wellman.

Richmond Hill Horticultural Society is holding its Annual Spring Fair on Saturday, April 9.

April is Cancer month, and a canvasser will shortly be calling on you. Please be as generous as possible with your response, remembering that a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society is an investment in health. Man has split the atom, sent rockets to the moon, manufactured machines that can perform astounding calculations. But he still hasn't been able to discover what happens to a normal body cell to turn it into a cancer cell. Intensive research is being carried on continuously.

A beautiful film strip on the Life of Paul was shown to the senior pupils in Sunday School on Sunday last.

## HOLY WEEK MISSION

Sponsored by Thornhill Ministerial in  
**Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill**  
**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY,**  
**and GOOD FRIDAY.**  
**APRIL 13th, 14th & 15th**  
AT 8 P.M.  
**SPECIAL SPEAKER:**  
**Rev. Gordon Hunter, B.A., B.D.**  
Minister of Asbury & West United Church, Toronto  
Choirs from all participating churches will take part

## Thornhill Notes

**Annual Bridge**  
Over 100 Guide and Brownie supporters turned up Saturday at the dessert bridge held by the 1st Thornhill Brownie and Guide Group Committee at Thornhill Public School. The tables were prettily decorated in Easter colours and there were lovely bouquets of daffodils and tulips to lighten the occasion. Before settling down to their cards, the ladies were served dessert of French pastries and coffee by a group of trim Guides and Brownies. Christine Moore and Jill Steward were the two Brownies who helped in this, and the Guides were: Susan Byford, Elizabeth Smith, Susan Mowat, Janet McQueen, Cathy Sumner, Judy Allen, Ruth Harrington, Lynn Tanquy and Barbara Mollard. As well as serving the refreshments these girls washed up the dishes afterwards, all under the watchful eye of Mrs. H. Cottingham, the Social Convenor.

The lady who found the lucky Brownie sticker on the bottom of her cup was Mrs. F. Moffat, who exchanged it for a ticket for dinner for two at the Yangtze Pagoda Restaurant in Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Ken Smith, the Group Committee President, welcomed everyone to the gathering and thanked them for their valued support of Guiding in the Thornhill area.

During the game, draw tickets were sold and the lucky winner of this was Mrs. George Stratton of Thornhill, who carried off a beautiful white fox collar. On the same draw, Mrs. P. Trant, Mrs. N. Austen and Mrs. S. Sowdon, all of Thornhill and Mrs. R. Lapior of Toronto won tickets entitling them to a dinner for two at the Regency Towers in Toronto. It looks as if a lot of lucky husbands will be taken out to dinner this week.

Mrs. Reg. Allen was in charge of the prizes and there were over 40 given away, all of which had been most generously donated by a wide variety of business establishments. A draw was held for each table and Mrs. Allen called out the names of the winners.

Mrs. Alec Henderson, the Group Committee treasurer, was in charge of tickets and reported later that the net proceeds were \$148.00, a very welcome addition to the group's treasury.

**Director of Thornhill United Church**, while Mr. Lloyd Queen, Music Director of Royal York Road United Church was at the organ.

Soloists for the performance were Mrs. L. E. Clark, soprano, and Mr. L. E. Clark, tenor, both members of the Thornhill United Choir and Miss Ann Gibson, alto and Mr. P. Patterson, bass, both from the Royal York Road United Church.

The Junior Choir of Thornhill United Church joined with the other choirs as the evening closed with a moving rendition of the "Hallelujah" Chorus.

Next Sunday evening, April 10, there will be a repeat performance, this time at Royal York Road Church in Toronto. Those Thornhill residents who did not hear this fine group of singers last week, would be well advised to make the trip to Toronto to hear them on April 10. The evening is sure to be a rewarding one.

**Member For 47 Years**  
A W. A. member since 1913, Mrs. G. H. McLaren was the surprised recipient of a Life Membership in Holy Trinity W. A. at the last monthly meeting held on March 24. Mrs. Egerton Denison, 1st Vice President of the Diocesan Board of Toronto, presented Mrs. McLaren with the life membership, while the certificate was presented by Mrs. R. Healey and Mrs. G. Howe pinned on her badge and pin.

Mrs. McLaren joined the W. A. of St. James' Cathedral in Toronto as a young girl. Moving to the Thornhill area in 1922, she joined the Holy Trinity W. A. and has been a member ever since, serving as its president for many years. By a happy co-incidence, her sister, Miss Boswell, had a similar honour bestowed on her last month at the Church of the Redeemer in Toronto.

The meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. Roger Priestman, the president, then heard two interesting talks in a series on Africa, given by Mrs. A. Everett and Mrs. H. Andrews. The president then introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. E. Denison who spoke on thank offerings and how the money is used for the work of the W. A. Mrs. McTaggart-Cowan thanked the speaker, Rev. Askew

closed the meeting with a prayer. Tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. G. Johnston, Mrs. D. Ridout and Mrs. J. Barry. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 14.

**Holy Trinity Anglican Church**  
Next week, Holy Week will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Church with special services on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Gordon Hunter, minister of Asbury-West United Church, Toronto.

On Sunday, April 10, the Right Reverend F. H. Wilkinson, Bishop of Toronto, will take the 11 a.m. service and administer the rite of Confirmation to approximately 36 residents of the parish. Well that's all folks. Sorry not to have more news for you but the McLean family has hit a new low, with three members down with the flu this past week and yours truly on the mend but still more than a little shaky. What a winter! And my backyard is still full of snow!

## Silver Linings

by Elizabeth Kelson

This is a story about a woman who loved a church. As a matter-of-fact, she once lived in a room adjoining the Sunday school room. It was her job to look after this particular church.

Every time I have occasion to walk by this once lovely Thornhill church, I remember her as clearly as if she had just stepped out of the pages of yesterday. In this mood, it wouldn't have surprised me in the least if I happened to see her perched on a ladder outside the church, washing away at the windows, exploring every cranny of the window frame with her relentless cleaning rag. Nor would it have surprised me greatly if I saw her puffing somewhat behind an old-fashioned lawn mower or observed her bulky figure bending over to pick up every stone, stick or twig that might mar the smooth surface of the church lawn.

This church was everything to her, home, future, and friend. She was everything to the church, tender guardian, and devoted keeper of one of God's quiet places. The windows sparkled with cleanliness. The lovely wood interior—the floor, pulpit and pews glistened with a fine lustre. No dust was ever allowed to intrude within the sanctuary.

In the springtime and the summer, she was outdoors a great deal. She mowed the wide expanse of green lawn until it became a soft luxurious carpet and she clipped away at the straggling edges until she was satisfied that the picture was complete. Many times she was short of breath but that didn't deter her in the least.

This fine middle-aged woman not only loved the church; she loved the minister and the people who came to worship in it. She loved the children and was the proud mistress of the cradle roll. On Sunday, she was one with the congregation. She would put on her best black dress and hat and sit somewhere near the back of the church and quietly enjoy the wonderful life that had come to fill it. This was her church, her minister and her people, and I know that everyone had a special greeting for her as they made their way out after the service.

The woman who once cared for this memorable church has gone where all good and faithful servants go in the end. The old church is deserted now. The congregation has moved on to a fine new church. Many of them still remember something of this woman and I remember; so when I pass that church now, I notice that there is the odd gaping hole in the fine windows and the paint job looks dingy and worn. It is like a place that has lost its soul; but not quite—there is still the memory of the woman who once sanctified it with her loving care.

## Call Dr. M. Johnston As Guest Preacher

Dr. Minton C. Johnston invited to special ministry in Hamilton.

St. Paul's Presbyterian church in Hamilton has called Dr. Minton Johnston of Thornhill Baptist church to be one of their guest preachers during their series of special preaching services known as "Six Great Preachers".

The services are held monthly during the six winter months, and over the years many eminent clergymen have shared their insights with the congregation of this famous old church.

The members of the Thornhill church will be happy to dismiss their minister for a few days so that he may follow in the steps of Dr. Ralph Sockman, Dr. David MacLennan, Dr. George Butzer, Dr. Richard Bonnell, and other learned men who have brought much inspiration to our generation.

## Holy Week Mission For All Thornhill Churches

A Holy Week Mission, sponsored by the Thornhill Ministerial, will be held on Wednesday, April 13th to Good Friday, in Trinity Anglican Church Thornhill, at 8 p.m. each evening.

Missioner Rev. Gordon Hunter, B.A., B.D., will speak. Mr. Hunter is the minister of Asbury and West United Church, Toronto, where he has ministered for the past seven years. He is a graduate of Victoria University and Emmanuel College and has been Theme Speaker at many church functions, youth rallies, summer camps and men's conferences, besides conducting missions in several Canadian cities.

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## THORNLEA

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The next regular meeting of the Home and School Association will be on Wednesday, April 13, at 8.15 p.m. This will be a nominations meeting and Mr. Lionel Frost, School Trustee, Markham Township, will be present.

**School News**  
Report cards were sent home last week as a climax to the last two weeks when both staff and pupils were busy with exams. Let's hope everyone was happy with them, if not try harder next time.

Friends and neighbors of Mr. Sid Lusher will be happy to know he is making satisfactory progress at Sunnybrook Hospital following his heart attack five weeks ago. Although still confined to bed, he is now allowed to sit up a short while.

We hope he will be able to return home soon.

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H. C. T. Crisp,  
Clerk-Treasurer,  
Township of Markham

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