

Thornhill and District News

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Judge Entries And Hear Speaker First 1960 Horticultural Show

Along with its first show of the year, the Thornhill Horticultural Society had Mr. B. Brown talk to them about perennials, on Tuesday evening, April 18th. He

gave the group three basic rules to follow when starting a perennial border. 1st, prepare the ground; 2nd, cultivate it, and 3rd, fertilize it. The border should not be more than six feet wide for easy weeding. When choosing plants, Mr. Brown stated that it was a good idea to plant them in groups of three or five, well spaced to allow root growth. A cold frame is extremely handy for perennials as they can be started in the fall, carried over winter in the frames and set out in the garden in the spring. Peonies are very popular but they have a short blooming period, although their leaves are of value in the garden as they present an attractive background until frost. Mr. Brown suggested using a rain-bow as an inspiration for colour design, reminding the audience that when setting out perennials, pockets must be left for annuals to complete the summer blooming period. Spraying is all important. Sulphur and Campton for mildew and malathion for insects.

Coloured slides of great beauty were shown and while Mr. Brown was speaking, a wide variety of house plants was being judged by Mrs. Hyslop and Mrs. Percy Bone. A very successful plant sale was also held.

The results of the show were as follows:

Class 1: Blue, single, African violet—1st Mrs. R. Whatley; 2nd, Miss L. Wakeley.

Class 2: Blue, single, African Violet, Mrs. R. Whatley, Miss L. Wakeley. Class 3: 1 pink single African Violet, Mrs. L. Pherrill. Class 4: 1 double African Violet, Miss L. Wakeley, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. J. Bridges. Class 5: 1 A.O.V. African Violet, Mrs. L. Pherrill, Mrs. J. Hawkes. Class 6: 1 single or double African Violet, any colour, Miss L. Wakeley, Mrs. R. Whatley, Mrs. J. Hawkes. Class 7: Cactus or succulent, Mr. R. Healey, Mrs. Mizen, The Mannings. Class 8: One cactus, The Mannings. Class 9: Any ivy or vine, Mrs. K. Falla, Mrs. L. Pherrill, The Mannings. Class 10: One Begonia, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. L. Pherrill, The Mannings. Class 11: Any other foliage plant, Miss L. Wakeley, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Dunn. Class 12: 1 Geranium, The Mannings, Mrs. Dunn, Miss Wakeley. Class 13: Any other flowering house plant or bulb, Mrs. March Nicholson, Mrs. Riley, The Mannings.

Class 14: Group of three foliage plants, The Mannings. Class 15: A collection of cacti or succulents, Mrs. Mizen, The Mannings, Mrs. Riley. Class 16: A group of plants in a window tray or box, Mrs. Dolan, Mr. R. Healey, Mrs. Dunn, Class 17: Coffee table arrangement, The Mannings. Class 18: Arrangement of forced branches, Mrs. J. Bridges. Class 19: An arrangement featuring driftwood, Mrs. Martindale, Mr. R. Healey, Mrs. J. Bridges. Class 20: Flat container of mustard or cress, Mr. R. Healey. Best of show: to Mrs. Dolan for her window box of foliage plants. Mrs. Dolan was also awarded a second prize for her Impatiens plant.

Thornhill Public Library

As of April 23rd, the Thornhill Public Library closed its doors in the Masonic Hall on Yonge Street and will re-open at their new quarters on or before May 9th at 10 Colborne Street. There will be several hundred new books which will be available for the first time, and the children's books purchased with the Lions Club donation will be on display.

There has been a library in Thornhill since 1897. The Thornhill Library Association was founded at that time by a group of residents including the clergy and the school teacher. The library opened in the Masonic Hall under the leadership of Mr. Ed. Francis who remained actively connected with the library for 40 years. The library subsequently moved to the Thornhill Public School when it was built and then to the MacNeil building, former site of the old Thornhill Hotel. It was while in this location that the establishment of a Thornhill Public Library was voted on by the electors of the village under the Public Library Act.

The governing body, known as the Thornhill Public Library Board is made up as follows: The Chairman of the Village Trustees, a member appointed by the Village Trustees, two members appointed by the Vaughan Township School Board, two members appointed by School Area No. 1 Markham, two members appointed by the Separate School Board.

Appointments are made for periods of 1 and 2 years in order that half of the members will continue in office from year to year. At the present time, the Library Board consists of Mrs. Ralph Edwards, Chairman, Mr. Alan Sumner (Chairman of the Village Trustees), Mr. Gaither Zinkan, Mrs. A. Regan, Mrs. E. Percival, and Mr. Philip Whitehead. Appointments have not yet been made by the Vaughan Township School Board nor by the Village Trustees. One half of the expenses of the board are raised by taxation and one half by grant from the Provincial Government.

The present Librarian is Miss Jane McLaren and she operates the library with the help of volunteers. The Board hopes that when the library is settled in its new quarters they will be able to hire an assistant for Miss McLaren, and with the help of still more volunteers, keep the library open for longer hours.

Miss McLaren informs us that the library now contains 6,000 books with a circulation of 16,000. This means that 16,000 books were taken out of the library during the year 1959 — and yes, they were all returned.

The Library Board is pleased to announce that the new sign which is to grace the new quarters was designed by Mr. Thor-eau MacDonald on the same theme as the book plate which he also designed.

Thornhill United Church Communicants' Class



Seen above are members of the Thornhill United Church Communicants' Class for 1960. Back row (left to right): John Denby, Douglas Windsor, Glen Rogers, John Lambert, Murray Hanna, Ted McGhee, Frank Maw, Barrie Smith, Paul Rivers, Jim Kellam, Jim Dudley, Sam MacKinlay, Hugh Hunt, David Corkill.

Front row (left to right): Rodney Kelson, Bob Shelston, Cindy Perry, Gail Gibson, Judy Hallawell, Rev. Hugh MacDonald, Dyanne Snary, Nancy Wildfong, Barbara Curtin, Bill Masters, Tom Tamblin. In addition to these young people, 40 adults united with the church by Profession of Faith and Certificates of Transfer.

— Photo by Mendozza

Thornhill Notes

Thornhill Baptist Church

The Easter meeting of Thornhill Baptist Church's Women's Auxiliary was held Tuesday evening of last week. President, Mrs. Wm. McGowan presided and opened the meeting with prayer. Several items of business were dealt with, among which was the catering for the Langstaff Brownies Mother and Daughter banquet, to be held early in May, with Mrs. Arthur Lennie to be the convener. The South Group is to be in charge of the May meeting which will be held in the church and at which the ladies will renovate the hymn books. The June meeting will take the form of a garden tea and art exhibit at the home of Mrs. R. Goadsby, Roosevelt Drive, Richmond Hill.

The president expressed her appreciation to those who had provided flowers and plants to decorate the church for the Easter services. A special word of thanks was given to Mrs. Walter Smook and Mr. Cliff Wilson for their beautiful arrangements. The president then brought up the subject of whether the W.A. would be willing to sponsor the adoption of a war orphan. After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed and carried that the W.A. would be financially responsible for a child under the Foster Parents Plan, as their contribution to World Refugee Year.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Minton Johnston under whose direction members of the Auxiliary portrayed the story of the first Easter in the form of a playlet written by Dr. Johnston. Those taking part were: Mrs. H. Ellam, Mrs. A. Lennie, Mrs. W. Smook, Mrs. R. Goadsby, Mrs. H. Howlett, Mrs. R. Jardine, Mrs. R. Knight, Mrs. W. Cook, Mrs. C. Lawson, Mrs. L. Fear, Mrs. H. Howlett was the soloist and sang "Come Unto Him All Ye That Labour" by Handel.

Mrs. James Smith, leader of the North Group thanked Mrs. Johnston and those taking part, and complimented them on their fine acting. Refreshments, served by the North Group, brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Thornhill Baptist Couples Club

The Couples Club will hold their Spring Social on Saturday evening, April 30th. This will be in the form of a Variety Night. Groups will meet at the following homes: Mr. and Mrs. Ross Knight, King High drive, Concord; Mr. and Mrs. A. MacLeod, 19 Vista View, Uplands, Thornhill; Mr. and Mrs. R. Goadsby, 60 Roosevelt drive, Richmond Hill; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Twine, 7 Helen avenue, Thornhill. Refreshments in the form of box lunches provided by each couple will be enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smook, Riverside Drive, Thornhill.

Thornhill Presbyterian Church

Close to 200 people attended the Sunday evening service at Thornhill Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 24th, to see the inspiring full length film "A Man Called Peter," the story of the life of the late Peter Marshall. An outstanding American minister, Rev. Marshall was the minister at the famous New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and was Chaplain of the United States Senate.

Sunday night's program was provided by the Young People, led by Mr. Nick Vandermeij. A quartet, consisting of Wilhemina Vandermeij, Myrna Hunt, Jerry Easton and Nick Vandermeij sang several selections and refreshments were served.

A charming event will take place on Saturday, April 30th at Thornhill Presbyterian Church in the form of a Blossom Tea and Art Exhibit. Tea will be served from 2 to 5 p.m. in flower decked surroundings, while the walls will "blossom" with the paintings of Mrs. Kaye Stothers. Mrs. Stothers also studied under Frank Sherwin in England and under John Peplow in Scotland. The paintings on view on Saturday (which incidentally are also for sale) consist of landscapes, flower pictures and street scenes. Several were done in Europe two years ago when Mrs. Stothers took a six months tour, and as well as those done in England, Ireland and Scotland, there are some done in Italy and Spain. As well as some done in Muskoka there are several local scenes. One particularly admired is that of the Niel's log house on John street. Mrs. Stothers has exhibited her work at the Fairlawn Theatre in North Toronto for several years, and also at the Hyland Theatre.

Incidentally, for art minded mothers of young children, there will be a nursery open at the church where the children will be cared for while mother relaxes and enjoys herself. Everyone is welcome and contributions will be used by the Fortnightly group who are sponsoring the tea to refurbish their lounge.

A Spring Fair is to be held at Charles Howitt Public School on Saturday, May 7th, from 1.30 to 4 p.m., organized by Emmanuel Church Richvale W.A. There will be a tea room, cake table and a gift table offering gifts of all kinds, gloves, aprons, linens, plants, etc.

Thornhill United Church

On Sunday morning, April 24th the sermon preached by Rev. Hugh MacDonald was entitled "The Time of our Easter" and the congregation partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The following new members were received into the church: By Certificate of transfer: Mr. and Mrs. V. Belque, Mr. N. Bracey, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Carley, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Corkill and sons Grant and Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Currie, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hannigan, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Mack, Mrs. Hugh R. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Millar and daughter Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Neale, Mr. R. H. Neil, Miss Ruth Park, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sider, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Skebo, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tapley, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson and son and daughter Alvin and Audrey, Mr. and Mrs. E. Tobey, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Vanderburgh.

Members received by Profession of Faith were: Mr. David Corkhill, Miss Barbara Curtin, Mr. John Denby, Mr. Jim Dudley, Miss Gail Gibson, Miss Judith Hallawell, Mr. Murray Hanna, Mr. Hugh Hunt, Mr. Stephen Jackson, Mr. Jim Kellam, Mr. Rodney Kelson, Mr. John Lambert, Mr. Sam MacKinlay, Mr. Bill Master, Mr. Frank Maw, Mr. Ted McGhee, Miss Cindy Perry, Mr. Paul Rivers, Mr. Glen Rogers, Mr. Bob Shelstone, Mrs. R. Shelston, Mr. Barrie Smith, Miss Dyanne Snary, Mr. Tom Tamblin, Miss Nancy Wildfong and Mr. Douglas Windsor.

The last evening service until September was held at 7.30. Speaker was the Rev. Geo. I.

Stephenson, B.A. and Mr. R. Everist. An excellent film from the Sermons from Science series was shown entitled "Dust or Destiny?" which gave a dramatic presentation of inexplicable miracles of nature. Through scientific marvels the film showed the unmistakable evidence of a Creator who is also a Redeemer.

At 8.30 the Official Board held a special reception for all new members who had joined the congregation during the last year. St. Lukes Catholic Women's League

The new executive for the coming year was installed by Father Crossland at the April meeting of the C.W.L. on April 4th last. The new executive members are as follows: President: Mrs. E. R. Carter; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Paul Johnson; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Reeve 3rd vice-president, Mrs. J. Loughran; recording and corresponding secretary, Mrs. P. Faghnam; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Mayer; councillor, Mrs. W. Desjardine.

The retiring president, Mrs. E. J. Surett, thanked the members for their wonderful co-operation and help during her term of office. Plans were finalized for the card party to be held in the Parish Hall.

The committee in charge of the Book Drive for the Parish Library reported that it was a great success and that many wonderful books had been received. The meeting was closed with the League Prayer and Father Crossland's blessing.

Women's Institute

The April meeting of Thornhill Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. Fisher, Centre St., Thornhill, on April 21st, with 17 members present and the president, Mrs. C. Thompson, presiding. After roll call, delegates were appointed to attend the district annual in Scarborough United Church. It was agreed to hold the May meeting at the home of Mrs. S. Findlay, Centre Street, instead of Mrs. C. Thompson, who has illness in her home.

Mrs. W. Thompson agreed to attend the convention at Guelph in May and bring back a report for the district annual. It was agreed that the installation of officers be held at the May meeting. The invitation to hold the annual picnic at Mrs. C. Smith's home in Gravenhurst was discussed. It was agreed to take dinner and have supper at Orillia on the way home.

Bon voyage was wished for Mrs. Mizen who is leaving soon for a trip to England.

Mrs. Haley introduced the speaker, Mr. Norman Sitwell from the Department of Lands and Forests. He gave an interesting talk and showed pictures of the forest fire in the Algoma district. He reported that nine out of ten fires were caused by human carelessness. He explained how the department fought the fires and then set up camps and mills to enable them to reclaim much of the lumber.

After thanking the speaker, the Queen was sung and a delightful lunch was served.

Silver Linings

by Elizabeth Kelson

Last fall, 1959, the Canadian Girl Guides were planting gold tulips from one coast to the other to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Guiding movement in Canada. During May, everyone will be following, with interest, the course of the "Golden River" from the province of British Columbia to Newfoundland. The anniversary tulips are already in bloom in Vancouver, and to celebrate the arrival of the first blossoms, a basket of the yellow beauties was flown from there to the home of Mrs. John Diefenbaker in Ottawa.

"The guides themselves earned the money for the bulbs planted outside guide and brownie meeting-places as a symbol of thanks to everyone who has helped the movement in Canada since its start in St. Catharines."

We have already heard from Vancouver. The first trickle has begun, and in the days to follow, the "Golden Stream" will widen through Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Even now, in our own Ontario, you can see the green leaves of the tulips emerging from the depths of the black earth. The "River" will flow into Quebec and down through the Maritimes and across to Newfoundland. The significance of all these thousands of swelling tulip buds staggers the imagination.

Thornhill residents will be glad to know that there are going to be plenty of Jubilee tulips in their district. They will find them growing in front of these churches: Baptist, Anglican, United and the new Presbyterian church, all of Thornhill. They will also be found in front of the following schools: Langstaff, Concord, Thornhill, Henderson, Woodland, and Powell Road, and they will also be seen in front of the Thornhill High School, The District Commissioner, Mrs. McTaggart-Cowan, has informed me that the guide companies and brownie packs are making very distinctive signs which will be placed in the tulip beds in front of their own meeting-places. Victoria Watt, Mary Gage, Lucille Trudelle and Sharon Sturgess, who will soon be full-fledged Gold Cord Guides will have the task of placing the signs in front of the Anglican church, Thornhill high school, Woodland and Thornhill public schools. The District Commissioner also expressed her thanks, on behalf of the Guiding Movement, to the people of Thornhill and District for their interest and loyal support.

Now . . . let us honor our Guides and Brownies and their wonderful leaders by appreciating this fine tribute to the community and make a special point of visiting the spots where the Jubilee tulips are planted.

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