

Thornhill and District News

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Thoughts and Theories

By Elizabeth Kelson

The "White Cross For Mental Health" is the symbol of the Mental Health Association. Any large scale health program requires the assistance of large numbers of men and women who will give their services freely without any reward, except that of performing a useful and necessary service, motivated by the desire to help those less fortunate. These men and women who help the Mental Health Association to accomplish their purpose are known as White Cross Volunteers. They are a special kind of people who believe that mental illness is a common ailment that could strike almost anybody. They believe that all mentally ill people need to be accepted as members of the community and allowed to experience friendly relationships with others. They are a very responsible people who are conscientious about the commitments undertaken. They subordinate their need for recognition and place to the needs of the cause they serve, cheerfully accepting direction from those appointed to bear a responsibility greater than their own. White Cross Volunteers come from the rank and file of housewives, nurses, business men and women, teachers, grandmothers, retired men and professionals in any walk of life. Education and age is not as important as genuine concern and interest for these afflicted people. White Cross Volunteers, in mental hospitals and in community settings, meet socially with people who are mentally ill . . . to talk . . . to take a cup of coffee . . . to put the lines of friendly communication across in just the same way as they do with people at church, at the club or at the office. They organize pleasant activities for the residents.

Barbara Townshend-Carter, chairman of White Cross volunteers, speaks about "Operation Friendship" that was launched 15 months ago.

"Its aims are to welcome persons from mental hospitals now living in an Approved Home to our communities to help where possible in their rehabilitation, and to promote their mental health. Its tools are friendship, hospitality and help. This year, we have concentrated on the social aspect. We have endeavoured to improve the morale of the residents, to make them feel acceptable and at ease with new friends and in new situations and to give them courage and help."

The visiting programs are geared to four types of activities. (1) Active program — in which residents participate directly. These have included games, sing songs, discussion and debate, folk-dancing, remaking of clothes and tape recording.

(2) Passive activities — such as slide, movies, listening to music or talk.

(3) Education activities — in which the resident learns something new such as sewing, glove making, crafts, talks and demonstrations on makeup and clothes, learning music and art, in some cases, reading and writing.

(4) Outside activities — where the residents are taken out on weiner roasts, bowling, beach parties, sleigh rides, to the fair, teas, luncheon and house parties at the homes of volunteers, to theatricals in the community, and joining of such local groups as Senior Citizens.

According to the report of the volunteer chairman, the tangible results so far, since the White Cross Volunteer program was instigated, the readmission rate to hospitals has been cut by 25 per cent. Fifteen residents have improved sufficiently that their relatives have been able to take them home. Seven have become gainfully employed and are now discharged and self-supporting. If it costs a minimum of \$1,200 to keep a patient in hospital, the taxpayers have been saved \$25,000. In results not so easily measured but equally important, the residents are more content, their morale is better, they are pleasanter and converse more with each other. They are genuinely friendly and hospitable to visitors, their personal appearance is vastly improved, and they are more stimulated and interested in their surroundings. Mrs. Townshend-Carter feels that the residents are responding well but believes that one more step is needed. These people must finally be helped to find their place in the community again, to become independent . . . to earn . . . to feel that they are contributing to the betterment of mankind . . . to be of constructive value to society. This may well be the next challenge presented to the White Cross Volunteers, to the Canadian Mental Health Association and to the citizens of York County.

Thornhill Notes

3rd Thornhill Cubs And Scouts

The annual Father and Son Banquet of the 3rd Thornhill Cubs and Scouts was held in Holy Trinity Church on Friday, April 29th. The Ladies' Auxiliary, under the direction of Mrs. H. Burgess and Mrs. H. Spafford, provided a delicious meal which was thoroughly enjoyed by the boys and their fathers.

About 90 guests sat down at the long tables, lining their seats by means of place cards, made by the boys for themselves and their fathers. The boys had also provided the decorations in the form of centrepieces made by each six, plus four made by individual Scouts. The centrepieces were judged by Mrs. R. Byford and Mrs. P. McTaggart-Cowan, who, unable to decide, awarded two first prizes.

One went to the White Six, Leaping Wolf. Ball for their centrepiece featuring Scouting as a world brotherhood, and one went to the Red Six, under Bill Garland, for their water-hole scene, and Peter Tremaine won an honourable mention for his cave men grouping. Mr. Hugh Thomas, chairman of the Group Committee presented the ribbons.

Akela, Mr. Bob Shaw, presented the Cub awards as follows: Leaping Wolf Certificates to Chris Calbert and Peter Tremaine, who were unable to attend the Leaping Wolf Ceremony at which David Rounthwaite received his; Second Star to Michael Ball; First Star to David Tyson, Ian Patterson; 1-year service star: Ian Patterson, Bill Carson, Rod Hooper.

Swimmer's badge: Scott Joliffe, Brian MacGregor.

House Orderly badge: Michael Ball, Michael Grant.

Collector's badge: Scott Joliffe.

Following the presentations, Mr. Devey played the piano for a lively sing song. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. N. Sitwell of the Department of Lands and Forests at Maple. He spoke on conservation and showed three entertaining films to wind up a pleasant evening.

Holy Trinity Parish Guild

Twenty-five members of the Parish Guild visited the Convent of the Sisters of St. John The Divine on Tuesday evening, April 19th.

The visitors were shown embroidery work done by the Sisters, among which were embroidered frontals over 60 years old. Slides were shown of the grounds of the convent, the Sisters' living quarters, and the kitchen where the altar bread is made. This interesting visit was concluded with the Guild members joining the Sisters in their evening prayers. Refreshments were later enjoyed at a local restaurant.

W.A. Annual Luncheon

The annual Spring Luncheon of Holy Trinity Women's Auxiliary was held last Thursday, April 28 in the Church Hall. Over 160 members and friends were welcomed by the president, Mrs. Roger Priestman. Following the luncheon, five ladies, members of the Footlights Club, gave a very humorous one-act play entitled "From Five to Five Thirty", by Phillip Johnson. Mrs. R. Healy thanked the cast. Another feature of the luncheon, was a Hat Bar, sponsored by the ladies of the Guild, which was

well patronized.

The next meeting will be on May 12 in the Church Hall.

A Litany Desk was dedicated in Holy Trinity on Sunday, April 24 at 7 p.m., the gift of Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Valey, parents of Rev. D. L. Valey, assistant curate of Holy Trinity. The inscription on the desk reads as follows: To the Glory of God with thanksgiving, on the 150th anniversary of Holy Trinity, presented by Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Valey, mindful of the curacy of their son, Rev. D. L. Valey in this parish.

Plans are now being completed for the laying of the cornerstone of the new Parish Hall on Wednesday, May 18, at 7.30 p.m., when the Right Reverend G. B. Snell, Bishop Co-adjutor of Toronto will officiate. The new hall is coming along very well and work is now progressing on the second storey.

The congregation of Holy Trinity will again hold a Light Bulb Blitz and will be selling all types of electric light bulbs to the community at large. The sale is being held in order to raise extra money for work among children and young people—for such things as hockey teams for instance, and to send delegates to special training conferences, etc.

Baptist Church

The Couples Club of Thornhill Baptist Church held an unusual type of get-together last Saturday evening. Groups met at various homes during the evening and all then converged at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smook for refreshments. There were about fifty people present.

Next Sunday evening, the young people of the High Fellowship have invited their parents to attend their meeting and take part in their discussion. The Junior High Fellowship will take the worship service, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lennie.

Presbyterian Church

The Fortnighters Club held a highly successful "Blossom Tea" Saturday afternoon, and served tea to almost 300 people. The tea was convened by Mrs. C. B. Atkinson who had a very hard-working and efficient committee, made up of Mrs. B. Henderson, Mrs. H. Boyle, Mrs. Eleanor Maharg, Mrs. Earl Patton, Mrs. J. Arnott, Mrs. E. Sand and Mrs. John MacKay.

Mrs. Patton was in charge of the decorating committee and had the room very charmingly decorated with spring blossoms, while the ladies had lovely bouquets on each table. The striking floral arrangement on the head table was done by Mr. Percy Bone.

Tea was poured by the past presidents of the group, Mrs. Alec Brown, Mrs. John MacKay, Mrs. Hugh Anderson and Mrs. Gerald Culley. The guests were received at the entrance by the president, Mrs. Gordon Patterson, Mrs. Alice Chambers, and Mrs. B. Henderson.

A special attraction of the afternoon was the exhibition of oil paintings, the work of Mrs. Kaye Stothers, of Centre street. This was a most interesting exhibition and consisted of not only local scenes, but paintings done by Mrs. Stothers in Ireland, Scotland, Italy and Spain during her six months tour of Europe two years ago.

Refugee Family To Be Sponsored In Thornhill

Thornhill residents will be able to take a personal part in World Refugee Year by sponsoring a Yugoslavian widow and her son in Thornhill.

Stefica Horvat was born on January 10, 1918; until her marriage in 1940, she lived at home with her parents in Hrvatski-Karlovci, Yugoslavia. In 1940 she married and moved with her husband, Mr. Pajevic, to Belgrade, where he operated a restaurant. In 1945, her husband was executed as an "enemy of the people," Mrs. Pajevic found herself the sole supporter of herself and two small sons. Moving to Zagreb Yugoslavia, she found work as a civil servant and for 9 years she supported a family of four. Finally she obtained a visa on condition that she leave her younger son, Branislav, in Yugoslavia as a guarantee of her return. In June, 1957, she left Yugoslavia and with her older boy, went to Italy where she sought work. By January, 1958, neither mother nor son had been able to find work and, literally penniless, entered France, clandestinely. In Paris, Mrs. Pajevic worked in a wrapping paper factory and her son Dusan is serving his apprenticeship as a draftsman. Branislav is still held in Yugoslavia. Both Mrs. Pajevic and Dusan are in good health and belong to the Greek Orthodox Church. Mrs. Pajevic speaks Serbian, German and French, has had four years of high school education and has worked as a nurse.

This family has been suggested for consideration by the Department of Immigration of the Canadian Council of Churches. In order to bring refugees to Canada, the sponsors must (1) be reliable and financially able to carry out the responsibilities undertaken.

(2) be prepared to provide transportation to Canada. (Often the Canadian Council of Churches will assist in this and a congregation provides only transportation from point of entry).

(3) be prepared to accommodate, maintain and obtain employment for the refugees, following arrival, and otherwise provide such assistance as may be needed.

(4) be willing to help the

refugees make the necessary social adjustment.

To date, 20 families or individuals have expressed their desire to take part in a project such as this, but as yet, there has been no organized approach to the problem. Rev. I. R. MacDonald, of Thornhill United Church, has called a meeting in the Board Room of Thornhill United Church on Sunday, May 8, at 7.30 p.m. and asks everyone interested in this project to attend. At the meeting, whatever organization is necessary to continue the project, will be set up.

United Bowling League Ends Successful Season

Playoffs on Wednesday, April 27 at the North Yonge Bowling Alleys brought to a close the first year in which the members of Thornhill United Church had bowled together as a mixed group.

Organized by Rolly Curtin, the league comprised six teams, each with six players, almost all of whom were members of Thornhill United Church. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time all season. "I have never bowled with a nicer group of bowlers, nor have I had any more fun than with this group of bowlers," said Roy Vanderburgh, who has been bowling for many years.

Almost every evening, each team had six players out. This was not only because the members were enjoying themselves and don't think they didn't have their share of colds and flu — but Helen Bagg did an incredibly fine job of keeping touch with a list of some 30 spare bowlers, also members of Thornhill United Church.

The team captains were: Ron Bagg, Cardinals; Al Elliott, Seagulls; Harry Farr, Eagles; Ivor Francis, Bluejays; Len Gazey, Orioles; Doug Pinel, Robins. At Christmas for the worthy Rolly Curtin were formed according to handicaps and group win-

ners took home \$5.00, while the runners-up took \$2.00 each.

The first of the two series was won by the Orioles — Helen Bagg, Connie Brown, Len Gazey, Norm Hall, Art and Marg McMaster.

The second series was won, with points to spare by the Eagles — Rolly Curtin, Lois Curtin, Mary Davidson, Harry Farr, Florence Hall and Marion Martindale.

The other four teams played off for the consolation prize, total pins to count and the prize went to the Bluejays, Lloyd and Marie Finnigan, Ivor Francis, Jean Gazey, Alan Martindale and Shirley Stone.

The booby prize was taken by the Robins — Ken Duncan, Ethel Farr, Connie Forster, Ted Lamaitre, Doug Pinel and Marie Vanderburgh.

Wind-up dinner will be held in Thornhill United Church on Wednesday, May 18, and prizes will be awarded as follows:

Ladies: High average, H. Bagg, 175; high 3 - flat, M. Duncan, 385; high 3 with handicap, M. Vanderburgh, 747; high single, F. Hall, 280; high single with handicap, E. Farr, 308.

Men: High average, L. Gazey, 213; high 3 - flat, I. Francis, 737; high 3 with handicap, K. Duncan, 803; high single, R. Bagg, 323; high single with handicap, H. Farr, 327.

Some high single games during the year were: Women: Marie Vanderburgh, 298; Helen Bagg, 295; Florence Hall, 280; Lois Curtin, 268; Ethel Farr, 267; Men: Len Short (spare) 376; Ivor Francis, 340; Ron Bagg, 320; Harry Farr, 316; Len Gazey, 308.

No bowling league can be a success without a competent record keeper and Thornhill United Bowling League was certainly fortunate to have Helen Bagg handle that department. All the members were most grateful to her for the wonderful job she did — and hope she can be persuaded to handle it again next year.

Langstaff Community Ass'n

We hope everyone has seen the sign board in the park and the bulletin boards that have been put up near the mail boxes in the district. Thanks to Cleve Burton and workers for a splendid job.

Keep in mind the fireworks night in the Park on May 23. Tickets are available at \$2.00 per family including lucky prizes. Also the big draw for the \$50.00 bond will take place the same evening. Tickets are available from Fred Iris, Cecil Thirgood, Cleve Burton, Bob Shearer, Nat Hicks and other members of the executive and association at large.

Mark-Vaun W.I.

The May meeting of the Mark-Vaun Women's Institute will be held on Thursday, May 5, at the home of Mrs. Holt, Garden Ave. Roll call will be answered with a dozen cookies to sell later in the evening. Mrs. McCowan, District President, will be present to install the new officers. Hostesses will be Mrs. Glassey, Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Lepskey.

Young Women's Institute

The next meeting of the Langstaff Young Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Fern Russell on May 11. An interesting programme has been arranged. Mr. L. Wainwright, Supervisor of Photography for the Ontario Hydro, will show slides of his trip through the States. Husbands of members are invited to attend.

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Langstaff News

On Tuesday, May 10, at 8.15 p.m. the Langstaff Home and School Association will hold their annual meeting. They hope to purchase a banner from the Langstaff Community Association, re fireworks at Boyle Memorial Park, on Monday, May 23. Proceeds will go to the planned Boyle Park Community Centre. (Boyle Park is situated on the north side of Morgan Drive off Boyle Drive.)

Langstaff Baptist Church

Our speakers for the month of May will be as follows: May 8 — Speaker 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. H. Edwards Music, 11 a.m. Duet by Miss J. and Mrs. E. McLean. May 15 — Speaker 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Dr. M. H. Blandin, Music, 11 a.m. Mr. Stan Carter, 7 p.m. Mr. Bill Hiras. May 22: Speaker 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. Norman Rowan, Music 11 a.m. Mr. Don Marritt, 7 p.m. Mrs. Mary Hicks. May 29: Speaker, Rev. H. Edwards 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Music, 11 a.m. Duet by Knight and Mr. E. Martin; 7 p.m. Mr. Stan Hunt. We are looking forward to a special missionary meeting in the church on May 11, when Rev. W. Large will be present and will be glad to answer questions concerning his work in South America. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

The F.B.Y.P.A. rally will be held Monday, May 23, will be travelling by bus to Niagara Falls

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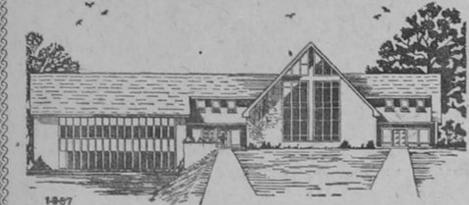


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Pupils from Woodland District, Langstaff District - Markham Township and Charles Howitt District - Markham Township
Thornlea Public School - May 19th a.m.
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THORNLEA
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We would like to congratulate the Thornlea pupils who won prizes at the Langstaff Carol Coleman took first prize and Dianne Wilson 2nd. Also showing pictures were Janet Jay and Carolyn Roots. This art club has aroused quite a lot of local interest and this was the fourth annual show. Mr. Kinzinger, principal of Thornlea School, visited the show during the afternoon and Mrs. Wardenier in the evening. This must have given the girls considerable encouragement.

Home and School News
The next general meeting of Thornlea Home and School will be held on Wednesday, May 11. This is the annual meeting with election of officers, so please make an effort to attend. A good home and school needs the full support of all parents.

Carol Martin, No. 7 Highway, arrived at Malton Airport on Saturday afternoon, after her tour of Denmark and England. Carol was accompanied on her trip home by her uncle, Mr. Bill Harop of London, England. While in England Carol celebrated her 12th birthday on April 19. We hope she shares some of her experiences with us all.

Richvale Residents' Association
The Richvale Residents' Association held their April general meeting Wednesday, April 27th. Guest speaker was R. S. Patterson of the Buttonville School Board who spoke on taxation and its effect on the economy of the House people numbers were issued and plans were made to have street signs erected in the near future.

Members were thanked for their co-operation in helping with Mr. Slingsby's house and a donation of house goods will be gratefully accepted at 161 - 16th Avenue, residence of the president, Mr. L. Gerard. Any articles not required by the Slingsbys will be put to public auction, at a date to be announced later. Proceeds will be presented to Mr. and Mrs. Slingsby.

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