

Thornhill and District News

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Silver Linings

by Elizabeth Kelson

As I contemplate my flower gardens at this time of year, I am subjected to a great variety of reactions. Every morning I visit the garden, hopefully expecting to see that the seeds which I planted earlier, are beginning to send their green shoots heavenward. I stand before the new arrivals silently, almost prayerfully, as if my very presence should help the magical process of growing. I have found that transplanting flowers from seed affords more thrill and suspense than transplanting shoots that are already half-grown. As the seeds come up, my heart sinks to see so many empty spaces between the plants. What happened? Was there any life in the seeds or did I forget to plant it? A person does wonder! The plants that survive are really something to watch. Day by day they persevere. If the nights are cold, I worry about the frost nipping the soft green leaves. I shouldn't have worried for all turned out well with the nurslings getting larger and healthier every day.

Then one day the sun becomes too hot. The earth around the base of the plants is dried and caked from lack of moisture. The plants languish for a time and so do I. Next the storm comes. The wind and rain buffet the plants about unmercifully. I watch their poor twisting heads from the window. After the ordeal is over, I am amazed and delighted to know that the plants have withstood the elements once again, and somehow due to the dark deep processes of Nature, the plants resume their former state of health. Another day, I notice that all is not well with my charges. The leaves are being bitten and chewed and some almost beyond recognition. This makes me very sad and discouraged. Some of the plants perish under such treatment. The remainder keep on as if spurred on by an indomitable Will. There must be survival.

Through all this alternate agonizing and rejoicing I feel kinship with the plants. There is always a battle with the weeds that threaten to stop the plant from reaching its final goal, that of bursting into glorious blossom. It is only through my determined efforts that the weeds are prevented from accomplishing their mission and the flower is allowed to bloom for its allotted time. How like us the flowering plants are, I thought to myself. We, too, struggle constantly to survive against the negative forces within and without, sometimes winning, sometimes losing but never giving up as long as there is life.

Point of View

(M.D.G., Thornhill)

Along about this time of year one hears a joyful shout - "The end of June has come at last! Today our school get out!"
The holidays are here again, there's time to read and play,
And swim, and hike, and run, and race. Oh boy! This is the day!"
Along about this time of year Mom wears a worried frown,
The thing the kids are thrilled about - they plain get poor Mom down.
The books are left upon the grass, the swim-suits on the floor,
The meal is ready, but, alas, no small-fry at the door!
And so, about this time of year, no matter how they try,
The children and poor dear old Mom just don't see eye to eye!

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Baptist Church News

The ladies of the Elizabeth Carter Group of the First Avenue Baptist Church of Toronto were the guests of the local Baptist Church Mission Circle for supper on Wednesday, June 15th at 6:30 p.m. Due to the wet weather, the meeting was held in the Sunday School hall of the church instead of in Mrs. J. Martin's Garden at Langstaff. The twenty-eight ladies present enjoyed a delicious salad supper in a beautiful garden-like setting in the ladies of the W. A. had decorated the hall with spring blossoms and greenery for their tea the previous day. The President, Miss Gladys Steven, opened the meeting with a sing-song of favourite hymns, followed by a short business session. Mrs. J. Martin read an interesting letter from the Jewels For Jesus Mission. Mrs. E. Twine, Mrs. H. Wilson and Miss Hazel Stringer presented a short skit on mission giving which was quite impressive. Mr. James Martin showed the church movies taken at Mrs. Stringer's 80th birthday party, which many of the ladies had attended last month. Miss Steven closed the meeting with a prayer.

Presbyterian Church News

Two lovely babies were baptised at Thornhill Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 19th. They were Suzanne Dea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stevens, grand-daughter of Mr. Clark of the Session Mr. Douglas Cooper, and Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hidvegi.

On Sunday evening, June 19th, 60 young people enjoyed a delicious buffet supper at the Youth Missionary Banquet held by the Young People of Thornhill Presbyterian Church. The special speaker was Dr. James Dickson, one of the veteran Presbyterian missionaries in Formosa. Dr. Dickson spoke about the work of the church in Formosa where he has been for the past 34 years and showed interesting and informative slides of the work. The worship service was conducted by the immediate Past President, Mr. Jerry Easton. A girls' choral group from the Nurses' Christian Fellowship Group of the Toronto Western Hospital entertained the gathering with several selections. The president elect, Mr. Nick Vandermeij was then introduced and he in turn introduced the new executive. They are, Miss Myrna Hunt, Miss Carol Phillips, Miss Marion Tucker, Mr. Don Willison, Mr. Ray O'Connor, Miss Wilhelmina Vandermeij, Mr. John Davidson, Miss Julie Morrison and Mr. Tom McCaul.

During the next week, Rev. Calvin Chambers will be acting as director of the Senior High Camp at Glen Mohr, the Presbyterian Church Camp near Beaverton.

Joint Services

During the month of July and August the Thornhill Baptist and Presbyterian Churches will hold joint services. During July the services will be held each Sunday morning at the Presbyterian Church, with Dr. Minton C. Johnston as preacher. During August, Rev. Calvin Chambers will preach at the Baptist Church. A Sunday School open session and nursery classes will be held each Sunday morning at the same time throughout the summer in both churches for the benefit of parents of small children.

Socials

Mrs. T. B. Taylor at AV. 5-2682 will be glad to give you any further information about the club.

Miss Ann Percival, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Percival, Elgin St., Thornhill is spending two weeks with her friend Glyn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Goodridge Roberts at Calumet, Quebec. Because of her high scholastic standing throughout the year, Ann was able to leave school a week early and travel to

Quebec with the Roberts' on their way home.

Ministerial Association
The Thornhill - Richmond Hill Ministerial Association met in the Presbyterian Church on June 13th and enjoyed a luncheon served by the ladies of the church. The meeting was conducted by the President, Rev. Wm. Askew and the two special speakers were Rev. C. Blair, Chaplain of the Branson Hospital, and Rev. Francis Vipond. Plans were laid for a Sunday School Teachers Training School to be held the second week in September and a Bible Study Workshop to be held in early November.

Thornhill Cemetery Improvement Committee

A special service of commemoration was held at Thornhill Cemetery on Sunday, June 19th at 3 p.m. and was attended by several hundred people. The service was conducted by Rev. Hugh C. MacDonald and the Scripture reading was given by Dr. Minton C. Johnston. Rev. Wm. Askew offered prayers and a short sermon was preached by Rev. Calvin Chambers. The Willowdale Corps of the Salvation Army provided music. The Committee has been responsible for the recent improvements made in the cemetery, notably the newly paved road.

United Church News

The newly opened Metropolitan Toronto Conservation Authority's Greenwood Park was the lovely

setting for the Thornhill United Church Annual Congregational Picnic, on Saturday, June 18th. Approximately 250 people attended the picnic. Mr. Percy Forster, Mr. Art Millard and Mr. Tom Harrington were in charge of the races and had distributed a large variety of prizes to the various winners. Mr. Frank Walsh and Mr. Alan Beckwith looked after the tickets, while the all-important matter of refreshments was in the capable hand of Mrs. Elsie Kojola. The picnicers brought their own lunches and beverages and ice cream were provided. Just about everyone must have taken part in the races as the group downed five gallons of coffee, two gallons of tea and ten gallons of freshie.

Thornhill United Church is planning a ministry to the sick and shut-ins of the parish to extend Christian fellowship to those unable to join in the Sunday worship services. Members are asked to give to the committee in charge the names of any persons seriously ill or incapacitated and unable to attend church. Any volunteers who could assist in this work are also asked to get in touch with the committee. The following elders have been appointed by the Session to receive this information and arrange for calls: Mr. N. L. Morton, AV. 5-2194; Mr. R. Everist, AV. 5-1306 and Mr. F. R. Flook, AV. 5-2410.

At the June meeting of the Evening Auxillary of the Women's Missionary Society, the retiring President, Mrs. Harold Craig of Thornbank Rd., was honoured with a life membership in the W. M. S. Mrs. Craig has worked with the Baby Band, the Mission Band, Sunday School Groups and been on the executive of the W. A. and will be much missed when she moves with her family to Toronto this summer.

1st Thornhill Cub and Scouts Led by Jim Antonacci and as-

sisted by Jim Jarrell and Tom Brown, the 1st Thornhill Cub Pack has had a busy season, with almost 100% attendance. The pack has 40 members and eight boys recently moved up to Scouts in an impressive ceremony. The boys have been carrying on an active program of badge training and recreation. Rev. MacDonald has spoken to the boys at intervals on Christian Life.

The boys will be spending the weekend of June 24th at Ox-Trail Camp, near Orangeville. Herb Rogers and Allan Foster are in charge of the 25 members of the 1st Thornhill Scouts and are looking for help from anyone interested in taking part in this very worthwhile work. At their recent annual Father and Son banquet, the Scouts were addressed by Director Charles Seath, of the Physical Education Department of Thornhill High School. Mr. Seath emphasized the value of good health and physical exercise.

As all the Cub and Scout meetings are now held in the Christian Education Wing of the United Church, the Scout Hut has been moved to a location near the homes of the 1st Langstaff Group. The 1st Thornhill Scouts and their group committee with the Langstaff boys and their leaders happy scouting in this building which carries so many memories of former good times.

The Thornhill Tennis Club is all set for another busy season. The club is pleased to announce that they have been fortunate in securing the services of one of Ontario's ranking Junior tennis players as an instructor for the Junior members of the club. He is Joe Anderson of Leaside, Toronto. Joe will give lessons to the juniors twice weekly and will be available three evenings a week to take part in the adult program. All this is at no extra cost to the members as lessons are included in the membership fee.

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