

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

Thornhill Horticultural Society

Japanese flower arrangements are admired the world over. Through the auspices of the Thornhill Horticultural Society the people of Thornhill will be introduced to this fascinating procedure. Mrs. L. Izumi of Toronto will be at the November 15 meeting of the society, together with an interpreter, to create some of her exotic flower arrangements and explain her art. Mrs. Izumi will be dressed in the lovely Japanese national costume and a draw will be held for her flower arrangements after the meeting. Refreshments will be served and the society hopes that a large number of Thornhill residents will avail themselves of the privilege of attending this unusual meeting. You don't have to be a

member of the society to attend. So remember the date November 15, at 8 p.m. at Thornhill Public School.

Presbyterian Church News

On the week-end of October 22 and 23, Rev. Chambers was the speaker at the Presbyterian Men's Conference, held at the Lay Centre, Caledon Hills. The Conference was sponsored by the men of the Lindsay Presbyterian. Mr. Chambers spoke on the topic "The Business of a Christian Man".

Two gay Hallowe'en parties were held by the young people of Thornhill Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 29. The Young Adults held their party at the home of Mr. Tom McCall, while the Young Life Club held their party at the church. This

was a fancy dress affair and prizes for best costumes went to Billy Ray and Kees Vandermeij. Games were led by Rev. Chambers, and the refreshments consisted of Dagwood sandwiches, and apple, pumpkin and raisin pies — all of which went down very well with the young folk. The party ended with the showing of a film, "Teen Age Loyalty" which was very well received by the 25 young people present.

The members of the congregation of Thornhill Presbyterian Church will be pleased to know that Mr. Frank Teasdale of Concord is now at home following surgery in the Shoulidice Hospital, and progressing nicely.

3rd Thornhill Cub and Scouts
Apple Day, Hallowe'en parties, games and preparations for the "Going Up Ceremony" have made the past weeks busy ones for the Cubs and Scouts.

On October 22, official Apple Day, the 3rd Thornhill joined with other area packs and troops to ensure that every resident of Thornhill and district had an opportunity to further the organization by their contributions. At the close of their morning's "goose deed", chocolate milk and cookies were served to the boys at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Prizes were given for the best decorated basket. The winners in the Cub competition were Peter Aimone, Norman Tylter, Charlie Sowden and Allen Hudema. Corresponding prizes for the Scout Troop were awarded to Paul Spafford, Mark Spafford and Peter Tremaine.

For their meetings the last week of October, both Cubs and Scouts celebrated Hallowe'en by trading their uniforms for a variety of imaginative costumes. Prizes, do-nuts and apple juice supplied by the Mothers' Auxiliary, added greatly to the festivity. The Scout Troop enjoyed a busy Saturday on October 29 in the Barrie area where they cut and loaded one hundred Christmas trees. It is hoped that the sale of these will provide a worthwhile profit for the boys. The same day, the Cubs held a hike and cook-out at the Boyd Conservation Park near Woodbridge.

The "Going Up" ceremony took place on November 2 and the following members of the Cub Pack were formally welcomed into the Scout Troop: Derek Cann, Keith Brotherhood, Michael Ball, Bill Garland, Allan Hudema and David Horton. The latter four boys, having completed requirements for their second star, are eligible for their Leaping Wolf badge.

The October meeting of the Mothers' Auxiliary was devoted to helping with preparations for the annual Guild bazaar to be held in Holy Trinity Parish Hall in November.

United Church News

At the Sunday morning service at Thornhill United Church on October 30, the guest soloist was Mrs. Peter Scott of Zion-Wexford Church, who gave a beautiful rendition of Gounod's "O Divine Redeemer".

At the evening service members of the local L.O.L. and L.O. B.A. were welcomed. Assisting the minister at the service were two members of the Hi-C and Y. P.U., Miss Wendy Mason and Mr. Keith Corkill. The Hi-C and the Y.P.U. did not hold their customary meeting following the evening service, as the full length film "Martin Luther" was shown instead.

The Evening Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Blackett on Arnold Avenue, on Tuesday, November 1. A report was given on the "Perm Party" held last month when 16 ladies of the White Cross home at Newmarket were given permanent by Mrs. H. Johnson and Mrs. Vera Moore, local hairdressers. The ladies of the W.M.S. provided the lunch which was served by three W.A. members. Mrs. B. Sutton had brought along 16 new hats from her hat shop, so that each lady went home with a new hat. The White Cross members provided transportation from Newmarket and back.

Introducing the program for the meeting, Mrs. Ken Duncan explained that the group's study of the Ecumenical Church was being followed this year by 28 denominations in North America on the theme "Into All The World Together". The Ecumenical Church is world-wide and is seen working on two levels. Geographically, it reaches into every corner of the world, including this community. Spiritually, it expresses the belief that the Christian message is for all men, everywhere, that it is inter-racial, international and inter-denominational.

Mrs. Duncan reviewed briefly two books, "The Ship Under the Cross" and "Turning World", telling of their significance for this year. Mrs. Lloyd Blackett assisted her in presenting a dialogue, designed to clarify and explain the meaning of the ecumenical spirit and this was followed by an informal discussion. Lunch was then served by the hostesses, Mrs. Alan Beckwith and Miss G. Wesley. (I hope those ladies had a dictionary at their meeting. For anyone who was not there, my dictionary defines "ecumenical" as "an ecclesiastical council regarded as representing the whole Christian Church". Does that help?)

Social Notes
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Honsberger of Elgin Street, had an interesting visitor on the week-end of October 29, in the person of Miss Daan Scholten, of Amsterdam, Holland. Miss Scholten, a friend of the family, is employed by

Time-Life Magazine in Amsterdam and had been sent by them to take a six-weeks' course in Chicago. Finding herself so near, that is on the same continent, she made a flying trip up to see the Honsbergers. As this was her first visit to Canada, the Honsbergers endeavoured to show her as much of Canada and Canadians as could be squeezed into one week end and took her up to Georgian Bay, to Niagara Falls and for a complete tour of Toronto, visiting the homes of several friends enroute. This sounds like a formidable week-end and it is doubtful if either Miss Scholten or the Honsbergers are quite recovered even yet!

Holy Trinity Parish Guild
On Tuesday, November 1st, the regular meeting of the Alpha Group of the Parish Guild of Holy Trinity Church was held in the auditorium of the Parish Hall. The 23 members present got right to work on completing the Christmas Carousell bazaar to be held on November 18 and 19. They have many interesting items to offer this year. Some of them are Christmas table cloths, Christmas tree skirts, embroidered linens, mitts, socks, dried floral arrangements, dolls and dolls' clothes, party aprons and children's aprons, jewellery, hats and hot boxes, gifts for children to buy for the grown-ups, fish pond, home baking, candy delicatessen — and even baby sitting.

The meeting closed with refreshments. Hostesses were Mrs. Doris Davis, Mrs. Donna Davis and Mrs. Yvonne Tomlin. The next meeting will be a work meeting, on Tuesday, November 15th, in the auditorium.

AURORA — Judy Williamson, 16, of this town, is recovering from a traffic accident October 31 when she suffered a broken left shoulder and skull fracture. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Williamson.

Zinkan - Sommerville—

Metz, France Scene Of Local Wedding

By Margaret I. McLean

When a certain plane took off from Malton Airport on October 27th, headed for Metz, France, it carried with it something special in the way of both passengers and luggage. The special passenger had stars in her eyes and in her luggage, wrapped in layers of love and dreams was a white satin wedding gown. While probably no one guessed what was in the luggage, the stars in the eyes of Sylvia Sommerville must have been apparent to all, as she set off to keep a wedding date thousands of miles away, with her childhood sweetheart, Flying Officer Peter Zinkan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Zinkan, Colborne Street, Thornhill.

The only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sommerville of Centre Street, Thornhill, Sylvia went to Thornhill Public School where she first met her husband-to-be. They were friends while attending Richmond Hill High School and for the past five years, while Peter has been in Europe with the R.C.A.F. they have corresponded regularly, seeing each other during that time, on an average of once a year. Sylvia travelled to Germany in the summer of 1959 but had not seen Peter since then. Their engagement was confirmed by mail, with another Air Force couple bringing the ring as far as British Columbia and mailing it from there.

During all this time, Sylvia busied herself as a swimming instructor, at Thornhill Pool during the summers, then for some time at the North York Community Pool in Willowdale during the winters. This past year Sylvia was a supervisor at the Northview Heights Collegiate Pool.

Prior to leaving for France, Sylvia had been entertained at several showers by friends in the village. On September 16th, Mr. Norman McCrae, of Toronto, gave her a personal shower, while on October 5th, a miscellaneous shower was held for her at the home of Mrs. W. Fisher, Centre Street, Thornhill, by Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. A. Jamieson and Mrs. G. Miles. Miss Carolyn Jennings and Miss Fanny Reid held a miscellaneous shower on October 17th.

Rev. Calvin H. Chambers Leaving For B.C. Church

The news from Thornhill Presbyterian Church this week will strike a sad note with many Thornhill people. The popular minister, the Rev. Calvin H. Chambers, who with his wife has done so much for the church during the past eight years, has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church at New Westminster, B.C. He will preach his last sermon in Thornhill on Sunday, November 13.

Donald Orr Dies At 43

Residents of Concord and district were shocked to hear of the sudden death on Sunday, October 30, of Mr. Donald F. Orr of 36 Rockview Gardens, Concord, in his 43rd year. Mr. Orr, a partner in the contracting firm of Stephenson and Orr was a native of St. John, New Brunswick, and had lived in Concord for the past five years. During that time, Mr. Orr was an active member of the Cub and Scout Group Committee and the Concord Teen-Town and both these groups always knew that his home was open to them for their meetings at any time. Mr. Orr was also a member this year of the Concord-Edgely Bowling League and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Maple.

Besides his wife, the former Iris Jean Harris, Mr. Orr is survived by a son, Geoffrey, a student at Thornhill High School, a daughter, Barbara, a student at Concord Public School; his mother, Mrs. George P. Orr of St. John, New Brunswick; and a sister, Mrs. E. Jeffrey (Jean) also of St. John.

The funeral was at Zion Lutheran Church, Thursday, November 3, with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Mr. Harry Orr, uncle of the deceased and Mr. Stuart Stephenson, and Mr. Roy Orr, his cousins. Active pallbearers were Mr. Harold Page, Mr. Don Day Sr., Mr. Don Cann, Mr. Cyril Williams, Mr. Howard Steeves, and Mr. James Higgins. Rev. Norman Wagner conducted the service.

Her friends and neighbours in Concord extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Orr and to Geoffrey and Barbara in their sad loss. Our hearts go with them.

Plan Farewell Dinner Nov. 14

The congregation of the Thornhill Presbyterian Church are holding a Farewell Dinner on Monday, November 14th, for the Reverend and Mrs. Calvin Chambers and family. The dinner will be held at the church.

The Chambers will be leaving shortly for Western Canada where Mr. Chambers has accepted a call from First Presbyterian Church, New Westminster, B. C.

Thomas - Curtis Nuptials



Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas are seen smiling happily, following their wedding in Hope United Church, Keele Street, on October 29, 1960. The bride is the former Rosemary Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Curtis, Thornhill, and the groom is the son of Mrs. K. Thomas and the late Mr. Thomas of Hope. — photo by Lagerquist

Eric W. (Bill) Anstey

Sees Vaughan Official Plan As Needed Guide

By Alex Sjoberg

Vaughan township councillor Eric Wilson (Bill) Anstey of 18 Thornbank, Thornhill is almost 50, but doesn't look it. When we asked him his recipe for staying reasonably young he said a happy family life, good cooking, keeping busy and retaining an interest in life should give a fellow a pretty good chance to hold back cellular decay to some extent.

That busyness keynotes his existence is evident when one seeks an appointment with him. While unfailingly obliging if it is at all possible, he recently has had to play a pretty smart game of nip-and-tuck with the fleeing hours in order to fit everyone into his schedule.

He looks forward to a bit more leisure now, however. For the past several months, a hotel construction project in Newfoundland with which he is associated has cut into his time to a degree but in future, he says, it will not be necessary for him to fly down nearly so often.

Bill is chairman of Vaughan Township's Planning and Development Board and he represents Vaughan, Woodbridge and Toronto-Gore on the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board. His chief immediate interest is Vaughan's official plan on which, with other officials he has been at work for two years. The official plan, which will be a blue print for future expansion commercially, industrially and in terms of park lands is just about ready. It will provide a guide which, he said, by easing development and better facilitate the township's expert knowledge will be reflected in more assessment-income and in general better help the township take advantage of the county's overall progress. Week before last, fellow councillor Bruce Ralph he threw his hat into the municipal ring for another term and says frankly: "I want to be re-elected. I want to finish what I helped begin."

Bill was born at Twillingsgate, Newfoundland, a sea port of about 8,500 population. He was raised and schooled there and at 19, just a year ahead of the depression, came to Toronto. Between 1929 and 1938 he went to night school, took mechanical engineering at Meisterschaft College, and served his time as a tool and die maker. In 1938 he joined National Steel Car (now A. V. Roe Corporation) where he rose to become a section supervisor in the tool department. By this time, he said, he realized that he wanted to be on his own, but bided his time. By 1946 he had served a stint with S. F. Bowser Company, Toronto, manufacturers of precision instruments, and became factory manager.

In 1946 he struck out for himself. He went into the appliance and lumber business in Thornhill. In 1950 he dealt a heavy blow when fire wiped out his lumber business, which was not insured. He said he felt pretty low for a few days, then he assessed his position and started over. In 1950 he and an associate built a shopping centre in Thornhill, with off-street parking, the first of its kind in Ontario if not in Canada, for it was shortly after that unified plazas began to mushroom across the country. At the same time he had established a lumber business in Concord which he wound up in 1957. A year earlier he had sold out his interest in the shopping centre.

In 1958 he became associated with a company in Newfoundland which was then operating two hotels. This firm is now in the process of building a third near Gander outside the international airport on the trans-Canada highway.

Bill has been married 18 years. His wife is the former Dorothy Butler of Toronto. There are two children, Wendy, 17 and Billy who is 12. When we remarked on the well kept appearance of the wide expanse of lawn encircling the Anstey residence he said it certainly pays to marry a woman with organizational ability.

Bill was first elected by the Vaughan voters in 1956, was re-elected in 1957 and given an acclamation the following year. His personal view is that Vaughan needs councillors with some experience with the demand for growth in the past few years and with growth-demands resulting from Vaughan's proximity to Metropolitan Toronto, one of the fastest growing cities in the world. While he feels that administrative expediency should never supersede objectivity, he feels feet-dragging can prove equally costly. In short, the happy medium is to be practiced. He said he gets along well with his colleagues and respects them as individuals and a council.



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