

# Thornhill and District News

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## Holy Trinity Christmas Carousel Great Success

(By Margaret I. McLean)  
Adding to the pleasure of both conveners and customers of the Holy Trinity Christmas Carousel, held on Friday and Saturday, November 18th and 19th, was the lovely new parish hall. It made possible the spreading out of the bazaar all over the building, with the result that wares were displayed much more effectively, and congestion reduced to a minimum.

Greeting the customers as they went upstairs, was a charming table set up in the upper hall, laden with most ingenious and decorative centerpieces, and the handwork, we were told of Jo Byford and Doris Spafford. They featured dried flowers, and many were arranged on driftwood.

Visitors were greeted by Mrs. R. M. Shaw, President of the Parish Guild, Mrs. C. H. R. Devey, and Mrs. Wm. Askew. Mrs. Devey was the general convener, of the affair, and was assisted by Mrs. Ruth Gall as co-convener.

In the lovely large auditorium, attractive tea tables were set up at one side and dominating the room was a huge Christmas Tree, brilliantly decorated. The tasty treat was prepared under the direction of Barbara Manning, while Audrey Davis was in charge of the evening coffee served on Friday evening.

At the head of the room was a long table laden with bright and imaginative Christmas decorations, convened under the leadership of Elaine Ackehurst. It was with considerable difficulty that your reporter chose one of the many bright bouquets with which she, with pleasure, deck her tree in the Christmas season. The decorations were bright and imaginative, as were the dear little "kissing men," elfin faces painted on styrofoam balls, and decorated with mistletoe.

A table of sewing and gifts, convened by Muriel Shaw was also in the auditorium, and displayed some beautiful linens. Mabel Crawford was in charge of the large variety of knitted goods, and Ira Trant had arranged for the colourful variety of aprons.

Downstairs were found a medley of displays, each more enticing than the last. The baking, convened by Gwen Kiddey was deservedly popular, as was the delicious display of home made candy, in charge of Doris Davis. The delicatessen table, under Bonnie Cox drew many customers, who were able to go home with just about a complete meal.

Several smug tots emerged from the building clutching lovely dolls from the doll table, looked after by Olive St. John.

The doll clothes were quite enchanting - to mothers as well as the small daughters.

The children's booth, offering freshies and cookies for a nickel was well patronized, as well as the fish pond. These were directed by Dorothy Sawden. Attic treasures, assembled by Betty Tyson, displayed a variety of wares, as did the book counter, under Mary Hill. A wide variety of hats and charming hat boxes was presided over by Irene Aske and Yvonne Tomlin's jewelry table had much to offer.

And since stopping at the Girl's Auxiliary booth, your reporter has been sporting a much admired pair of earrings, an ingenious arrangement of tiny shells, on all things, acorn caps! The G. A. girls brooches were equally attractive.

So hats off to some very energetic ladies who have not only made a fine contribution to the work of the church, but provided services and entertainment to the whole community.

**Holy Trinity Anglican Church News**  
It was announced in Holy Trinity on Sunday, November 20th, that Mr. C. H. R. Devey who has been the organist and Choirmaster for the past eleven years will be terminating his services at the end of December. The congregation heard this announcement with much regret.

Rev. and Mrs. Askew will be leaving on November 30th for an eight day visit to Jamaica, returning on December 8th. Rev. Askew will go as a representative of the Information and Stewardship Department of the Anglican Church in Canada to consult with Bishop Gibson of Jamaica regarding church extension in that diocese. Rev. Askew has been active in the Sector Project of the Canadian Council of Churches for the past four years; first as Director in the York Sector and later as councillor in the Grandview-Simcoe Sector, in Lindsay and this year, in Toronto East.

Rev. D. L. Vary has been appointed by Bishop Wilkinson to be Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity when Rev. Askew leaves in December, until a new rector arrives.

**WILLOWDALE** — Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Thompson of 207 Churchhill Avenue, have financially "adopted" Ng Wai Ming, a 6-year-old Chinese boy now living in Hong Kong, through Foster Parents Plan, Inc. P. O. Box 65, Station B, Montreal.

**AURORA** — An audience of 24 persons listened to 15 candidates for town council and public school board at a recent "Meet Your Candidate" meeting here.

## Trustees Receive Acclamation

# Encouraging Turnout Village Nominations

(By Margaret I. McLean)

Nomination headquarters in Thornhill Public Library was somewhat pressed for room when the record-breaking number of 23 people turned up to make sure someone would be in charge of the village affairs next year, and to see just who they would be.

One new face will be at the board of trustees meetings next year, that of Mr. B. P. Roberts of 7720 Yonge Street, a retired sales manager who has been a resident of Thornhill since 1952. Mr. Roberts is an active member of the Thornhill Lions Club and it was at the urging of fellow Lions that he decided to stand for office. He feels that as he is retired and living right in the village he will have ample time to devote to village affairs.

Chairman of the board will be Trustee Patrick McTaggart-Cowan, who states definitely that this will be his last year in office. Trustee James A. Timmins, local barrister will also continue to sit on the board this year.

The meeting was opened promptly at 7:30 by Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Lambert, and after a slow start, the three trustees were all nominated by 8:30. Mr. Caithers Ziskin of Colborne St. nominated the new chairman, Patrick McTaggart-Cowan. Mr. David McLean nominated Mr. James Timmins and Mr. B. P. Roberts was nominated by Willard Simpson.

The present chairman of the board, Trustee Allan Sumner declined nomination, expressing his intention of running for the Markham Township Council. Mr. Sumner spoke briefly, pointing out that the total assessment in the village was \$1,554,809.00 last year and that with an assessment of this magnitude, village affairs were a considerable responsibility. He reminded his audience that the trustees had, last year, disposed of \$23,760.00 of their tax money, in various ways. The largest proportion of this amount, \$6,230.00 was spent on road work, with another \$5,000.00 odd spent on miscellaneous village work, \$4,000.00 on garbage collection, \$1,800.00 on park maintenance, \$2,500.00 on street lights, \$1,500.00 on miscellaneous labour, \$600.00 on sidewalks and on purchase of new equipment. It was

with considerable regret that he noticed that over \$500.00 had been spent on police protection in the park, made necessary by acts of vandalism.

Dr. L. J. Saunders of Brooke Street made a motion thanking Mr. Sumner for all his hard work on behalf of the Village during his term of office.

Trustee McTaggart-Cowan spoke briefly, thanking his nominator for the honour bestowed upon him. He stated that he had intended to step down from office this year, but because Mr. Sumner would no longer be on the board and a new man in his place, he would remain for one more year but would definitely not stand for re-election next year. Mr. McTaggart-Cowan reminded the audience of some of the advantages enjoyed by being incorporated into a police village. To be so privileged only cost an extra \$6.00 this year, on an assessment of \$3,500.00. For this very small sum, the residents of the village enjoyed sidewalks, lights, a library, snow removal and garbage collection. This latter item alone, it was pointed out costs the residents of places like Concord, \$1.25 a month, \$18.00 a year.

## Winter Draws What Summer Paints In Japanese Flower Arrangements

By Margaret McLean  
The election of officers for 1961 was an important part of the November meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society, last week. The newly elected executive consists of: President, Mr. A. Foster; 1st Vice President, Mr. A. Sumner; 2nd Vice President, Mr. H. Harrison; Directors (two years), Mr. A. Bone, Mrs. C. Harris, Mr. C. Harper, Mrs. J. Shelston, Mr. C. Williamson; Directors (one year), Mrs. J. Briggs, Miss M. Dean.

Mrs. T. Izumi demonstrated the art of Japanese flower-arranging, fascinating to watch her take a slender evergreen branch and gently bend it to the desired angle, the results being so beautifully proportioned and artistically displayed.

Mrs. Izumi is well known in Toronto and Mrs. Allen, her interpreter, was one of her pupils. Both came in traditional Japanese costumes to explain this specialized art. Mrs. Izumi has been interested in flower arranging since she was nine years old and exhibits every year in the Japanese flower show.

There is a legend that flower arranging goes back 13 centuries to a monk, in Japan, who tired of seeing the leaves brought daily to be dumped in large copper pots, decided to arrange them to delight the eye. In this way he felt man and spirit were being expressed in close harmony.

The basic rules of cutting flowers under water (to keep oxygen out) were explained and the use of pin holders was said not only to hold the flowers in place but the pin holes allowed water to fill the stem more readily.

Saying It With Flowers  
There are three lines of interest, Mrs. Izumi explained; the tallest is heaven, two thirds of that height is man and the third line, earth, in every Japanese arrangement. However varied in design, these three lines are always to be found. Heaven and man always face each other. Mrs. Izumi shaped the plant stems to curl around to each other, in simple but effective designs. Odd numbers of flowers at the base are used, from one to seven flowers usually, the smallest bud at the top. The pin holder is put to one side of the container, whichever best suits the arrangement and the containers used were shallow, with white being the most used. Stones can be placed around the pin holder, or broad leaves, as were seen in the fourth display. The Japanese have a love for the imperfect plants, the gnarled trees that they have around them on the mountains, the stunted berry bushes and even flower leaves that have holes in them. They have a more tender feeling toward the imperfect.

The first arrangement, done in a dark polished wood bowl, contained only two twisted branches of Canadian holly, a twig-like bush that holds many tiny red berries. At the base were five white 'mums, and the result was most pleasing to the eye.

The second one took considerably longer as Mrs. Izumi work-

ed on some feathery dark green tropical branches to find the exact line she needed. These were then placed on the pin holder with five golden 'mums for accent at the base. This arrangement was then placed in a shallow white bowl.

Arrangement number three featured white pine. Some of the needles were removed to display the shape of the stem. The two branches were then shaped to represent the three basic lines, five bronze mums added at the base. Juniper and other varieties of pine can be bent to shape with warm hands and needles removed to give the desired line. As Mrs. Allen quoted during the demonstration, "Winter draws what summer paints."

Driftwood was chosen as the fourth arrangement, using B.C. Broom around it to give the heaven, man and earth lines. Three large golden 'mums were placed at the base, held rigid with the help of rubber bands. As an aside, it was mentioned that in Japan a favourite dish is made from young 'mum leaves. They are dipped in batter and fried.

The fifth arrangement was charmingly displayed with Scotch Broom, one stem curved to represent a half moon, broad leaves used as a filler and three golden mums at the base. This was placed in a slate-grey shallow bowl of unusual design.

The last arrangement took but one minute, two stems of Chinese lantern, that somehow had the third white pine. A yellow 'mum at the base of the pin holder gave a delightful result.

Mr. Poulter thanked Mrs. Izumi and her assistant, Mrs. Allen, for the beautiful arrangements and a draw was held to see who would take them home. Other plants were also given away in the draw and there were many happy winners.

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## Thornhill Notes

### Presbyterian Church News

On Sunday, November 27th, the guest preacher at Thornhill Presbyterian Church was the Rev. Donald R. McKillop, B.A., B.D., Dean of Students at Knox College. Rev. McKillop was formerly a minister at Markham. On Sunday, December 4th, Dr. Donald V. Wade, Ph.D., of Knox College, will be in the pulpit. On Sunday, December 11th, the Sacrament of Baptism will be administered.

A film on Albert Schweitzer, the outstanding missionary in Africa, was shown to the young Adults on Sunday, November 27, and was much enjoyed.

The Fortnites held an interesting meeting at the church Monday, November 21st, with about 30 members present. Mrs. Guthrie took the devotional. A film from the Bell Telephone Company was shown, dealing with weather reports, how they are made and how involved they are. Each of the members had brought to the meeting with them a gift for a child in Formosa, the children of lepers, or blind or orphan children. As suggested by the agency accepting the gifts, each parcel contained, wrapped in a towel, a comb, a tooth brush, a toy and an article of clothing. These will be shipped to Formosa and distributed at Christmas.

Volunteers from the congregation have come forward to lead the two young people's groups. The Young Life Club, which meets for dinner at the church every Tuesday, is now under the direction of Mr. Gerry Easton. This group is for youngsters from 13 to 16 years of age. The Happy Hour, on Friday evenings, for children from 6 to 11, is now being directed by Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr.

Next Tuesday, December 6th, the Men's Club will hold a dinner at the church. Guest speaker will be Mr. Patrick McTaggart-Cowan of the Dominion Meteorological Office, who will explain some facets of this fascinating work. Mr. McTaggart-Cowan was recently acclaimed chairman of the Board of Trustees for Thornhill. The business of the church will be discussed at the close of the meeting.

### United Church News

Mrs. Pajevic and her two sons, who are being sponsored by the Refugee Committee of Thornhill United Church are expected to arrive in Thornhill the week before Christmas. Accommodation has been found for them. Furniture and furnishings will be required. For information, telephone Mrs. W. J. Lambert at AV. 5-2539. Cash contributions may be sent to the treasurer, Mr. E. B. Hodgins, Box 634, Thornhill P.O.

Sunday school teachers for kindergarten, primary and intermediate grades are needed. If anyone could be of assistance in this, they should contact Rev. McDonald at AV. 5-2131.

As a further "Adventure in Understanding" at the evening service on November 20, Pastor Ainsley Blair, Chaplain of the North York Branson Hospital,

was welcomed to the pulpit. His topic was "What is a Seventh Day Adventist?" and his information was widely discussed at the Young People's meeting afterwards.

On Sunday evening, December 4th, at 7:30 p.m. the technicolor cinemascopic picture "A Man Called Peter" will be shown at the church. The film starts Richard Todd and Jean Simmons and is well worth seeing, both as entertainment and for the message it gives.

**W.I. Branch**  
During the past week I received in the mail a small booklet outlining the 1960-61 program of the Thornhill Branch of the East York Women's Institute, which I studied with considerable interest.

The village branch of the Women's Institute will celebrate its 60th anniversary next summer and has a long history of dignified and worthy contributions to not only the Village of Thornhill but the surrounding area and the country generally. The diminishing numbers of loyal members continue to carry on their good work, but badly need an infusion of young blood. This organization has no religious affiliation but reaches out to all sections of the community and the world. Part of their creed states, "It is the little things that create differences, in the big things of life we are one". It seems to your correspondent, that it is this philosophy, adopted on a world-wide scale, which holds the only hope for the future of all the nations. Here, in an organization which possibly some younger women may be inclined to think is "old hat" a group of kindly women devote themselves to, as they sing each month in their opening ode, "seek the common weal, the good of all mankind". What could be more up to date and progressive than this? What object could be more worthy?

The scope of this small group's activities is indicated by their list of conveners: Mrs. Heslop is convener of Agriculture and Canadian Industries; Mrs. F. Cole, Home Economics and Health; Mrs. C. Sinclair, Citizenship and Education; Mrs. M. Mizen, Historical Research and Current Events; Mrs. P. Bone, Community Activities and Public Relations. Through the years this group has contributed to a wide variety of worthy causes, as well as keeping themselves informed about local, national and international affairs. Their program is designed to involve each member in the intellectual activity of the group, to get each one thinking and making a contribution. To this end, they select some provocative motto for each month of the year which members are to think about during the month. Then at the monthly meeting, each member answers her name by giving her views on a related topic. For instance, the November motto was "The home is the first school, the parents the first teacher," and at the November meeting, each member had to answer the roll call telling "What

I want most out of life as a good citizen". It is significant, and indicative of the wide yet fundamental outlook of these ladies, that at this meeting what most of them wanted for the world, as for themselves, was peace. During January, the motto is to be "Everyone is interested in health and the best way to have it is to preserve it". Each member will answer the roll by telling "What I eat for beauty and good temper".

At the December meeting, each member will answer the roll by contributing a gift for a cancer patient. This meeting will be in the form of a luncheon at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. M. H. Carroll, 35 No. 7 Highway East, Langstaff, on December 15th. Why not join these ladies, give them a little encouragement and let them know that the ideals and hopes they cherish, are not being forgotten in these hectic days, when so much of our time and energy is being frittered away

on things which are not of any real and lasting value. You will receive a warm welcome on the third Thursday of any month at these meetings. Give Mrs. Bone a ring at AV. 5-1461 and she will tell you all about it.

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