

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

Baptist Church News
The Anna Buck Circle and the Women's Auxiliary of Thornhill Baptist Church met together for their December meetings at the home of Mrs. Arthur Kent, Thornhill, on Wednesday evening, December 7th at 8 p.m.

Miss Gladys Steven, president of the Anna Buck Circle convened the meeting. It opened with the singing of the Christmas carol "As With Gladness Men of Old." Mrs. Howard Wilson and Mrs. Ross Knight then conducted the devotional period, their theme being the Christmas story.

Mrs. H. Ellam presented the report of the Nominating Committee for the Anna Buck Circle and the following are the officers for 1961:

Past President, Miss Gladys Steven; President, Mrs. J. Martin; Vice-President, Mrs. W. Yeo; Secretary, Mrs. E. Twine; Treasurer, Miss H. Stringer; "Link" and Visitor, Mrs. H. Wilson; Reading Course, Mrs. E. Hopkins; White Cross, Mrs. C. Wilson; Social Convener, Mrs. H. Howlett.

Mrs. M. C. Johnston then conducted the induction ceremonies for both organizations, closing with a prayer. Christmas gifts were received to be given to the family of a minister out West. A sound film on the work of our Indians on the Six Nations Reserve at Brantford, entitled "Footprints in the Snow" was shown by Mrs. Kent and was much enjoyed.

Mrs. E. Twine made a presentation to Miss Gladys Steven on behalf of the Anna Buck Circle and thanked her for her faithful and untiring service as President for the past four years.

The meeting was then turned over to the Women's Auxiliary with Mrs. W. McGowan presiding. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. McGowan, after which she announced that the executive had recommended that the group make a generous contribution toward the Church mortgage. This motion was put to a vote and approved by all present.

The meeting was then turned over to the south group with Mrs. W. Raeburn in charge. Games and a number of Christmas carols were enjoyed, followed by delicious refreshments.

The next meeting of the Anna Buck Circle will be held on January 11th, 1961, at the home of Mrs. E. Twine, Helen Avenue, Thornhill, at 8 p.m.

Choir News: The members of the Choir of Thornhill Baptist

Church were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Andrew, Richmond Hill, on Friday evening, December 9th. Games followed by a bountiful and attractive buffet supper completed a very enjoyable evening. Mr. Cliff Wilson thanked the hostess on behalf of those present. The senior high fellowship held their election of officers at the church on Sunday evening, December 11th. The following executive members were elected for 1961: President, Miss Joanne Wilson; Vice-President, Mr. Stephen Muckler; Secretary - Treasurer, Miss Margo Martin. The senior high fellowship, along with several members of the Choir will sing Christmas Carols for the patients of the Villa Hospital, Bathurst Street, and Friday evening, December 23rd. All members of the senior high fellowship are asked to attend.

Presbyterian Church News
Interim-Moderator, Rev. Prof. D. V. Wade, Ph.D. was in the pulpit at Thornhill Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 11th and his sermon was entitled "Responsible Christians." The Sacrament of Infant Baptism was administered to Jennifer Anne Buchanan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Buchanan, 52 Grandview Avenue, and to James Robert Currie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Currie, 7 Longridge Avenue.

A group of young people from the Young Adults Club sang Christmas Carols at the Villa Hospital, on Bathurst Street, on December 17th. The Young Adults are offering Christmas Cakes for sale this year. They are said to be delicious, so contact any member of the Young Adults if you would like to buy one.

The W.M.S. held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. R. A. Camell, 30 Drewry Avenue on Tuesday, December 13th at 2:15 p.m. After a short devotional service, Mrs. Mison showed slides taken while she and her daughter were on a trip to England last year. Fourteen ladies were present. The next meeting will be on January 10th when the election of officers will take place.

Forty members of the Couples Club met at the Church on Saturday, December 10th for their Christmas Party. The devotional was led by Mr. and Mrs. C. Atkinson. The program was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson's group, assisted by Mr. John Kerr. They enjoyed singing carols and Santa Claus, otherwise known as Doug Puddy, distributed presents to everyone. The delicious Christmas refreshments were polished off in short order, and all that remained were three lonely tarts. The January meeting of the Couples Club will be devoted to the election of officers.

United Church News
Santa Claus has been kept busy with advance appearances in Thornhill and turned up at both the Nursery - Kindergarten and Primary Department Sunday School parties at Thornhill United Church on Saturday, December 10th. The children all received presents, of course, and as well enjoyed a program of films, carols and stories.

On Thursday, December 1st, a Christmas Friendship Tea was held in the Narthex of the Church, under the auspices of the Wo-

men's Association. The Tea was especially planned for those ladies and gentlemen who do not ordinarily find it easy to get out to Church functions. Transportation was arranged for many of these, notably for ten ladies from the Villa Nursing Home on Bathurst Street. Mrs. Kellam, as W.A. President, welcomed the guests.

Rev. H. MacDonald also gave a few words of welcome. Mrs. Hugh Martin then led a very fine musical program, including Christmas carols, vocal solos by Mrs. Martin herself and violin solos by Mrs. Bruce Johnston, who was accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. Ralph Finley. An attractive tea table with Christmas centrepiece had been arranged by Mrs. Thomas Pherrill and Mrs. G. J. Mickleborough. Fancy sandwiches, Christmas cookies, and of course, delicious cups of tea were served by members of the W.A.

Mrs. C. P. Johns and Mrs. Donald Smilie gave each guest an attractive box of homemade cookies to take home. When it came time to return home, everyone wondered who had experienced the greatest pleasure - the guests or those who had arranged the party. A similar afternoon is being planned by the W.A. for the not too distant future. The first meeting of the W.A. for the New Year will be held in the auditorium, on Thursday, January 5th. The budget for the first half of the year will be brought in at this meeting.

Shell Out for UNICEF
When the children of the Thornhill United Church Sunday School cried out "Shell out for UNICEF" at Halloween, 13,250 pennies were gathered and forwarded to the National Committee. These pennies mean that 67,250 children in India will be given a glass of milk, or 13,250 children will be protected from tuberculosis in Chile, or 1325 taken care of in the orphanage in Nigeria. The cooperation of the parents and members of the congregation is much appreciated. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped our children help less fortunate children in other lands by this gift of \$132.50 to UNICEF.

Prairie Missionary
Many of the congregation of Thornhill United Church heard Mr. Derwyn Docken, the summer student who was "adopted" by the church for special interest and fellowship, when he spoke at the church on October 9th, but many were away at their cottages. Every summer, the Home Mission Board of the United Church of Canada sends out several hundred young men and women from the colleges to summer fields in the West and North. These young people do a wonderful work in areas where no all-around religious services are held.

Mr. Docken, who is a student at the University of Western Ontario, spent the months from May to September working in a needy area in the vicinity of McAuley, Manitoba, an area which had been neglected because of lack of workers. He made a survey of this district and visited in homes that had not seen a representative of the Church for years. He also conducted Sunday Schools, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, assisted with summer camps and preached regularly. At the end of the summer, special dedication and baptismal services were held, when nineteen children were baptized. Arrangements were also made for the Sunday School to continue after Mr. Docken returned to college in September. At these last services conducted by Mr. Docken, Bible sent out by Thornhill United Church were given to the Sunday School students and the Thornhill hymn books were gratefully received for use in the services. This work is supported through the Missionary and Maintenance Fund of the Church. The congregation of Thornhill United Church has pledged \$6,200 for this fund in 1961. This is an increase of \$2,700 over last year. Thanks to the hard work of the Committee and the cooperation of the congregation, the Sector visitation, November 27th brought in many new members and an expected income of \$50,000 or more for 1961.

On Sunday morning, December 11th, Rev. MacDonald was in the pulpit and preached on the topic "Death and the Christian." The morning service was taped for broadcast over Radio Station CJRH on Sunday, December 18th. The evening worship service on December 11th was concerned with the call to full-time Christian service in Foreign Mission fields. A new colour film, produced by the United Church in Canada and entitled "Reply to Reality" was shown. It dealt with the mission fields in India and Africa.

On Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th, at 11 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service will be held in the Church. Special music will be presented by the Senior Choir. Christmas Worship Service will be held on Christmas Day, at 11 a.m. There will be no evening service.

Anyone who has difficulty arranging transportation to Church is invited to call the church office, AV. 5-2131 and transportation will be gladly arranged for them.

WILLOWDALE - a flash fire in the fat at Don's Fish and Chips recently caused \$3500.00 damage to the kitchen and contents.

WILLOWDALE - Five commuter shelters are proposed for Willowdale bus stops and the idea has been approved by North York's Traffic Co-ordinator.

Little Korean Adopted By Thornhill Baptists



SHN SOOK JA

Although the Korean War has been over for almost seven years, the devastating effects of one of the cruellest wars in history are still very much part of most Koreans' lives. Indeed, Korea has known very little peace for the last fifty years. First it was the Japanese occupation of 1910-45 and the Second World War which left the country exhausted, then it was the tragic division of the country along the 38th Parallel only to be followed by the Korean War (1950-53) which left the country in physical ruin and economic chaos. Today, seven years later, in spite of much on-the-surface rebuilding, the lot of most Koreans is one of hardship and poverty.

Sook Ja was born in a little village near Kum Chun (which is half way between Seoul and Pusan on the railroad) a few months after the Korean Armistice. Her father was a small land owner (less than an acre) and since he had been wounded during the Korean War he was barely able to grow rice on that tiny piece of land. The family lived in great misery and privation. Their plight was made more desperate by the fact that Sook Ja's mother had had her right arm blown off during the Korean War by an artillery shell so she was unable to do anything other than housework.

In 1957 Mr. Shin died leaving his poor wife and daughters (another girl, Myung Hi was born in 1955) grief-stricken and destitute. There was no way for this crippled woman to earn a living - in Korean crippled people and amputees are usually shunned by others. To get food money she sold the tiny bit of land her husband had left her but this lasted for less than a year. In desperation, the mother then placed Sook Ja in the home of a friend who was scarcely any better off than she. Then the mother and sister disappeared and all attempts to find them have failed.

Pusan there is a fine orphanage-girls' home run by a deeply dedicated Korean Christian woman. It happens that one of the staff of this orphanage is originally from Kum Chun and one time when she was visiting relatives, she heard about Sook Ja. She immediately took Sook Ja back to Pusan with her and placed Sook Ja in the orphanage. Although this is a fine Christian orphanage its resources are very slim and even in this fine environment Sook Ja lacks the sense of security and "belonging" which she can only get from you, her Foster Parent.

Sook Ja is an especially pretty little girl with naturally curly hair (unusual for a Korean) and a fetching smile. She enjoys going to school and is a fine orphanage girl and is very well adjusted to her new surroundings. In fact, she never even talks about Kum Chun anymore.

The Women's Auxiliary of Thornhill Baptist Church have financially "adopted" Shn Sook Ja, a six year old Korean girl through Foster Parents Plan, Inc. Box 65 Station B, Montreal. The Foster Parents have promised to contribute \$15 a month toward the child's support for at least one year.

Foster Parents' Plan, which has rehabilitated more than 77,000 children on a personal basis since its founding in 1937, is now helping more than 17,000 youngsters in Greece, Italy, South Korea, France, Belgium, Viet Nam and Hong Kong. Over the past twenty-three years, more than 600,000 individuals and groups in Canada and the United States have helped needy children overseas through Foster Parents' Plan.

"We are indeed grateful to the Women's Auxiliary of Thornhill Baptist Church for giving Sook Ja this wonderful gift of hope and help," declared Miss Gloria C. Matthews, Executive Director of Foster Parents' Plan. "I am prayerfully hoping that many others who read this will also extend a helping hand to a distressed child. We shall be happy to send full information on how to become a Foster Parent to a child in Europe, South Korea, Viet Nam or Hong Kong to any individual, school or group writing to Foster Parents' Plan, P.O. Box 65, Station B, Montreal, Miss Matthews added.

W. Gordon Mills Dies In 74th Year

Following an illness of several months duration, W. Gordon Mills of 41 Riverside Blvd., Thornhill, died Saturday, December 7, 1960, at Branson Hospital. He and his wife, the former Gertrude Rodger, moved to Thornhill five years ago following his retirement from the office of deputy minister for naval services.

Born in Brantford in 1886, the son of the late Jesse S. Mills and Adele Hoffman, he attended Toronto schools and was a graduate of Jarvis Street Collegiate. His first position was on the staff of the Toronto News; later he was employed by Dominion Securities, then served with the Imperial Munitions Board prior to joining the T. Eaton Co. in 1918. At the outbreak of World War II he was staff superintendent for Canada and was appointed director of inspection for clothing and barrack room equipment for the armed forces.

In February 1941, he became assistant deputy minister for naval services; eight months later he was appointed deputy minister for naval services, which position he held until his retirement. Surviving are his wife, Gertrude Isabel (formerly of Ottawa), and two daughters by a previous marriage, Mrs. Norman Hearn (Barbara) of Scarborough and Mrs. Leslie Weir (Iris) of Toronto.

Funeral services were held from the Wright & Taylor Funeral Home, Richmond Hill, Monday afternoon with Mr. Max Walker of the Christian Science faith conducting. Interment was in Highland Memory Gardens and the pall bearers were: Justice Roy Kellock, James Bridges, Harry Selkirk, Paul Mills, Leslie Weir and Norman Hearn.

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It is hereby proclaimed that
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1961
will be observed as a holiday for the Township of Vaughan.
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The Season's GREETINGS
All of us here wish you a holiday as festive as the season's gay sights and sounds. A merry, merry Christmas to you and your dear ones.
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