

Thornhill and District News

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Mrs. Winnifred Palmer Dies In Her 83rd Year

Friends of Mrs. Patrick McTaggart-Cowan of 76 Colborne Street, Thornhill offer their sincere condolences on the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. Winnifred C. Palmer, on Thursday, January 12th.

Born in Ingersoll, Ontario, Mrs. Palmer spent most of her life in Vancouver, B. C. but lived on Elgin Street, Thornhill, for five years and latterly had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. McTaggart-Cowan on Colborne Street.

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Thornhill Baptist Church Celebrates 9th Anniversary

Last Sunday, January twenty-second, the congregation of Thornhill Baptist Church celebrated its ninth anniversary amidst much rejoicing that the recently installed additional pews were necessary to accommodate the crowds.

During the morning service of worship the Junior Choir supplemented the Chancel Choir in the ministry of music.

Following the minister's story to the children, Mrs. F. N. McConnell, one of the senior members of the congregation, lighted nine candles on a birthday cake, and Dorothy Lennie, one of the Church's original babies, blew them out.

Dr. Johnston read from the report of the congregation's first meeting in 1952 as recorded by the first clerk Mr. W. A. Smook.

At 5:30 in the afternoon, the whole church fellowship was entertained to a supper arranged by the Young People's Group under the capable direction of Miss Joanne Wilson.

Following congregational singing the celebrants adjourned to participate in the usual Sunday evening activities as represented by four groups: The Junior

Choir rehearsal at the Johnston home next door; the adult Bible Class, in the Church; and the B.Y.P.U. and High Fellowship Groups which meet in the school rooms.

Pajeric Family Receive TV Set

Mrs. Stefica Pajeric and her sons Branislav and Dusan, were the surprised and grateful recipients last week of a TV set, presented to them by Mr. Ted Kane, of County Appliances Limited, 6186 Yonge Street, Willowdale. Mr. Kane had read of the fine welcome given the Pajeric family by the people of Thornhill and although he is not a resident of the area, wanted to contribute his bit. The two boys were more than delighted, and the set will help them immensely in learning the English language.

This is their major occupation these days, as they all three attend classes at Thornhill High School two nights a week and are, besides, given lessons a couple of times a week by Mr. and Mrs. McGhee. Branislav is attending Thornhill High School and is being fitted in at the Grade 10 level, while Dusan, is being fitted in at the Grade 11 level.

The opening up of a promised job in the spring, is working at Mr. Isaac Baker's saddlery and harness shop at Concord.

Mrs. Pajeric is employed at the Shouldice Hospital. It had been intended at first that she should be at the branch in Thornhill but it was not possible to fit her in there for the present so she has been travelling to the Hospital at Church and Charles Street in Toronto by T.T.C. She starts work there at 7 each morning, but such is the frequency (or infrequency) of the early morning bus service from the area, must catch a bus in Thornhill at 5:30 a.m. Missing the bus one morning, she hitch-hiked a ride and one morning, a police cruiser pulled up beside her, apparently curious as to why a woman should be out alone at such an hour. If there is anyone who could give Mrs. Pajeric a lift in the mornings, even just to where she could connect up with a more frequent bus service, it would be much appreciated. Call Mrs. Lambert at AV. 5-2539 if you could help in this way.

Thornhill Lions Honour Charter Members

At a flower decked table, each place set with a boutonniere, the members of the Thornhill Lions club paid tribute to ten of the Club's charter members, on Monday, January 16th, at Thornhill United Church.

Mr. Walter Smook M.C.'d the gathering and traced the history of the club from its inception in 1947, and mentioned the part each of the charter members had played. Four of the charter members are Past Presidents of the organization. Each of the charter members, Morgan Boyle, Russ Elgie, Willard Simpson, John MacNeil, Reg. Smith, Wilf Ball, Percy Bone, Tom Jackson, Charles Sowdon and Lou Reid, rose to speak "in their own defense" and many fine times were recalled.

The fine dinner was catered by Group 2 of the Women's Association of Thornhill United Church.

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Baptist Church News
The January meeting of the Anna Buck Circle of Thornhill Baptist Church was held at the home of Mrs. E. Twine, Helen Avenue, Thornhill on Wednesday evening, January 11th at 8 p.m., with the president, Mrs. James Martin presiding.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the president, followed by a devotional period conducted by Mrs. Hazel Stringer, her theme being "Standards and Measures For the New Year." This was followed by prayer by Mrs. Wm. Yao.

A skit on an Angola Hospital clinic entitled "Nancy's Dream Comes True" was enacted by the following members: Mrs. Carlson, as a nurse, Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. J. Martin, and Mrs. Hazel Stringer as patients, and Miss Gladys Steven as narrator. This proved very interesting.

The Birthday Box was passed (any member with a birthday during the month is required to put money in the box up to the number of years of her age) and as it was Mrs. Ethel Irons' 79th birthday, congratulations were expressed by those present. Mrs. Martin closed the meeting with prayer, following which a social hour with refreshments was enjoyed by all those present. The next meeting of the Anna Buck Circle will be on Wednesday, February 1st, at the home of Mrs. Clifford Wilson, 6 Thornhill Road, Thornhill.

The Young People of Baptist Church held a Skating Party at the Pond on No. 7 Highway on Saturday evening, January 21st, after which they enjoyed dancing and refreshments at the home of the President Miss Joanne Wilson.

United Church News
The Couples Club of Thornhill United Church held their January meeting in the form of a skating party, on Saturday, January 14th, Mr. and Mrs. E. Tobey, of Oakbank Road opened their home to the club and while those who wished to, skated on the pond, the non-skaters enjoyed an evening of cards and games. Refreshments were served and prizes given to the winners. The next meeting of the Couples Club will be held on Saturday, February 11th.

Group 5 of the W.A. held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. L. Humphrey, 24 Riverside Blvd., on Tuesday, January 17th. A slate of officers was presented and the following ladies assumed office for 1961: Group Leader, Mrs. Lois Skinner; Co-Leader, Margaret Agnew; Treasurer, Barbara Everist; Secretary, Jean Johnston; Welfare Convener, Doris Willey; Bazaar Convener, Doris McKittrick; Social Convener, Fran Clark and Helen Mabley, Sunshine Convener, Jean Johnston.

The evening was spent in planning the work for 1961, with emphasis on the Church Bazaar which is to be held this fall. The 19 members of the group present then enjoyed refreshments before the meeting adjourned.

Approximately 14 ladies turned out to the January meeting of Group 1 of the W.A., which was held at the home of Mrs. G. D. Dobson, 55 Highland Park Avenue, on Tuesday, January 10th. Mrs. H. R. MacDonald was a guest at the meeting, and a new member, Mrs. Nancy Bremer also attended. The group discussed plans for a coffee party and bake sale to be held some time in March. They also planned the menu for the Lions Club dinner in February, for which they will cater. Arrangements were also made for the ladies of this group to supply nine loaves of sandwiches as their share of the sandwiches to be supplied to the Fred Victor Mission on February 19th. Group 1 is responsible this month for greeting the members of the congregation in Church on Sunday mornings and for making arrangements for the flowers decorating the church each Sunday to be delivered to the home of shut-ins of the parish. Mrs. Muriel Weaving was in charge of the Devotional for the meeting.

The entire membership of 10 ladies of Group 2 met on Monday, January 9th at the home of Mrs. C. S. Richardson and the ladies spent the evening repairing hymn books. They repaired 70 books in all. The devotional was taken by Mrs. Johnson and hostesses were Mrs. Smillie and Mrs. Harrison. At the next meeting, the ladies of this group will make babies' nighties.

At their meeting after the evening service on Sunday, January 8th, the young people of the Hi-C group held their election of officers. The new executive for 1961 is made up of: President, Paul Rivers; Vice-President, Jim Kellam; Treasurer, Ted McGhee; Secretary, Ron Wiley; Food Convener, Judy Halliwell.

Sunday morning, January 15th, saw the second largest congregation ever assembled in Thornhill United Church and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. The following new members were welcomed into the Church by Certificate of Transfer: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ablett, 3 Morgan Avenue; Mrs. H. W. Andrae, 80 Grandview Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blair and sons Gus and David, 32 Thornbank Rd.; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Breme, 7 Courtham Rd.; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Campbell, 10 Boyle Drive; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dow, 5 Vista View; Mr. R. H. Gordon, 24 Uplands Ave.; Mr. and Mrs.

M. L. Griffin, 5 Courtham Ave. and son Robert, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. MacKay and Mr. Donald MacKay, 11 Tuffoli St.; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Main, Mr. Donald Main and Mr. Douglas Main, 44 Steele Valley Rd.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Menges, 5 Michigan Dr.; Mrs. T. Roach and Miss Patricia Roach of 71 Rockview Gardens, Concord; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Robinson and Misses Terry Lee and Judith Robinson, 23 Thornridge Drive; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Sills, 82 Thornridge Drive and Miss Irene Watters, 12 Lawrie Rd., Concord. The previous Sunday, January 8th, through his parents' Profession of Faith, Andrew Allen Beckwith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Beckwith, of 7 Maralim Rd., Richmond Hill, was welcomed into the church.

The well-attended service on Sunday evening, January 15th featured the singing of three old familiar hymns, Blessed Assurance, The Old Rugged Cross, and Revive Us Again, which were much enjoyed. The full-length color motion picture "The Heart is a Rebel" starring Ethel Waters, Georgia Lee, John Milford and the Billy Graham team was shown and much enjoyed.

A special service of Witness and Prayer was held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Tuesday evening, January 17th and attended by members of all the Protestant Churches in Thornhill. Rev. Gerald Gregson, an outstanding Anglican Missioner conducted the service, the theme of which was "Prayer."

Tuesday, January 24th is the date of the Annual Congregation Meeting of Thornhill United Church and all members of the congregation are expected to attend. At this meeting, the 1960 reports of all organizations will be presented and the budget for 1961 will be brought in and new Stewards and Elders elected. The meeting starts at 8 p.m. and coffee and sandwiches will be served at 9:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church News
The Young Adults met at the Church on Sunday, January 15th, with Miss Myrna Hunt in charge of the meeting. A good turn out of young people enjoyed a showing by Mr. Walter Stothers of movies he had taken during a recent trip to Central America.

The Girl Guides will hold their formal enrolment ceremony at the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, January 25th. The following girls will be enrolled: Linda Malone, Jill Stewart, Sharon Murphy, Christine Moore, Barbara Smith, Sheena Ashworth, Barbara Mowat, Betsy Sumner, Lyndia Brain, Jenny Sumner and Bonnie Smith. At their last meeting, Joanne Mitchell was given a transfer to the Langstaff Company.

At their meeting on Wednesday, January 18th, the Girl Guide Mothers Group, so I am told, but verily don't quite believe, presented Christmas gifts to Guide Leaders, Mrs. D. R. Moore, Mrs. C. Turkel and Miss Pat Kelson. Now, were they late Christmas gifts or early Easter presents?

The Thornhill Presbyterian Church Couples Club had a rousing evening of bowling at the ABC Alleys in Richmond Hill on Saturday evening, January 14th, and returned to the church for refreshments and election of officers for 1961. Those elected were: President, Mr. and Mrs. D. Puddy; Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sharp; Treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. W. McChinnic. Leaders of Group 1, Mr. and Mrs. H. Boyle; Leaders of Group 2, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerr. The outgoing group led by Mr. E. Sands served the refreshments.

Miss Helen Hainstock, a partially blind worker at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind will attend the Monday, January 30th meeting of the Forthrighters Club, to be held at the Church. Miss Hainstock will tell the ladies of the work of the C.N.I.B. and also entertain with singing. Members are asked to bring old Christmas cards to this meeting which will be sent to Missions in Africa. The group is also collecting good used clothing to go to the Scott Mission in Toronto. Anyone with such clothing is asked to take it to the home of Mrs. R. W. Kyle at 52 Thornridge Drive, or call Mr. Kyle at AV. 5-1033.

Social Notes
Her many friends in Thornhill, and particularly the members of the Anna Buck Circle of Thornhill Baptist Church, will be happy to know that Mrs. H. Ellam has returned home after two weeks in Toronto General Hospital, and is progressing favourably.

Mrs. D. M. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Annie Wright of 579 Paul Street, is lapping up the sunshine with friends at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Mrs. Wright left Thornhill the day after Christmas, and it's doubtful if we will see her up this way again until around the end of March.

In spite of a slight back injury, Mrs. Gordon Brain went right ahead and made reservations last week for her trip to Florida on February 4th. Leaving sons and husbands to fend for themselves, Mrs. Brain and Mrs. R. Hunt of Arnold Avenue, together with another lady friend plan to travel by bus to Jacksonville, Florida and tour out from there. They will be away for two weeks.

Also vacationing in Florida are Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Erb of Centre Street.

Mrs. Jo Cruise of 103 Arnold Avenue was happy to have her mother, Mrs. E. Hodgkinson of Montreal staying with her for a couple of weeks. Mrs. Hodgkinson returned to Montreal on Tuesday.

Recent newcomers to Thornhill are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blair and sons Gus and David, who moved into 32 Thornbank Rd. at the beginning of December. The Blairs hail from London and spent last week-end there tying up a few loose ends, and attending the gala I.O.D.E. party there. Mrs. F. J. King of Johnson Avenue, Thornhill, is Mrs. Blair's sister.

Urgent! Books Needed By Thornhill Lion's Club

Books are needed in Africa. Many of them! Canadians are aware that Africa has been very much in the news this past year. The troubles in South Africa with the apartheid question; the conflicts in the Belgian Congo and elsewhere on the dark continent indicate that an end of an era is at hand. This was an era clouded by darkness and ignorance as well as a white supremacy on a continent where people are predominantly Negro in population. Ten years ago, Africa was under colonial control. Today, one by one, the colonies are gaining their independence. In spite of this fact, the ex-colonials must still look to the West for capital, trade and education. The sad thing about Africa is that education, wealth and technical capacity are in the hands of white men. The African masses are impoverished and illiterate. Many of them live in a Stone Age environment.

Even so, they are going through a revolution that is shaking them, morally and spiritually. Old village taboos are breaking down but new moral standards have not risen to take their place. African families are breaking up and their young people are in a state of moral confusion. We all will have to be concerned with the fate of the African people. They are going to expect from the West economic and educational assistance. It has been said by one eminent American, deeply concerned with this problem, that until at least 4 per cent of the children of Black Africa have secondary education, there is no hope of ending this country's desperately expensive dependence on foreigners to staff businesses and public administration on all levels. Until the white societies have a sustained policy for achieving literacy, talk of partnership with the Africans seems a mockery. And in the black colonial area, successful self-government will depend on an educated elite to govern and a literate population to see that they govern properly. In Africa, as in Asia and everywhere, Communism will challenge us to provide the means. What can we, as Canadians, do to help? The greatest thing we can do is to help the Africans to be literate. We can send them books. Books in the English language are desperately needed in reading rooms and schools in the Rhodesias and Nyasaland and other vital areas in Africa.

This book campaign is being sponsored by the Thornhill Lions' Club. They request that you deposit your books at the Thornhill Public Library on Colborne Street. You may use this list as a guide in selecting the books you wish to donate: English Classics and English Poetry, good fiction. Books by Upton Sinclair, Sinclair Lewis, Hemingway, Steirbeck and Scott Fitzgerald are especially welcome. Plays by well known playwrights and books on music, art and drama will be needed. Educational books, high school and university type . . . biology, physics, chemistry, geography, history, psychology, philosophy and books on physical education are sorely needed. Reference books such as dictionaries, atlases and encyclopedias are very welcome. All books donated must be in good condition. Library

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