

Thornhill and District News

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Holy Trinity Church Confirmation Class



The 1961 Confirmation Class of Holy Trinity Anglican Church are seen above with the Right Rev. G. B. Snell Co-Adjutor Bishop of Toronto and Rev. D. L. Varey Priest-In-Charge.

Back row (left to right): Bob Howes Crucifer, Bruce Tucker, Jim Brotherhood, Barry McDonough, Martin Littlejohn, Bob Priestman, Tom Kiddey, Mark Spafford, Peter Tremaine, and David Baker.

Middle row (left to right): Yvonne Edwards, Donna Hudema, Lynette Wilson, Rosemary Martin, Diane Barbour, Joyce Smith, Jill Watson, Anne Barrett, Joyce McEachern, and Douglas Manning Bishop's Chaplain.

Front row (left to right): Phylis St. John, Shan Pinkerton, E. Jennings, Right Rev. Snell, Rev. Varey, Jill Whitehead and Rosemary Cordingley.

Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson
SIGNS OF SPRING

SPRING has a habit of stealing up on us even though you may feel that she is doing just the opposite. One morning, not so long ago, I watched a robin swooping on the topmost bough of the maple tree. The little red-breasted herald of Springtime stood out in bold relief against the sky. The very next morning there was an inch of snow on the ground but I was certain that Robin and others like him were still around.

A little later in the week, the snow was retreating from the edges of the lawn. Underneath the dirty brown winter covering, minute blades of green grass were showing faintly. The day had begun with a bright, warm sun, but by afternoon, the sky was ghostly-grey and great drops of snow fell as soft and slushy as a wet dishcloth. Even so, the snow on the lawn kept right on disappearing and the soft slushy snowdrops became rain.

Spring is definitely making itself felt. Now I hear the squeaking cackle of hundreds of blackbirds, newly arrived from the south. The leaf buds are beginning to swell on the trees. The pussy willows are in bloom. The little blue scylla and the snow drop are peeking through the ground. The crocus will not be far behind. The tulips are on the way. Before you know it, the golden forsythia will be in bloom.

The Thornhill pond is a busy place these days. The ducks are back and the migrant birds are seen daily. Spring is here! Don't let a little snow storm fool you! Wonderful scenes and eye-catching sights are apparent everywhere. The other day, I noticed a father helping his little boy to sail some boats on the surface water that lay over the low part of their land. On other pools of surface water I saw the reflection of little clouds that seemed to sail about on them just like the little boats. Pictures to remember! My neighbors who are very fine gardeners are already getting acquainted with their land again. They are busy cleaning up the accumulated winter debris.

A fine Spring day does wonderful things to people. It draws the grown ups out of the houses and gives them a sense of well being. It makes children stand and sit along the muddy streams that rush by in the ditches at the sides of the road. (A word of warning. Be very careful.) March is really behind us now:

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Horizons Enlarge For Students

Vocational Facilities At Thornhill High Will Enable Training In Many Trades

To judge by the mushrooming high school student population in Markham and Vaughan Townships and Richmond Hill, which in seven years will stand at approximately 3,800 compared to 2,150 at present, the projected addition of academic and vocational classrooms to the Thornhill High School is none too soon. At this school, next term's enrolment is expected to reach 850, or 100 more than this year's figure, and 1,200 at least by 1968. This takes care of normal requirements only and does not take into consideration possible subdivision growth and a resultant flow of still more students.

Financially speaking, March 29 is a day to be remembered by the York Central District High School Board. Taxpayers in the board's administrative area were saved \$454,000 in direct taxation by a squeak and a pinch. Indirectly, of course, they and others will still pay this sum. The \$454,000 covers \$389,000 construction costs and \$70,000 for equipment which was to be debentured for next year.

In reference to the grant of \$329,000, Mr. D. J. Ashworth, Business Administrator, explained the situation this way: "In the past the provincial government received some help from the federal authorities in relation to vocational shops. In brief, under the old setup, the province would have given us a 60 per cent grant on the cost of three shops and three commercial rooms. In other words, the province would have recognized \$10,000 per room for grant purposes. Sixty percent of \$60,000 worked out to about \$36,000. However, the new federal grant structure was announced on March 28. Meanwhile York County Council had scheduled third readings of the \$389,000 money-by-law covering our intended additions to the Thornhill High School for March 29. On March 30 the county was to have received bids on the debentures. In the light of developments the county called off the third reading. A few days more and we would not have been able to take advantage of the new grants."

More Space
Another interesting and gratifying development is the fact that vocational shops will now wind up with some 4,000 square feet of extra space in order to meet federal requirements. For example, the auto shop was to have 1,975 square feet. This figure will be raised to 2,500 square feet. The electric room will have a minimum space of 2,000 square feet, or a maximum of 2,500. The carpentry room will be re-designed to 2,500 as against 2,000 square feet. The sewing room will account for from 1,200 to 1,400 square feet. The 950-square feet draughting room and the 2,166-square feet machine shop will not require changes.

The occupations shop, which will teach such trades as carpentry, bricklaying and plumbing, is being insisted upon by the government and this will account for another 200 square feet.

Facilities
Along with these additions, the school will commence the new term with four more commercial rooms, a science laboratory and three regular classrooms. In other words, as Mr. Ashworth said: "When we get done we will have a larger carpentry shop, a renovated machine shop with new equipment, an auto shop, an occupations shop, a draughting room, a shop classroom, a lab, four commercial rooms and seven classrooms." He added that it is expected the classrooms will be ready by September 1 while the shops wing will be in use by late fall.

The board is hopeful that it can save a lot of drop-outs by being in a position to encourage vocational interest among students who prefer this type of education to certain academic subjects. Each year, of about 100 Grade 12 students, 30 leave without having fully graduated. Said Mr. Ashworth: "If there are 100 students in Grade 9, we will have only 50 left at the Grade 12 level. We'll now be in a position to find out how many of these we can hang onto because of vocational training opportunities."

20 Per Shop
Each of the seven vocational rooms will accommodate about 20 students. For the 140 students therefore, the vocational setup represents new horizons. The wider implication, as envisaged by the government, is that in the long run these trained people, by more readily finding gainful employment, will represent a positive entry in the economic books of the nation. There is still another significant implication international in scope. The federal government is saying in effect: "Let's make no bones about one thing. Canada needs more trained personnel to help her compete favourably with other nations." Educators say that vocational training at the high school level will undoubtedly help tap considerable potential among students who ordinarily have had little chance to test this type of ability.

It has been said by some observers that indeed the cynic is not entirely unjustified in saying that Russia's spectacular advances in

Holy Trinity Church News

On Sunday morning, April 30th, Rev. Reginald Howden will commence his duties as Holy Trinity by preaching his first sermon. Rev. and Mrs. Howden and their two sons will move into the rectory on Yonge Street the week

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prior to this date. Rev. Logan Varey preached his final sermon on the morning of April 16th before leaving Holy Trinity to take up his duties as assistant to the Rector, Rev. Canon Robert Dunn at St. Paul's Church, Bloor Street, Toronto. Rev. Varey has been in full time work at Holy Trinity for the last three years and prior to that was the student assistant for two years. During this time he has won the hearts and affections of the Holy Trinity congregation by his unflinching enthusiasm and good humour.

The W.A. of Holy Trinity met at the church Thursday morning, April 13th and worked at quilting. The executive met at 11 a.m. while the general business meeting commenced at 1:30. The last section of the study book, "Towards the Centre" was given by Mrs. Andrews. Final plans were made for the spring luncheon to be held on April 20.

The Thankoffering meeting of the Anna Bucker Mission Circle of Thornhill Baptist Church was held at the church on Wednesday evening, April 5th. President Mrs. J. Martin opened the meeting with an Easter poem entitled "He is Risen". Mrs. W. Yeo led the devotional period, her subject being, "Where Seek Ye Christ". This was followed by a prayer offered by Mrs. M. C. Johnston.

The group was fortunate in having Mrs. Samuel France who has recently returned from spending two years in India, as a guest speaker. She revealed many interesting facts about India, its people and how they live, and stressed the need for more missionaries, and stated "Every Christian who comes out of Hinduism is a miracle of God".

Mrs. D. Twine and her sister, Mrs. S. Little sang an Easter duet, "Lead Me To Calvary" which was greatly appreciated by all. Mrs. Martin closed the meeting with prayer, after which refreshments were served.

The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Hopkins, 10 Shasta Drive, Thornhill.

The B.Y.P.U. of Thornhill Baptist Church presented an Easter play entitled "The Beginning" on Sunday evening, April 9th. The play was written and directed by the Young People's group and provided an interesting part of the complete evening service which was led by the President, Miss Joanne Wilson. Margo Martin and Neville Twine took part in the service, reading the scripture and leading the evening prayer.

The cast of the play included Carol Ryder, Margaret MacLeod, Margo Martin, Stuart Muckle, Bob Howlett, Wayne Smith and Neville Twine. Jane McGowan gave the introduction and Joanne Wilson was the narrator. Special thanks was given to Mr. Walter Smoak, pianist, and Rev. James Smith, adult counsellor without whose help the service could not have been successful. The B.Y.P.U. was also very grateful for the very generous offering given by the congregation, which will be used to pay for the new hymnaries which the group recently presented to the church.

United Church News
The Thornhill Ministerial Association welcomed members of the congregations of the three Thornhill churches to the special Good Friday Service held at Thornhill United Church on Good Friday at 8 p.m. The special guest speaker was the Rev. Hugh Macdonald, B.A. B.D., minister of Thornhill United Church, assisted by Rev. Logan Varey, B.A., L.Th., Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church. The soloist was Mrs. Hugh Martin and Mrs. Donald Gunn was the organist.

At the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday morning, Rev. MacDonald completed his series "This Is Our Faith" with a sermon entitled "I Believe in the Life Everlasting".

At 8 a.m. on Easter Sunday Morning, a Sunrise Service was held at which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. A Dutch Carol "This Joyful Easter-Tide" was sung by a quartette consisting of Misses Lois and Lee Davidson and Misses Marion and Lona Martin. The lovely solo "In the End of the Sabbath" was sung by Mrs. Hugh Martin. Organist was Miss Lona Martin.

At the evening service, the choir welcomed the choir of Royal York Road United Church in Toronto, and their Director of Music, Mr. Lloyd Queen. The two

choirs presented the Easter music of "The Messiah." Soprano soloists were Mrs. L. E. Clark and Mrs. June Clark; Tenor soloists: Mr. L. E. Clark and Mr. James Lamond; Alto soloist, Mrs. Anne Gibson; Bass soloist, Mr. C. S. Patterson.

The offerings given at the service were turned over to the choir for its Organ Completion Fund, which was just launched. A large gift to the fund was recently received from the Women's Association and the choir is looking forward to realizing their dream of completing the final section of the pipe organ.

At the morning service on April 9th, Rev. MacDonald's topic was "On Receiving the Christian Life." Special tribute was paid to the service to a member of the church and former member of the church, Dr. E. M. Honey who will leave, in the near future, to give a year's work as a missionary dentist in Retlam, India.

The evening service was not held on April 9th, to enable members of the congregation to attend the Mission to Canada with Tom Rees, at the Varsity Arena.

The Couples Club of Thornhill United Church held a highly successful square dance in the Lower Christian Education Room of the church, on Saturday evening April 8th. Mr. V. E. Baker called off the numbers, while Mr. H. Harris played the "fiddle," and Mrs. Harris accompanied them on the piano. There was an excellent attendance and the refreshments which were served at the close of the evening were much enjoyed.

Odds and Ends
In order to become better acquainted with the residents of Thornhill, Rev. and Mrs. Minton C. Johnston are holding Open House at their Thornhill home, 8000 Yonge Street, on Saturday, April 22nd from two to five p.m. Born in Toronto, the Johnstons have spent some time in Kingston, Brantford and Ottawa (where Rev. Johnston was deputy director of Chaplain Services).

After his five years in the Air Force, Rev. Johnston was sent to Danforth Baptist Church in Toronto and was there for 12 years coming to Thornhill Baptist last year. Their younger son Leslie is in his third year of the Honour Geography Course at McMaster University, while a married son lives at Oakville. Their married daughter, Mrs. Robert Jenkins (born in New Brunswick) and she and Mrs. Johnston's sister, Mrs. Dorothy Smith are both making the trip from New Brunswick and will be at the party.

Mrs. Johnston reports that they love living in the old Ball homestead as they like big, old houses. She feels that because of their many ties with Toronto, which take them down there so much, that they haven't got to know the people of Thornhill as well as they would like to and hope that this "Open House" will help them to become better integrated into the community. So come on,

all you "old-timers," come and shake the hand of some warm-hearted "new-comers."

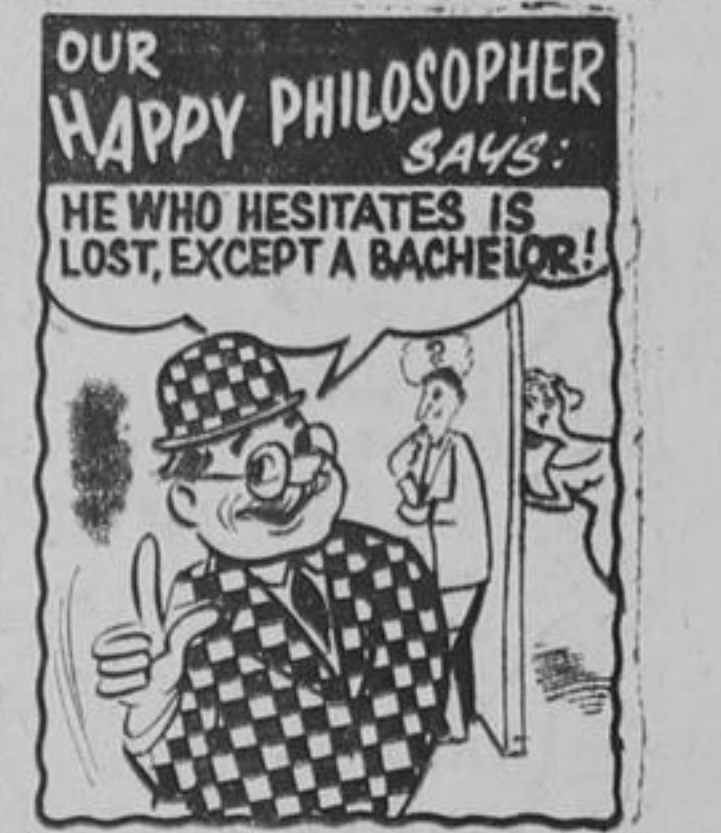
And everybody's invited to another Tea and Open House, on Saturday, April 25th, this one heralding the start of Mental Health Week, and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Neil, 186 John Street.

Conveners of this tea, which (Continued on Page 17)

CANADIAN
CANCER SOCIETY
Richmond Hill Unit

FACT FOR THE WEEK:
How fast does cancer grow?

There is no definite rate of growth of cancer tissue. Some types will grow more in a few weeks than other types will in several years. Rate of growth depends more on the type of tissue than on other factors.



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Talking Shop

With Doris Fitzgerald

Stamping Ground for Stampers
Philately has the unique distinction of being an engrossing interest shared by both old and young the world over. I learned from Mr. Ralph Brothers that this fascinating hobby began in a modest way in 1841, the year after the first adhesive postage stamps were issued in Great Britain, and gained momentum following the publication of the first stamp catalogue in 1861.

Under the long glass counter top, and on the wall of the neat Ensign Stamp and Hobby Shop, Mr. Brothers has arranged part of his huge selection of stamps, and these samples give one an idea of the big strides made in stamp designing since the days when "crowned heads" were the accepted decoration. Each country now vies in issuing stamps of great beauty, and of historic interest, and the amateur collector who cannot afford the old and rare, will find a wide and wonderful choice among the newer ones. Such national series as the flowers, birds and animals of Czechoslovakia, the birds of Poland, and the apes and monkeys of Formosa are worth framing, on black mats, for their artistic merit alone.

Ralph Brothers began his collection as a schoolboy, added to it during war service overseas, and a two year stint with NATO in Germany. He started a mail order stamp business which he still carries on, and for some years he, and his wife, packaged mixed stamps for sale in chain stores across Canada. Since opening his shop in Richmond Hill a year ago, he has received a number of enquiries regarding the formation of a Stamp Club, and would be glad to hear of any other collectors interested in such a project.

Mr. Brothers also deals in coins, and sells plastic and balsawood kits for model plane builders, and figurines for painting. Being a confirmed camper he is featuring, as well, a tested and approved coffee maker which clips to the dashboard and plugs into the cigarette lighter in the car.

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Warts and Moles
What can be done about warts, or about moles, are questions often asked Mr. Hal Harley, Thornhill prescription specialist. "Don't meddle with them," he advises, "consult your doctor."

"Warts," explained Mr. Harley, "are caused by a virus. They frequently appear on the hands of children, and suddenly vanish as if charmed away. They should never be scratched or cut, because of the danger of increasing their number, or of re-infecting the body in other places, and treating them with acids may result in ugly scars. If a wart is not troublesome it is best to forget it. If too many develop, and they are irritating, see your physician."

Moles are actually birthmarks though some do not appear until adult life. Most are non-malignant, and become a problem only when rubbed by clothing, or cut while shaving. However, any mole that starts to grow rapidly, bleed easily, or show any type of unusual change, should be examined promptly by a doctor, and can be easily removed if he thinks it advisable.

When you need medicine your doctor can telephone Hal Harley and it will be delivered to your door.
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From A to Z for the Garden

Here is good news for all you ardent gardeners who have been waiting impatiently for spring. On Saturday, April 22nd the outdoor section of York Farmers Market will open for the season with a big sale of evergreens, shrubs, rosebushes, peony roots and many other perennials. Thousands of green-house-raised annuals, tomatoes, cabbages, etc., will also be brought to the market as weather permits. The nurserymen, old friends who have been supplying you with cut flowers, potted plants and vegetables during the winter, are: Edward Gladding, A. Hakonson, Charlie Hanson, Wm. Houting, James Hughes, Geo. Sayers, Lawrence Travers and Cliff Turner plus Clarence Jones, who is an annual outdoor stallholder. Their ambition, and business, is to grow the lovelier flowers, the better vegetables, about which you have been dreaming, and you can be sure of getting good stock and the newest varieties from them. They stress that hybrid petunias will be particularly beautiful this year, and the wonderful hybrid begonias at the Market last Saturday were a shadow of things to come. However it would be impossible to name all the attractive shrubs and plants that will be offered. One grower summed it up simply as "everything from A to Z". Another proffered a suggestion that beginning gardeners who were in doubt about the care and planting of shrubs and flowers should ask the men who grew them for advice. "Naturally we know all about such things," he said, "and some of us are experienced in landscaping as well."

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Drama Festival Entry



The Thornhill High School Drama Group presented "A Masque of Aesop" at the Simpson's Collegiate Drama Festival. They performed at the Forest Hill Collegiate on Monday, April 10th.

Three of the players above are (left to right) Diane Hall, David Rumble and Karen Hamilton. The Greek temple seen in the background was designed by Richard Vanderwal. The play was under the able direction of Mrs. Mary Threapleton.