

Thornhill and District News

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"The Liberal" is always pleased to publish items of interest contributed by its readers in the Thornhill area. Our representative in Thornhill is Mrs. Margaret McLean, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-2331.

Thornhill Notes

Upon completing 25 years with the Ontario Department of Labour, Mr. C. Grant Gibson, P. Eng. was presented on Friday last with an inscribed gold wrist watch by the staffs of the Engineering Services and Factory Inspection Branches.

Mr. Gibson is the Director of Technical Services of the Department.

Calypso Fair
Let's hope you'll have your dancing shoes all shined up and ready for action by November 10th when the Thornhill and District Hockey Association will hold a very ambitious fund-raising project, a Calypso Fair and Dance to be held at Thornhill High School.

Last year the association had 10 house league teams and this year they hope to get another league going for older boys. The fair is being held in order to finance this operation and the executive was lucky to secure the services of Lord Power II and his Jamaicans, well-known entertainers and performers of Calypso music and Limbo dancing. They have been appearing at the Pleadably Club weekly and are presently on a tour in the U.S. but will be appearing at the Regency Towers, starting on November 11th.

Appearing with the troupe will be a group of local "Hula" girls, who are now practicing busily under the direction of Mrs. Doris Pollock of 19 Grandview Avenue. Mrs. Pollock is a ballet teacher but is coaching the girls free of charge.

The fair will be open from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, November 10th and as well as music and dancing will offer West Indian style refreshments, a fortune teller, a Voodoo warrior and witch doctor and various West Indian and tropical camera fans. On Saturday, the fair will open at 1:30 in the afternoon. Lord Power will provide the music until 8 p.m., when a group of Thornhill boys, among them, Keith Jordan, Dave Kennedy, Gerry Pollock and Bob Davidson, will carry on with the dance music.

The affair will be advertised all over Toronto and it is expected that attendance will reach the 1,500 mark. It is being organized largely by one of the association's house teams, the Calypso Kings. Last year some 135 boys played in the league. They have 10 coaches, mostly men from the Doncaster area, and when you consider that all this coaching is done outside at the Thornhill pond

right through the winter, these men really deserve a medal. But not a Purple Heart—they must have one of those by the end of every game!

Holy Trinity Church News
The Harmony Group of the Holy Trinity Parish Guild met on Tuesday afternoon, October 3rd at the home of Mrs. E. E. Miller, Elmbank Road. The 10 members present worked on items for the October 23rd bazaar and discussed a "Turkey Luncheon" to be held early in December. Refreshments were served by the hostess and the next meeting of this group will be on November 7th.

The Alpha group met Tuesday evening, October 3rd in the parish hall and had 17 members in attendance. These ladies also worked on bazaar items and refreshments were served by hostesses Mrs. Bonnie Cox and Mrs. Donna Davis. The next meeting of the Alpha group will be on November 7th, in the parish hall.

Monday evening, October 2nd, six members of the southern group met at the home of Mrs. Elaine Ackhurst, 26 Highland Park. The group worked at making Christmas corsages for the bazaar and guests at the meeting were Mrs. Ruth Gall, bazaar convener and Mrs. Anne Day, Christmas decorations convener. Refreshments were served by Pat Hedges. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Norah Chase, 150 Newton Drive, Willowdale, on November 6th.

Village Band
No doubt many of the long-time residents of Thornhill will remember the Thornhill Band which used to perform at all important village functions. Two former members of this band, with their wives, have taken a summer trip together for the past 14 years. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpkins of Centre Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chambers, now of Toronto but who lived in Thornhill for 35 years, spent two weeks motoring through the Maritimes, returning last week. On Saturday evening, September 30th, Mr. and Mrs. Simpkins had as their guest, Mr. Frank Eads of Winnipeg.

United Church News
The last general meeting of the W. A. of Thornhill United Church was held at the church on Tuesday, October 5th. The next meeting will be of the newly formed United Church Women, and will take in the members of both the W. A. and the W. M. S., in January, 1962.

The meeting was in the charge of groups 5 and 7, and opened with the president, Mrs. F. McCallum in the chair. The theme was sung and repeated quietly for a prayer, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and discussed.

Mrs. McCallum then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Lois Skinner, leader of group 5. Mrs. L. Denby read the invocation and devotions and a hymn was sung, followed by prayer. Following the singing of another hymn the offering was taken and Mrs. Hugh Martin entertained the ladies with the singing of two delightful songs "How Lovely is the Hand of God" and "How Great Thou Art."

Mrs. Skinner then introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Hazel Hardstone of Toronto. Mrs. Hardstone is Toronto's best known lecturer on china and crystal. She told of the history of china, porcelain and pottery and had several examples of each on display. The speaker was very ably thanked by Mrs. Richard Jeffries and the meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

It was reported that plans for the Hollyberry Fair to be held in the church auditorium on November 4th, are proceeding very nicely.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed at Thornhill United Church on Sunday morning, October 1st. The following new members were welcomed into the congregation by certificates of transfer: Mr. and Mrs. C. Anderson, 22 Courtham Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. James Blakely, 12 Courtham Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown, 24 Idleswift Drive, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Campbell, 2 Dalmeny Road, Mr. and Mrs. F. Forbes, 99 Thornridge Drive, Mr. and Mrs. G. Holdsworth, 8 Idleswift Drive, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Job, 2 Dalmeny Road, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston, 134 Grandview Ave., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loader, 157 Grandview Ave., Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Lorimer, 29 Almond Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lusk, 29 Brightbay Crescent, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bruce Marsh, 38 Steele Valley Road, Mr. and Mrs. A. Maston, 35 Longbridge Rd., Mr. and Mrs. Ronald B. Roberts, 9 Courtham Ave., Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Strang, 68 John St., Mr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Turner, 30 Grandview Ave., Mrs. G. Walsh, 87 Arnold Avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, 66 Rockview Gardens.

The Young People's group are looking forward to a lively outing on Saturday, October 14th when they will spend a day at Genroy Lodge in Haliburton. The theme speaker will be Rev. David Wilkinson of Wilson Heights United Church and the day will include Bible study discussion groups and recreation - not forgetting a turkey dinner!

Home & School Association
With 150 parents in attendance, the Thornhill Public School Home and School Association started their fall season with an address by Principal Martin who gave a welcome to new members and outlined the relationship of teachers to parents. He assured the

Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Mrs. J. W. Little Has Baked Harvest Festival Bread For Past 25 Years

(By Margaret McLean)

The Harvest Festival was celebrated and in a most colourful way, at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Sunday, October 1st. The members of the Altar Guild were responsible for the decorations and had done a wonderful job, working most of Saturday to get it done in time. Each of the pews was decorated with wheat sheaves and there was a large cross of wheat decorating the pulpit. At the front of the church, the south corner, around the font, was decorated with baskets of lovely garden flowers. The north-west corner was entirely filled with a gorgeous display of fruit and flowers, tastefully arranged around a gold cornucopia, and banked on either side with sheaves of wheat and barley. There were golden pumpkins, rugged squash and glistening tomatoes, as well as just about every other vegetable you could imagine - cauliflower, beets, carrots, potatoes - all giving evidence of a most bountiful harvest in the district and certainly much to be thankful for.

hospital for five months and given up for dead by the doctors, and with four children and her elderly father to support. Mrs. Little began making bread for sale and finally made it at the rate of 150 loaves a week. Old time residents of Langstaff will still remember the delight with which her delicious product was received. And bread was not her only masterpiece. On Wednesdays meat pies were eagerly purchased throughout the neighbourhood and every Friday she made fish and chips, frying a 75 pound bag of potatoes and 45 pounds of fish each time. The fish and chips were offered between 12 and 2 in the afternoon. Mrs. Little recalls, and between 5 and 7 at night. "And many of the time I snatched the last of them off the table from in front of my own family, to give them to some latecomer," she remembers.

Cakes were also made to order and even wedding cakes did not faze this doughty little woman, who carried on this exhausting work for seven years. "I used to make 25 loaves of bread a day," she reported, "and would set the alarm for every two hours each night".

Harvest Festival Loaf
The bread Mrs. Little donates to the Harvest Festival each year is a recipe for eight loaves combined and she has had many trials and tribulations over it. It takes about six hours to complete from start to finish and she has had to make it as many as three times before getting it just as she wanted

The steps up to the Sanctuary were also decorated with a colourful fruits and vegetables. On either side of the sanctuary, there were tall pedestals bearing more flowers, while in the centre of the altar was an enormous loaf of bread, and surrounding it were clusters of plump grapes, and continued doing it as a with their eternal symbolism.

And while the entire display was one of thanksgiving, one part of it had a more special and personal aspect of thanks than the rest, although possibly not all were aware of it. This was the bread. It was baked, as through the baking of bread it has been for the past 25 years, by Mrs. J. W. Little of family during a time of family crisis. With her husband in the

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Rambling Around

By Elizabeth Kelson

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS CLAIM TOO MANY CHILDREN

The single biggest cause of death among pre-school children, reports the Ontario Safety League, is the accident. Among children, the automobile and truck are the major causes of injury and death. Figures from the Department of Health and Medical Statistics as given by the Ontario Safety League says this: In the year 1959-1960 . . . 54 children died from motor vehicles and traffic accidents, 11 died from poisonings . . . 13 from falls . . . 24 from fire and explosion . . . 43 from drowning and submersion and from miscellaneous accidents there were 32. According to these figures the traffic accident claims the most lives among pre-school children. Provincial police say that the responsibility rests with the individual driver. Too much speed under certain conditions are contributing factors. What an appalling thought to always have on our minds. Does the number of fatalities indicate that much of the motoring public is uneducable? Is the only crime to get caught breaking a traffic law? Drivers slow down when they see a police car, and then speed up when they're past. It would be nice to see what it would be like to drive on highways where people obeyed the laws. Or to live in a district where everyone drove considerably. And even nicer if it saved the valuable lives of not only our pre-school youngsters, but those of any age groups.

MISS DOLLY KETOLA - PRINCIPAL OF Thornhaven

The time is approaching for the annual Retarded Children's Bazaar, to be held October 28, at Wrixon Hall in Richmond Hill. And whenever I think of that tremendous affair, I think of Miss Ketola and her loyal company of workers who are the spirit and backbone of the Thornhaven School for Retarded Children. I'm sure Miss Ketola wishes no accolades as a result of her chosen work but I believe that she will receive them nevertheless in the thankful hearts of parents whose children have been given benefits for having attended such a school as Thornhaven. Miss Ketola has been with the school since its founding, eight or more years ago. "The main function of my school is to provide these children with a purpose in life, to give them something to look forward to, like other children," declares this devoted teacher. One of the ways we can encourage Miss Ketola, her teachers and the parents and friends of these retarded children is to visit their bazaar.

THE DEATH OF SUMMER

The leaves are changing hues again. Everyday their emerald green is being changed into more exotic colors. The leaves of the sumach have caught on fire, the maple leaves are crimson and the birch, ash and poplar are a glorious mass of gold and russet tones. The days are becoming shorter, and the sun more golden. The garden crops are harvested. Soon the leaves will drift and fall about. Summer is dying at last, and her final agony will be complete when the cool Autumn wind whips the last leaf from the tree.

IN A SMALL WAY

So long as we are great to someone, that is all we need to ask. So long as someone needs our hand and is made happy by one task. No matter though we are not widely known or much admired, so long as by our voice one heart and spirit is inspired. So long as we can fill one minor space with pleasant living, can help in little ways by being loving and forgiving. The world is very wide and our allotted space so small, one hand and voice can never spread out to encompass all; so we can only add a bloom to ordinary days and be content with being big in very little ways.

Next Sunday, October 15

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

THORNHILL UNITED CHURCH

(Church specially decorated by HI-C)

11 a.m. - The Perils of Prosperity
7 p.m. - The Test of Thanksgiving
The Rev. H. R. MacDonald at both services.

DEPT. OF HEALTH TWP. OF NORTH YORK Fall Hunting

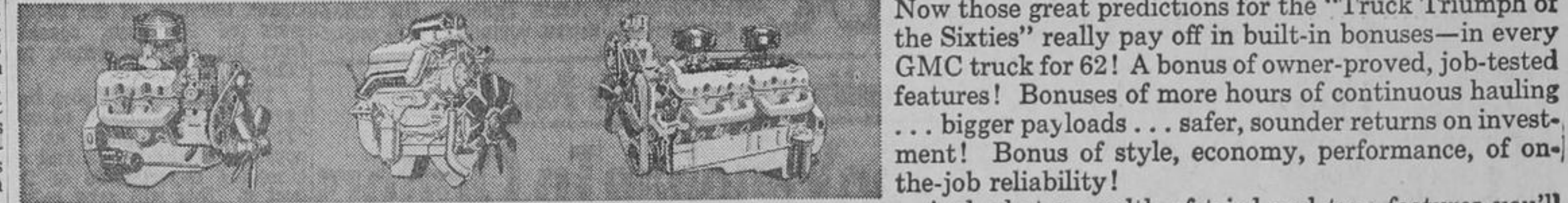
A man behind a gun, as one behind the wheel of a car, is sometimes impetuous. When the approaching hunting season draws to a close, thousands of hunters will have been wounded by gunshot and hundreds more will have met more tragic fates. Such a price should not be paid. Don't be stupid or careless. The remedy lies in the hands of all those who go hunting between now and New Year's. Be a good man behind the gun.
Carl E. Hill, M.D., M.O.H.

Ex-Warden Recovering

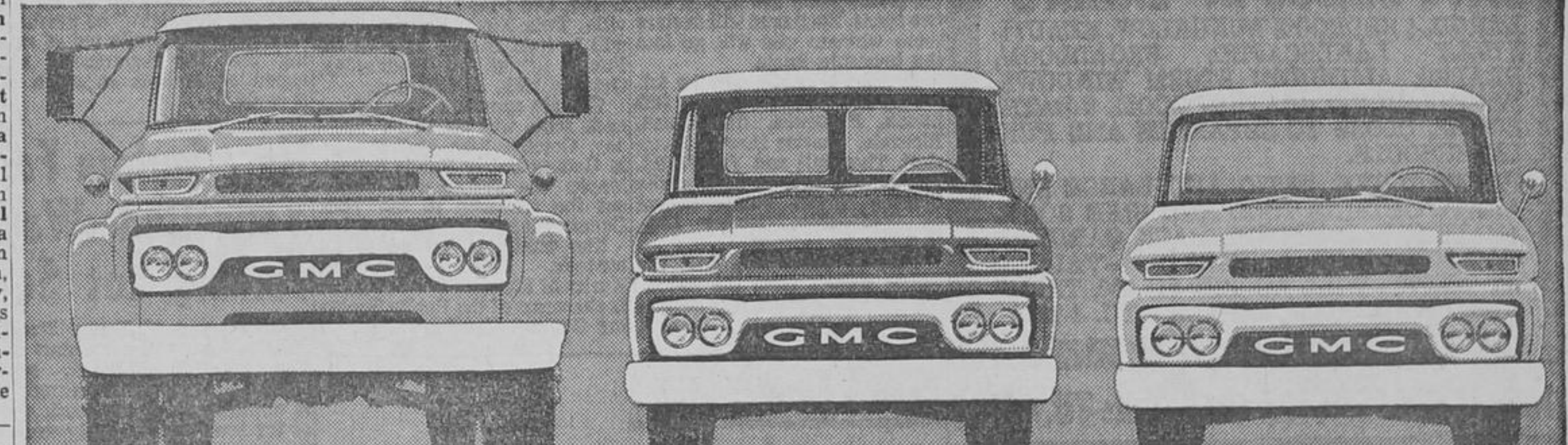
Former York County Warden W. L. Clark who has been a patient at Scarboro General Hospital for three weeks, is back at home and is convalescing after two operations.



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