

# Thornhill and District News

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## Thornhill Notes

### Presbyterian Church News

At their meeting of November 20th, the Fortnighters had as their speaker, Miss Campbell from the Borden Company who showed a film on frozen food processing. Mrs. W. Sharpe's group was in charge of the refreshments and guests of the club were the ladies of the W.M.S.

The W.M.S. held their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 14th, with 14 ladies present. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. H. McClumpha.

The devotional was taken by Mrs. McClumpha and refreshments were provided by Mrs. Camshell and Mrs. Nixon. The meeting was the last in the series of their study program on the topic "Into all the World Together". The next meeting of the W.M.S. will be on December 12th at the home of Mrs. R. A. Camshell, 30 Drewry Ave.

The Couples Club met at the church on Saturday evening, November 11th, and heard a talk on civil defense by Major

Preston from the county E.M.O. headquarters. Mr. and Mrs. H. Anderson took the devotional and Mr. and Mrs. H. Boyle's group was in charge of the refreshments. The Boyles are moving to Dashwood, Ontario, shortly and the group presented them with a lovely gift as a remembrance.

The next meeting of the Couples Club will be on December 9th when they hold their annual Christmas party and dinner at the Summit View Gardens, Richmond Hill. All

individual patients, most of whom

are in "approved homes" in York County and on their way to complete recovery and return to their own communities.

A help along the way is the feeling that someone cares, and your gift could provide this. A bevy of White Cross workers from Thornhill—Pat MacDonell, Rae MacDonell, Nan Burridge, Jean Parker, among them, will see that the gifts are given to suitable people. Mrs. Peggy Robinson of John Street is in charge of getting the gifts from Thornhill.

couples of the church are invited. The opening guns in the campaign by the Canadian Mental Health Association for Christmas gifts for mental patients have now been fired and by the time you read this there should be a box set up in Harley's Drug Store to receive your gifts. The gifts will be removed from the box by December 10th and will then be sorted and wrapped and addressed to individual patients, most of whom

### Holy Trinity News

Mrs. H. R. Howden, the rector's wife, has been invited to open the Parish Bazaar at St. Michael's and All Angel's Church at Wychwood and St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, on Saturday, November 25th. This will be a real homecoming to Mrs. Howden as the Howdens were at St. Michael's and All Angel's for six years. Mrs. Howden was invited to open the bazaar by its convenor, Mrs. L. W. Wood, who up until two

years ago lived on Johnson Ave. in Thornhill. Mrs. Wood reports that the family is once again adjusted to life in the "big city" but she still subscribes to the Liberal and keeps in touch with happenings at Holy Trinity. The ladies of the parish guild will recall that she is a past president of their organization. Son Michael is now in Grade 11 at Oakwood Collegiate. Anne is in Grade 8 at Humewood Public School, while little Paul is a proud Grade 1 student.

So you see, good people, how interested some people are in the "Thornhill Notes?" How about phoning me with the happenings in your neighbourhood? I was speaking last summer to a lady who has the paper sent to her in New York and she would love to have more news about people and what they're doing. Who celebrated an anniversary, broke a leg or had a baby? Give me a call and tell us all about it, won't you?

## They Graduated From The Charles Howitt School



Graduates of the Charles Howitt Public School for 1961 are pictured above. From the left, in the back row, are John Brash, Guy Markle, David Bint, Wayne Mills, Howard Cazaly, Ronald Bowyer, Richard Chalkin, Stuart James, Chris Robertson, Richard Sand, Roy Jesson, Willard Fuller, Bryan Smith. In the centre row, also from the left are Robert Miller, Ricky Ward,

Catherine Sim, Linda Smith, Sandra Krisman, Eleanor Gottschalk, Hanneke Janssen, Kathy Warner, Marilyn Hancey, Cheryl Walters, Susan Walters, Linda Goldthorp, Rodney Mabley, Barry Robson. In the front row are Carol Weston, Judy Smith, Suzanne Ellison, Principal R. Brown, Sharon Facer, Carol Barker, Diane Elsey.

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Carville United Church choir and Jim Bushell, their organist and leader, attended the service at the Villa Private Hospital, Rev. H. J. Veals was in charge of the service.

Choir practice is to be at Jim Bushell's home on Friday after school.

He is very grateful of the help various ladies are giving him at choir practice.

**Birthdays**  
A happy birthday to Mrs. Chester Wilson who celebrates on November 23, also Heather Wilson had a birthday in November too. Mrs. R. A. Kirk had a birthday on November 17.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Baker who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday and will be at home to friends and relatives from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Mrs. H. Ness spent several days in Toronto with Mrs. Lucy Coombs and Mrs. Sadie Brooks.

Mrs. J. Baker, Mrs. E. Bone, Mrs. R. Kirk, Mrs. A. Read and Mrs. G. Read and Ronnie and Mrs. Bert Middleton enjoyed last Monday at Mrs. L. Morris's home. Following lunch they went into the job of mixing more Christmas cakes. Mrs. Morris kindly offered to cook them. The ladies are very pleased with the sale the cakes have had. The ladies also have Church Calendars for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kirk spent the past weekend at Buffalo.

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**DEPT. OF HEALTH TWP. OF NORTH YORK**  
Child Accident Prevention

A large proportion of accidents in the 1-14 years age group involved motor vehicles in Metro Toronto last year. The three main causes were (1) crossing between parked cars, (2) crossing through moving traffic, and (3) playing on the roadway.

PARENTS should realize that this is their problem and should accept the responsibility; the solution does not rest entirely with the school or police authorities.

Carl E. Hill, M.D., M.O.H.

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**Thornhill Area Recreation Committee**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
TO BE HELD  
**November 24th, 1961**  
8:15 P.M.  
AT THE HOME OF  
**W. E. Windsor, President**  
45 Thornbank Road,  
Thornhill, Ontario

## Inspector R. McDonald Guest Speaker Children Face Greater Challenge Today - H&S

(By Margaret I. McLean)

"The home and school association presents an opportunity for parents and teachers to come together, to know each other's aims and to discuss them. It can provide a real service," stated Mr. Russell McDonald one of Vaughan Township's two public school inspectors when he addressed a meeting of the Thornhill Public School Home and School Association on Monday, November 13th.

**Many Influences**  
"During the informative years of a child's life, there are many influences which bear on him, the home, the school, the church, radio, television and many others," Mr. McDonald continued. "The pattern which is set during this part of one's life decides whether the individual will have a productive type of life or an unhappy non-productive type of life. The home and the school are the two agencies which exert the most influence and it is most important that these two agencies understand and co-operate with each other."

**Seek Close Contact With Parents**  
Mr. McDonald mentioned that those engaged in the administrative part of the educational system welcomed the opportunity for close contact with parents and were delighted at the interest parents had shown in education in the last few years. "We hope this interest is indicative of a general concern for the future of our children and the future of our society and not entirely motivated by competition with rival ideologies," he stated.

Mr. McDonald dwelt at some length on the function of present day schools, noting that since the public school system was organized over a hundred years ago, our society had changed from the simple one of the three R's was all that was needed. "Regardless of how we live, we no longer live as our fathers or grandfathers did. Modern life provides more physical comforts but makes a lot more demands on people. It demands that people have not only definite vocational training but also a broad general education to understand and adjust to life."

**More To Learn**  
"The modern child has a great deal more to learn than we had in our younger days," Mr. McDonald reminded the parents. "Think of the great number of new words connected with air-education, electronics and commun-

## Rambling Around

By Elizabeth Kelson  
CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
HOLDS RALLY IN TORONTO

White Cross Volunteers of CMHA all over Ontario, attended a rally in the Salada Tea Gardens, Exhibition Park, in Toronto, Saturday, November 4th. Those attending from the York County Branch of CMHA were President Mrs. P. Townshend-Carter, Executive Secretary Mrs. Donald Strickland, and Volunteer Chairman Mrs. R. L. Moore... from Thornhill; Chairman of Volunteers at the Aurora Hospital Mrs. Iris Jankowiak, and Mrs. R. H. O'Callaghan, head of the transport division... from Richmond Hill, and Mrs. W. J. Large, chairman of the Christmas gift campaign... from Maple.

The prime purpose of this rally was to give recognition to those volunteers who are giving such wonderful service to the mentally ill and to the cause of mental health. Dr. Charles Roberts of the Montreal Verdun Hospital was the guest speaker. In his address, Dr. Roberts praised the work of the volunteers, and he reminded members of CMHA that there had been great progress made in the field of mental health. In the early days, there were no volunteers and no special services for the patients. Dr. Roberts said, "White Cross Volunteers have the important function of being a bridge between the home and the hospital." He further stated that the volunteers were especially qualified because they are not motivated to make a living. So the opportunity for the patient to leave the hospital rests with the White Cross Volunteer, who helps to familiarize the patient with the community. He advises against screening or training volunteers, because one can get to know so much that it becomes difficult to work with people. "The trouble," said Dr. Roberts, "is that there are not nearly enough volunteers." One of the greatest missions of White Cross Volunteers is to bring other volunteers into the fold. He also suggested that volunteers could help build up pressure in their communities with the view of securing more interest and better financial support for the very important cause of mental health.

There was an interesting panel discussion on "Points of View Toward Volunteer Work." The moderator of the panel was Miss Joan Hollobon, medical reporter for the Globe and Mail. Among the members of the panel were Mr. G. A. Gamble of Unionville, director of information services, National office, CMHA, and Mrs. P. Townshend-Carter who discussed the achievements of the individual White Cross Volunteer. "Volunteers," she said, "also want to be loved, wanted and have the feeling of being useful. They enjoy the many types of creative work with the patients and their reward was the comradeship they had in working toward a common goal." Following the panel discussion was a presentation of the social rehabilitation programme in a White Cross Centre, and entertainment. Among those attending the "Open House" at the Metropolitan Branch offices were Mrs. J. Walters and Mrs. Rose Barnhardt of Markham.

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