

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

United Church News

The inaugural meeting of the new United Church Women took place at Thornhill United Church on January 16th.

Rev. H. R. MacDonald presided over the opening of the meeting, as chairman of the provisional committee. Mrs. Tom Harrington gave the report of the nominating committee and presented the following slate of officers which was accepted by the meeting:

Honorary Presidents: Mrs. L. R. MacDonald and Mrs. Howard Veals; **President:** Mrs. Harold F. Skinner; **1st Vice President:** Mrs. Ralph Whitley; **2nd Vice President:** Mrs. Nels Gage; **Recording Secretary:** Mrs. Harriet Redmond; **Corresponding Secretary:** Mrs. A. R. Dow; **Treasurer:** Mrs. L. White; **Assistant Treasurer:** Mrs. Leslie Clark.

After a gracious speech of acceptance, Mrs. Skinner took the chair and conducted the rest of the meeting.

The report of the re-grouping committee was given by Mrs. Frank Kellam, the last president of the now defunct W.A. On the basis of the questionnaire which had been returned by the ladies of the congregation, this committee had grouped the members of the association in accordance with their wishes as to the day they wished to meet, and whether in an afternoon or evening group. The unit leaders were announced as follows: Unit 1: Mrs. W. J. Lamont; Unit 2: Mrs. W. A. Doerly; Unit 3: Mrs. L. Denby; Unit 4: Mrs. P. Harrington; Unit 5: Mrs. B. Smillie; Unit 6: Mrs. G. Gibson; Unit 7: Mrs. D. Davidson. There were also a number of committee chairmen appointed.

The budget for the coming year was presented by Mrs. Ghee. In discussing plans for the coming year, it was recommended by Rev. MacDonald that as fund raising project, the ladies hold a rug hooking display and demonstration. It was decided to hold this early in the spring.

The 90 ladies present then divided into their separate units and made plans for their first unit meeting. Some of the unit officers were also appointed. The meeting then closed with the Mizpah benediction and a lunch was served by the provisional committee. A dedication service was held on Sunday, January 21st, at which time the president and her executive were officially inducted into office. The guest preacher for this service was Rev. Erla Curry, B.A., assistant minister of Chalmers United Church, Ottawa. Miss Curry is the sister of Rev. E. H. Curry who was minister at Thornhill United Church from 1940 to 1942.

The next general meeting of the United Church Women will be on February 8th.

The Sacramento of the Lord's Supper was observed at the United Church on January 14th and the following new members were welcomed into the congregation by certificate of transfer: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ast, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Blakeman, Mr. and Mrs. John Cook, Mrs. W.A. Doerly, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon T. Faragher, Mr. and Mrs. George Ford, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Judson, Mr. and Mrs. John Kippen, Mr. and Mrs. Donald LePage, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McKendry, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Miller, Mr. F. G. Paterson, Mr. Robert Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Stockton, Mrs. Suddes and Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth.

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January 14th a film entitled "Island in Time" was shown which told the story of the four Retreat Centres of the United Church. The service was under the direction of Mr. Jim Bushell and Miss Lee Davidson, two of the young people who have attended one of these retreats.

Baptist Church News

The Anna Buck Mission Circle of Thornhill Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Cliff Wilson, Thornhill on January 10th. The president, Mrs. James Martin presided and opened the meeting with prayer. Miss Hazel Stringer conducted the devotional period, her theme being "New Beginnings." Prayers were said for the church, its missionaries and the community by Mrs. A. Kent and Mrs. E. Twine.

The ladies spent the remainder of the evening doing their "White Cross" work, preparing bandages and dressings for a mission hospital in India.

A social hour followed. The refreshments included a birthday cake in honour of Mrs. M.

CARRVILLE

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The Carrville United Church annual meeting, January 25, is to be preceded by a pot-luck supper. Those whose names begin with any letter from A-M are to bring dessert and those from N-Z are to provide the main course.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barton had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John R. Barton, Downsview.

Misses Myra - Jane and Betty - Anne Wilson of Toronto spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barton and also Mr. and Mrs. David Barton and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walker, Dufferin Street, have had their grandson and his mother and father, Mrs. and Mrs. Bobby Walker, Toronto, for the past three weeks.

Miss Patricia Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kirk, Toronto, spent several days last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Kirk and her cousins Donnie, Bobby and Michael Bone.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Kirk and Mark spent the week-end skiing with Mrs. R. Bowes at Minden. Rev. Howard J. Veals was in charge of the communion service on Sunday at Carrville United Church.

The annual meeting is to be held on Thursday, January 25, with a pot luck supper first.

Birthdays

Glen Wood celebrated his first birthday on January 10. Beverly Anne has a birthday on January 31.

Carrville United Church Women met on January 10, at the home of Mrs. H. R. MacDonald, Thornhill. Thirteen ladies were present for their first meeting of the new year under their new name.

Mrs. R. Middleton, president, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. J. Williams read the scripture, and led in prayer. Mrs. R. Kirk read an interesting paper on "The New Beginning." Mrs. L. Morris was authorized to purchase a floor polisher for the church.

Mrs. H. Veals, Mrs. Bob Middleton and Mrs. Warmington were welcomed to membership.

The February meeting is to be held at Mrs. A. Read's home and instead of a pot luck luncheon it was decided to have a Valentine tea following the meeting, and the ladies whose names are A to L are to provide.

Mrs. Veals asked the ladies to save all their old stamps and send them to help in doing missionary work - they are sold and revenue used to purchase things for missionaries.

Mrs. Barton and Mrs. Middleton assisted their hostess, Mrs. MacDonald with refreshments. Mrs. MacDonald invited the ladies to attend the service at Thornhill United Church on Sunday, January 21, to the Inaugural Service of the United Church Women when Mrs. Erla M. Curry, B.A., Ottawa, will be in charge.

Mrs. Rasmussen of Richvale has asked me to tell the ladies of Carrville and community that there will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 30 at 8.15 p.m. at the Lions' Hall, Richmond Hill which everyone is urged to attend. An election will be held to appoint an executive for a voluntary auxiliary in connection with the new hospital which is to be built at Richmond Hill.

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Ironworkers celebrated her 80th birthday the following day. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Lawson, Mill Street, Richmond Hill on February 7th at 8 p.m.

At their meeting on January 14th, the B.Y.P.U. elected their officers for the coming year, as follows: President: Miss Carol Rider; Vice President, Miss Catherine Lennie; Secretary, Miss Diane Hall; Treasurer, Miss Marilyn Keely.

March Of Dimes Drive

Be sure and have your purses and cheque books ready on the evening of January 29th when during the hour from 7 to 8 p.m. a host of volunteer canvassers will descend on the Thornhill area and collect funds for the rehabilitation of disabled person. This is the Canadian March of Dimes Campaign and the rehabilitation foundation helps those who are disabled through accident, disease or inherited causes. The services of the foundation are available to persons in Ontario who are 19 years of age or older.

In the Oakbank area, the campaign captain is Mrs. R. C. Rogers, Uplands Captain is Mrs. C. McGregor, Kirk Drive and Ball Subdivision, Mrs. J. H. Keams, Arnold Avenue area, Mrs. R. C. Byford, Crestwood; Mrs. J. F. Jarvis, Highland Park East, Mrs. D. R. Darling, Highland Park West, Mrs. J. C. Dickenson, Schickendantz Subdivision, Mrs. V. Waterfield, Langstaff West, Mrs. Wm. Veard; Doncaster, Mrs. John Greenhills; Elgin St. Mrs. A. B. Brown and John Street captain is Mrs. G. Hill. These industrious captains are responsible for getting the "walking mothers" who will go out on their blitz, collect the money and return it to the captains. All canvassers have a yellow badge and will give an official receipt for any contribution over \$1.00.

The Women's Group of Holy Trinity Church invite all Thornhill people to attend their meeting February 7th at 8 p.m. At this meeting, Bishop H. R. Hunt, Suffragan Bishop of Toronto will give an illustrated, eye witness account of the meeting of the World Council of Churches at New Delhi recently. This is sure to be of interest to all church people of the area, so remember the date, February 7th.

Women's Institute

Citizenship and education was the theme for the January meeting of the Thornhill Women's Institute which was held at the home of Mrs. Percy Bone, Yonge Street, with 20 ladies in attendance, on January 18th.

Mrs. Thompson presided and the meeting opened with the singing of the Institute's Ode and reciting the creed. The motto for the month was "Never Too Old To Be Educated" and the roll call was answered by each lady mentioning a means of self education. These proved to be most interesting and some of the means mentioned were travel, reading, attending interesting meetings, listening to others and above all, determination.

The minutes of the Christmas meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. M. Carroll. Mrs. A. Sealy read the correspondence, a highlight of the meeting was the reading of the letters of appreciation.

Retiring Chairman E. R. Axelson Reviews Boards Activities In '61

In a year end report retiring Chairman E. R. Axelson of the York Central District High School Board reviewed the activities of the board during 1961.

"The past year has been one of several important developments in our district. First, a new school was opened at Bayview; it has, even at this relatively early stage, been established as rather successful in every respect. Secondly, the addition at Thornhill is now, somewhat belatedly, nearing completion. This means that we have entered, full scale, an entirely new field of education for the district; the added technical and commercial courses have greatly broadened the scope of opportunities. I can only hope that the community, elementary school authorities and, above all, the parents will rapidly come to realize the full import of the several different educational possibilities now available so that those excellent new facilities may fully serve the purposes for which they are provided.

Approval has also been obtained for a new composite wing at Bayview. There were, and may still be, some doubts about the need for more vocational space in the area. However, with the earlier predicted population increases now pretty well certain, two composite schools in the large area covered by the York Central District should be no more than adequate. By a recent decision, the board also established a greater variety of technical courses which should attract a larger number of students. As far as is practical, duplication of courses has been avoided between Thornhill and Bayview.

It should be a matter of some pride to the boards of both 1960 and 1961 that the decisions with regard to Thornhill and Bayview were made long before there was any indication that the additions would be fully paid for by grants. Not only has the boards' judgement on technical education been vindicated, but by their foresight

precipitation for cards, gifts and remembrances sent to the sick-shut-ins and older members of the W.I. during the Christmas season and throughout the year. These were very fine and the members all agreed that they derived as much pleasure in receiving these kind letters as the receivers of the original remembrances had.

The conveners then presented their reports. It was decided to have a meeting on February 1st at the home of Mrs. T. Empringham in Richmond Hill to make final plans for the 60th birthday of the W.I. in celebrating in the form of a luncheon to be held at Thornhill United Church on February 15th.

Mrs. C. Sinclair, convener of citizenship and education then took charge of the program. Mrs. Mizen read a poem entitled "Just Be Yourself." Mrs. Sinclair gave a most interesting paper on education, summing it up with the injunction that each should be a watch-dog, guarding the education of their children. All agreed that it had been a fine meeting.

The meeting closed with God save the Queen, after which, on a very cold day, the members all enjoyed a delicious cup of tea, served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. C. Cooper, Mrs. B. Heslop and Mrs. S. Findlay.

To give you an idea of the scope and purpose of the Women's Institute, I would like to repeat here the words of their Opening Ode, which is sung at each meeting to the tune of Auld Lang Syne, and the Institute Creed.

The Ode is: A goodly thing it is to meet, In friendship's circle bright, Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet, Nor dims the radiant light. No unkind words our lips shall pass, Nor envy sour the mind, But each shall seek the common weal, The good of all mankind. Equally inspiring are the words of the creed:

Keep us O Lord from pettiness; let us be large in thought, word and deed; Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking; May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face, without self pity and without prejudice; May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous; Teach us to put into action our better impulses straight forward and unimpeded; Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle; Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are one; and may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all, and O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

And if the ladies of the Women's Institute live up to even a part of such a noble creed, I say God bless them - "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow them all the days of their life." If you would like to take part in these interesting meetings and the community service of the W.I., a call to the Secretary - Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Cole at AV. 5-1643 will inform you about the time and place of the meetings.

Finances

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Senior Citizen Wilfred Ball Dies 82nd Year

Thornhill lost one of its oldest and best-loved citizens recently with the passing on January 8th of Wilfred Cyril Lingham Ball in his 82nd year. Mr. Ball was a familiar sight to Thornhill residents on his almost daily walk to the village up until two months ago.

Born at Bond Head, Ontario, Mr. Ball was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Ball. His father was the Anglican minister at Bond Head. The family moved to Thornhill when Mr. Ball was twelve years old and he went for a year to Langstaff Public School and then attended Richmond Hill High School. After his marriage to the former Helen M. Nelles, he and his wife farmed on Yonge Street for over 50 years on the site of what is now known as the Ball Subdivision.

Mr. Ball played an active part in the life of the community and was a warden of Holy Trinity Church for a total of 25 years during the years 1909 to 1945. He was a Mason and served on the Village Trustees at various times. He was a

Bill Brady "Christ For Youth" Speaker

Popular radio and T.V. personality, Bill Brady, will be theme speaker at the Christian Youth Week Rally being held at Thornhill Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 28th, at 8:30 p.m.

Born and educated in Windsor, Ontario, Bill now resides in Richmond Hill with his wife and two daughters. He has been in the broadcasting industry for twelve years and was heard locally on CJRH before joining CKEY Toronto several months ago.

"Christ for Youth" is the theme of the rally, and all young people in the area are invited to take part. Bill Brady's particular interest in young people promises to make this a challenging occasion.

DONCASTER

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The Doncaster Royals played to a two-all tie with the Rose-lawn Dairy team in the second game of the weekly Sunday night double-header.

Roselawn opened the scoring early in the game and in the second period Mike Mackey knotted the count, then put the Royals one up.

It looked as if the local boys would capture first place for themselves until, with time running out, Barry Plumber of Roselawn made it two goals each.

In the first contest, the Thornhill Hornets nosed out the 5th Newtonbrook Rovers, 4 to 3. This Sunday's action sees the Royals tangle with the revamped Hornet team in the first game commencing at 8 p.m. at the Bradford Arena. In the 9 o'clock game, the Rovers again play the dairy team.

The wedding of Carol Mason, Dudley Avenue, and Donald Wilson will take place at Riverside Chapel, February 2.

The Doncaster Community Ladies' Club, at their last monthly meeting, announced that a eucure marathon will take place in aid of the Thornhill and District Minor Hockey. Names of applicants are being taken by Mrs. H. Morrison, AV. 5-5394, and Mrs. M. Barbour, AV. 5-5205. This is the last week for entries.

Birthday

Diana Evans, 96 Clarke Avenue, celebrated her 8th birthday January 6.

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Lionel Frost Markham School Area Chairman

At their inaugural meeting on Thursday, January 11th, the Board of Trustees of T.S.A. No. 1, Markham elected Mr. Lionel S. Frost as their chairman for 1962. Mr. Alan Parker was chosen as vice-chairman. Chairman Frost succeeds Mr. Parker.

In thanking the board for so honouring him, Chairman Frost paid tribute to former Chairman Parker for his fine work for the past two years and for the way in which he conducted the business of the board. "It is my hope that during the next year we can settle down to the examination in detail of some of the things on which we made decisions but which may require further consideration. We should concentrate as much as we can on things of more than a routine nature."

Trustee Parker agreed to the reports on the O.C.E. Convention submitted by Mr. Myeres, Mr. Evans and himself and these were tabled.

The board then passed a motion that membership be continued in the public trustees' association and a further motion that Mr. Sand attend the Ontario Association of School Business Officials conference at Niagara Falls.

After some discussion it was decided to hold the board's meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, rather than on the Thursday as formerly. The meeting will be held at Henderson Avenue School, on Tuesday, February 13th.

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