

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Resident, Nigerian Premier, Swap Jokes



A resident of Thornhill, J. H. Wilson of 15 Shasta Drive, who is vice-president of Bulldog Electric, Toronto, is enjoying near-equatorial heat while those in his home-town district are putting up with Canadian winter weather. Mr. Wilson is shown above talking with Sir Abukabar Tafawa Balewa, Prime Minister of Nigeria, at the opening of the Canadian Trade Fair in Lagos on January 17th. His firm displayed its products to

Nigerian business men along with over a hundred other Canadian companies. The fair in Nigeria lasted ten days and then moved to Accra in Ghana for another ten days. Another Canadian firm, Pritchard X-ray Mfg. Ltd., of Industrial Road, Richmond Hill, is exhibiting at the Ghana fair. These fairs are being sponsored by the Canadian government, which has several officials from the Department of Trade and Commerce in attendance.

Re-Elect J. Timmins Chairman

Latest Reports Show Thornhill Trustees Finished '61 In Black

At their inaugural meeting, held at Thornhill Public Library on January 30th, the Trustees of the Police Village of Thornhill unanimously elected Mr. James H. Timmins as their chairman for a second term. The secretary, Mrs. J. W. Lambert, was also formally re-appointed.

Following the reading of the minutes of the December 13th meeting, Chairman Timmins reported that he had contacted McKay Construction Company with respect to repairs to the sidewalk on the east side of Yonge Street in the centre of the village and had also been in contact with the Department of Highways. He had finally been assured by Mr. Miklas, Markham Township engineer that he would have this attended to as soon as possible, when the weather permits.

Trustee Roberts reported that due to lack of work, Harry Simpkins had been laid off but that he would be available when needed in the spring. Mr. Roberts had received a card from Mr. Simpkins thanking the trustees for the Christmas turkey.

Trustee Roberts also reported that Vaughan Township had been sending down two men to flood the ice at Oakbank Pond every Thursday night.

Newly elected Trustee Frank Tucker reported receiving a letter asking that the pond be cleaned before flooding. Trustee Roberts assured him that the pond had been cleaned regularly every Thursday, but that unfortunately on several occasions it had snowed on Friday and spoiled the surface. "It is brushed and scraped every Thursday," stated Trustee Roberts. "The sanding of the roads and the pond is the only work we have to do now."

Chairman Timmins then asked Trustee Roberts for a report on the wages of the village workmen which he had had under review, as the men had asked for a raise. Mr. Roberts reported that at \$1.35 per hour, the village was paying more than both Markham and other townships who pay from \$1.15 to \$1.25 an hour. Chairman Timmins felt that the village had to pay a little more as they had no pension plan for their employees.

"It is about \$12.00 per week less than the national average," stated Trustee Tucker. "It is a lousy pay."

"They are paid \$54.00 a week and given two weeks holidays with pay," stated Chairman Timmins. "What are your recommendations?" "I would give them 25c an hour more," stated Trustee Tucker. "It was suggested that it might be possible to include the men under the township's pension scheme. Trustee Tucker felt that within three or four years there would be portable pensions for hourly rated employees and he didn't feel anything the village could do would be nearly as much as a pension. Mr. Tucker was also of the opinion that it would not be feasible to put the village employees on the township payroll and that even if this were done, a man would have to pay into a pension plan for 15 years before it could be of any real benefit to him. "A 10c an hour raise would give him an extra \$200 per year. Would that break us?" Trustee Tucker ended up.

Trustee Roberts felt that the village should not do anything that Markham and Vaughan don't do. Both Tucker and Timmins objected to this. "We have only one employee and we expect him to have some loyalty and show up every day," stated Chairman Timmins. "We want to treat him as well as we can. After some further discussion in which it was developed that the man had been employed by the village for six years and had started at \$1.20 an hour, it was agreed to raise his wage to \$1.45 per hour."

Recreation Committee
The Area Recreation Committee was the next subject discussed and Trustee Roberts agreed to continue as the village's representative on the A.R.C. Trustee Tucker reported that the newly formed A.R.C. in Markham would not concern itself with Thornhill.

Chairman Timmins read a letter from the Thornhill Library Board stating that Dr. B. Jackson had now completed his two year term on the board but that they would like him to be appointed for another term. A motion was made and carried that this be done.

Garbage Collection
The question of tenders for the garbage collection in the village was then discussed and in spite of the fact that the trustees were unanimous in the opinion that Mr. Reid had given satisfactory service in this regard, it was decided to advertise for tenders in order to avoid criticism from any direction.

Finances
The secretary had on hand for the trustees' consideration financial statements from both Markham and Vaughan Townships, the first time these had ever been available to the trustees before setting their budget. The statement from Markham Township showed total receipts as of December 31st at \$11,872.01 and expenses of \$11,009.57, leaving a balance on hand of \$862.44. This statement indicated that the village had started off last year with a debit balance of \$1,737.40.

The statement from Vaughan Township indicated receipts of \$10,269.71 and expenditures of \$9,576.93, leaving a credit balance of \$692.78. This statement indicated that the village had started off last year with a debit balance of \$1,737.40.

Trustee Tucker pointed out however, that Vaughan Town-

Membership, Finances, Good

Year Of Good Progress Seen By United Church

Following the evening service on January 28th, some 175 members of the congregation of Thornhill United Church held the annual congregational meeting.

The welfare council report was given by Mrs. Henry Harris and noted the great quantity of clothing, groceries, coal, fuel oil, bedding and household furnishings provided by the church for needy families.

Sunday Schools Prosper
In the Christian education field, reports from all the Sunday school departments were presented by Mr. Gordon Crutcher. He reported that there were 50 Sunday School teachers and officers and 377 pupils, plus 35 on the nursery roll. There are also 15 mid-week youth groups meeting at the church with a total membership of 446.

Motions of thanks were passed to the various group leaders and to the ministers. This was followed by the election of officers for the coming year. New elders were elected, bringing the total to 55. Messrs. J. R. Vanderburg, Ralph Hansford and Irving Ford were elected Honourary Elders. Four retiring elders were re-elected, Messrs. Percy Bone, Gordon Crutcher, Donald Smille and Willard Simpson. The following new elders were elected: Messrs. Frank Kellam, Locksley Job, Bill Stewart, A. R. Dow, George Ford, Don Lorimer, Charles Lusk, Bruce Marsh, Bert Sculthorpe, A. Maston, Dr. Myrn Walker, Percy Bennett, John Kippen, George Stewart, Jack Cook, R. W. Scott, Allan Scott, Warren Scott, Robert Blair, Dr. Charles Aho, E. Tohey, Roy Jones and Lawrence Denby.

Three retiring stewards were re-elected, Messrs. R. C. Gibson, E. Mason and W. J. Whalton. Newly elected stewards were Messrs. Ken Brown, Bill Doherty, R. C. Miller, J. New, R. J. Robinson, R. Short, W. E. Welt and Harry Johnson.

Consider Organ
A motion was passed that the Stewards be instructed to include, if possible, the financing of the complete organ in the 1963 budget.

Mrs. R. Whatley reported for the afternoon group of the women's missionary society, while Mrs. A. Martindale reported for the evening group. Both reported an active and successful year.

The report of the W.A. was given by Mrs. F. Killam and noted that the W.A. had a membership of 135. The main project last year for this group was the painting and furnishing of a church parlour. Mrs. Killam's report also noted a wide variety of community services and welfare work done. The group raised a total of \$6,600.00 during the year.

Thornhill Notes

Miss Aline Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Simpson of 11 Albion Close, has been recently initiated into the Tau Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity. Aline is in her second year of the Physical and Occupational Therapy course at the University of Toronto, and by all accounts, is enjoying her work very much.

The Sacrament of Baptism was observed at the United Church on January 28th. Through their parents' profession of faith, the following youngsters were welcomed into the church: Catherine Elizabeth Bainbridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Bainbridge, John Stuart Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ellis; Lori Ann Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gordon; Timothy David and Elizabeth Susan Killam, children of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Killam; and Mardi Lynn Schildroth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Schildroth.

In observance of Christian Youth Week, Mr. Jim Dudley and Mr. Jim Bushell assisted the minister in the morning's service. The young people's group of the church provided the ushers, Messrs. David Corliss, Richard Elliott, Michael G. D. Harrington, David Iverson, Jim Kellam, Leonard Lee, Doug Main and Paul Rivers.

At the evening service, Rev. Richard Davidson, B.A., B.D., Th.M. of Fairlawn United Church, North Toronto, was the officiant. Mr. Davidson is the author of "The Meaning of Baptism" and "The Devil and You." He spoke on the significance of baptism, pointing out that when

ever children are baptized into the church, both parents and congregation take solemn vows, which unfortunately are often misunderstood or neglected. Mr. Davidson outlined what people must do as parents and as Christians if baptism is to have any real meaning to the children of the congregation.

This service marks the beginning of a period of preparation for a new Sunday School curriculum which will be introduced in 1964. In the next few weeks, every adult in the church will be personally invited to become part of a small discussion group which will examine the implications of Mr. Davidson's sermon. With others from their neighbourhood, they will be asked to consider the present Christian education program, to suggest improvements, to give opinions, and to discover their own responsibility in teaching children and young people with the gospel.

Following the evening service, the annual meeting was held which is fully reported elsewhere in this issue. Following the business, Mr. L. E. Clark presented a colour motion picture of Thornhill United Church, Old and New, showing the closing of the old building on Centre Street and the building of the new church.

Hospital Auxiliary
Mrs. H. R. Howden, wife of the Rector of Holy Trinity Church, tells us that the meeting of the York Central District Hospital Auxiliary held at Richmond Hill last week was well attended, about 400 people being there, and that the Thornhill area was well represented, with herself, Mrs. Joy Whitehead and Mrs. E. Boyden in attendance. Mrs. Gaither Zinkan (who was unable to be at the meeting) is the Thornhill representative on the auxiliary.

Mrs. Howden has been named second vice-president of the temporary executive and has been given the task of drafting the auxiliary's first constitution. She has collected contributions from Queensway Auxiliary, South Peel and the Sick Children's Hospital Auxiliary as well as several others and is using these as a guide, as well as a form suggested by the hospital auxiliary association. So if you notice her going around mutter-

ing legal sounding phrases to herself, just bear with her for a while.

Membership in the auxiliary costs \$2.00 and Mrs. Howden reports that 125 members joined at the meeting. Membership may be active or sustaining. (Active members give time, sustaining give money.) The purpose of the auxiliary is to do everything for the patients to make them feel the hospital is a more normal place, to make them seem less institutional, and to relieve doctors and nurses by performing services for the patients which do not require a professional person.

At first, the auxiliary will fund concern itself with fund raising, but eventually will provide such things as a gift centre, a bookmobile and a snack bar. Members are also asked to state their skills and preferences and will help in the pediatric division by amusing or feeding children, give assistance in the office and at the reception desk. Sewers and knitters will also be much in demand and very important in a rural area will be a driving team to bring out patients to the hospital. The only stipulation made is that the members must be faithful in carrying out their work.

The auxiliary will meet next on March 1st to consider the constitution. Regional units will also be formed at this time. For any further information, call Mrs. Zinkan, the Thornhill representative, at AV. 5-1230.

Rev. Mr. Howden has recently been appointed as a representative of the Anglican Church to the Overseas Committee of the Canadian Council of Churches. He will be attending a conference of this body at Niagara Falls on February 19th to the 21st when they will hear a report of the recent meeting of

the World Council of Churches at New Delhi and discuss it. Mr. Howden has also been appointed a member of the candidate committee of the mission society of the church in Canada. This group meets quarterly in Toronto and considers candidates for work in Anglican missions at home and abroad.

The Epiphany pageant, "A Star of the East" held at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, January 21st was well attended and very much enjoyed, being an effective and beautiful portrayal of the message of the missionary season. Congratulations to Mrs. Roger Priestman who was the director of the pageant, and to all who took part.

Sunday, January 28th was celebrated at Holy Trinity as Theological Education Sunday. When the spotlight of interest was focused on theological education, part of the program to encourage young men to enter the ministry of the church, Holy Trinity supports what is called a "student exhibition." The exhibition alternates every two years between Trinity and Wycliffe College and consists of \$1,000 a year, plus \$300.00 given by the W.A. for student summer work in the mission field. The exhibition is held at the present time by Mr. Robert Harley of Wycliffe College, the Holy Trinity student assistant.

Hats off and a loud hurrah for Trustee Bob Roberts and Executive Willard Simpson for extreme valour and devotion above and beyond the call of duty. These two stalwart and community minded gentlemen spent Saturday afternoon, January 27th, driving the village truck about the village and spreading sand on the icy sidewalks. We who were about to slip and break our legs, salute you!

Holy Trinity's Rector Asks For Extra Effort

Rev. H. R. Howden, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill, at the annual Vestry meeting held on January 29th, appealed to the parish to embark on a year of growth to help him celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood of the church.

Mr. Howden suggested two additional parish visitations, one before Lent and one in the fall, both the purpose of establishing personal contact with the people and inviting them and their families to make every Sunday a family day in the church. He would like to increase the evening service attendance by special youth services and publicized sermon series. He proposed a membership campaign in the various parochial organizations and an increase of bible study throughout the organizations led by the newly formed bible study fellowship.

Those who attended the Vestry meeting were interested in a sketch of a proposed chapel to be built into the present church structure, prepared by Col. Everett.

Special mention was made of the passing of Wilfred C. Ball, who for 50 years served Holy Trinity Church, being Warden for 25 years under six rectors. Mr. John Shaw reported on the need for a new organ and this was referred to the newly

formed advisory board for further study.

After four years of faithful service, Mr. M. Hunter has retired from the position of people's warden and the new people's warden is Mr. Harold Garland. Mr. Robert Napier continues as rector's warden. Lay delegates to Synod are Miss Jane McLaren, Mr. M. Hunter and Mr. J. Adamson.

A budget of \$28,000 was approved, including allotment and assessment of \$8,172.00. There was also included \$1,000 for the special Trinity Exhibition, awarded annually for theological education, and \$500 for miscellaneous donations.

Village Truck

Trustee Tucker then reported on his investigations of a new truck for the village. He had been advised that the village should have a 3/4 or one ton truck with heavy duty springs. He had been unable to find one about three years old and asked for direction, suggesting the possible way of buying a new one. "If we get a new one, we will have a guarantee and have no trouble about repairs," he stated.

After some discussion, however, it was decided that Trustee Tucker should take the truck up to Macdougall Motors in Richvale and get an estimate on having it overhauled and getting needed body work and a paint job done on it. He was authorized to get the necessary work done if it could be done for \$300.

Trustee Tucker reported that Rev. Howden of Holy Trinity Anglican Church had complained to him that the south end of his circular driveway became plugged with snow every time the road was ploughed. It was felt that the village could do nothing about this. "We do the best we can and if there is a snow bank there, it is his own responsibility," stated Chairman Timmins.

Trustee Roberts stated that all the roads of the village are being sanded regularly and that the previous Saturday afternoon he and Mr. Willard Simpson had very kindly spent the afternoon sanding the streets.

Mrs. Lambert reported that she had had a request from Mrs. Stuart Parker that her street instead of being numbered as part of John Street, be officially designated as "Summer Lane".

Chairman Timmins was of the opinion that the official name of the street was William Street and Trustee Roberts confirmed that this was shown as William Street on a map in David McLean's office. However, Chairman Timmins stated that the residents of the street could have the name changed if they wished and Mrs. Lambert was instructed to tell Mrs. Parker to put her request in writing.

Street Lights
Chairman Timmins drew the attention of the trustees to the fact that the four new lights had been installed in the village business section. Mr. L. J. Roy of Ontario Hydro had also suggested the installation of a street light at Elgin and Yonge Streets. The trustees were to observe the corner and bring their ideas on the subject to the next meeting.

A letter was read from the B-A oil station at Yonge and Centre Streets complaining that the asphalt sidewalk to the north of their premises was raised to such an extent that it caused water to collect between the sidewalk and their building. The secretary was instructed to write to the station suggesting that the asphalt pavement to the north of their building is in a bad state of repair and very unsightly and if this were repaired it would alleviate the situation.

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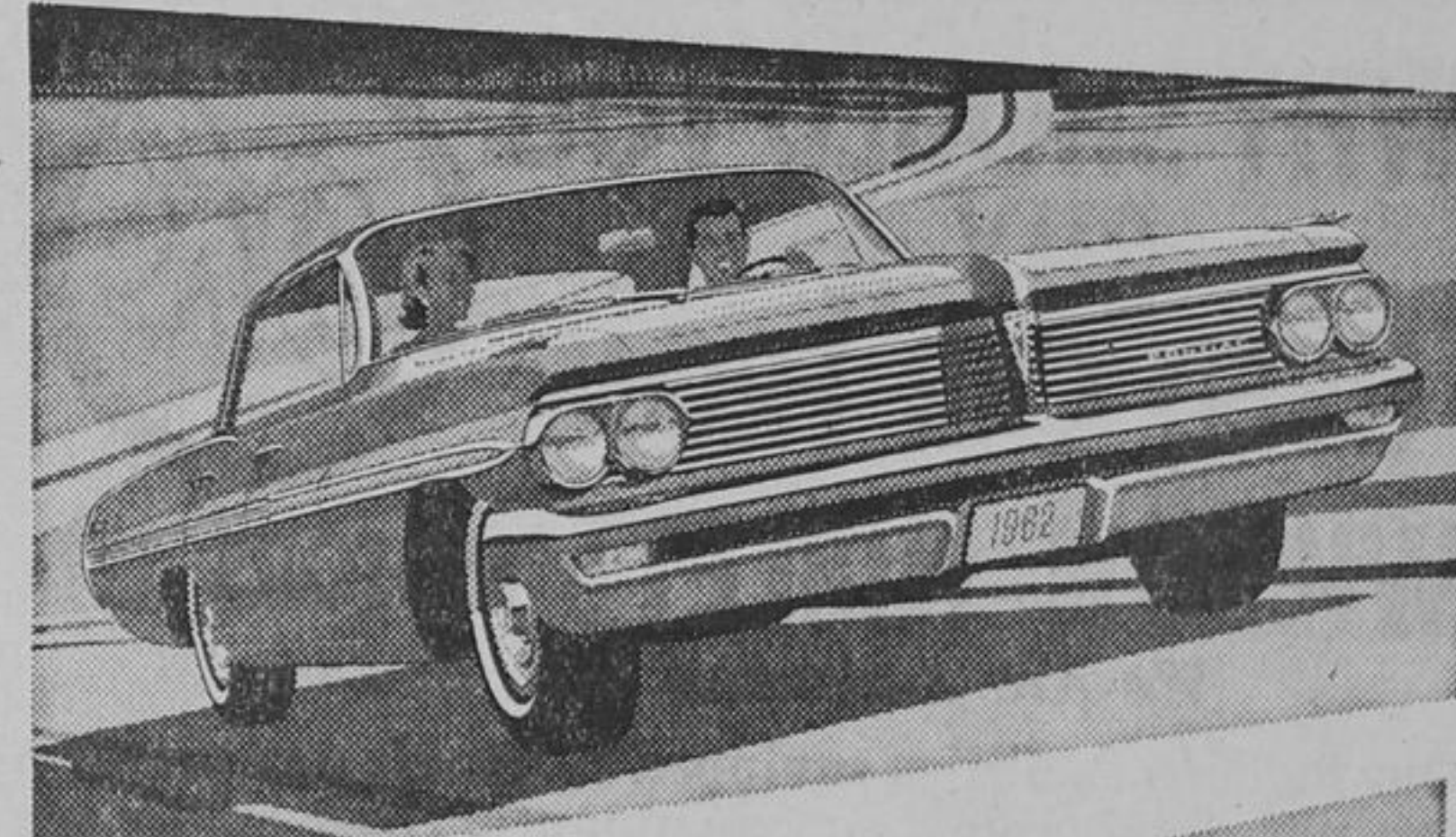
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