

Thornhill and District News

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Wins Thornhill Lucky Draw



Mr. Alfred H. Hartland (left), popular sexton of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, won a handsome Elgin wrist watch when his lucky golden key turned the lock on the treasure chest in Cole's

Jewellery Store, Thornhill. He is seen receiving the watch from Proprietor John F. Cole.

(Photo by David Barbour.)

What Are They Doing Now?

Successful Thornhill Grads Night

(By Margaret McLean) The fourth annual Grads Night was celebrated at Thornhill Secondary School on February 18th with a record 50 to 55 grads attending, and a total attendance of over 250. Organized four years ago by the boys and girls athletic associations, the grad nights have become increasingly popular. This year, as other years, a feature of the entertainment was a basketball game between the grads and this year's senior team. The grads went down to defeat at 57 to 33. Next the lady teachers bravely entered the arena against the girls in a game of hit-pin baseball which demonstrated more high spirits than skill. The teachers were dressed in weird and wonderful costumes which added to the fun and no-one knows what the final score was. During half time in the boys basketball game the boys gym team put on a display of gymnastics and some of the girls gave a demonstration on the trampoline.

Spirituals Gave Negro Strength Bear Burden Of White Bondage

(By Margaret I. McLean) Mr. William White, an eloquent and moving speaker, was the guest of honour at the bi-monthly meeting of the Thornhill Lions Club on February 19. Mr. White, general manager of Toronto Cast Stone Company, an accomplished pianist and singer, addressed the meeting on the origin and significance of negro spirituals. Mr. White reminded his audience that the originators of these songs had been brought from Africa to fill the role of manual labourers without pay. They had to make tremendous adjustments, adjustments to the language, to the food and to the climate. This made some people think they were stupid. On the contrary, they were intelligent, aware of their state, and very keenly aware that there was little they could do about it. They found Christianity which promised to deliver them from bondage. It called for obedience, for humility, for the practice of brotherly love, understanding and patience. Through Christianity the negro was enabled to express his hopes, dreams and aspirations, and this mainly through the composition and singing of spirituals.

Then, before his audience quite knew how it happened they had been divided into parts, and were enthusiastically singing "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" after only very brief instruction from Mr. White who capably demonstrated the various parts to those he had designated as first and second tenors, baritone and basses. Mr. White then went on to demonstrate the second category of spirituals, those that honour biblical heroes such as David, Joshua, Moses and the Apostles. The negroes could identify themselves with these people and felt a kinship with the Israelites who were in bondage in Egypt. This type of song could see some expression of hope and deliverance, such as "Oh Mary Don't You Weep". He then sang "Go Down Moses" very movingly, and urged his audience on in a spirited performance of "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho".

But there is a category of spirituals which few people are aware of. Mr. White related that he had been made aware of these when studying at Howard University in Washington. "There is some concern that democracy as a way of life has not been extended to all people who live and were born in a democracy". Democracy had first been tried, he noted by the Greeks, but it also encompassed slavery, and this was the cause of its disintegration and disappearance. Much the same thing took place in the Roman empire. "Two hundred and fifty years ago the negro slave was aware of this. And he was intelligent. He found he could use religion as a means of expressing his objection to the status quo," stated Mr. White. "Walk A-Long With Me," promised the negro that he eventually would be able to enjoy all the same things and go in the same places as his white masters. "It's Me O Lord, Standing in the Need of Prayer," expressed the negro's need of strength, endurance and stamina to put up with the status quo and was a form of passive resistance. "The line between the Negro and the White Man is a thin line. It is a line that is rising in me, I will pray," reminded the negro that physical resistance was useless. Singing was a release for his feelings and was safer. In the song line, "I ain't got long to stay here," was a way of informing friends that the singer was escaping north on the underground railway.

The speaker was thanked by Lion Jim Timmins, who not only thanked him in verse, but bravely sang his composition, to much applause. Lion Ed Butlin thanked Lions Henderson, Dowker, Mickleborough, Harley, Marshall, Bone, Jackson, Simpson, Lak, and Bentham for the prizes which they had donated for ladies' night. A lucky draw was held with Lion Bob Priestman winning first prize, and Lion George Mickleborough, second prize. Much applause greeted the entrance, slightly late, of Lion Patrick McLaggart-Cowan who took the chairing in good part and gave back as good as he got. A guest of Lion John MacNeil was Mr. Carlton Richardson. A report indicated that the bingos were going well, with about 400 attending each Wednesday night. Calls for more help with the bingos brought a few groans and calls to "ask the guys who aren't here" but the necessary assistants were quickly rounded up.

Thornhill Notes

United Church News Each Sunday evening in Lent Rev. MacDonald will hold as last year, "Open Season On The Preacher" and will answer all questions submitted, signed or unsigned, on any subject. Communicants' classes will begin the second week in March. A class for teen agers will be held on Sunday evenings following the service, beginning March 4th. The adult communicant class will meet beginning March 8th. This latter class will take the form of a seminar on basic Christianity. Discussion and questions will be invited and it is hoped that many will come to review the facts of their faith.

On February 18th in recognition of the beginning of Brotherhood Week, a colour film "The Broken Mask" was shown. The film is an examination of racial prejudice as it is found in our society. Hospital Auxiliary The Thornhill chapter of branch of the York Central District Hospital Auxiliary held a meeting on February 22nd at the Thornhill Public Library. The provisional president, Mrs. Gaither Zinkman opened the meeting. Mrs. H. R. Howden who is vice-president of the whole auxiliary then spoke to the 30 or so persons about the responsibilities, aims and duties of the auxiliary. A nominating committee was formed consisting of Miss Jane McLaren, chairman, Mrs. Clayton Atkinson and Mrs. Ross Wesley. This committee will enquire among the members and see who is willing to fill the various posts on the executive.

The election of the officers will take place at the next meeting which will be held at the library at 10.30 a.m. on March 7th. From then on the meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, at a place yet to be determined. Twenty-four people paid their membership fee of \$2.00 and joined the auxiliary at last week's meeting. It is not known as yet just when building on the hospital will start, but the ladies have been told that it is expected that it will be completed sometime by the end of 1963. Until such time as the hospital is in operation, the main job of the auxiliary will be fund raising. There is still something like \$30,000 to be raised.

Nursery School Some eighteen mothers of children attending the Thornhill Co-operative Nursery School attended a general meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Burden, 14 Erica Drive on Monday evening, February 19th. Two films were shown, from the National Film Board, "He Acts His Age" and "The Frustrating Fours and Fascinating Fives" and were much enjoyed by the mothers. Holy Trinity News A group of 25 ladies turned out to the bi-monthly meeting of the Holy Trinity W.A. on February 22nd. Some of the ladies gathered at the church at 10.30 on the morning for a work party and quilted. After lunch, the ladies continued on with their hand work, sewing and knitting while Mrs. Andrews the educational secretary, continued discussing the group's

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Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Houtz of 1 Raymond Avenue, Thornhill, are leaving our village the middle of next March. Mr. Houtz, who is with Dupont of Canada, has been appointed European manager of photo products for E. I. Dupont and is being posted to Switzerland. The family will go first to the United States where they will stay with Mr. Houtz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Houtz at Rutledge, Penn., and leave for Switzerland on July 1st. They are looking forward to living in Geneva where eight year old (usually known as Hoot) will attend the international school. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Boyden of 44 Arnold Avenue who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on February 20th. The Boydens entertained some sixty friends, relatives and neighbours at an "At Home" on Saturday, February 24th. Mr. Boyden's brother, Mr. Fred Boyden of Downsview who was best man at the wedding was present, as was Mrs. Boyden's father, Mr. John Mullen and his wife, of Detroit. Other guests were from Scarborough, Preston and the Toronto area. Mrs. Boyden received wearing a brown wool jacketed dress, with a corsage of orange toned tea roses. Assisting in serving tea were daughter Barbara, who celebrated her eighteenth birthday on Wednesday, February 21st, and 12 year old Debbie. The table was decorated with a lovely wedding cake and spring flowers, arranged by Mrs. Joy Whithead who also assisted in the kitchen with Mrs. Fern Finkle.

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Markham Area No. 1

Still Awaiting Arrival Of Oral French Teacher

The oral French lessons in the T.S.A. No. 1 Markham Schools could still not be put into operation, the board was advised at their meeting last week at Henderson Avenue Public School. The delay, reported Trustee Parker, chairman of the education committee, was due to the fact that the proposed teacher had been required by the Department of Education to go back for a re-check of her physical examination. "Is there any indication that the department is holding this up deliberately?" enquired Trustee McKay. "There is no indication of this," reported Trustee Parker. "It appears to be just departmental red tape."

Trustee Stone, chairman of the finance committee reported expenditures of \$23,145.59 for the month of January and receipts of \$21,365.75. It was accordingly moved that \$3,000 be transferred from capital account to general account on loan. He also reported that an advance of \$30,000 on debentures for the Woodland School addition had been received and that the first draw had been made by the contractor of \$14,601.15.

Trustee McKay, reporting for the property committee, noted that the sanitary reports had indicated that all the schools under the board's jurisdiction were in satisfactory condition. Custodians' salaries were discussed and a schedule was agreed upon of \$3,050 minimum and \$4,400 maximum. Yearly increments were to be \$240.00

DONCASTER

Correspondent David Barbour Henderson Ave. Phone AV. 5-5205 The first place Doncaster Royals Hockey Team were opponents of the 5th Newtonbrook Rovers when the Rovers broke their string of defeats as they played to a 4-1 tie.

In the other contest, the Roselawn Club snapped out of their two week slump as they trounced the Hornets 6-0. March 4 will be the last of the weekly Sunday night doubleheaders.

The programme for the final week before the play-offs will see Roselawn Dairy trying for their third straight win over the improved Rover Crew in the first game and Doncaster's entry, the Royals will take on the Hornets for the rubber game in the night cap. Josephine Bencic, 113 Henderson Avenue will celebrate her 53rd birthday on March 6.

THORNHILL HOCKEY CLUB Intermediate House League

	P	W	L	T	P
Roselawn	8	5	2	1	11
Royals	8	4	2	2	10
Hornets	8	5	3	0	10
Rovers	8	0	7	1	1

Remaining Games March 4 - Rovers vs Roselawn 9 p.m. Royals vs Hornets 8 p.m. All games played at the Bradford Arena.

each school. She suggested that the secretary arrange that instruction in the use of fire fighting apparatus be arranged for the teachers and custodians.

With respect to public relations, Trustee Aimore suggested that the board prepare a brochure to be made available to all new people in the area, describing the board and its system and including a short history of the area, its boundaries, the number of teachers and pupils and the location of schools. This would let the ratepayers know how much time the board spends in acquiring property and trying to get good teachers, Mrs. Aimore felt.

Permission was granted to go ahead with the brochure. Trustee Stone suggested that a note be included about home and school executives. Mrs. Aimore reported that the ratepayers in the Schickendanz Subdivision had requested a letter of information about board meetings. The secretary, Mr. Sand felt this information would be provided by the brochure and he would try to get it out by the end of the month. Trustee Aimore noted that the 16th Avenue School was to be officially opened at the end of March and that the principal had been advised about the contest to name the school.

Mrs. Aimore then introduced to the board the area's physical education director, Mr. Evans who gave a report on the physical training activities in the schools. Mr. Evans advised that the program consisted of instruction in the classrooms, in the gymnasiums and on the outside rinks where lesson games and house league games all took place. A course of study has been given to each teacher and two half hour periods of P.T. are given the children each week, with Mrs. Evans visiting each classroom once every three weeks. Junior and senior teams in volleyball, hockey, floor hockey and basketball had been organized, with teachers and principals giving freely of their time.

Hockey Mr. Evans suggested that the board look into the question of arranging for hockey games on an indoor rink and noted that a seven game schedule would cost only \$60.00. He expressed himself as extremely gratified by the supplying of equipment by the board and the home and school associations, noting that all the equipment was in constant use, and that all the schools were well equipped.

"How willingly do the children participate?" asked Trustee Mrs. Aimore. Mr. Evans replied that they have as many as 60 youngsters coming back to 12:30 at Henderson Avenue School, working on their own and that there was also a lunch-time program at 16th Avenue, while at Thornlea they have installed a chinning bar.

Trustee McKay suggested that Mrs. Evans make recommendations about other full-time or part-time instructors. Trustee Parker, chairman of the education committee reported that the series of grade

3 vocational guidance lectures was proceeding on schedule. Two successful lectures had been given, one by Trustee Frost and one by Rev. M. C. Johnston of Thornhill Baptist Church. Mr. Parker also reported that he had met with the principals on the question of setting up a second special education class. A number of suggestions and recommendations had been made, he advised, but they are not prepared to come up with a recommendation until they have further information.

The secretary, Mr. Sand, read letters from the home and school associations of Henderson Avenue, Thornlea and Woodland Avenue schools, thanking the board for their contribution of \$50.00 for the setting up of the hockey rinks. Mr. Sand also read a letter from the Thornhill District Association for Retarded Children asking for financial aid for three area children who attend Thornhaven School. On a motion of Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Parker, the board agreed to continue to pay \$10.00 per month for each child attending the school.

Proctor Ave. Sewers Contract Is Awarded

Tenders for Proctor Avenue storm sewers were opened by Markham Township Council, with the lowest being that of Dagmar Construction Co. Ltd., for \$22,033. Half of this amount will be paid by the Canadian National Railways. The figure came close to the estimate made by Township Engineer Dusan Milkins. Work will be pushed as quickly as possible, as it was felt that melting snow piles at the GEM store parking lot might cause heavy run-off.

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