

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

The Women's Association of Thornhill Baptist Church held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 20th at the home of Mrs. Ken Hall, Westwood Lane.

With the north group in charge, the meeting followed the same theme as the previous month's meeting - a further study of the life of the pioneers in York County. The book by Helen Bingham, on the life of Holy Ann, "An Irish Saint" was most interestingly reviewed by two members, Evelyn Hall and June Schoppe. This story was all the more interesting, since one of the association's members is now living in the home where Ann came, as a young Irish maid to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Reid.

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brief lecture as well as a discussion.

The first lecture will be on March 8th on "The Existence of God" - what is religion, why can't matters of faith be proved, what do we mean by "God?" etc.

The March 15th session will be on "The Christian's Knowledge of God" - is God limited to Christianity, what about other great world religions? On March 22nd the topic will be "Sin and Redemption"; on March 29th "A Look at the Church"; on April 5th, "The World to Come"; on April 12th "The Christian Life"; and on April 19th "Questions People Ask" what about marriage and divorce in the United Church? What about faith healing and spiritualism?

The purpose of this course is to stimulate discussion and to allow a frank airing of doubts and differences. Any person who is searching for a faith or is puzzled by the claims of the United Church of Canada is invited to use these seven evenings as an opportunity to review the faith of Protestant Christianity.

Anyone who would like a visit from the ministers of Thornhill United Church for any reason is invited to call and make an appointment for a visit. In a congregation of such size, it is impossible to rely on the "grapevine" to notify the ministers of the need for a visit. Please call either the church office at 285-2131 or Mr. MacDonald at 285-2551 or Mr. Veals at 285-4148.

Unit 2 of the United Church Women met at the church on Tuesday evening, Feb. 27th. The meeting was called to order by the group leader, Mrs. W. Doherty. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. V. Johnson with a bible reading and discussion and the singing of two hymns.

The 16 ladies present were then introduced to their new executive: Co-Leader, Mrs. V. Johnson; Secretary, Mrs. Betty Headrick; Treasurer, Mrs. Lynne Radford; Sunshine Convener, Mrs. Flo Hall; Social Convener, Mrs. Hazel Cairns; Telephone Convener, Mrs. Sheila White and Mrs. Jean Bryce; and Welfare Convener, Mrs. Marie Scott.

It was decided that the group would meet at 8:15 on the fourth Tuesday of each month and that most of the meetings would be held in the Church parlour with at least one meeting at the Villa and some in private homes. Envelopes for voluntary contributions were distributed and suggestions were made for fund raising. The group is to prepare the Lions dinner on April 16th. The group is working closely with the Canadian Mental Health Association volunteers and plans to assist in bringing inmates of approved homes to Mrs. Johnson's home for permanent waves several times during the year. The group has also offered its services to the York Central District Hospital Auxiliary. Announcement was made

of the next general meeting of the U.C.W. on Tuesday, April 3rd, and plans for future general projects which will include a grand rummage sale in the Fall, a travelling luncheon and a rug demonstration and display on June 8th and 9th. Group 2 began a study of great world religions at their meeting and at their next meeting Mrs. Doherty will continue with a study of the religion of primitive man.

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Grandview Estates WILLOWDALE

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The home and school meeting held at Henderson Avenue School on February 6 was a huge success with as many as 160 parents attending. Mr. R. Sloane has graciously consented to replace Mr. McCullough as acting vice-president until the end of this term. The treasurer's report was tabled showing a balance of \$331.36. Principal Martindale spoke on the great abundance of clothing collected for the year. Mr. Sloane then told of the help needed to fix up the hockey rink as the boards were loose and needed repairing. He would appreciate it if any fathers could come out on a Saturday morning and help put it in shape again.

A choral demonstration under the leadership of Mr. Westlake proved to be very entertaining. The songs sung by some of the grade 5 and 6 students were very enlightening especially in two and three parts. They ended singing the sounds of a calliope.

Next there was a demonstration of gymnastics by some of the boys and girls under the guidance of Mr. Evans and Mr. C. Morrison for the boys and led by Mrs. Joyce Allen for the girls. There was perfect co-ordination by both boys and girls.

After a very enjoyable evening everyone sat down to a nice cup of coffee or tea and cookies. Out in the hall was a bake sale sponsored by the Guide and Brownie mothers group. And believe me, all those delicious pies, cakes, cookies, etc., went like wild fire. On the whole the evening was a great success.

Here and There

To Mr. and Mrs. Condi of 34 Almond Avenue goes our heartfelt congratulations on the birth of their baby on February 25th.

To Mr. and Mrs. G. Stark who have just moved into 39 Delair Avenue, we wish to welcome them to our community.

The father and son banquet held at Thornhill United Church on February 27, there were over 100 at this Cub and Scout annual event. For dinner they had roast beef, mashed potatoes, green peas and for dessert, cake and ice cream. For entertainment they had Dave Stewart, cowboy entertainer. The boys and Scout Leaders H. Rogers and Mr. Antonaci and Akela Gordon Hill all agreed it was a fine show.

On February 25th, the 1st and 2nd Thornhill Cub Packs and Scout Troops held their church parade. The leaders, Messrs. Gordon Hill and Roy Simpson and the 1st and 2nd Scout Troops led by Mr. Jim Antonaci, Mr. H. Rogers and Mr. H. Johnson. The colour party received the flags and left the church followed by all the Cubs and Scouts. The 2nd Cub and Scout troop are from Henderson Avenue School. The minister for the service was Rev. George G. Connolly, B.A., B.D., National Secretary for Boys' Work in the United Church of Canada.

Thornhill Lads Given Queen's Scout Badges



An outstanding event at the recent father-son banquet of the 2nd Thornhill Scouts and Cubs was the presentation of Queen's Scout badges to two lads. They are seen here at the presentation, described in the story below, was made. From the left are Scouter Harry Johnson, Mr. H. Turner of York Summit district council; Scouts Geoffrey Dempster and Rod Leonard. (Photo by Lagerquist.)

2nd Thornhill Scouts and Cubs father and son banquet was held at the Holy Trinity Church on February 23rd. Over a hundred fathers and boys sat down to a meal served by the ladies of the church. This year's banquet was an eventful one for the troop, especially in the advancement of the boys on their badge work. Charles Lusk, chairman of the meeting representing the group committee, asked the two assistant scoutmasters, Scouter Old and Scout-

er Russel, to present the proficiency badges earned by the boys from summer camp to the time of the banquet. Mr. Turner of York Summit district council presented the two Queen Scout badges to Scouts Roddy Leonard, Grandview Avenue, and Geoffrey Dempster of Woodward Avenue. These are the first two scouts to achieve these badges since the troop was formed in February, 1953.

Mr. Leonard was asked to present his son with the gold cord which consisted of 13 proficiency badges and Queen's Scout badge. Mr. Dempster presented his son with the Red and White cord and 12 proficiency badges and Queen's Scout badge. The troop has a "Scout of the Year" award won by Roddy Leonard this year.

A church parade was held on February 25th at Thornhill United Church, attended by 1st and 2nd Thornhill Scouts and Cubs. The boys were addressed by the Rev. George G. Connolly, B.A., B.D., National Secretary for Boys' Work in the United Church of Canada, who spoke on the topic: "Youth and the Church" or "Be Prepared". He asked the boys to remember a small phrase consisting of ten two-letter words: "If it is to be, it is up to me."

volunteer fathers to help repair the boards around the hockey rink. Mr. Westlake led the children of grades five and six in a choral demonstration. There were scale songs and exercises, ear puzzles - when Mr. Westlake attempted to guess them. There was also two and three part singing, rounds and an interpretation of a calliope.

Children taking part were: Joanne Ritchie, Ross Johnson, Doug Turner, Peter Almone, David Kiddy, Mary Priestman, Nancy Wenger, Wesley MacLean, Eddy Hill, Eddy Barton, Timmy Fulton, Elaine Welt, Susan McCutcheon, Joanne Hughes, Dexter Hallwood, Judy Stevens, Elizabeth Bick, Heather Exkel, Debbie Pack, John Pack, Gail Robertson, Joyce McCoy, Jennifer Higgs.

There was a demonstration of gymnastics under the guidance of Mr. Evans and Mrs. Allen. Girls did exercises set to music and the boys followed with tumbling exercises. The grand finale was a pyramid by the girls who attempted to out-do the boys at every opportunity. The children have practised every noon hour for the past few weeks to enable them to put on this display. There were fourteen girls as follows: Jennifer Weir, Diane Amseley, Lynn Sutton, Roslyn Ritchie, Sandra Dockman, Dorothy Lennie, Judy Goodey, Danny Milford, Bobby Goodey, Peter Van Art, and helping with the mats were Rod Snider and Ken Ross.

The room count and five dollar award was won for the third time this term by Mrs. Tanquary's room, but because of the rule of only being allowed to win twice in a term, the prize went to Mr. Evans.

Thornhill Home and School Association is having a Theatre Night on April 18. The show is "Spring Thaw" at Crest Theatre. Township School Area I school board is attempting to ascertain the number of children eligible for kindergarten in September through a survey form which will be delivered by the pupils of the school. Anyone with a child who is five years old in 1962, and who has not received a form please phone AV. 5-3132.

A couple on Highland Park Boulevard celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary this past week. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell were fifty years married on February 28th. Both Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are enjoying reasonably good health and are now looking forward to their Diamond Anniversary in ten years time. They were deluged with cards, good wishes, and visitors as they unofficially held "open house" last Wednesday.

On the sick list this week is Cameron Ross with the chicken-pox, while David Huha has just recovered from German measles. Betty Hansen (formerly of Woodward Avenue) spends much spare time at her kitchen window up Maple way observing a red tailed hawk as he dives and swoops for his dinner.

Award Contract For Bell Addition

Construction has begun on an extension to the Bell Telephone Company building on Yonge St. in Thornhill. The contract was awarded to Internorth Construction (1960) Ltd., Cookville. The one storey extension will be 20 feet by 42 feet without basement. Constructed of reinforced concrete and concrete slabs, it will have brick walls and a flat roof to blend in with the existing building.

When the installation of equipment is completed early in 1963, the building will be able to serve 6,500 telephone numbers, an increase of 1,500 over the present capacity.

Crestwood Rd. News

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Powell Road Home and School Association held its regular monthly meeting February 26, the meeting being a social evening celebrating the home and school's and also Powell Road's birthday. Bingo, cards, bridge and darts were played.

Lucky door prizes were won by Mr. Walters, 43 Crestwood Road, and Mrs. Barbara Rogers, Crestwood Road.

Twelve cakes were baked for the occasion, one by each executive member, and auctioned off by Mr. McRoberts. Total proceeds amounted to \$16.00. Grade prize was won by Mr. McRoberts.

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MR. AND MRS. D. J. W. WILSON

Swansea will be the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. W. Wilson, following their return from a honeymoon trip to the United States.

Decorated with white chrysanthemums and gladioli, Richvale Gospel Chapel was the setting for the wedding of Miss Kathleen Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mason, 14 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill to Mr. Donald Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilson, Westwood Lane, Richvale.

The Rev. Colin Anderson conducted the ceremony, and Miss Diana Reynolds of Islington played the wedding march and organ music. The bride who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of beau de soie, fashioned on princess lines, with a scalloped neckline edged in lace seed pearls and sequins, and a flowing skirt. The bride wore a crown of pearls and sequins with fingertip veil. She carried pink and white roses, and white mums.

The maid of honour was Mrs. Joyce Banks, cousin of the bride, and Miss Colleen Hawes was bridesmaid. They were attired in rose and turquoise beau de soie, carrying rose and blue mums and rose nosegays.

Mr. Carson McIndless of Toronto was the best man with Mr. Robert E. Mason, brother of the bride gentleman attendant. Ninety-two guests were entertained at the reception held at Summit View Gardens,

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