

Thornhill and District News

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"The Liberal" is always pleased to publish items of interest contributed by its readers in the Thornhill area. Our representative in Thornhill is Mrs. Margaret McLean, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-2331.



Thornlea Grads Receive Diplomas

Nine Thornlea Public School students received their diplomas at graduation exercises held recently at the school. Seen standing before the gaily decorated cake that was enjoyed by all are left to right: Jeff Coleman, Douglas Tooley, Sandra Tooley, John Ward, Jim Miller, School Principal K.

Kinzing, Colleen Greensides, Edward Gough, Richard Hunt, Bob Price and B. Lambert, teacher. Absent when picture was taken were Brian Kerrigan, Edward Ricci and Doreen Oliver. (Photo by Barbour)

Thornhill Notes

Thornhill Nursery School
A happy, if deafening, time was had by all at the annual Christmas party of the Thornhill Co-operative Nursery School, held in their schoolrooms in the Presbyterian Church on December 20th. Mothers were taken on a tour of the rooms by the

excited tots to have everything shown to them, especially the fat Christmas tree, positively groaning under the weight of the variety of ornaments that children and teachers have spent weeks fashioning.

An amusing new type of decoration were the many pairs of coloured paper "mitts" which the children had made. An outline of each hand was traced on coloured paper, cut out, and decorated with the nursery school's own "glitter" — to the initiated, painted and crushed eggshells! The mothers' chairs were ranged around one classroom with a rug in front of each. When the mothers were seated, many with younger children on their knees, the nursery school students filed in and took their places, each in front of their own mother. Then the concert began. The mothers were finally able to hear ALL the words to the snatches of songs they have been hearing at home for weeks. It must be admitted, however, that while the singing of the teachers came through with clarity, it seemed as if many of the children in their interest in gazing around at the unfamiliar faces, quite forgot to sing. They didn't forget any of the gestures, though, and all made splendid pine trees waving in the wind and slept angelically at the closing line of "Away in a Manger".

The highlight for the children, however, was when the gay Christmas tree was denuded of all its trappings as each child was given a share of the ornaments to take home. They ran back and forth to their mothers excitedly carrying their treasures. Each child also proudly presented their mother with a table centerpiece, gaily decorated with pine cones, bells and other ornaments carefully inserted in a block of styrofoam. The children then retired to the other room for their morning juice and cookie while the mothers chatted over coffee and cookies until it was time to gather up and go home. As they went out each child was given a gay parcel containing a tangerine and a candy cane.

You may have noticed that Mr. Singer, friendly proprietor of Thornhill Cleaners and Tailors is now installed in his new and larger quarters, just north of the Bank of Nova Scotia in the store formerly occupied by Scanlons.

And folks, I hope you will bear with me and overlook this more than scanty news report for this week. Again, I am writing this before the New Year's celebrations and have a large dinner party still in a state of preparation. And I presume all of you are in just about the same state, as I had only one call with any news. So let's all do better in the new year — you keep the calls coming, and I'll keep grinding out the news. The number to call is AV. 5-2331, in case you've forgotten.

Dr. Lewis White High Sch. Trustee

Dr. Lewis T. White, 50 Longbridge Rd., Thornhill, was appointed last week by York County as its representative on the York Central District High School Board.

A resident in the area for the past 10 years, Dr. White has a personal concern in educational facilities, with one child attending Thornhill Secondary School and another at Langstaff Public School. Dr. White has also been intimately involved in the educational system of the province for many years himself. He holds two degrees from the University of Toronto — a degree in forestry and a Ph.D., and two degrees from the University of Western Ontario where he received a B.A. in Honours Biology and his M.A. He also has a diploma from O.C.E. and was professor of forest pathology at the University of Toronto for five years, while at the same time in charge of his own laboratory. At the present time, Dr. White is research director of the forest pathology laboratory of the federal government.

Dr. White's father, the late Dr. E. T. White, also had a distinguished career as an educationist and was at one time president of

HEADFORD NEWS

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Christmas
The special something about Christmas lingers in Headford, awaiting the New Year. Christmas lights still burn, reluctant to let the season pass. The clank of skates, the swish of toboggans and flurry of skis testify to Santa's cooperation with the season and in the Sunday school the simple and effective creche carved by Charles Barker holds a reminder of the first Christmas.

The aroma of Christmas trimming, turkey, stuffing and such greeted families and friends as they gathered to celebrate the Day in the age old custom of breaking bread together.

Mrs. Norman Brodie, Cora and Don welcomed Margaret and her husband Jim Hutton. Other guests at the Brodie home were Mr. and Mrs. Wes Clark, Jean and Mr. and Mrs. George Boynton.

With Mrs. William Wellman were her son Melvin, his wife and children and Ruth and her husband Isaac Reaman and children and Mrs. Wellman's sister, Miss Emma Barker.

Owing to the happy fact that Mr. Leek Sr. was at home after some weeks in hospital the Elmer Leeks and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Leek, Gormley.

A pre-Christmas gathering was held in the home of Mrs. D. Reaman, Concord when she set dinner places for 28. Her guests were her three daughters and son with their families, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Leek, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Reaman.

Elisabeth and Charles enjoyed the day with Mr. Barker's brother Frank and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nixon, Manilla and Mrs. Stewart Rumble and family with Mr. Wes Middleton celebrated Christmas with Stewart's mother in Maple. Greetings from relatives in California was a happy feature of the day.

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The Harry Burton family were guests of the D. C. Calder for Christmas dinner.

The annual family seasonal gathering of the Wellman family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Wellman, Sutton West, December 29. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wellman, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wellman and Miss E. Barker.

Gordon MacMillan flew in Friday night from Kentville, Nova Scotia to be a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barker, until the New Year.

Skating Party
The Hi-C's enjoyed a skating party December 28 at the Lions Club skating rink Victoria Square and returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Leek for 'fun 'n food'. Mrs. Leek was assisted by Mrs. S. Rumble in her hostess duties.

During the evening an award was presented to Austin Johnson for his high record of Christmas card sales. In appreciation for her cheerful acceptance of extra work Sharon Rumble was presented with a dress pin.

Socials
The busy young members of the community took time out to serenade the homes in the community with carols the night before Christmas.

Three Headford boys are happy to rise early one day a week, David Terry, Keith and Richard Burton are enthusiastic members of the Third Rangers sponsored by Rotarians. Each Wednesday they practice hockey between 7 and 8 a.m. and they play each Thursday evening.

Congratulations to December birthday people, Connie Burton and Stewart Rumble dropped their donations into the birthday box at Sunday School. Connie was hostess to all of her community friends on Saturday, the occasion of her eighth birthday.

David Rumble, home for holidays from O.A.C., Guelph, expressed his appreciation of the gift given him from the Sunday school, a clock.

Missionary Sunday was observed in the Sunday school December 30, and Mrs. Cummer Lee presented an interesting film with commentary, The Church is People.

No better way to start the New Year than by keeping the hearth warm for the family. On New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Headford families visited one another in groups.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Leek, Rosemary and Albert joined Mrs. Leek's family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Baker.

The D. Calder and L. Guilds made pre-Christmas visits to Fenelon Falls at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Kerr and a New Year's Eve visit to relatives in Rockwood.

Mrs. H. J. MacDonald Wife Founder Group Of Seven

A resident of Thornhill for almost half a century, Harriet Joan MacDonald died suddenly and peacefully in Toronto, on December 22, 1962, in her 86th year. Born in Hamppden, Ont., Hattie Joan Lavis was a kindergarten teacher before her marriage to James E. H. MacDonald, a young artist on his way to becoming a distinguished Canadian painter, and a founder of the Group of Seven. The MacDonalds lived for a time near High Park, on the outskirts of Toronto, then moved in 1912 to Thornhill. It was here in the grounds of their Centre Street home that J. E. H. MacDonald painted one of his most controversial pictures, "The Tangled Garden," now owned by the National Gallery, Ottawa. He died in 1932 while Principal of the Ontario College of Art, Toronto. Mrs. MacDonald continued to live in Thornhill until three years ago.

She leaves her son Thoreau, a well known illustrator and designer, and a host of friends. Though latterly she had not been able to get about very much, and though she had outlived many of her contemporaries Joan MacDonald will be missed by acquaintances of all ages, who liked to telephone, to write her, or visit her.

G. Reynolds

Gladys Kathleen Reynolds of Richvale, for many years prominent in Branch 375 of the Canadian Legion, died December 20 in Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto. Mrs. Reynolds was 42 years of age.

Mrs. Reynolds had been ill since June. Her illness was only recognized as cancer in the last six weeks before her death.

She was a member of the army, navy, and force ladies auxiliary of Branch 375, the Canadian Legion in Richvale. She also belonged to the Richvale Chapel.

Funeral service was in the Wright and Taylor Chapel of the Pipher Funeral Home on December 24. Officiating minister was Rev. Colin Anderson of Richvale Chapel.

Burial was in Highland Memorial Gardens, Don Mills Road. Pall bearers were Victor Patter, Fred Birchall, Frank Giles, John Reynolds, Jack McBratney and Harold Reynolds.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur, a son, Fred, of Willowdale; two daughters, Patricia (Mrs. Patricia Mallais) and Linda; her parents, Albert and Hazel Giles, Cannington; a brother, Frank Giles, Oak Ridge; and a sister Mrs. Phyllis Renie, West Rouge.

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