

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.

Community Happenings In Thornhill

Thornhill Nursery School

A film and discussion of the ever-controversial subject of discipline will be the feature of the April 29th meeting of the parents association of the Thornhill Nursery School. The speaker, Mrs. Grant, is a graduate of the Institute of Child

Study at the University of Toronto and is well qualified to discuss the subject. The meeting is to be held at 8.30 at the home of Mrs. Ruth Joynt, 20 Uplands Avenue. Thornhill Secondary School. Congratulations again to the Onstage Players of Thornhill

Secondary School. As it was announced when they won one of the preliminaries in the Simpsons Drama Festival, seven preliminaries would be held but only six of the winners would be entered in the finals. Mrs. Audrey Taylor, director of Thornhill's production of The Diary of Anne Frank, has just been advised that the Thornhill players have been chosen to compete in the finals and will present their play at Hart House Theatre on Saturday, April 26th.

This is the first time any Thornhill production has reached the finals and the entire school, as well as the community generally, are very proud of their fine dramatic team. Thornhill has been allotted 100 tickets for the April 26th performance and arrangements to purchase them may be made through the school.

YWCA News

Mrs. J. M. Adamson of Helen Avenue, Thornhill is co-convenor of the annual card party of the Willowdale branch of the YWCA. The card party will be held at 8 p.m. on April 24th at St. George's Anglican Church, Churchhill and Yonge Streets, Willowdale, and Mrs. Adamson cordially invites any interested Thornhill people to attend. Tickets at \$1.00 each may be obtained from Mrs. Adamson who may be reached at 285-2810. Proceeds of the affair are for world service.

The Willowdale YW presents its headquarters at 5311A Yonge Street, but Mrs. Adamson is in charge of a committee looking for new quarters. They would like an area of about 2,200 sq. feet somewhere in central Willowdale.

In spite of their crowded quarters at present, the YW carries on a full program for some 200 members. Their "Ladies Day Out" provides a swim and gym program. Classes in crafts, pottery, dressmaking and millinery are also held and at each of these, nursery care is provided for preschoolers. Their "Take-a-Break" groups are held at individual homes for smaller groups and provide exercises, lectures and demonstrations, again with care for young children so mother may enjoy her break without interruptions.

Lions Club

Hope you haven't forgotten to round up your contribution to the Thornhill Lions Club monster auction to be held on May 11th at Wilf Dean's barn, on Yonge Street. Call Harley's Drug Store or Cole's Jewellers and they will arrange to pick up whatever you have to give.

United Church

The UCUW of Thornhill United Church, to put you in a spring time mood, invites you to attend holiday showtime on April 23rd at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Church. Here you will see how a home economist prepares oven meals, does a washing and drying and demonstrates electrical appliances. Tickets are available from group leaders at 50c each or may be obtained by calling 285-5867.

The UCUW are holding a used clothing drive during the month of April for the "Down Town Clothing Distribution Centre". Donations of good clean and used clothing, with a wearability of six months are requested and may be left in the kindergarten room. A total of 76 persons were welcomed into the Church on April 7th. Of these, 54 (including 40 young people) joined through profession of faith and 22 joined by transfer from other churches.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Adamson



Confirmation Service At Holy Trinity Anglican Church

The Rite of Confirmation was administered to 64 candidates at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on March 24. The impressive Christian service was under the direction of the Bishop of Toronto, the Right Rev. F. H. Wilkinson.

Front row (left to right): Mrs. P. Cummings, Mrs. R. J. Richardson, Linda Harley, Janet Hudema, Wendy Dowker, Wendy Wood, Margaret Davey, Rev. Howden, Bishop Rt. Rev. F. H. Wilkinson, Rev. James O'Neil, Rev. Fred C. Jackson, Marion McDonough, Veronica Aimone, Susan Austen and Janice Echlin.

Second row (same order): Mrs. H. Lindsay, Mrs. C. Robinson, Gail Robinson, Mrs. Betty Cameron, Marilyn Houston, Christine Moore, Janis Powers, Diana Iddon, Barbara Stephenson, Linda Malone, Elizabeth Lay-

cock, Heather Dunbar, Jane Hooks, Dorothy Somerton.

Third row (same order): Brian Cumming, Mr. J. MacKenzie, Hugh MacKenzie, Rod Milligan, Bob Trow, Jamie Dillane, Brian Henderson, Bill Alcock, Ken Thomas, John Secord, Jamie Cameron, John Smith, Ross Evans, Mike Trant, Bill Harper, Mike Wilson, Don Jennings and Anthony Galioto.

Fourth row (same order): Brian Phillips, Scott Tremaine, Jim Jarrell, Mike Stratton, Dave Witty, John Antonaci, Wayne Pimmon, Don Carroll, Bob Huckvale, Scott Joffie, Jim Higginson, Dick Huckvale.

Back row (same order): Arthur Crawford, Grant Leynar, James Cull, David Cann, Robert Geno, Douglas Judges, Gerald MacKenzie, Robert Bolden. (Photo by Barbour.)

Budget up \$47,000

Slight Reduction School Mill Rate

"There is no policy in the elementary schools of adjusting marks to maintain teaching averages," firmly stated Mr. Maynard Hallman, inspector of the York 3 area, addressing the annual public relations meeting of the Board of T.S.A. No. 1 Markham on April 9th.

Mr. Hallman was answering a question from the floor. He went on to state that the principal in each school is responsible for promotions, following the recommendations of the classroom teacher. The teachers and the principals are very reasonable he asserted and he had heard no complaints on this score. He suggested that if the records of a particular school indicated that pupils with high marks had low success in secondary school, the inspector might try to assist the teacher and principal to see that the marks are more realistic.

Held in the auditorium of Woodland Public School, the public relations meeting followed a regular board meeting.

committee. Trustee J. MacKay reported on the 1963 budget which totalled \$501,575.01, an increase of some \$47,000 over last year. However, increased assessment and a better grant picture will make possible a reduction of the mill rate of .9 mills. The farm and residential rate will be 35 mills this year, compared with 35.9 for last year.

Provincial grants this year are estimated at \$152,347.26, compared to last year's grants of \$128,237.27. Debenture payments however are up some \$30,000 to \$102,591.12, owing to debentures for the addition to the Woodland School and the building of the Bayview Glen School.

Inspector Hallman noted that the average cost per pupil in elementary schools in Ontario was \$321.05 in 1961 but that the cost per pupil in T.S.A. No. 1 (in the neighbourhood of \$400.00 per pupil this year) was due to the pyramidical costs of debentures. Every classroom in the area has been built within the last 10 or 12 years. In older areas, classrooms have been paid for years ago and costs there are much lower.

Mr. Parker, reporting for the property committee noted that the watermain had been brought in from the street to the boiler room at Henderson Avenue School and would be connected shortly. He also reported that in excavating under the Henderson Avenue School, they had repaired the oil system, it was

noted that a high water table existed in the Henderson Avenue school grounds. It is felt that this may be cause of the discolouration of the floor in the school auditorium and a sump pump has been installed to overcome the trouble.

Trustee Louise Aimone, chairman of the education committee announced that five out of the six prizes at the semi-finals of the science fair has been won by schools in T.S.A. No. 1. The teachers are now making an assessment of the value of the fair.

Mrs. Aimone reported that kindergarten enrolment for next year was now complete and that not only had notices been sent home with the children concerning kindergarten registration, but that assessment rolls had been studied in an attempt to see that every family with a kindergarten age child was notified of the registration date.

Trustee Aimone also reported on an evaluation of T.V. and radio programs for school use made by the principals of the area. The principals found that while the T.V. programmes were of good quality and had excellent teaching methods, they often did not fit in with the way the course of study is arranged. Some difficulty was also found because of the rotary system of teachers - it was difficult to arrange for the children to view a history program, say, at a time when a music teacher was at the school for a music lesson. The C.B.C. programmes at 2.30 interfered with the recess period. It was felt that these programmes would be more effective if they were available on film so they could be fitted in as required.

The principals also found that the T.V. sets were small and did not get the best reception. However, as the principals made no recommendations, the purchase of more or larger T.V. sets was put aside until the board is more convinced of the effectiveness of T.V. as a teaching aid.

The principals found that radio programmes were better and used more often but were subject to the same difficulties. These difficulties could be overcome, it was felt, by making tape recordings of the broadcasts which could then be re-played as required. It was suggested that an assessment of the value of the programmes should be made by teachers of the appropriate grades and if the programmes were felt to be of sufficient value, a tape library could be built up and kept from year to year. Trustee Aimone recommended that the board consider the purchase of a tape recorder and work out a system of assessment and the building of a tape library.

Trustee Aimone announced that at the May 14th meeting of the board, reports would be

heard on the enrichment classes for exceptional children, a library report and a report on the results of a reading experiment which has been conducted in the area schools during the past three months. Included in the report of the health, safety and recreation committee report given by Trustee Stone were highlights of a report on physical education submitted to the board by the physical education supervisor, Mr. A. J. Moorby. The aims of the course, as outlined by Mr. Moorby, are to promote growth and physical fitness, to develop fundamental and desirable skills, good posture, desirable attitudes and behaviour, an interest in physical activity which can be carried over into leisure time, and an increased knowledge of physical health and good health habits.

These aims are pursued by a combination of classroom, inter-terminal and interscholastic activities. Most children take part in all phases of the program. Mr. Moorby visits each classroom once every two weeks and has produced several booklets for the use of the teachers. These are on folk dancing, tumbling, vaulting, volleyball and soccer.

Mr. Moorby's recommendations to the board included the establishment of a P.T. uniform, T-shirt and shorts for

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Thornhill Districts Brownies And Guides

Province of Ontario

This year, the provincial annual meeting will be held in the Glebe Road United Church, Toronto, on April 25 and 26. All commissioners and members of the local associations are urged to attend.

Gold Cord Ceremony

This annual ceremony will be held in Convocation Hall, University of Toronto on April 18 at 8.00 p.m. The general public is most welcome and many Brownies and Guide companies often attend as a unit. There will be four Guides from York Central receiving their Gold Cord on this night.

Cookie Day

May remind you that May 4th is Guide cookie day. This is the day when the Brownies and Guides will deliver the cookie boxes to those who ordered them in March. Do please have the correct amount of cash to pay for your orders. Thornhill District ordered a total of 2607 boxes of cookies, and Thornhill South District ordered a total of 1555.

Division

The brown and blue guiders and their district commissioners are looking forward to their annual banquet which this year will be held on May 1st at Thornhill Anglican Church. Owing to increase in numbers of Guiders and commissioners, the usual location of the banquet has had to be changed from Richmond Hill to Thornhill Anglican which can accommodate the larger group. A coloured Guide film will be shown.

York Central Badge Day

The annual Guide badge day will be held at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, on April 20 from 10.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. This badge day is always very popular, very well attended, excellently organized and a great deal of credit and a vote of thanks goes to Mrs. Pitt of Richmond Hill and her committee for a job well done.

The following tests and badges will be tried - first class Guide history, district knowledge, pathfinders badge, map

and compass, first class sewing needlewoman's badge, laundry badge, first class accident and home nursing (be prepared to demonstrate artificial respiration), emergency helper badge, commonwealth badge will be passed if time allows. Remember Guiders, bring your badge slips signed by your captain.

Lion's Club Dinner

Each year, the Thornhill Lion's Club invite the Thornhill district's 28 leaders of the Brownies, Wolf Cubs, Guides and Scouts to one of their dinners and presents each leader with a cheque, representative of the number of children in their pack, company or troop.

This year the dinner was held on April 1 at Thornhill Anglican and Mr. Bob Priestman presented the cheques. After a much enjoyed dinner, the guest speaker Dr. Jackson of the Department of Education, gave a most interesting talk.

4th Thornhill Brownies

Brown Owl Mrs. R. Barratt took 12 of her Brownies to a swimming party at the North York Memorial Pool last Saturday and they returned to the president of the Powell Road parents committee, Mrs. H. Hoddy's home for hot chocolate and cookies.

Mr. Webster is coming each week to teach semiphrase to the Brownies. At last week's meeting, the Brownies were shown by Brown Owl how to make white paper Easter Lilies and then cut out green paper leaves to finish the project.

5th Thornhill Brownies

The Brownie meeting was cancelled last week due to the Henderson Ave. School program where the students performed for two nights. The Brownie meeting time, during the placing of chairs, erecting of settings and curtains.

1st Concord Brownies

At last week's meeting, in place of a regular meeting, the Brownie leaders made it a crafts day. Brown Owl Mrs. L. Simmons and Tawny Owl Mrs. D. Sherman brought pink, tur-

quoise, yellow and green tinted modelling dough from home, and each Brownie brought a small coffee tin or kernel corn tin. The Brownies then covered these tins with the tinted dough, and pressed into it small chips of plastic cut from plastic detergent bottles. The Brownies then took their decorated tins home to put a flower pot in or perhaps Easter eggs.

Happy birthday was sung and paddy-whacks were given by the Brownies to Lynne Bate-man, who was celebrating her 9th birthday.

1st Langstaff Brownies

Because of the lovely weather, Brown Owl Mrs. B. Shearer held the opening and toast-stool outside. The Brownies then played two games before moving indoors to work on their project - the making of a dolls house. This house is being made of cardboard and at last meeting the Brownies wall papered the living room and made furniture for this room.

1st Thornhill Guiders

Last weekend, seventeen 1st Thornhill Guiders, their captain, Miss M. Gage, lieutenant, Mrs. J. Marchiori, and captain of the 4th Thornhill Guides Miss N. Davis held a weekend camp at Camp Samac, Oshawa. The parents drove their daughters to and from the camp, held from Friday night until late Sunday afternoon. The sunny, balmy weather was ideal for the passing of outdoor tests such as first class expedition, scouts pace and kim's game. Great fun resulted from a french dinner followed by a mock court for all offenders on Saturday night. Sunday morning, following Guide's own, the guiders laid four trails for the four patrols to follow and at the end of the trails were their supplies to cook the noon meal.

By the way, who has got a guilty conscience for putting rice in the leader's beds? Some dear soul certainly went to camp believing firmly in the motto "Be Prepared".

2nd Thornhill Guiders

Last week, some of the Guid-

es wrote their second class service test, while others tried to pass kim's game.

4th Thornhill Guiders

The Guiders are very glad to welcome Joanne Ross - a transfer Guide from Toronto. At their March 29th meeting captain Miss N. Davis and lieutenant Miss L. Trudel held a backwards meeting - uniforms and programme were both backwards.

Last week, the girls held a half hour scavenger hunt. One poor Guide searched everywhere to find an apple core and ended up by gulping down an apple from a nearby home to get to the core. I wonder who had indignation during the remainder of the meeting? Two patrols, the kingfisher and canyon held a quarter of an hour talent show for their skit at campfire.

1st Concord Guiders

Due to intense fog, and the nasty accident that Lieutenant Mrs. Amos had while returning from Guiders in freezing rain the week before, Guiders were cancelled for this week.

1st Langstaff Guiders

Captain Mrs. P. Brown and lieutenant Miss D. Gillett will be taking the company on a bowling party on Saturday.

Henderson Avenue Group

President Mrs. W. Kennedy is hoping that all parents and children will attend the showing of Walt Disney's movie "Parent Trap" on April 27th at Henderson School. The first showing will be at 12.30 p.m. and the second will start at 2.45 p.m. General admission is 25c per person and the Brownies and Guiders will hold a home made candy sale. All proceeds from the film and sale will go towards meeting expenses of the parents group committee who sponsor two Brownie packs and two Guide companies.

There will be a parents general meeting at Henderson School on April 29th at 8.00 p.m. All parents of Brownies and Guiders who hold their meetings at this location are urged to attend.

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