

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Actors Tops

By MARGARET I. McLEAN

The Onstage Players of Thornhill Secondary School swept all before them at the finals of the Simpson's Collegiate Drama Festival held at Hart House Theatre last Friday and Saturday.

Not only was their play "The Diary of Anne Frank" adjudged the best in the festival, but two of their number, Alita Wise and Keith Corkill, were given the awards as best actress and best actor.

Sixteen year old Keith Corkill, a grade 12 student, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Corkill, 27 Ideswitt Avenue, Thornhill was called "the star of the festival" by Adjudicator William Needles. Keith "went beyond the realm of acting and became the actual Peter" he stated. In the play, Peter is the young boy with whom Anne has a brief, tragic love affair before they are both borne off to their death in a concentration camp.

Keith stated he was "quite overwhelmed" by his award. He enjoyed doing the play, and since the preliminaries last month had really "gone into" his part and worked very hard at it. He felt that the audience participated well at Hart House and this helped the players very much.

Mr. Needles character-

ized the play, dealing with the feelings and strong emotions of people caught up in the greatest genocide in history, as a difficult challenge which the players had met very well. He commented particularly on their "astute direction and good team work". Their set worked well he felt, with the space well utilized and was one of the most complex in the festival.

Alita Wise, who played the title role, is a grade 13 student, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Wise, 57 Clarkehaven Avenue. She was thrilled with the results of the festival, both for herself and for the school. "We deserved it, we worked hard", she said "and we had marvellous direction from Mrs. Taylor and Miss Bastedo." Alita said she enjoyed playing the role of Anne, and loved the part's vitality and youthfulness. Because of her enjoyment of the part, she felt she had been able to radiate some of this to the audience.

Alita had successfully applied last fall to work with the Stratford Festival in costume designing but as they required her to begin in March had not been able to accept the position. She hopes, however, to do summer stock and will audition with the straw hat players shortly. She plans to attend

Queen's University next year where she will take an honours course in English and History. She also looks forward to taking part in the dramatic group there.

Robert Reoch, who played the part of Anne's father, was also highly praised by the adjudicator. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reoch, of 74 Riverside Blvd., Bob received an award as best actor in the preliminary, when the Thornhill play was chosen to go into the finals. He called the results "a wonderful ending to a great deal of hard work". Bob hopes to do summer stock and will be back at Thornhill for his grade 13 next year.

This was the 17th annual Simpson's Drama Festival, and Thornhill won first place in competition with 21 schools in Toronto and suburbs. The six finalists were Earl Hale, Oakwood and Vaughan Road, who competed Friday night, and Etobicoke, Humberstone and Thornhill who played Saturday night. The Thornhill play was given stiff competition from "The Bables" presented by the Oakwood Masquers.

The good team work by the Thornhill group which was so much commented on throughout the preliminaries

and finals, was the work of not only the cast of ten but a group of over 30 additional students headed by Stage Manager R. Willey and Technical Producer B. Hartland. This crew dismantled the highly complex and heavy set in something less than five minutes, to clear the stage for the next play. This they achieved at the cost of a few scrapes and bumps and at a crucial moment when the set became lodged in a narrow doorway, one of the crew, an erstwhile sturdy football hero, was called upon to break it and promptly smashed through two-by-fours with gay abandon.

The set was promptly loaded on a three ton truck, loaned by Avo Kittask for the occasion and was soon set to roll. Going home was farthest from the players' minds, however, and following the adjudication and presentation of awards, the bulk of both cast and crew adjourned for the traditional party and general re-hash of the whole thing. This went on well past the usual "wee small hours" and if truth is to be told, the morning sun was quite in evidence when the last of the stragglers crept into bed ending what one weary and battered crew-member called "a night I'll never forget for the rest of my life".

Thornhill Notes

United Church News

On Easter Sunday afternoon, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to fourteen children of the Church. These were, Katherine Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony F. Blotti, Wayne William and Susan Louise, children of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Bone, Nancy Veronica, Ronald Gerard, and Patricia Margaret, children of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Haster, Bradley William Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jaskari, Lisa Dawne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McIntosh, Dale Evan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin, James Michael, Jennifer Lynn and Robert Alexander, children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry McIntosh, Susan Jeanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seath and Eric John, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wierman.

Celebrating Ecumenical Sunday, Rev. A. I. Higgins preached at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill, on April 28th and Rev. H. R. Howden preached at Thornhill United.

Holy Trinity News

As their final meeting for the season, the couples club held a pot luck supper and home movie night at the parish hall on April 27th.

Rev. David Jones from the Christian Education Centre in Aurora was the guest speaker at the corporate communion and breakfast held by the men's association on April 28th. Rev. Jones continued the theme "How I Found God."

At the morning service on April 21st the boys and girls of the Church school presented their Lenten missionary offering boxes. The offering is to be used in the work of Christian education in India, Mid-Japan and Africa. It is interesting to know that the area in Africa that will be assisted by this offering is Uganda where Rev. Charles and Mrs. Ledger of Holy Trinity Parish are working.

Church school examinations will be written on May 6th.

Baptist Church News

To help boost the organ fund of Thornhill Baptist Church a successful tupperware party was sponsored by Mrs. Ross Cowie of Victoria Square, and held at the home of Miss Gladys Stevens of Buttonville on March 26th. Many neighbours and friends attended.

Refreshments were served and an enjoyable social time followed.

The "Anna Buck" Mission Circle held their April thank offering meeting in the Sunday school on April 10th with Mrs. M. C. Johnston presiding.

The C.G.I.T. under the leadership of Mrs. Payne joined with the W.M.S. for their affiliation service and after a word of welcome from Mrs. Johnston the meeting opened with the singing of Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God."

Items of interest from the news letter were read and a time of prayer for the many requests was spent. Mrs. Burlington gave the devotional from Matt: 28 after which "There is a Green Hill Far Away" was sung.

Interesting pictures of the work at Grande Ligne, Quebec, were shown and the meeting closed with the C.G.I.T. taps, after which refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held on May 1st, at the home of Mrs. W. McGowan of Cavalier Crescent, when the guest speaker will be Miss Mary Epp from Bolivia.

On April 16th, at the home of Mrs. R. Jardine of Richmond Hill, twenty-two members of the women's auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Cook of the north group, were treated to an evening of music appreciation by Mrs. W. C. Andrew, director of music of the church. She gave a most interesting biography of S. Baring Gould, author of "Onward Christian Soldiers", and Charlotte Elliott, author of "Just as I Am." The audience sang these hymns, as well as "Blessed Assurance" by Fanny Crosby, with a deeper appreciation of the words and the authors. A delicious lunch was served by the north group in the social time that followed.

Mrs. Maria Malinsky, proprietor of Maria's Travel Agency is doing her best to make Thornhill a more cosmopolitan centre. Her latest introduction is a line of European records. Records will shortly be available in any language. This will certainly be of interest to those who are homesick for the sounds of their native language and should also be of interest and assistance to students of foreign languages.

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And just to demonstrate the wide variety of her interests, Mrs. Malinsky is also introducing the well-known brand of Wilson's sporting equipment, and will be able to supply the needs of tennis, badminton, and golf enthusiasts. (She has a stock of excellent English tennis balls on hand at present).

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Spafford of 72 Arnold Avenue, with sons Mark and Paul spent an interesting Easter vacation in Lancaster, just outside of St. John's New Brunswick, at the home of Mr. Spafford's brother and sister-in-law. They drove through the States and visited Bar Harbour and St. Andrews By the Sea, coming home stuffed to the gills with lobster which Mrs. Spafford says she ate at every possible opportunity. And after driving a total of 2,000 miles, they found that the worst stretch of road they encountered was Arnold Avenue!

Mrs. Spafford then took off again last Wednesday to spend three days in Hamilton taking a course for flower show judging, sponsored by the garden clubs of Ontario.

Mrs. Spafford is an enthusiastic horticulturist and is vice-president of the North York Horticultural Society.

On their return from their Easter vacation, the Spaffords were surprised to find that their neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Littlejohn of 75 Arnold Avenue had spent the holiday at St. Martins, just a few miles from Lancaster, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mavor and family of 134 Arnold Avenue spent Easter week-end in New Jersey, staying at North Arlington and visiting various other places at the homes of Mrs. Mavor's sisters and brothers. They visited Mrs. Mavor's mother at Belmer, on the New Jersey shore and brought her home with them to Thornhill.

The Wally Crouter family of Elizabeth Street spent Easter week at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, soaking up lots of fresh air and sunshine.

And also soaking up more of the same during the holiday, was Jay Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Perry of 102 Arnold Avenue. Mrs. Perry says as her part of the Easter Seal campaign she sent Jay, who has had his foot in a cast all winter, off on a motor trip with two friends from Willowdale, and they all came back tanned and cheerful. Jay broke his leg last fall, and shortly after the cast was removed but while he was still on crutches, fell and broke his ankle, so now is promised two more months in a cast. Methinks he really did deserve that trip!



Receives Wings At Greenwood

F/O Michael Edward Jay (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Jay, Thornhill, recently graduated from RCAF Greenwood Station, N.S., where he won his wings, and received his commission. An honor graduate at Thornhill High School, where he was active in track and field, F/O Jay enlisted in the air force in 1961.

May Hire Permanent Firefighters

Township of Vaughan may possibly hire some part-time firemen, who will be on duty during the daytime only. It has been felt for some time that inadequate firefighting protection exists due to the fact so many members of the three voluntary brigades are not in the township area during the working day. Present brigades are the Richvale, Maple, and Robinson Mills.

However, no definite decision has been made regarding the proposal although some final answer is expected within the current month, said a spokesman for the municipality.

Police Chief James Davidson will continue to operate with the present 15 men in the police department.

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Thornhill Districts Brownies And Guides

1st Thornhill Brownies

The following Brownies passed their golden hand tests on Saturday - Doreen Bolton, Lynn Hart and Heather Herbert. Wendy Wright passed the collectors badge, Doreen Bolton writers and swimmers badges and Louise Duder, the minstrel badge.

2nd Thornhill Brownies

During their Tuesday meeting, Brownie Mary Riley received her golden bar in a special ceremony. All the Brownies in the pack paired off and linked hands to form a ladder. Mary Riley began at the bottom of the ladder and the Brownie at the bottom rung in the ladder asked any question in the golden bar test. When the question was answered correctly, the ladder Brownie dropped her hand and Mary moved up one rung. By the time each Brownie in the ladder had asked a different question, and by being given the correct answer, Mary gradually moved up the ladder to the last rung. Brown Owl Mrs. J. Whitehead was waiting for Mary at the head of the ladder and presented her with the golden bar.

Following then, the golden hand ceremony was held for Shirley Tucker and Pam Whitehead. For the presentation, a rainbow of crepe paper in stripes was laid on the floor and the rainbow led to a golden tin at the foot of the rainbow. In the tin were the golden

hand badges. Both Shirley and Pam, in turn, walked up the rainbow, picked up her golden hand badge, handed it on, saluted and shook hands with the Brownie and said "A full grown Brownie now you stand, and wear the sign of the golden hand". After both Brownies had been presented, they both knelt down, facing inwards around the stool on the grass. Brown Owl dipped a finger in a pot of gold paint and placed a dab above each eyebrow of both Brownies and said "So that you may see only golden deeds" and then she placed a dab of gold on each of the two Brownies' shoes, saying "So you may walk on golden ground". The two girls then stood up, faced outwards and the rest of the Pack gave them the grand howl.

The house orderly badge was presented to Shirley Tucker and Pam Whitehead and the skaters badge was presented to Mary Riley.

The remainder of the meeting was spent on work on an Easter project for the parents. During the holidays, Brown Owl and Tawny Owl, Mrs. Second, took the fairies - the winning six - and the three Brownies who sold the most cookies to the Willow Theatre where they saw Walt Disney's "The Miracle of the White Stallions".

3rd Thornhill Brownies

Brown Owl Mrs. H. Rivett,

Tawny Owl Mrs. S. Stone, Lieutenant Mrs. J. Marchiori, and Mrs. J. L. Jones took 25 of the children to Boyd Park where the Brownies were conducted on a free hour long guided nature tour. Each Brownie provided her own drink and the pack provided hot dogs which the children cooked at the park. Mrs. Jones very kindly provided cookies for the Brownies and the children had a wonderful time playing games, having relay races and the whole outing went very smoothly and the weather was most co-operative. Two Brownies passed their fire lighting.

4th Thornhill Brownies

The mother and daughter banquet was held on Wednesday with Division Commissioner Mrs. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan as guest of honor. Mrs. H. Hody, president of the Powell Road Parents Group Committee was in charge of the preparation for the buffet style dinner and almost all the mothers were present.

Golden bars were presented to Bernice St. John and Irma Rittgasser, as well as first, second, third and fourth year service stars to other Brownies. Joanne Hody was congratulated by Division Commissioner Mrs. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan for selling the most cookies (32 boxes) in the pack. The Brownies are presenting the school custodian, Mr. Krim with a gift, watched a Walt Disney movie "Bear Country". The pack is now closed until September.

5th Thornhill Brownies

At the last meeting, the Brownies held a crafts meeting where they made bunnies from cardboard, paper, wool and crayoned faces. These bunnies were stuffed with shredded cellophane packing and small jelly bean eggs and taken to the York Cottage on Yonge Street for the children there.

1st Concord Brownies

Kathy Riordon was presented with the golden bar in a special ceremony at the last Brownie meeting. A golden crepe paper road was laid on the floor and the Brownies in the pack paired off to form a tunnel of arms over the golden road. Kathy had to pass through the tunnel to the stool at the end where Brown Owl Mrs. L. Simons presented the golden bar. Kathy then had to run back through the tunnel on the golden road, the Brownies clapped, formed a fairy ring with Kathy in the centre and gave her the grand howl.

Mrs. R. Keffer came to the meeting to test four Brownies for the toymaker badge. Robin Clarke, Susan Halliwell, Marsha McClymont and Paula Sanders all passed the badge. Some of the toys were a doll house living room with furniture, wool octopus, scrap books, paper mache dolls made with light bulbs, Jack-O-Lantern made with paper straws and yarn and a horse made from cardboard and yarn.

1st Langstaff Brownies

The mothers were present at the last Brownie meeting to see Wendy Walker, Barbara Wilson, Janice McKechnie, Marilyn Burton, Cathie Cunningham and Debbie Thompson receive their golden bars, presented by Brown Owl Mrs. B. Shearer. For their ceremony, Brown Owl touched each of the six Brownies' shoes with golden dust and called

the Brownies to come to the golden ground (golden crepe paper) where she pinned on the golden bars, saying an appropriate Brownie verse. Lynne Walker, of the Fairy Six, was at home recuperating from having had her tonsils out.

1st Thornhill Guides

Captain Miss M. Gage along with Mrs. D. Inglis, Mrs. P. Rumney, Mrs. J. Flemming and Mrs. H. Waters took a group of 36 Guides and Rangers by chartered bus from York Central Division to Ottawa from April 15 - April 18. Ottawa Guides acted as hostesses and our girls toured the parliament buildings, and visited educational and historical sites. One of the highlights was a guided tour through the Scout headquarters - a large modern building where the headquarter offices for Canada are kept as well as where the badges and Scout equipment is made. The headquarters houses a museum and the girls were particularly interested in the letters written by the founder of our organization, Lord Baden Powell.

2nd Thornhill Guides

Mrs. V. McLeod is coming each week to the meetings to teach the 15-20 second class guides the child nurse badge.

4th Thornhill Guides

Captain Miss N. Davis and Company Leader Miss C. Knight held a day camp on Tuesday and Wednesday on Mr. and Mrs. D. Morrison's flats in Doncaster. Fourteen Guides attended, and pioneer badge work as well as all work involving tents and fires were taught and put into practice. The girls arrived at camp directly after breakfast each day and returned home after supper and campfire each evening. Despite a rainstorm at noon on the last day, the girls all had a grand time and so did Carol Gardiner. Carol Gardiner, a Girl Guide from Oshawa had come to the two day camp to try her gold cord challenge - the final test for her gold cord award. Deputy Area Commissioner Mrs. H. D. G. Currie and Mrs. L. J. Jewitt visited the camp to meet Carol and see the Guides in action. Second class tests passed were: Kim's game, tracking and trailing.

Henderson Ave. Parents Com.

As a constructive way of showing their appreciation for all the work the Guides are doing for the Brownies and Guides, the Henderson Avenue Committee have purchased the tickets for their 11 Guiders to the York Central Division banquet to be held in Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Powell Rd. Parents Com.

At their mother and daughter banquet held on April 10, the election of officers was held and the new slate of officers are as follows - President Mrs. D. Dewar, secretary Mrs. A. St. John, treasurer Mrs. D. Bailey, and helper for Brown Owl for Brownies for next year, Mrs. F. Beckett.

Thornhill B & G Parents Com.

The parents group committee at a recent meeting held an election of officers to take effect in September. They are as follows - President Mrs. R. D. Stuble, vice-president Mrs. W. J. Herbert, secretary Mrs. E. W. Duder, treasurer Mrs. C. F. T. Rowntwaite, social convener Mrs. J. S. Burridge, telephone convener Mrs. H. R. Stewart.

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