

# Thornhill and District News

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## Thornhill Community News

### United Church News

The general meeting of the U.C.W. took place on May 7th at 8 p.m. President Mrs. Ralph Whitley welcomed the members and guests.

Mrs. Nels Gage, chairman of the Christian education committee outlined the programs throughout the church and invited anyone who would like to get better acquainted with Christian education activities to do so. "There is a need for deeper understanding of Christian education and Christian leadership. Our aim is to interest parents as well as children in the Christian way of life," she said.

Scottish country dancing as taught by Maureen and Alan Foster is making a definite contribution to the life of the church. Mrs. Foster introduced to the ladies, a group of eight children and they performed intricate Scottish reels, such as Dunbar Drums and Petronella. She took a moment to explain how Christian education could be taught to children through the medium of a dancing class.

Mrs. Douglas McGehee was moderator of a panel consisting of the president or leaders of the various youth groups in the church. She introduced Paul Rivers, leader of the Tyros, Larry Kelson, president of the Hi-C group, Marion Davies, leader of the CGIT, Lois Davidson, leader of the Explorers, David Iverson, president of the Y.P.U. and Mrs. A. Maston, leader of the Sigma Chi. The leaders, each in turn, explained the functions and aims of their particular group. This was followed by a C.G.I.T. skit entitled "How to Wear a Middy."

David Iverson introduced a quartet, consisting of himself, Bruce Clark, Jacqueline Dunca, and Lee Davidson. With Bev Bushell at the piano, they sang several numbers, much to the delight of their audience. The skill and harmony of this singing group is increasing steadily and they are much in demand by other groups in the church.

Mrs. A. Martindale drew attention to the interesting book display arranged by the library committee. Two members of unit 4, Mrs. J. Lusk and Mrs. G. Bennett conducted the devotionals. The social half hour which followed was under the direction of unit 3.

On May 5th, the Sacrament of Baptism was received by Linda Joan Currie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Currie, 30 Vaughan Blvd., Concord.

On May 5th, banners were read again for Katherine Wendy Anstey and Hugh Alexander Johnson. On May 12th, banners were also read for Robert Adams Sheriff, of 173 John Street, and Helen Elina Sallie of 7718 Bayview Avenue. The wedding for the latter couple is to take place on

June 23rd. The members of the Y.P.U. are holding a used book drive. They would like contributions of good used books, which will be sent to Nigeria. Anyone interested in further details could call Mr. David Iverson at 285-4371.

**Holy Trinity News**  
The South Thorn Group of the parish guild held their final meeting until the fall on May 8th at the home of their leader, Mrs. Pat Hedges in Edgeley. The evening took the form of a buffet supper to which each of the members brought a different dish. The very delicious supper which resulted was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting followed. It was opened with the guild prayer and a bible reading by Mrs. Kit Harvey. Topics discussed included the coming parish guild dinner on May 28th, and the 1964 bazaar. Members also planned to serve afternoon tea to senior citizens on May 10th and June 7th. The next meeting of this group will be held on September 9th.

A coffee hour was held following the morning service on May 12th to enable members of the congregation to become better acquainted and to build a stronger spirit of fellowship. The regular meeting of the W.A. on May 9th was transferred to the Deaneys meeting at St. John's Church, Oak Ridges.

**St. Luke's News**  
At the May 6th meeting of the C.W.L. of St. Luke's, an election of officers was held. The new executive will consist of President Mrs. V. DeMarco, 1st Vice President Mrs. June Mallon, 2nd Vice - President Mrs. Hazel Norrish, Secretary Mrs. Margaret Lee and Treasurer Mrs. Lena Youghran.

It was announced that the annual C.W.L. convention will be held at the King Edward Hotel on May 22nd and 23rd. Ten members of the St. Luke's group will attend the banquet on May 23rd.

It was reported that the bridge and euchre party held on April 24th was well attended and quite successful. Mr. George Longo, a brother of Mrs. DeMarco entertained the ladies with the showing of beautiful coloured slides made on his recent holiday in Europe, including Italy, France and Spain.

The June meeting will be the last one of the season and will be held on June 5th at the home of Mrs. DeMarco, Doncrest Rd. The meeting will take the form of a box luncheon.

**Horticultural Society**  
The May 21st meeting of the local horticultural society is "option night" when with each \$2.00 membership in the society, the member will be given one free box of plants and may also buy other boxes. The plants will include name brand

minute test, was won by Mona Johnson of grade 10 and Barbara Osborne of grade 11 placed second.

In the intervals between the tests, the interested visitors watched a group of grade 9 and 10 students typing to music in room 222. In room 219 visitors were not only able to inspect the 30 business machines on hand, but to observe the operation of book-keeping machines, a rotary calculator and a key-driven calculator. There were also displays of classwork done during the term, a sample of each type of work done in the course.

In the commercial office was a display of pictures of all the commercial graduates from 1959 to 1962, 68 in all. Mrs. J. Hurson, the commercial director reports that there are approximately 200 students in the course now. More boys are now entering the course and there will be seven boys in this year's graduating class while five boys graduated last year. Mrs. Hurson feels that the course is a good one for boys as well as girls and reports that Miss Mann of the National Employment Office advised her that there were many openings for boys with this type of training.

Petunias, Zinnias or Mums. They have been grown and supplied by Mr. Ernie Kohler. Speaker for the evening will be Mr. P. Delf, of the forestry section of the Ontario Department of Highways. He will discuss the care and pruning of flowering shrubs.

There was a very good turnout for the April 16th meeting when Mr. Ernie Kohler spoke on annuals. Mr. Kohler showed beautiful examples of variegated impatiens plants he had grown and four generations of geraniums he had propagated since last fall. Mr. Kohler also showed slides of the beautiful gardens at the Shoulidge Surgery where he is in charge of the grounds and gardening. The beds were six to eight feet deep and packed with flowers.

The evening also featured a showing of house plants. Members had also brought roots of perennial plants from their gardens. These were sold and netted the sum of \$21.00 for the society's treasury.

**Baptist Church News**  
The Anna Buck Mission Circle of Baptist Church enjoyed a very interesting meeting May 1st at the home of Mrs. W. D. McGowan, Cavalier Crescent.

Miss Mary Epp, a missionary in Bolivia for thirty-five years and now at College St. Baptist Church in Toronto, spoke of the evangelistic fervour of the Bolivians, pastors and laymen, as well as the spread of Christian Churches, despite the inroads that Communism is making.

She stressed the fact that "the door" is still open in Bolivia, that the government has never restricted religion and the greatest need is for more missionaries as well as the support of those now giving such excellent service.

She also told of her diversified work at College Street where there are many new Canadians and the need for interesting them in the work of the Church is great. This presents a particular problem because of the language barrier.

The June 5th meeting, to be held at the home of Mrs. R. Goadsby, Roosevelt Drive, will include a pot luck supper.

At a missionary fair held in Ossington Avenue Baptist Church on May 4th the Anna Buck Mission Circle sponsored a booth displaying various aspects of the work of the Grande Ligne Mission in Quebec.

Mrs. E. Twine, dressed in a costume similar to that worn by Madame Feller, who started the work in 1835, attracted many people to the booth.

Mrs. M. C. Johnston, Miss Gladys Stevens and Mrs. H. Evans helped serve tea after a very interesting program of music and informative talks by young people from various European countries.

**Odds and Ends**  
Do you ever deplore the poor quality of the television programs your children watch? This has been a cause of concern to me for a long time, but not until last week did I do anything about it and the results were most gratifying.

As I was working around in the room with the television, I was listening avidly, I was horrified to hear two obvious grammatical errors spoken by one of the puppet characters.

On listening to the program the next day, I was even more horrified to find the same mistakes repeated. As I have spent a good deal of my time not only this year, but many other years, trying to drill the rules of grammar into school children who appear to pick up only the briefest familiarity with them at school, I was infuriated at the thought of possibly thousands of pre-schoolers absorbing these incorrect grammatical constructions.

Abandoning all resolutions about housekeeping schedules, I sat down and wrote a letter to the T.V. station. Much to my surprise and gratification, I received a warm letter of thanks two days later which said, in part: "We certainly thank you for pointing out any errors which might inadvertently appear in the program. All too often, people will notice something which is incorrect, but rather than bring this to the attention of those responsible, will just let it pass. Without people such as yours who take an interest, these errors would go unchecked. In future I will be more careful."

I made a point of listening again to the program, and sure enough, the errors were carefully corrected; in fact, the character paused slightly and you could almost hear the wheels going round, as he brought out the correct constructions.

So let this be a lesson to you. Don't just complain about poor programs. Let the producers know. They

are evidently quite happy to co-operate.

The children of the Thornhill Nursery School would like to visit this week to the Richmond Hill Public Library. The youngsters were entranced by the charming puppet show provided by Librarian Mrs. C. Israel and afterwards enjoyed looking at books in the children's library.



BROWNIES

**Central Division Banquet**  
Approximately one hundred and sixteen commissioners, Guides, members of York Central Council and guests of honour attended the annual banquet held on May 1st at Holy Trinity Thornhill. Among those at the head table introduced by Division Commissioner Mrs. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan were Mrs. Collins, retiring area commissioner. Mrs. Cook who is to be the new area commissioner, Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Howden.

The head table was decorated in the world colors, represented by yellow daffodils and blue iris, and on the edge of the platform stood small dolls representing all the international Guides, and dressed in their native Guide uniforms and backed by the flag of their country. These beautifully dressed dolls were created by the 1st Gormley Girl Guides under the direction of their Guide captain and were very much admired by all the guests at the banquet.

Following the dinner, two Guide movies, loaned by the Ovaltine Co., were shown: "You're It" and "The Guide Laws". For the 20 minute campfire led by Miss Carolin Miller a Guide from Richvale, everyone sat in a circle and sang both Brownie and Guide songs. Taps and Mrs. Cook took the salute.

**Presentation.**  
Mrs. Collins of Oshawa was presented with a matching pendant-brooch and ear rings made of sodalite and silver at the central area council meeting on May 9th. She was also presented with a replica of a miniature outdoor chapel which is to be built at Camp Adelaide in Haliburton. In the chapel was a cheque to cover the cost of building the chapel. The cheque is the result of every Brownie, Girl Guide donating pennies towards the chapel.

These gifts were given to Mrs. Collins as a thank you for all she has done in Guiding and for helping us to get Camp Adelaide, our central area camp.

**Training**  
Mrs. McTaggart-Cowan announced at the division banquet that a great innovation will take place as of the fall. A six week training for all the new Guides will be offered. The new training period a week for six weeks. This will be most wonderful for Guiding and our division is so fortunate to have the opportunity to have this training as it has been needed for ages. More experienced Guides will be most welcome to attend.

**Thornhill District**  
District Commissioner Mrs. D. Moore has announced that she has received the resignations of 1st Concord Guide Captain and 1st Concord Brown Owl, the resignations to take effect as of May. The Brownie Tawny Owl and Guide lieutenant will be unable to take over leadership of these units, but could possibly stay on if a new Brown Owl and Guide captain could be found. The Brownie pack and Guide company will probably close unless someone is able to find new leaders from the Concord district. The Guide captain has come every week from Richmond Hill and the lieutenant has come from Maple - distances too great to travel in bad weather. If there is a willing and capable person from Concord who will save these units from closing down, would she kindly phone Mrs. Moore at AV. 5-1741.

**1st Thornhill Brownies**  
Lynn Antonacci has passed the golden hand test. Twenty-eight Brownies and their three Guides went on a hike to Bayview Valley where the Brownies passed firelighting, ball throwing, carrying a message. Each Brownie brought her own food and drinks on this 3 1/2 hour hike, and everyone had a really good time.

**3rd Thornhill Brownies**  
Frances Bishop and Bernadette Trudel have passed their golden hand badge. The needlerwork and collector's badges and Sara Weedon passed the needlerwork badge.

**Grey Owl Mrs. S. Mather**

Anyone interested in classical ballet may be interested in attending a dance recital to be held by pupils of Doris I. Pollock of Grandview Ave., at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall on May 24th at 8:15 p.m.

The recital is being held to raise funds for the concert group, a group of some 20 senior pupils who perform for various charitable organizations throughout the year. To enable them to continue this fine work, they need some funds for costumes.

**Liberal Candidate**  
A reception was held at the home of Mrs. F. W. Plaxton, 115 John Street on May 11th in honor of Mrs. Plaxton's son, Donald Plaxton who hopes to receive the nomination as Liberal candidate for the provincial riding of York North at the nomination convention on May 15th. Mrs. Plaxton was assisted by Mrs. Kay James of Grandview Ave., and some 60 people attended and made acquaintance with Mr. Plaxton at a very friendly gathering.

**THORNHILL DISTRICTS**

**BROWNIES**

**GUIDES**

**Central Division Banquet**

**1st Thornhill Brownies**

**1st Langstaff Brownies**

**1st Thornhill Guides**

**2nd Thornhill Guides**

**4th Thornhill Guides**

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**Henderson Avenue Parents**

**Thornhill District**

**1st Thornhill Brownies**

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**Grey Owl Mrs. S. Mather**



COLIN AND DONALD McQUIRK STAND BESIDE THEIR 1951 BENTLEY.

## Travel 4,000 Miles In Cross Canada Rally

BY MARGARET I. McLEAN

You may have seen a picture in the daily press recently of Donald and Colin McQuirk of Thornhill as they worked on their car during the Shell 4,000 mile cross Canada rally last month. Donald and Colin are sons of Mr. and Mrs. James McQuirk of 14 Garden Avenue, Thornhill. The car they drove in the rally was Donald's 1951 Bentley.

To enter the rally, they had to drive from here to Vancouver, which they did in 52 hours. The rally left Vancouver at 7 p.m. on April 20th and finished in Montreal on April 26th. This event is not a race, however, and the way it was described to me by Colin, appears to be more of an endurance contest and obstacle course. Entrants are required to travel the 4,000 miles by a rigidly prescribed route and are docked points if they pass previously arranged check points (which are unknown to them) either before or after a set time.

Leaving Vancouver at 7 p.m. the route went through the mountains by dirt tracks, covered with rocks and as most of this was covered in the dark, it was pretty hazardous. The McQuirks had the misfortune here to have the oil pan of their car punctured by a rock and the consequent delay, adding oil

every few miles until they reached a service station and had the damage repaired, cost them 160 points.

Rather than abandon the course, however, they went gamely on and lost only a further 10 points during all the rest of the trip. With this record, and without the loss of 160 points when their car was damaged, the McQuirks would have placed fourth. As it was they placed 26th in a field of 47 and felt they did not do too badly. As a result of their determination, they were awarded a prize for sportsmanship. This was an engraved silver tray awarded by Canada Track and Traffic, the largest Canadian sports car magazine.

As the route took all the worst possible roads, the cars had to contend with not only mountain tracks but mud, cattle roads and what-have-you. From Vancouver they went to Calgary, then down through Lethbridge, to Regina, through Riding Mountain National Park (where many cars stuck in the very thick, gooey mud) to Winnipeg and on to Sault Ste. Marie. From here it was a straight run to Toronto which they left at 5 a.m. on April 26th to arrive at Place Ville Marie, in Montreal, at 9 p.m.

Stoppers were permitted at major points but often these were just for two or three hours, although they

had 10 hours in Toronto. And although there were two drivers to a car, it was not possible to take turns sleeping, as the second man was the "navigator" who had the responsibility of keeping the car on the route.

The McQuirks call the Bentley "the best car in the world". Their car has been entered in the Canadian International Winter Rally for the last five years and it has 360,000 miles on it. Colin has been involved in motor sports since about 1959 and is a member of the North Toronto Sports Car Motor Club in Willowdale. The boys now own a G.S.M. Delta racing car. They are presently re-building the motor and will race it at Mosport this year, as well as at Harewood Acres, south of Hamilton. Colin feels that driving racing cars is no more dangerous than crossing Yonge Street on a crosswalk — "everyone's going in the same direction, anyway".

Colin, 25, is with the McKim Advertising Limited, Toronto, and Donald, 30, is an electronics technician with Ferranti Packard Limited. Both the boys live at home and are unmarried. It figures! I guess no girl was ever able to compete with that Bentley (although you must admit she is rather aged) and now with a Delta to contend with it looks hopeless, girls.

### Nursery School Parents

## Discipline Also Means Teaching

BY MARGARET I. McLEAN

The controversial subject of "discipline" was the topic of an interesting meeting of the parents' group of the Thornhill Nursery School at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Joyn on April 29th. The speaker, Mrs. MacGregor Grant, a research assistant at the Institute of Child Study showed a series of slides to illustrate her points.

She emphasized that although most people associate the term "discipline" with punishment, it also means teaching. At the Institute of Child Study, discipline is considered as a plan of training to help the child learn desirable behaviour. This does not mean permissiveness, Mrs. Grant stated. Children have to learn rules and regulations and it is the learning of these that provides the discipline.

The foundations for good mental health are laid in childhood, Mrs. Grant continued and we must arrange for learning conditions to bring this about. Although the discipline of the child comes from outside himself, the object is to develop self-discipline.

Sometimes trouble is caused because too much is demanded of the child and Mrs. Grant emphasized that to hurry a child in matters of discipline as in others, only causes trouble. Spanking, she noted, is quick and easy but it humiliates the child. He can take this occasionally, however, if he is sure inside that you love him and have his interests at heart.

On the other hand, too little discipline is unfair to the child. If he is given too much responsibility for himself, he can lose confidence in himself. Mrs. MacGregor stressed that discipline must be above all, consistent. The same results must always follow from the same causes - hands should be washed after the toilet and before meals every time.

Summing up, Mrs. MacGregor gave a list of suggestions for effecting good discipline. These were:

1. Study the child and learn what you can expect at his present stage of ability.
2. Treat him with respect and consideration and in breach of discipline, try to take his motives into account.
3. Always keep faith with the child. Be honest and always keep your promises but never make threats.
4. Emphasize your requirements consistently.
5. Use re-direction instead of inhibition in handling a young child.
6. Stress an accepting, affectionate attitude and remember that love is not just hugs and kisses but is also a kind word, praise and respect.
7. Provide the child with real choices and chances for self-direction.
8. Increase opportunities for the child to feel that he is an

important member of the family.

Mrs. MacGregor was filled with questions for some time and replied to them all with great good humour. Lively discussion continued during the serving of refreshments.

Mrs. Win Hill, president of the parents' association announced that the children were to take a trip to the Richmond Hill Public Library and plans were made to hold the annual picnic at Centre Island on June 11th.

A financial report covering the period from September to April was read by the treasurer, Mrs. Jo Cruise. It indicated a total of \$692.35 in current account and \$1,091.87 in savings. Mrs. Cruise also reported that during the year two teeter totters had been purchased as well as a toy sink and stove for the senior room, books and puzzles.

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**KINDERGARTEN-PRIMARY REGISTRATION**

In co-operation with the York County Health Unit Schedule:

Henderson Ave. Public School - May 28th, 1963 - 9.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.  
Pupils from Henderson Ave. district.

Sixteenth Ave. Public School - May 28th, 1963 - 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.  
Pupils from 16th Ave. district (Duncan Rd., 16th Ave., Bayview Ave., Briggs Ave.) Central Thornlea (No. 7 Highway and Bayview Ave.) and South Thornlea (John St., Greenlane), Langstaff district (Markham Township).

Woodland Public School - May 29th, 1963 - 9.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.  
Pupils from Woodland district.

Bayview Glen Public School - May 30th, 1963 - 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.  
Pupils from Bayview Glen district and German Mills.

Children must be five years of age or before December 31, 1963 for Kindergarten-Primary.

Please bring proof of age and immunization record.

## Commercial Course Opens More Job Chances, Both Boys And Girls

The commercial department of Thornhill Secondary School gave a lively demonstration of typing skills at the Open House held at the school on May 3rd, as a group of girls took part in typing contests.

Winner of the beginners contest, a five minute test, was Heather Walker of grade 9 and Lynda Holdsworth of grade 10 was second.

The junior test was a ten minute one and the winner was Alta Philip of grade 10 with runner-up Wendy Chidley, also of grade 10.

The senior test, also a ten minute test, was won by Mona Johnson of grade 10 and Barbara Osborne of grade 11 placed second.

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