

Thornhill and District News

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Community Happenings In Thornhill

Holy Trinity News

The parish guild of Holy Trinity Anglican Church held a successful annual dinner at the parish hall on May 26, with 54 people in attendance. Guests of honour were Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Howden and Rev. F. C. Jackson. Special guests were Mrs. Molly Adamson and Mrs. Janet Clapp, of Kings, Ontario.

A delicious dinner was served by the caterers and sincere thanks of the guild are extended to Mrs. Jo Byford and her assistants who prepared the dinner. Following the dinner, a few brief announcements were made by Guild President Mrs. Ruth Gall. Coffee and tea were then served in the reception room. Later, games were played in the parish hall with much hilarity and fun. Thanks are extended to Olive St. John, Jean Cross and Doris Davis for their wonderful work in planning this very successful evening.

The W.A. will hold their spring garden fête in the parish hall June 6 from 11.30 to 2.30 p.m. It will feature a buffet luncheon, bake sale, handicrafts table and white elephants. Tickets at \$1 each may be obtained by calling Mrs. E. Lean at AV. 5-1320. Donations for the bake table would be much appreciated. The entire proceeds of the luncheon will be used for the summer missionary work of Holy Trinity's student assistant.

The induction of the Rev. Logan Vary as rector of the Churches of St. Bede and the Incarnation was held May 27 at St. Bede's Church, Scarborough. Rev. Vary was formerly an assistant at Holy Trinity and has many friends in Thornhill.

A special youth service was held May 26 in celebration of Commonwealth Youth Sunday. Evening services at Holy Trinity have now been discontinued until the fall.

A new girls' softball team has

appeared on the scene recently. Called the Thornhill Wildcats, the team is sponsored by Maria's Travel Service in Thornhill and is coached by Richard Barbour of Doncaster. Members of the team have been drawn from the former Thornlea, Langstaff, Doncaster and Thornhill house league and are playing in the Willowdale Softball League, where they compete with an R.C.A.F. team from Downsview and the Tele-Tech team.

Members of the team are Sandra Covell, pitcher; Phyllis St. John, 1st base; Janice Moran, 2nd base; Mary Harvey, 3rd base; Sue Malcom, shortstop; Ann Sherman, left field; Carolyn Ross, centre field; Pat Wren, centre field; Christine Staddon, right field; Sue Williams, right field; Linda Vaughan and Rosemary Forrester, catchers; Pam Skinner and Penny Hughes, spares and Gail Robinson, utility.

The girls are looking forward to a benefit game they are to play at Thornhill Park July 3. They will be pitted against the CKEY "Good Guys", a team made up of disc jockies and other personnel from CKEY, including Bill Brady, J. P. Finnegan, Lee Vogel, Dave Mickey and Duff Roman, among others. (It's to be hoped they don't get so excited they can't hold a bat over this!)

Also adding to the girls' enthusiasm is the fact that their sponsor, Mrs. Malinsky, has promised the three top players of the team, with their coach, an all expense trip to New York at the end of the season. So watch for this team to go far - and fast. With that kind of a carrot in front of them, they are bound to do wonders.

Spent a pleasant half hour last week chatting with Mrs. Malinsky, the genial proprietor of Maria's Travel Service. While she has no hesitation in stating that she expects the sponsorship of the team will

be good advertising for herself, she feels the team will provide lots of wholesome activity for this group of teenagers and keep them busily occupied, and surely this is worth sponsoring.

The store too has recently been "sub-titled" and is becoming well known to the young people of the area as the Thornhill Record Shop. As well as popular hits, the collection of records offered for sale includes a fascinatingly wide assortment of records of all nations. Not only are there songs and instrumental pieces from France, Germany, Poland, Italy, and the British Isles, but you can get one from Hong Kong, from Japan and are even invited to sing-along in Greek! One of the largest groups is of Irish songs. Being just about equal parts Irish and Scotch I was torn between a recording of Irish and Scottish folk songs, but finally decided on the Scottish (it was \$1 cheaper). So if members of the McLean clan suddenly start talking with traces of a burr in their voice, and humming "Scotland the Brave," you'll know why. Next time, I've promised myself I will get the record featuring Irish bagpipes. And dear knows what they'll do to us - probably shatter the Hi-Fi!

Baptist Church News

Members of the Baptist W.A. under the leadership of Mrs. W. Smook and the centre group, had a pleasant excursion on May 23rd, when they visited the CBC TV studio in Toronto to watch the production of the popular Juliette show.

Juliette and her special guest, Marg Osborne of the Don Messer Show, with other members of the cast, were introduced to a large studio audience, and afterwards, the star signed autographs and chatted with the visitors. Everyone was impressed with her very charming personality and obvious enjoyment of her work.

While not becoming technically any the wiser, the W.A. members had a good insight

into the number of people and pieces of equipment it takes to put on a half-hour show.

The ladies then returned to the Church for refreshments and the business meeting under the presidency of Mrs. R. Jardine.

Thornhill Baptists welcomed back their former minister, the Rev. P. G. Buck, and Mrs. Buck, on May 26th. Due to illness, Mr. Buck had been unable to fulfil an earlier engagement in January. A large congregation listened appreciatively while Mr. Buck preached on the theme "A Redeemed People". The anthem "Lead My Feet" was well sung by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Andrew.

Following the worship service a buffet lunch was served to give members and friends an opportunity to greet Mr. and Mrs. Buck.

The congregation were glad to learn that Miss Jean Buck, who is in St. John's Convalescent Hospital, is making good progress following a serious operation on her back. Dr. M. C. Johnston took the services at Mr. Buck's church in Parry Sound.

Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Veals of Thornhill United Church will be on holiday during the month of June and will visit their daughter in England.

Several members of the Church attended the United Church of Canada Toronto Conference held in Asbury and West United Church, Toronto May 27 to 31. May 29 the subject discussed was "The New Curriculum" for Sunday schools.

The members of the Y.P.U. met at the church May 26 and then went to the Tinturn Farm on Bathurst Street for their annual picnic and vespers service. The group will hold informal meetings in the church parlour on Sunday evenings during the month of June.

The congregational picnic will be held at the Greenwood Conservation area park June 8. Special events will be held for the Y.P.U. and the C.G.I.T. The C.G.I.T. concluded this season's activities with a party at the home of their leader, Mrs. Maston on May 31.

Incidentally, the C.G.I.T. needs leaders for the beginning of September. Previous experience is not necessary. Anyone who would like to take part in this interesting and helpful work with young people is invited to call Marion Davis at AV. 5-1879 or Mrs. Maston, AV. 5-1040.

Friends and neighbours of Mr. John Hanna, Elgin Street, are pleased to note that he is back on the job after a sojourn at the Branson Hospital, after an unpleasant session with a cantankerous gall bladder.

And by the time you read this, the Thornhill Swimming Pool will have been opened for the season. Jim McGhee beat the opening date and was first one in the pool - with the water a chilly 57 degrees! Management of the pool is in the same hands this year - John Hanna, assisted by Brian McLean. These two busied themselves at the pool during May getting things in shape for the opening and are now busy sorting out shifts for their staff of guards and maintenance crews.

The public are again being offered a 10% discount on season tickets purchased before June 16th. Regular season tickets are \$20.00 for a family pass; \$10.00 for adults; \$7.50 for students; and for individual children, up to and including grade 8, the rate is \$5.00 for the first child in a family, \$4.00 for the second, \$3.00 for the third and so on. All of these rates will be reduced by 10% on tickets sold prior to June 16th, so get your order in early. General admission to the pool is 75c for adults, 50c for students and 25c for children.

My apologies for the lack of Thornhill Notes last week - but it's the first time I have missed in three years! And I did write just about all the rest of the Thornhill page! How about giving me a call about doings in the village. We'd all love to hear about it, and sometimes I just don't have time to go looking about for it.

Twp. Assessment To \$26,119,663

It's tax-collecting time in Vaughan Township.

Township councillors recently considered the 1963 levy bylaw to provide for collecting of levies and rates required, to appoint a collector and to provide for the mailing of notices demanding payment. Total assessable property in the township for 1963 totals \$26,119,663 as compared to \$25,444,188 in 1962; total estimate for the lawful purpose of the corporation of the Township of Vaughan in 1963 is \$2,094,076 as compared to \$1,840,577 in 1962.

Some of the 1963 levies (with 1962 levies in brackets) include \$226,898 for county purposes (\$210,908), \$245,134 for township purposes (\$237,621), \$259,716 for township road purposes (\$253,376), \$577,368 for education secondary (\$444,776) and \$683,299 for education public and separate schools (\$602,094).

Third reading was given to the bylaw.

About 80% of the township residents will pay their taxes at the rate of about 76 mills in addition to the water service rate. As an example, if assessment is \$4,000 and mill rate is 76, tax bill will amount to \$304.

A tax code sheet is available at the township offices. Taxes in three instalments are due June 17, August 15 and October 15.



Athletic Trophies Won At Thornhill

Mr. C. L. Gilbert (right) of the Department of Lands and Forests recently presented the two outstanding senior boys champions in track and field at Thornhill Secondary School with their awards. They are John Rumble (left) and George Neeland (second left). Awards were made at the school's annual athletic awards banquet held in the school. (Photo by Barbour)

Thornhill School Talk Series Enlivened By Stratford Actor

Last in the series of lectures entitled "Impact" was held at Thornhill Secondary School May 22 and was felt by many students and staff to be the best of the series.

Subject of the lecture was "The Hidden Excitement of the Theatre" and the speaker was Mr. Chris Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins has played at Stratford's Allen Theatre in Houston, Texas last year. He has done more than 90 television shows and more than 150 radio shows for both the CBC and CBS.

Mr. Wiggins discussed briefly his own "horrible" introduction to Shakespeare in high school and what a revelation it was for him when he first met it in the theatre. He noted how Shakespeare is able, in very few words, to reveal man's moods and character. Mr. Wiggins illustrated his various points by readings from Henry IV, Richard III and from Hamlet he read the advice of Polonius to Laertes. He used these readings to illustrate man's reaction to different situations and emphasized how much was said in such a few words.

Mr. Wiggins also mentioned modern theatre and gave several readings from Christopher Fry's "The Lady's Not For Burning," noting that many modern playwrights also have a good deal to say.

He performed what was almost a tour de force, however, in his discussion of "The Rainmaker." He did an entire scene from this play, completely from memory, taking the parts of a man and a woman alternately and stopping at

various points for explanations. Mr. Wiggins' lecture was enlivened to no end by his excellent sense of humour. During the lively and extensive question and answer period he was asked about his familiarity with accents and proceeded to demonstrate with samples. That Mr. Wiggins did reveal some of the "hidden excitement of the theatre" was evidenced by the fact that the questions went on until 4.30 and that Mrs. Audrey Taylor, the school librarian who has organized the lecture series, had several requests from students for copies of Christopher Fry's play.

Thornhill Secondary School is indeed fortunate to have on its staff a teacher of the calibre of Mrs. Taylor. She certainly has given of herself, above and much beyond the call of duty, in her work both with the Onstage Players and in the organization of this lecture series which has provided such valuable intellectual stimulation to the students.

Other teachers at the school who have made equally important contributions include Mrs. O'Shea and Mr. Seath and members of the Phys. Ed. staff who did yeoman service in the presentation of "Health's A Poppin'." Mr. Lazar has for several years given guidance and inspiration to the members of the school orchestra and other musical groups in the school; all the teachers made an invaluable contribution to community understanding and in the tremendous job they did of organizing the brilliant "Open House" held at the beginning of May.

Vaughan Twp. Council Briefs

Vaughan Township Council recently authorized recovering approximately \$12,000 in damages to township property after a huge gas explosion in Maple last August.

The resolution which was approved gave Parkinson, Gardiner and Roberts, barristers and solicitors for the township's insurance company, the authority to collect the money owing from Superior Propane Limited whose plant was located one quarter mile from the township offices. In the blast of August 4, windows and some interior material were smashed.

The township has recovered the damages from its insurers.

It was recommended that council refer a petition by Mr. J. D. Kenzie re sewage disposal in Maple to the proper authority for verification of the feasibility of the project. The brief was discussed by the planning and building committee.

The committee also turned down a request for reduction in a performance bond by Mr. J. Renwick "in view of adverse results in granting similar previous requests."

The township's road committee recommended that Bell Telephone Company be authorized to proceed with relocation of poles and equipment on Bathurst Street from Maple sideroad to Elgin Mills. Estimate given for the relocation was \$750. The committee said the township engineers had examined the estimate and in their opinion it was acceptable.

The committee also recommended the Department of Highways acknowledge the township's right to maintain watermain and possibly install future sewers on an unused portion of Old Yonge Street that the department has acquired under the Highway Improvement Act.

Reeve A. H. Rutherford told council surface treatment of Dufferin Street will begin as soon as the weather is warmer. A contract was awarded last year to the Department of Lands and Forests for the work which was started in the fall but stalled by weather conditions.

Markham Will Clean Up Last Hurricane Damage

Markham Township Council at a recent meeting passed a supplementary road appropriation by-law in the amount of \$314,700. This is probably one of the largest sums raised to be spent on roads in the history of the township. Of the above amount road work will take \$207,200 and bridges and culverts \$107,500.

It was stated that it is possible not all of this amount will be spent this year, but the road committee was asking for authority to spend the necessary amounts in order to secure the provincial grant on them.

Included in the amount for bridges and culverts was an estimated \$75,000 for a new Flaska Bridge, on the 5th concession south of No. 7 Highway. Replacing of this bridge has hung fire since it was damaged by Hurricane Hazel. Erection of the new bridge will see the final clean-up of damages from the hurricane which hit this district in 1954, when a half million dollars damage was done to township roads. Eleven major bridges suffered damage or were made completely impassable.

Crossing Signal After months of negotiating with the C.N.R. and the Board of Transport Commissioners to

be relieved of sharing the cost of installation and maintenance of a warning signal at the Box Grove crossing on 16th Avenue below No. 7, council passed a resolution adopting the estimates as submitted by the railroad.

Of the estimated installation cost of \$8,500, the township's share will be 12 1/2% or \$1,062.50. The estimated annual cost of maintenance of \$600 will cost the township \$300 or 50%.

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Gold Cord For Thornhill Guide

Girl Guide Christine Knight of the First Thornhill Guide Company recently received her symbolic gold cord from Mrs. H. G. Currie, deputy area commissioner at a ceremony. (Photo by Barbour)

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New MP Moreau Holds Victory Celebration

Liberal Member of Parliament for York-Scarborough Maurice Moreau recently held a victory dance for his supporters at the Canadiana Hotel.

The dance was held to coincide with the opening of parliament and Mr. Moreau was able to tell of his experiences as a new member and of the government's plans as revealed in the speech from the throne. He also announced two projects for the 1,200 member York-Scarborough Liberal Association; a personally conducted tour of Parliament Hill planned for this summer and a charter flight to London with hospitality at the Houses of Parliament in Westminster provided by members of the English Liberal Party. About 130 association members will make the trip and spend three weeks in Europe as well.

Mr. Moreau lost no time in making a maiden speech in the House of Commons. Speaking during the second day of the debate on the address in the government's announcement of the appointment of an independent commission to undertake the redistribution of electoral boundaries.

He pointed out the help that municipalities like Scarborough and North York would receive from the new municipal development and loan fund. "We in York-Scarborough live in a rapidly expanding suburban riding and face great difficulties in providing the new schools, hospitals and other municipal services so urgently needed. We know that municipal taxation can-

not provide the necessary funds quickly enough. In particular, since 1956 the costs and difficulties of municipal borrowing have been crippling the development of our communities."

Following the example of the throne speech, Mr. Moreau switched to the French language to comment on the government proposals regarding bilingualism, multiculturalism, and a distinctive Canadian flag. Reverting to English Mr. Moreau suggested an increase in the price paid for newly mined gold as an alternative to renewing the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act. As a mining engineer himself, Mr. Moreau spoke from personal experience on this matter and on the question of the development of resources on Indian reservations.

The 17 federal polls in Markham Township south of Highway No. 7 lie within the York-Scarborough riding.

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