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.
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Twenty-Four Years' Service To His Country

Richvale Commissionaire Awarded Silver Medal

A Richvale "old sweat" who has spent 24 of his 87 years in the uniformed service of his country will shortly add a well-earned silver medal to his row of battle honours.

George Masters, who fought as a Canadian Army corporal at the bloodily historic battles of Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Amiens and Arras as well as on the Hindenberg Line in the Great War and for four years and seven months in the "young army", recently received the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires silver medal for his 15 years of peace-time soldiering on duty at Sunnybrook Veterans Hospital.

The medal and ribbon, only one of two awarded in eastern Canada, together with a cheque "for his long and faithful service" will be presented at a special corps parade probably in the spring.

Born in Kent, he has spent 60 years in Canada, 42 of them on Weldrick Road in a comfortable little cottage with his wife, Ethel.

Mrs. Masters said her husband was very proud and excited when notice of the medal was brought by the postman several weeks ago.

He began his army career when he signed up with the 204th Beaver Battalion out of Toronto, was transferred shortly to the Third Battalion Royal Regiment and became a corporal in France.

Six weeks before the November 11th armistice, he was wounded and sent back from the lines to a convalescent hospital in Reading, England. "But I wish I had been there," he said.

Of all the Great War battlegrounds where Canadians' spirit and bravery have become part of the war's record book, the toughest in the corporal's still-sharp memory was Hill 70 in France when both forces attacked and counter-attacked to win the small hill.

Most heart-wrenching part of the battle was the several days' cease-fire so both could bury their numerous dead. "After awhile, we just didn't care . . . no sleep, friends dying all around."

In the second world war, after serving for 18 months, Cpl. Masters was transferred to the Veterans' Guards.

His job . . . guarding prisoners of war in Winnipeg, Espanola, Monteith, Nipigon, Windsor and Pettawawa, one of the chores a long eight months in the Nipigon bush with 125 prisoners cutting pulp.

He joined the commissionaires in 1948 "by knocking 10 years off my age" and for the most part has been stationed at Sunnybrook until his official retirement two years ago.

A bricklayer by trade, Masters found the depression years the most difficult but perhaps the most amusing judging from several of his stories.

One of his jobs was building the Yonge Street cairn dedicated to the memory of John Graves Simcoe on the brow of the hill north of Richmond Hill. He remembers going on the job without any lunch until the two elderly ladies living near the site brought over a regal meal on a silver tray.

Another short job was sounding the depth of Toronto bay when he told the hiring official he had been in the British navy. "I couldn't even swim! There we were with a rowboat loaded to the brim with equipment and a strong wind coming down the western gap and me rowing like I knew what it was all about," chortled the corporal.

"He said he liked a good liar and he kept me on the job."

Another "dirty thirties" job was jury duty in a Toronto court when a fellow juror and member of a prominent distillery family used to entertain the jury after their day in court.

The Masters appear to be enjoying their retirement; Mrs. Masters is active in Wednesday bowling, a choral group and Richmond Hill Senior Citizens.

They have two daughters, Rose (Mrs. David Sutherland) in Mount Albert and Gladys (Mrs. Roy Masters, same name, no relation) on Weldrick Road. From his first marriage in England, Mr. Masters has a son who is an inspector of police and a married daughter both in Ipswich and a total of 12 grandchildren.

GEORGE MASTERS

Ask Markham Grant For Church League

Markham Township Council declined last week to take any immediate action on a request for a grant made by representatives of the Thornhill Church Hockey League.

Councillors felt the matter should be dealt with by the recreation body and a report made. A temporary drawback was noted in the fact that the 1964 recreation committee hasn't been appointed since the new year.

The league representatives are requesting that councillors okay a $4.50 per child grant for the 150 boys living on the Markham side of Yonge Street and playing in the league.

Dalton McArthur, chairman of the Vaughan Recreation Committee, explained that Vaughan Township had approved a similar grant for those boys living on the west side of Yonge Street.

The money was needed, he said, for the 1964-65 season which would find the league and its members moving from the Bradford rink to the new Doublerink quarters in Vaughan. This would require a greater amount of money.

League President Jack MacKay said he felt it was unfair toward the boys living on the Markham Township side of Yonge Street to go without a grant while those on the east side got one. All of them, he said, lived in the village.

The change-over to the Doublerink was necessitated by the long distance travelling required to reach the rink at Bradford, he said.

It was the feeling of some that the two councillors appointed to the recreation committee could carry council's wishes and speed up the process.

The league representatives stressed that speed was necessary because of the need to reserve rink space at an early date for the 1964-65 season.

Councillors met with the representatives and Mr. McArthur following the regular meeting to further discuss the matter.

Glen Crest Application Okay With Markham

Residents of Glen Crest Subdivision area in Markham Township finally won themselves a victory Monday in their struggle to reduce lot sizes along a strip south of the CNR railway.

The strip reduction, already rejected on several occasions by the township's planning board, went through on a 3-2 recorded vote. Voting in favour were Reeve Charles Hooper, and Councillors Cleary Palmer and Robert Sloane. Opposed were Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble and Charles Hoover.

Solicitor J.B. Conlin appeared before council and re-emphasized his desire for the 1964 council to reconsider changing the 100-foot lots south of the tracks and north of Laureleaf Rd. to 60-foot frontages.

Councillor Palmer, a resident of the area, said he had received a number of phone calls from persons concerned about the failure to sell lots in the subdivision due to the 100-foot lots in the vicinity of the railway.

He said he thought it highly illogical that council wouldn't approve the application.

Councillor Charles Hoover noted the 20 extra lots created would mean added school expense and higher residential taxes.

Reeve Charles Hooper said he was in favour of the project pointing out that "we don't want to look at bare fields in this area for the next 20 years.

"This area should be built up before the trains start running," he said.

Deputy-reeve Rumble questioned whether the matter should be brought up by council again after the 1963 body had already rejected the request.

Mr. Hooper said that council had the right to give the final decision on such matters over the planning board.

The present strip is considered a drawback for development of 100-foot lots behind the strip. It's proposed to build buffer street houses to close out a direct view of the railway from the bigger homes behind and increase their value.

Mr. Conlin reported the inability to sell homes under the present situation.

Horticultural Meeting

Don't Over Water Or Over Feed Your House Plants—Says Expert

The care and feeding of house plants was the topic under discussion at the January 21 meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society, held at Thornhill United Church.

Speaker was Mr. W.D. Earl who is supervisor of one of the districts into which the Toronto Parks Department is divided. His responsibilities include Exhibition Park, Allan Gardens, Queens Park and Riverside Park. Mr. Earl is a graduate of the Royal Horticultural Society of England and was one of the first graduates in horticulture of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, where he specialized in park management.

Mr. Earl had brought along a table full of prosperous-looking house plants which were the envy of all onlookers. The gist of his message on the care of house plants was "Don't over water and don't over feed." "None of these plants are aquatic" he said, indicating his display and recommended that plants be watered thoroughly until water came through the bottom of the pot, but that excess water accumulating in the saucer should then be thrown away, unless the pot is sitting in gravel. "Feel the soil" he said, "It should feel cool and moist." A dry pot will give off a ringing sound when struck with a pencil, Mr. Earl advised.

Following his talk, Mr. Earl showed some beautiful coloured slides of some potted plants at Allan Gardens. One was a sturdy Kalanchoe which he recommended as easily grown from seed and quite sturdy. There were several lovely shots of cyclamen and a shot of a very lush growth of Fuschia. After showing the slides, Mr. Earl graciously answered questions from members of the audience.

Mr. Kohler had again donated a large group of well grown house plants and these were carried off by lucky members who won them on a free draw. The meeting closed with refreshments.

The meetings of the Thornhill Horticultural Society are held the third Tuesday of each month at Thornhill United Church in the auditorium and visitors are most welcome.

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"A Night Of Farce"

The Avant-Garde Players of Richmond Hill plan a repeat performance of "A Night of Farce" at Thornhill United Church on February 7 and 8 at 8:30 p.m.

Sponsoring groups are the 1st and 2nd Thornhill Boy Scout Groups.

Tickets can be reserved by phoning 884-5246 after 6 p.m.

Community Happenings In Thornhill

NORTH RICHVALE NEWS

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Hi Neighbours

The local branch of the Red Cross will hold its annual meeting February 5 at 8 p.m. in the Lions Hall, Centre Street East, Richmond Hill. President William Hamilton of Yonge-hurst Road extends a special invitation to the neighbourhood to attend this meeting.

Mrs. Pore, also of Yonge-hurst Road, is in charge of the sewing and knitting. If you have time which you could spare for this work please get in touch with either of the above. An election of officers will be held at the annual meeting.

Ross Doan Home and School Association will meet February 3. It's important that parents attend as the spring fair will really get under way and there are many decisions to be made.

Roselawn School association will not meet February 3 as the public speaking contest is being held in that school that evening.

Mr. Syd Brown of Pemberton Crescent is in hospital.

Mr. Helmut Phillips of Pemberton Road returned from York Central Hospital Saturday.

The Brownie and Girl Guide Mothers met at the home of Mrs. Ostep, Weldrick Road, January 20. Main topic of business was lack of a Guide leader. This is a grave situation and help would be appreciated. The grocery basket draw was won by Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Clark.

The Hudson family have moved from Pemberton Road.

Holy Trinity News

The Parish Guild of Holy Trinity Church held its monthly general meeting January 21 in the reception room. The meeting was opened by the reciting of the guild prayer in unison. A report was given on the Christmas hampers delivered at Christmas time. Rev. J. R. Howden gave a brief inspirational talk before installing the officers for 1964.

New executive will consist of: President Ruth Gall, First Vice-President Bonnie Cox; Second Vice-President Rose Hudema, Secretary Honor Lindsay, Treasurer Elaine Ackehurst, Corresponding Secretary Mary Hill.

On behalf of guild members, Betty Ball presented Kay Shaw with a gift. Kay will be leaving for Calgary very soon and will be much missed by the guild.

February 29 was set as the date for the opportunity sale and April 21 for the card party.

The meeting closed with refreshments served by the Northern Group.

Anyone who has anything to contribute to the opportunity sale is asked to call **Mrs. Cox at 285-4359 or Mrs. Hudema, 285-3194.**

Rev. Charles Ledger and Mrs. Ledger wrote recently from Uganda to say they expect to be home in June and are looking forward to seeing all their friends in Thornhill. They write: "The government has just these past few weeks taken over full control of the schools and considerable bitterness is directed against the missions. The church will now have to look for other ways to reach the young, other than through the schools."

Confirmation classes are being held, a junior class for boys and girls on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and an adult class on Thursdays at 8:15 p.m.

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Baptist Church News

The first 1964 meeting of the **W.A. Society of Thornhill Baptist Church** was held January 21 with 26 ladies present to enjoy the interesting program and good fellowship.

Mrs. A. Lennie, president, chaired the meeting and Mrs. R. Knight gave a relevant devotional on the theme "Where are We Going, and How?"

In inducting the new officers, **Dr. M. C. Johnston** not only sought their promise to service but the promise of all members to support them. As guest speaker, he elaborated on the functions of the W.A. in respect to the ministry of the church. The inspiration of his talk certainly instilled ambition and courage for the coming year. Music and refreshments completed a most successful meeting.

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Thornhill United Church News

The **annual congregational meeting** will be held at the close of the evening Bible class February 2. Refreshments will be served by the ladies of the church.

The ministers' communicants classes will begin on February 9. The young people will meet at 6 p.m. with Rev. Higgins and the adults will meet at 7:30 with Rev. Veals.

The **sacrament of baptism** will be administered at 11 a.m. February 2. Anyone wishing children baptised is asked to call the church office or one of the ministers.

Symposium

Tickets for the **symposium** on "Rebuilding the Canadian Union" at Thornhill Secondary School February 12 and 13 are selling quickly, and if you have not already ordered yours, you had better do it right away as the supply is limited. Each $2 ticket will admit one person for the two evenings and will entitle the purchaser to a transcript of the talks.

The symposium is exciting interest in many quarters. I just learned this week that it has been announced in Toronto's only French language newspaper, "L'Alouette", which is published monthly at 223 Church Street, Toronto. Also in the current issue is an interview with Madame Chaput-Rolland, well-known French-Canadian journalist and author who is to take part in the symposium.

"L'Alouette" is a comparatively new venture, the first issue having been published last September 25. It now prints 4,000 copies each month and as of April 2 will be published weekly. Editor is Marc Foisy, publicity director and general factotum, Jac Cain. The paper carries articles of local interest and has as well a column of international news. It is aimed primarily at Toronto's French-Canadian population but I am sure students of French at Thornhill and others with a working knowledge of the language would find it interesting. Subscription rates are $3 per half year and $5 per year.

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St. Luke's News

The Catholic Women's League of St. Luke's Church, Thornhill, held its **annual pot luck** supper in the St. Luke's School auditorium January 14. Approximately 70 people of the parish attended. Unfortunately, **Father Crossland** had been admitted to the York Central Hospital with a heart ailment the day before and was unable to be present. In his absence, President Mrs. V. V. DeMarco said grace.

As usual, the fare was varied and sumptuous. Everyone contributed their very best and it all added up to a gourmet's delight. The supper was followed by a social evening of cards, dancing and square dancing. Many thanks are due to Mrs. K. Reeve for once again conducting this event so expertly.

On January 19, the children of St. Luke's School entertained their parents and friends with a **public speaking contest,** followed by a concert. The auditorium was filled to capacity and every chair in the school was pressed into service.

The C.W.L. sponsored the public speaking contest. By way of introducing it, **Educational Convener Mrs. D. Cheseldine** explained the set-up of the contest from the parish to the arch-diocesan level and the importance the C.W.L. attaches to the art of public speaking.

Rick Deegan, a student at St. Luke's then took over as announcer for the remainder of the program.

After listening to the speeches and while the judges deliberated, the audience were treated to several talented performances on the piano, accordian, recorder and drums, as well as singing, both solo and choral. The members of the kindergarten class presented the charming little Christmas tableau which they had done at the school earlier but which the parents hadn't seen previously.

Judges for the public speaking contests were **Mrs. J. J. Mathews** and **Mr. and Mrs. G. Iantorno.** Mr. Iantorno announced the names of the winners, **Susan Mallon** and **Francis Oster.** Prizes were presented to the two winners by Mrs. De Marco. Mrs. Cheseldine expressed the gratitude of those present to the three judges for their help. The meeting then closed with the singing of the national anthem.

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Enjoy Cup Coffee

John Cole, Thornhill well known jeweller invites his friends and customers to enjoy a cup of coffee with him, on Saturday, February 1, to celebrate the opening of his new store at 7590 Yonge Street. (This is in the new block, north of Keith's Seeds).

LANGSTAFF NEWS

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Baptist Church

Mr. Dennis Clark, associated with the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship, spoke on India at both morning and evening services. Miss Verna Syme of Cooksville provided special music for the services.

Rev. Mr. Pederson will be guest speaker for the evening service February 2. The young people will be in charge of a service, following the evening service, at which Rev. Mr. Pederson will show film on the physically handicapped. Richmond Hill Baptist Young People will join the Langstaff group for this service.

Socials

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mahan and Linda of Denham Drive and Miss Carolyn Miller were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hicks. Mrs. Hicks entertained her canasta club Thursday.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. McMullen is ill.

DONCASTER

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Long time residents of Doncaster, the William Mitchell family, are now residing in their new home at Newmarket. Bill will still be working in the Doncaster area with his partner Jack Walker of Glen Cameron Avenue. Walker and Mitchell is a well-known contracting firm in this area.

The Mitchells have rented their home at 55 Clarke Avenue to Mr. and Mrs. Smith who resided in Doncaster some years ago.

The Legere family of Clarke Avenue are expecting to move to Montreal at the end of the month. Their five-year-old son Ricky was the first child to undergo surgery at the new York Central Hospital.

Mrs. Charles Jordan, Morgan Avenue, spent a week in Florida with friends, returning home early this week.

Tuesday Linda McKibbon, 4, Henderson Avenue, entered hospital to have her tonsils removed. Her brother, Keith, whose seventh birthday was on January 7, finally celebrated it on January 18.

Those wishing to enter the Doncaster Community Ladies Club euchre and bridge marathon must do so by the end of this week as play starts February 10. Proceeds will go to the minor hockey programme of the Thornhill and District Hockey Club. Annually the first marathon of the year is held for this purpose.

AV. 5-5205 is the number to call to enter or seek information about the euchre marathon.

Hockey

Last Sunday at Bradford Arena in the Thornhill and District Hockey Club house league action, the champion Golden Hawks had their toughest game of the season, as two players were absent. However they racked up a 5-2 win over second place Red Knights.

The Golden Hawks are coached by 16-year-old Dennis Loughead of 38 Glen Cameron and Don MacDonald operates the Red Knights.

In the second contest the Calypso Kings scrambled to tie the desperate Red Wings who must edge out the Kings in order to get into the playoffs.

Dave Barbour's Calypso Kings are in third place with Richard Barbour's Red Wings in the cellar by two points.

The same teams play each other again next week but the times will be reversed.

STOUFFVILLE : Representatives of the Stouffville Fire Brigade will meet with members of the town council to discuss possible changes in the pay schedule for 1964. Deputy Fire Chief Fred Castle reminded councillors that the firemen had agreed to hold the salary line in 1963 with the expectation that some revisions could be made in 1964.

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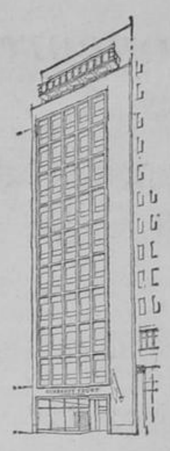
ESTATES, TRUSTS AND AGENCIES (1962—$184,797,000)	$210,000,000
OPERATING PROFIT (1962—$2,500,000)	$ 3,171,000
TAXES (1962—$1,038,000)	$ 1,358,000
DEPRECIATION, FIXED ASSETS (1962—$200,716)	$ 313,800
NET PROFIT (1962—$1,262,000)	$ 1,500,000
PER SHARE (1962—$2.10)	$ 2.50



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