

Thornhill and District News

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The Churches At Easter

Churches in the Thornhill area have all been busy during Holy Week and look forward to a joyous Easter day.

At St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church, masses during Holy Week are scheduled for Thursday, Good Friday, (afternoon and evening) and Saturday evening. Regular masses will take place on Easter Sunday conducted by Rev. E. F. Crossland.

A joint three hour service will take place again this year with the choirs, organists and ministers, together with the congregations of Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian and United churches of service will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Good Friday from 12 to 3 p.m.

The annual Good Friday morning breakfast and church service will be held at the Presbyterian Church and will be prepared by the men's club.

On Easter Sunday morning Rev. Dillwyn Evans will continue his sermons on the Apostles' Creed with his sermon entitled "The Resurrection of the body".

The story of the crucifixion, "Olivet to Calvary," by J. H. Maunder and presented by the senior choir and soloists Mrs. M. Wood, Roy C. Schatz, Fred Goode and Bill Winship, will take place at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday. Friends and neighbors are urged to attend this service.

The young people's early morning communion service will take place at 7 a.m. at the United Church on Easter day. This is arranged especially for members 25 years and under. Breakfast will be served in the Sunday school auditorium after the service.

The Easter morning service will take place at 11 a.m. with special music by the choir under the direction of Hugh Martin. Rev. A. I. Higgins will preach the sermon.

The film "The Day of Triumph" will be shown at 7 p.m.

Two Baptisms took place on Palm Sunday at the Baptist Church.

Special music will be sung



at the eleven o'clock service there to mark the occasion of Easter and Rev. Minton Johnston D.D. will preach the sermon.

A combined service for Baptist churches in the area will be held at Yorkville Heights at 11 a.m. on Good Friday. The Baptist churches participating are Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Yorkville Heights and Spring Garden.

Blessing of the palms took place at the 8 a.m. communion service held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Palm Sunday. Palm crosses were given to all members of the congregation including the boys and girls, at the services.

Rev. H. R. Howden gave the closing sermon of the Lenten series at the 11 a.m. service. A coffee hour followed in the church hall.

During Holy Week Holy Communion was observed on Tuesday at 7 a.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. The Maundy Thursday service of the Holy Communion will be held at 7:30 p.m. in commemoration of the institution of the Lord's Supper.

On Easter Sunday, Holy Communion will take place at 7, 8, 9, and 11 a.m. Rev. F. C. Jackson will deliver his Easter message at the 9 a.m. service and Rev. H. R. Howden at the 11 a.m. service. There will be no evening service.

The annual confirmation service will take place on April 25 at 7 p.m.



A resident of Thornhill for more than 75 years, Mrs. J. Clapham, above right, recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Shown enjoying a cup of tea with her at her birthday celebration are her daughters Mrs. W. Wismer, left, and Mrs. J. Hunt.

Janet Clapham Celebrates 90th Birthday

A gathering of the clan, friends and well-wishers took place on Sunday last when Mrs. Janet Clapham celebrated her 90th birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. May Hunt, 8 Yonge St. North, Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Clapham has five living children, two daughters, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Martha Wismer and three sons, Bill, Wally and Jack. A goodly number of her 17 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren were on hand to give her birthday wishes.

Born in Norfolk, England in 1875, Mrs. Clapham came to Canada at the age of 11 when the family settled near Thornhill. Their first home was a farmhouse on Bathurst Street, which still stands. She obtained her schooling at the little two-room schoolhouse on Elizabeth Street, Thornhill, which later burned down. The spot is now the site of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Mrs. Clapham married John Clapham in 1895 and he passed away in 1928. Besides raising her family, she did some practical nursing about the village and was also the caretaker of the little school before it burned down.

She recalls that in those days, there were only a few stores in Thornhill, perhaps three or four, with a harness shop, shoemaker and barber shop. It was all a farming community with quite a lot of bush around Bathurst Street.

Happy memories are those of picnics held where the Thornhill Golf and Country Club now stands, concerts in the old Victoria Hall (no longer standing) and dances held in the old schoolhouse on Elizabeth Street, Thornhill, which also recalls that there was at one time a toll gate at the Langstaff sideroad and it cost a nickel to go through.

"It was better years ago because people were more friendly and we knew everybody. I still very active about the house, she likes to knit and look at television. Her one outside activity is the Senior Citizens' Club, although she still likes a game of euchre when she gets the opportunity.

Mrs. Clapham has one sister, living, Mrs. Robert Krimble, who is 88 years of age and lives at Oriole, Ontario.

A woman who has worked hard all her life, Mrs. Clapham knows the value of keeping her mind active. She eats and sleeps well. Right now, she is busy planning a new Easter trip that today's children are very outfit and hopes to make a trip to Kirkland Lake this summer more and don't know how to visit relatives there.

Prize-Winning Film At Hort. Soc. Meet

A prize winning film "Prelude to Spring" will be the feature at the April 20 meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society.

The 20 minute film will be shown by its producer, Jack Ruddell, a past president of the Toronto Movie Club and vice-chairman of the Photographic Society of America. The film won the top award of the Toronto Movie Club and was one of the top ten in the Photographic Society of America awards in 1957. It also won a Canadian Film Society award and a gold medal in the Salerno (Italy) Film Festival of 1958.

Mr. Ruddell will also show other pictures to round out a one hour program.

The April meeting will also feature the first of the season's flower shows. Members and would-be members have been invited to show their house plants and there will also be a class for spring flowering shrubs which have been forced.

The meeting will be held at Thornhill United Church, Dudley Avenue, at 8 p.m.

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Community Happenings In Thornhill

Mr. and Mrs. T. Harrington, Charles St., returned recently from an enjoyable trip to the southern states. The Harringtons drove down, stopping first in Mobile, Alabama, where they visited a cousin for ten days. The weather was delightful with temperatures around 75 degrees. The azaleas, dogwood and wisteria were in bloom and a picture to see.

It was interesting to learn from Mrs. Harrington that although they were in and around Birmingham and some of the troubled areas, all was serene and nothing was seen of the freedom marchers. They noted that the publicity is far greater in the north and feel more is made of the problem than actually exists.

From Alabama Mr. and Mrs. Harrington then travelled on to spend a weekend on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. Here they were impressed with the miles of firm, white sand that had the appearance of snow, the green dunes and the very salt water.

Before heading for home they visited New Orleans and found it a fascinating place, right out of the old world. The artists on the streets, the old buildings with pretty courtyards, the picturesque iron-lace balconies, the motel being built in keeping with the old world style of architecture, all make it a most interesting city to visit.

Another feature of New Orleans worthy of mention is the super highway the Harringtons travelled on. This highway has four lanes on each side with two lanes down the centre for buses, the most modern and up to date, but turning off the highway you are transported into narrow streets and old world scenery.

The senior citizens are holding a bazaar on April 24 at 2 p.m. at Thornhill United. The bazaar will feature a general stall with hand made clothing and knitted articles, a plant stall, white elephant table and bake sale. Tea will be served during the afternoon. Do plan to attend this worthwhile event.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caesar on the birth of their second son on April 2 at Women's College Hospital. Mrs. Caesar is the former Sandra Edwards of Thornhill.

Mrs. Edith Watt, Arnold Avenue, recently returned from a four week vacation spent at Clearwater Beach, Florida. Mrs. Watt enjoyed good weather and visited many delightful spots in the area.

The engagement is announced of Beverly Jean Bonnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bonnell, Yonge St., to Allen Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Baird of California, formerly of Thornhill. The wedding will take place on June 5 at 4 p.m. in Thornhill United.

The Alpha group of the parish guild of Holy Trinity is holding a movie night on April 30 in the church hall at 8 p.m. with the showing of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown". This is an outstanding movie you can't afford to miss. Tickets are 75c for adults, 35c for children under 12.

Get well wishes to Mrs. W. Sills who was a recent patient in York Central Hospital.

Mrs. Karl Wise, Clarehaven St., entertained recently at a coffee party for several of her friends. On display were the wedding gifts of her daughter Alita who married Peter Batt-pratt on April 3. Guest of honour at the party was Mrs. Wise's mother, Mrs. H. Jackson, who is visiting from Sarnia.

John Terence Townsend, John St., underwent a serious heart operation at the Toronto General Hospital last week when he had a tumor removed from the heart area. John is recovering slowly and it is hoped he will continue to make progress.

Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Saunders, Brooke St., returned last week from a vacation spent in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida. The Saunders drove south from Detroit and had near perfect weather for their two weeks away.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Craig, Hammock Crescent, gave a most successful cheese and wine housewarming party on April 3 for sixty guests. Four wine barrels, held in old wine racks, loaned from Chateau Gai Winery and cheese trays from the Old World Cheese Shoppe, lent atmosphere to the party. A most enjoyable evening with dancing and fun made the event an outstanding one. The Craigs moved recently from Scarborough to their present address.

The Rialto Beauty Boutique is to be commended for its generous offer to give permanents to patients from the Park Avenue approved home in Newmarket. The program started April 5. Five ladies were given permanents and new hair do's by Mrs. Glad DeLaine and Don Perri who donated their time and talent to the project. Mrs. Jean Gain assisted the hair-stylists by doing the shampoos. The new hair styles gave the patients a tremendous lift and the smiles on their faces were a reward to those responsible.

Later, Mrs. Helen McNally entertained the ladies at a dinner party at her home on Steele Valley Road, with the assistance of Mrs. Gretchen Walker and Mrs. Claire Moore. After dinner the guests enjoyed listening to records and singing songs. The project will be continued every Monday, after the regular bowling sessions, until all the patients from the home have had their hair styled. Mrs. Rose Zuck and Mrs. Peggy Robinson assisted with the driving.

The mother's auxiliary of the 3rd Thornhill Scouts and Cubs held a meeting on April 6 at the home of the president, Mrs. P. Hedges, Jane St., Edgeley. The father and son banquet was planned for May 28 and announcements were made of past and future events.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker entertained at their Thornridge Drive home following their wedding on April 10 at Thornhill Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Parker is the former Jimma McIntyre.

Sympathy is extended to Gordon Yule, Elmbank Rd., on the death of his father last week.

Congratulations to Val Humphrey and David Harley who were members of the winning team of the junior championship curling event of the Thornhill Country Club.

An inter-faith rally and tea will be held at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, banquet hall, 1583 Yonge St., on April 28 at 1:45 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Reva Gerstein. Interested people are asked to contact members of the United Church.

Rev. Howard Doig C.D., assistant secretary for home missions in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was guest speaker at the Presbyterian Church evening service on April 11. Mr. Doig who retired from

the Canadian Army in 1964 will have the degree of doctor of divinity conferred upon him at the Presbyterian College in Montreal later this month.

Parents of children who attended the Scottish country dance classes at the United Church will be glad to know that the Christian education department has decided to continue the classes next September. Leaders are needed to assist at these classes. If you have had any experience in kindergarten you would be able to assist in the teaching. Please call J. Murphy at 285-6030 if you can help.

On April 5 the St. Luke's CWL had Father Harold Oxley of the Scarborough Foreign Mission as their guest speaker. Father Oxley spoke on the problems of a parish priest in South America.

The election of the executive took place and elected were: President Mrs. June Mallon, 1st Vice-President Mrs. Florence Martyniuk, 2nd Vice-President Mrs. Lena Loughran, Past President Mrs. V. DeMarco, Secretary Mrs. Mary Reber, and Treasurer Mrs. Orel Fritz.

The May 3 meeting was announced when Dick Wood of Yorktown Florists will be guest speaker. Mr. Wood will give a talk on flower arranging.

The scholarship card party to be held on May 5 in St. Luke's Separate School hall promises to be an outstanding event.

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