

Lively Concert By UCW At Villa Hospital

Thornhill United Church
Unit 3, under the leadership of Mrs. L. Denby, of the UCW of Thornhill United, put on an excellent evening of entertainment December 16 for the patients of the Villa Hospital, Bathurst Street.

Mrs. John Honsberger brought down the house with her skit on Christmas shopping entitled "Downtown". Garbed in a ratty old fur coat, Mrs. Honsberger showed outstanding ability as a comedienne.

Two young ladies, Wendy Heron and Pamela Stewart, performed a delightful number "Drummer Boy" and Mrs. H. Thompson, assisted by her daughter Ann, was a Christmas toy soldier. To the tune of "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers", Mrs. Thompson was wound up with a large key and went through an army drill.

Highlight of the evening was when the Villa Tones, a quartet of resident paraplegics, sang six carols and "The Twelve Days of Christmas" in beautiful harmony.

Mrs. Helen Guthrie gave a recitation of "The Night Before Christmas" followed by Mrs. Marion Brain and Mrs. Loretta Dean who performed an amusing comedy song and dance number "Two People from Paris".

Mrs. E. Robinson sang a Scottish song and played a most impressive Santa Claus when she handed out gifts to everyone.

The patients thoroughly enjoyed the fast-moving acts and participated in the program by singing some of the old favorite carols.

Refreshments were served convened by Mrs. E. Tobey. Unit 3 was particularly impressed by the dedicated nursing staff who care for the patients at the Villa.

Dr. Russell Boyd was guest speaker at the UCW annual Christmas party held recently. Dr. Boyd is a practising dentist and also a graduate in gemology from the University of London. He is an authority on opals and is one of two importers in Canada.

Dr. Boyd gave a talk on opals and showed a film about the opal fields in Australia, his native country, and some fascinating movies taken by a telephoto lens of a natural active volcano eruption in Hawaii. He also had with him opal specimens which he showed his audience.

No Blame Attached In Gormley Fatality

A coroner's jury, investigating the death of seven-year-old Dianne Wilson, who was killed in an accident on Don Mills Road November 10, did not attach any blame to the driver of the car which struck the girl.

Dianne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wilson, RR 2, Gormley, was killed instantly when she ran into the path of a car driven by William Ratcliff of Newmarket.

The jury, which met last week in Buttonville, recommended that the maximum speed limit on Don Mills Road from Steeles Avenue to Gormley, scene of the accident, be reduced from 60 to 50 miles an hour.

Driver of the car, Mr. Ratcliff, admitted that he had only one eye, but had met all the requirements necessary to get a driver's licence. He said he had made every effort to avoid the girl when he first saw her about 25 feet away.

Coroner Dr. John Fleming said he agreed that Mr. Ratcliff had done everything he could to prevent the accident.

Members of the jury were Patrick Ottaway, foreman; Arnold Martson, George Rumney, Donald Mathews and Harvey Brown.

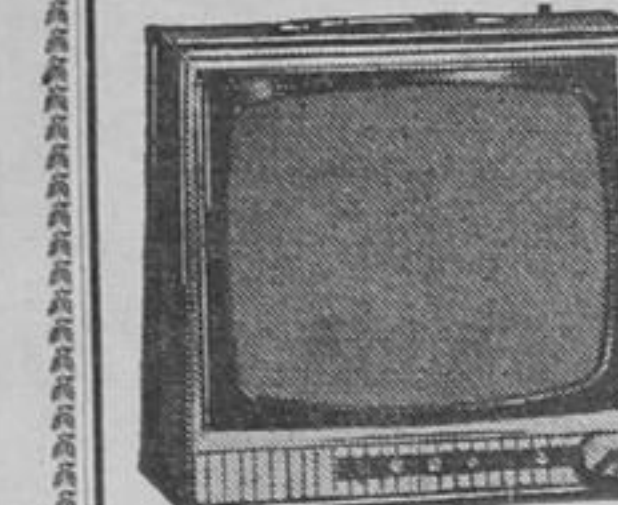
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Dr. Boyd is always in demand as a guest speaker and travels throughout the United States to give lectures at mineralogy clubs. The UCW was very fortunate to have had the privilege of hearing his talk.

Ann Thompson was awarded her first gold star at the Explorers' Christmas party held December 15 at Thornhill United.

The Explorers, led by Miss Lee Davidson and assisted by Miss Valerie Humphrey, held their own worship service for their mothers at the event. Games were enjoyed and an exchange of gifts took place amongst the girls. The mothers were presented with a lovely corsage, made by the girls at one of the Explorers meetings.

Refreshments were served by the Explorers to their guests.

Heather Bracey and Susan Stroud were awarded their first blue star during the evening and Beverley Martindale received her second red star. Explorers initiated and presented with their first red star were Terry Lynn Robinson, Sandy Maston, Donna Blotti, Gail McCann and Donna Walker.

Thornhill Baptist

On December 11 the children of the Sunday school enjoyed a Christmas party at Thornhill Baptist. The children met after lunch in time for dessert and punch. A planned program was presented by the children who participated in musical solos and Mrs. Grace Payne led them in several singing selections.

Santa Claus made a very welcome appearance at the party and handed out gifts to his enthusiastic audience.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McGowan were chief organizers of the very successful party assisted by members of the teaching staff. Mrs. H. W. Burlington catered and provided special Christmas treats.

St. Luke's

The CWL executive of St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church entertained fifty members on December 13 at their annual Christmas party, held at the home of Mrs. Orel Fritz, 6 Elsie Place. President Mrs. June Mallon and Mrs. Fritz received the guests.

Mrs. H. Loughran convened the evening party. Christmas carols were sung with a piano accompaniment upstairs and an organ downstairs. Games were enjoyed and a lucky draw took place when many lucky winners won lovely prizes.

Mrs. A. Lynch gave an interesting talk and showed slides of her historical trip to eastern Canada this summer.

Mrs. Ruth Trudell presented a silver maple leaf pin to Mrs. C. Cheseldine, a long time member, who is leaving to take up residence in the United States.

Special guest at the party was Father E. Crossland of St. Luke's Church and Director of the CWL.

Hundreds of gifts were collected for the Good Shepherd Refuge.

Refreshments were enjoyed during the party.

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner party December 15 at Thornhill Presbyterian.

Tables were tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreens, candles and flowers. A delicious dinner was served the

group by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church.

A most enjoyable musical program followed the dinner when Hugh Martin, director, and R. Richardson, assistant director for Vaughan Township schools, led the audience in carol singing. A special treat for the Senior Citizens was the performance given by the grade 6 class of Langstaff Public School Choir who entertained with several beautifully executed musical selections. The children were attended by Mrs. Joan Evans and transported to and from the affair through the generous courtesy of John Landson of Langdon Coach Lines.

Forty-eight members were present at the dinner and two new members, Mr. and Mrs. W. Robinson of Richvale, were welcomed. Rev. and Mrs. Dillwyn Evans were honored guests at the party.

Each lady member received a gift from the Thornhill Lions Club and Santa Claus distributed the gifts. The children of the choir were each presented with a gift in appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpkin donated a four pound Christmas cake as a door prize and Miss Sidney Baxter was the lucky winner.

Mrs. P. Holmes thanked Messrs. Martin and Richardson for their delightful entertainment and presented a pot of flowers to Mr. Martin.

The meeting closed with the singing of "O Canada".

The usual monthly euchre will take place January 5 and the next regular meeting will be held January 19.

A special invitation is extended to any Senior Citizens in the district who would like to join the group at the next meeting. Meeting place is Thornhill Presbyterian and all are welcome.

Mental Health Association

A Christmas party for the Park Avenue approved home in Newmarket under the direction of Mrs. A. Vanstone, was given by White Cross Volunteers at the home of Mrs. Edith Jones, 19th Line, December 13.

Johnny Byrnes, twelve-year-old puppeteer, entertained the patients when he presented an excellent puppet show of "Scrooge". Johnny was assisted by his brother Frank, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byrnes. Johnny has spent two years with the puppet guild and gave a very polished performance.

Many active games were then enjoyed by the ladies before dinner was served. A special thanks is extended to Bing Lee, Mrs. G. Spring, Mrs. R. H. of Town Inn Restaurant, Richmond Hill, who very graciously donated the Chinese dinner for

the occasion. This was an unusual treat and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

One of the patients dressed up as Santa Claus gave out gifts to fellow patients.

Those assisting Mrs. Jones at the party were Mrs. Helen McNally, Mrs. Claire Moore, Mrs. Vera Peever, Mrs. Patsy Bean, Mrs. Rita Gage, Mrs. Mary Lamb and Rhoda Lamb, Mrs. Donna Jackson, Mrs. Jean Thompson and Mrs. Jean Marchiori.

White Cross Volunteers from the Mrs. Deyo home in Newmarket joined forces with a group from Markham for their Christmas party. The event was held in the United Church, Newmarket on December 8.

A program presented by a choral group from Markham, consisting of fifty voices, entertained at the party. Carols and Christmas selections were performed and the audience participated by singing many old favorite carols and Christmas songs.

Presents were given out by one of the patients who made an excellent Santa Claus. Candy, cookies, Christmas treats and tea were served.

The Thornhill White Cross Volunteers who assisted at the party were Mrs. J. Mavor, Mrs. R. Byford and Mrs. R. Mote.

A birthday celebration was given at the Mrs. Deyo home for three of the patients celebrating December birthdays recently.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent playing games and high-light of the party was the large birthday cake baked by Mrs. R. Byford for the occasion.

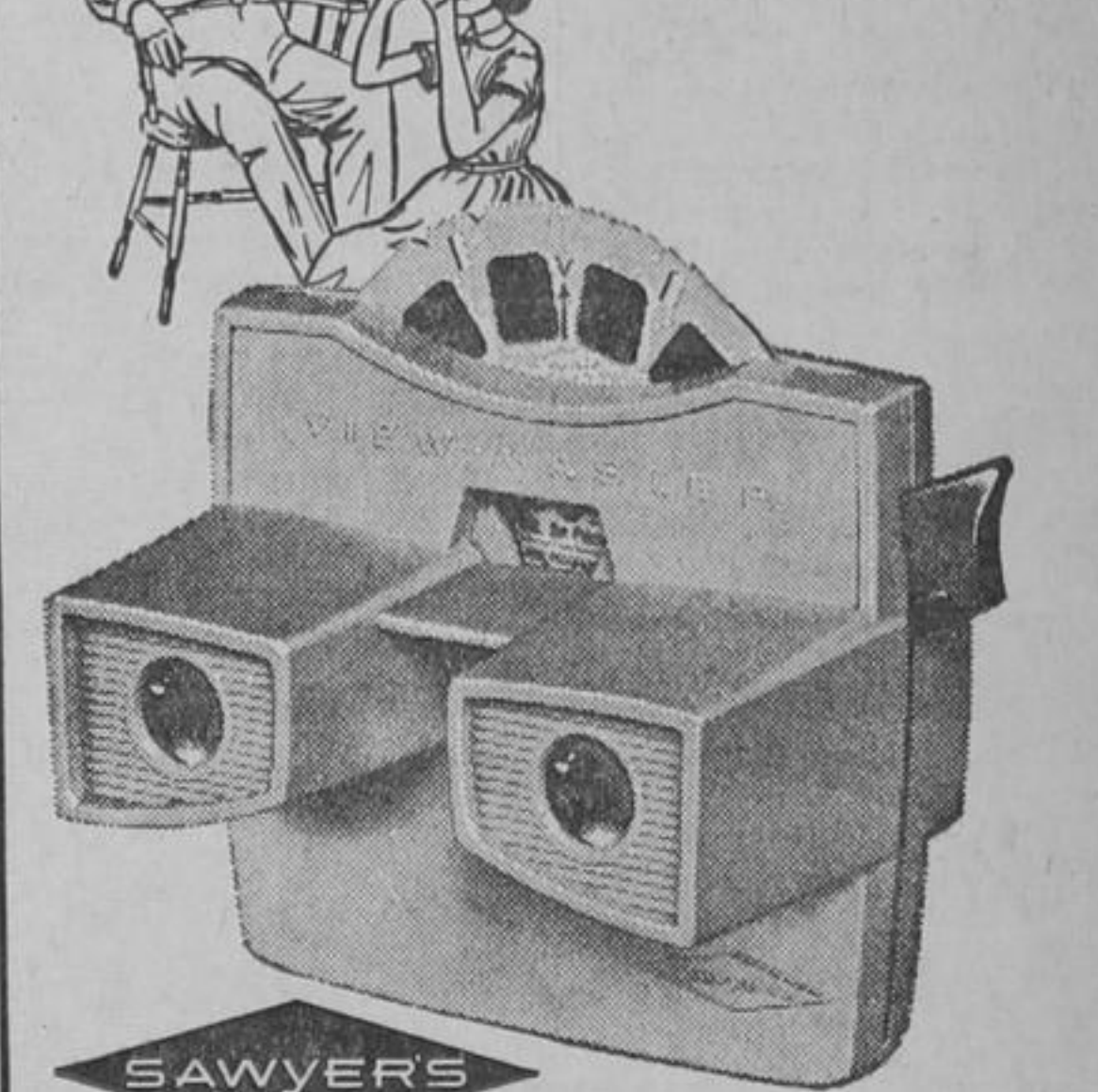


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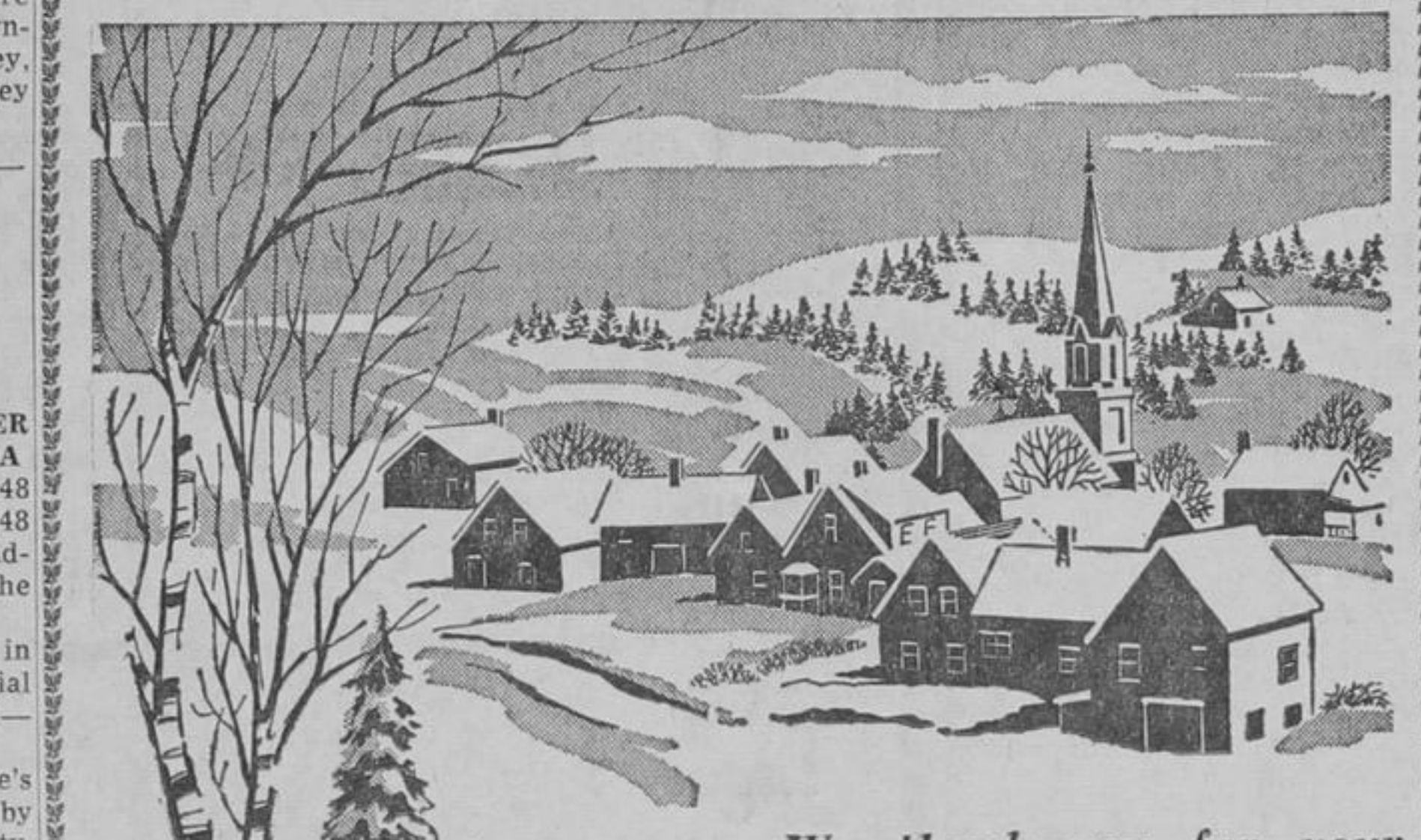
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