

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. Our representative in Thornhill is Mrs. Jo Cruise who may be reached by phoning 889-3190.

Socially Speaking in Thornhill

Bridge Party
Over 400 guests attended the successful bridge party sponsored by Brebeuf Ladies' Guild held at the college March 20. Mrs. John Scherer convened this annual event.

The theme this year was "Welcoming Spring" and the auditorium was decorated with paper umbrellas and giant artificial flowers in various colors. Ladies dressed in pretty spring outfits and floral hats were an attractive addition to the festive scene.

Father A. J. Colliard, S.J., rector of Brebeuf College School, welcomed the guests and thanked committee members for their work in preparing the evening arrangements. James Tate acted as master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Gordon Shea was the lucky winner of the painting "Fleurs" by Jane Timmins Williams, first prize of the raffle draw. Another lucky winner was C. Lapatrie. Prize Con- venor Mrs. F. J. Crawford Jr. deserves special mention for the outstanding prizes awarded during the evening.

Wines were served during the evening and delicious refreshments at the close of the card games. Mrs. F. J. Maher convened the excellent selection of wines and food.

Congratulations to Jo Anne and Don Cameron on the recent birth of their daughter at St. Michael's Hospital.

Congratulations also to the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cameron, Thornridge Drive, and to Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Oster of Leaside.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Donkersley, John Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thomas, Paul Street, returned recently from a three week holiday in Puerto Rico.

The couples flew via New York where they boarded a plane for Puerto Rico. A large percentage on board the plane were Puerto Ricans who made delightful companions for the trip.

The visitors rented a house for their holiday and enjoyed perfect weather where temperatures were always in the 80's without any humidity.

They visited San Juan, the oldest city in America, and were fascinated to see the shiny blue brick paved streets, churches dating back to 1625 and the picturesque Spanish architecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Plaxton, John Street, returned from Delray Beach, Florida, just in time for the big snowstorm two weeks ago.

While in Florida the Plaxtons attended a Canadian Club luncheon in Fort Lauderdale where the well known radio personality Earl Cameron was guest of honor. There were 16 guests from Richmond Hill and vicinity at the luncheon including Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Plaxton's son and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baillie.

Don Barker of Marathon visited with his aunt Mrs. C. Thompson, Highway 7 East, recently.

Congratulations to Gail and Ralph Finkle on the recent birth of their son at Branson Hospital.

Congratulations also to the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. G. Howe, Elgin Street, and to Mr. and Mrs. R. Finkle, Thornridge Drive.

Mrs. R. Holmes, Fairview Avenue, returned last week from spending three weeks in Demarest, New Jersey. Mrs. Holmes was the guest of her daughter and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. Bennett Stein, and enjoyed visiting her granddaughters Susan and Marjory.

This is the last advance notice for the Easter egg sale. Orders will be taken up to April 1 by calling Mrs. G. Langman at 889-1529 or Mrs. R. Cox at 889-4359.

The hand-made eggs are cream-filled with yolks, are chocolate dipped and attractively decorated and weigh 2 ounces. They are priced at 25c apiece and will delight all ages on Easter morning.

The project is sponsored by the Anglican Church Women of Holy Trinity Church.

Marie France Mene was winner of the York County Regional Oratorical Contest held in St. Patrick's Separate School, Markham Village, March 10. Marie France will compete in the Toronto finals April 7 and local residents wish her luck. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mene, Centre Street, and is a student at St. Robert's Separate School.

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25th Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mayer, Arnold Avenue, were entertained at a surprise afternoon open house party March 24 on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

John Mayer arranged the party for his parents and invited 100 guests to the celebration. A large white tiered wedding cake decorated the table, a gift from fellow members of the Presbyterian Church. Many lovely gifts and flowers were presented to the couple at the party.

Billyee and Jack Mayer have resided in Thornhill for many years where they have been active community workers in the cancer society, mental health association, home and school, Scouting and church activities.

On behalf of Christ The King Lutheran Church residents are invited to attend the service for the laying of the cornerstone March 31 at 3 p.m. The service will be conducted at the church site located in Thornhill Green at the corner of Baythorn Drive and Royal Orchard Blvd. Pastor Arnold Weigel will conduct the service.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Cubmaster Earns Certificate

His successful completion of Part 2 of the troop course of the new Gilwell Training plan earned Gordon Hill, Cubmaster of "A" Pack, 1st Thornhill Cubs with a certificate.

Above, he is seen receiving the certificate and congratulations from two of the pack members, Hugh and Keith Brown, while the boys' father, Group Committee Chairman Ken Brown looks on. The presentation took place at the father and son banquet held March 1 at Thornhill United Church.

WI Hears Of Expanding Junior Kindergartens

Women's Institute
Mrs. J. Fisher, Centre Street, was hostess at the March meeting of the WI. Eleven members were present with Mrs. R. Holmes presiding.

The meeting opened with the repeating of the creed and institute ode. Motto for the day was, "Life Is Like A Ladder, Every Step You Take Is Either Up or Down". The ladies answered roll by telling the value of education in society. Mrs. Holmes read an appropriate prayer on the 12th week of the year, the week the meeting was held.

At the business meeting a report was read on the board meeting held March 4 at the YWCA in Toronto. The district annual was announced to take place May 28 at Victoria Square.

Luncheon will be served and tickets are \$1.25. All branches who have lost members are asked to please send names to Mrs. Clare Thompson, Highway 7 East, before the district annual meeting.

Convenors were asked to have reports ready for the April meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. T. Empringham, 26 Benson Avenue, Richmond Hill.

Open house will be held in the near future at the Harold King Farm, Keswick, a project of the local branch, and members were asked to watch for the date to be announced.

Members were told at the meeting that former member Mrs. W. Little, a resident of Garden Avenue for many years, has moved to Oliver, British Columbia, and is now settled in her new home.

A food forum was announced by Mrs. Thompson to take

place April 10 at 8 pm at Victoria Square Community Centre. There is no charge for admission and everyone is welcome to attend. Ideas will be presented during the evening on easy to prepare nourishing meals.

Meals that can be prepared early in the day, left-over ideas, dishes for entertaining and time and fuel saving dishes will be demonstrated. The program is being sponsored by the home economics branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. L. Jamieson, convenor of citizenship and education. Mrs. Jamieson arranged the program and her interesting paper on the junior kindergarten program being sponsored by the board of education was read by Mrs. A. Jackson. The quiz on Canadian events was conducted by Mrs. M. McGhee.

Members were told of the kindergarten classes for pre-school three and four year old children. There are 35 of these classes in Toronto and Ottawa, the only cities in Canada where they are sponsored by the school board.

Originally the classes were intended for children in low economic areas where mothers went to work or in areas populated with new Canadians. They are now expanding into all areas of the city.

Each class of 20 children attends for half a day. The activities include daily routines and play. The children learn to take care of their daily needs the proper way. Under the heading of play the activities include outdoor play, educational toys, creative art work and singing and story groups.

The junior kindergartens often provide experiences which are lacking in the child's home life. Children who have attended these classes have shown a better preparation for formal school life.

Members found the quiz to be most interesting and realized how quickly many facts once learned had been forgotten. Memories were refreshed when they were told (A) Arthur Meighen was the youngest prime minister ever to hold office in Canada when he was 46 years old, (B) the three Canadian Nobel Prize winners were Dr. Frederick Banting and Professor J. A. R. Macleod and Lester Pearson, (C) Frank Munn, known as the golden voice of radio, died in 1953, (D) Amor de Cosmos was premier of British Columbia from 1872-1874, (E) the word Canada was derived from the Huron-Iroquois word kanata, (F) the Canadian Government does not contribute directly to support the Royal Family but it does pay the salary and expenses of the governor-general.

The meeting closed with "The Queen" followed by refreshments served by Mrs. Jamieson and Miss S. Baxter.

Horticultural Society
Trees, shrubs and plants surrounding the buildings and along the canals at Expo '67 came alive to horticultural members as they watched colored slides shown by W. E. Hartnoll, FRHS, at the March meeting of the horticultural society.

President A. Funnell welcomed visitors and members and Mrs. C. Bishop introduced Mr. Hartnoll, well known television and radio personality and horticultural expert, as guest speaker.

Mr. Hartnoll spoke on the planning and endeavor that went into the gardens of Expo. He showed early scenes of the site and told the audience how soil changes were made before planting began.

A few of the warm countries

sent their own exotic trees that required special care and the Australian eucalyptus trees were kept at the right temperature by underground cable. Many trees at the site were from Ontario, Mr. Hartnoll said.

He told the audience that 1,000 roses will be added to the permanent rose garden every year. The garden is situated in front of St. Helene Restaurant. A question and answer period followed when the well informed specialist answered many pertinent questions. Several members were concerned with the damage done by rabbits and mice to lawns and trees this winter. Mr. Hartnoll advised them to use a preservative paint on the damaged areas and this should remedy the situation.

Joe Wain thanked the guest speaker for his most interesting and informative talk and pictures. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Baptist Church
Dr. Minton Johnston was special guest at the women's auxiliary March meeting held at the home of Mrs. A. McLeod, Vista View.

Dr. Johnston opened the meeting with prayer. President Mrs. Ross Cowie was in the chair and conducted a business session.

Members were asked to make a special note of the events taking place in April. The travelling bake sale was announced to take place in May. Mrs. C. Parsons, Mrs. C. Parker and Mrs. A. McLeod will convene the sale.

The worship period was led by Mrs. McLeod. She emphasized that the world would be a better place in which to live if everyone would show more concern in making a better home for their children and caring for those in distress in their own areas.

Mrs. H. Payne presented Dr. Johnston with many questions submitted by the members on current topics. Dr. Johnston stressed that he didn't have the answers to many of the questions as they dealt with individual opinions.

He said he felt that friendliness should be shown to all who came within the church doors, making people feel welcome, when asked what changes he would make in the church today.

Mrs. Ross thanked Dr. Johnston for his visit and a social period followed.

The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Jardine, Richmond Hill. Mrs. A. Jennings, president of Save The Children Fund, will speak at the meeting and show pictures of her tour of the Gaza Strip.

Presbyterian Church
The joint Lenten service was held at the church March 24 when a live drama, "Christ In The Concrete City", was presented during the service.

A reception of new members will take place April 4 at 8 pm. A congregation meeting will be held March 31 at 12.30 pm for the purpose of establishing a nomination list for the election of six new elders.

Two young people from the congregation, directly and indirectly in Knox College graduating class this year, are Mrs. D. Cooper (nee Doris Gillies) with her husband David will begin their ministry in Atikokan and Nick Vandermyer who will continue studying at Princeton Theological Seminary.

The congregation bid farewell March 24 to Rev. George Sukdheo of Better Hope, Guyana. Rev. Sukdheo has been visiting the church for several weeks and gave the sermon at the morning service.

United Church
A church vacation school program has been planned for July 8 - July 18 in the afternoons from 1.30 - 3.15 pm. The schools are to be sponsored by all the local churches for children from 4-11 years of age. The schools will be held at Christ The King Lutheran, Thornhill Green, Emanuel, Richvale, Holy Trinity Anglican, Brook Street and Thornhill United Church, Dudley Avenue.

Support is required in the form of leaders, adult assistants and teenage assistants. Please contact Jack Murphy at 889-6030 if you can help. Your support is needed to make the project a success.

Anyone wishing to transfer membership to the church at Easter is asked to contact the church office.

The joint Lenten service March 31 will be held in the United Church with Father Thomas Chidlow conducting the service and Rev. H. R. Howden preaching the sermon. The choir, directed by E. McDonald, is made up of members from all the congregations in the area.

Senior Citizens
The local senior citizens club celebrated its fourth birthday March 20 with a delicious luncheon prepared and served by ladies of the executive. There were 60 members in attendance at the celebration.

Following the luncheon, rules and regulations of the constitution and bylaws were discussed and drawn up.

A tour of the Christie Bread Company was announced to take place May 8. Tickets are \$1 and may be obtained by phoning Mrs. Baker at 222-3604. The bus will leave the Farmers' Market at 12.30 pm sharp.

Members were pleased to see Mrs. Lilly Simpkins at the meeting after her absence due to an arm injury. Everyone was happy to hear that Mrs. Jessie Hook is improving in Toronto Western Hospital. Get well cards to cheer up Mrs. Hook would be welcome.

Several members are looking forward to their chartered bus trip to California March 31 for 22 days. The senior citizens will visit San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and Reno. Travel arrangements for local members were made by Mrs. E. Chambers.

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