

Thornhill District News

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Increased Coverage

Recognizing the growing importance and population of Thornhill, the Liberal has made plans for an extension of its news services in that village and the surrounding area.

Mrs. C. H. Bolton of Arnold Avenue, whose telephone number is Thornhill 239J, and who has acted as local correspondent for some time, will continue to act in that capacity.

She — and this paper — will be very appreciative of the co-operation of Thornhill citizens in connection with the reporting of local news, especially that having to do with social and personal items.

Her telephone number, we repeat, is Thornhill 239J.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Neil of Yonge Street while on their holidays in July were honoured with the attention of their summer home at Georgian Bay received from the Historical Society. The Neils who are interested in the history of the early Canadian pioneers have built their summer home

along the lines of the pioneer homes. The house is built of logs and has been furnished with early Canadian furniture including hooked rugs, bearskin rugs and homespun, an exact replica of pioneer days.

A member of the York Historical Society along with Mr. Cranston, Editor and owner of the Midland Free Press, paid a visit to the Neils in order to inspect their home and collection of pioneer furnishings all of which they found very interesting.

Doncaster Ladies' Club

The Doncaster Ladies' Club held its monthly meeting on August 2 at the home of Mrs. Loverick at which time plans were made for a bazaar which is to be held in October, and for which they have been making articles to sell for many months.

Plans were also made for a corn roast to be held September 17, at 8.30 p.m. It is to be held on the grounds of the home of Mrs. Bertas, Henderson Ave., Doncaster. Tickets will be 50c per person.

Following the business meeting Mrs. Mizen gave an account of her trip to Guelph with the Women's Institute in July which proved to be a very interesting trip.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Atkins, Proctor Avenue on September 6.

The meeting ended with refreshments being served by Mrs. Lovrock.

Thornhill Ratepayers Vote Against School Area - Confusion Admitted

Postponed from July 29 on account of poor attendance on that date, a further meeting of Union School Section No. 1 Thornhill, ratepayers was held on August 9, with an even smaller attendance.

Purpose of the meeting was to register an opinion with regard to the inclusion of the Thornhill school section in the school area including Richvale, Langstaff and Thornhill, created by a by-law of the township of Vaughan which is awaiting ratification by Markham township.

Chairman of trustees Richard Overbury reported to the meeting and said that he believed the school area proposition to be basically sound but that he did not feel that the time for establishing it was opportune. He believed that it would have to come when density of population warranted it and he could see that it would be advantageous as sub-divisions grew. The school trustees, he said, were unanimously opposed to the school area at the present time.

Not Enough Information

In the general discussion which followed speaker after speaker reiterated the fact that they did not have sufficient information, either for or against the proposition, to enable them to vote intelligently. T. W. Jackson, who spoke and voted in favour of the school area, said there was so much confusion over the situation that still another meeting should be held at which the township council and the school inspector should be present to give information. Chairman Overbury agreed with him, saying "Obviously we don't know enough about it — we haven't enough information." Discussion as to costs formed a major part of the deliberations.

Further confusion took place when it was decided to vote on a resolution approving of the inclusion of the school section in a school area. It had been understood that it was the opinion of ratepayers of the section as a whole which was required, but a letter from the Township Clerk of Markham asked for the opinion of Markham taxpayers. The situation was finally settled by segregating Vaughan and Markham voters. Result of the voting was:

In favour of inclusion in school area: Markham voters: 2 for, 3 against. Vaughan voters: 4 for, 10 against. Total vote — 6 for, 13 against.

Even after the vote was taken several ratepayers expressed doubt as to whether they had acted wisely in voting until better informed.

Chairman of trustees Overbury said that plans would be made to go ahead as rapidly as possible with the acquisition of land for a site for the new school to be built in the Steele's Avenue area.

Markham Township Building By-Law Described As "Stiffest In Canada"

Approached at their regular meeting by a deputation from the board of trustees of the Richmond Hill High School area, in reference to the proposed \$360,000 extension of the High School, councillors of Markham Township decided to defer expressing an opinion until the matter had been dealt with by Vaughan Township council.

The school area includes the townships of Vaughan and Markham and the villages of Richmond Hill and Woodbridge. Richmond Hill council has already gone on record as approving of the extension. Markham councillors were of the opinion that, as Vaughan township had the largest financial interest in the proposition, it should express an opinion first. Markham township's share of the cost would be around \$80,000.

Registered plans for sub-divisions which have become inactive were discussed by council. A number of these are in existence in the township. It was decided to ask the Provincial Department of Planning and Development to declare these unregistered in order that future developments might be brought into line with existing town planning regulations.

A letter from H. S. Culham, recently appointed town planning consultant, tendered his resignation. Mr. Culham explained that he had not been officially notified of his appointment in time and that he had other townships to consider.

Pass Building By-Law

Described by Reeve Vern. Griffin as "the stiffest in Canada" the council passed a new building by-law. Under this by-law the minimum ground floor area of any residence must be a minimum of 650 square feet. It was emphasized that the by-law would be strictly enforced and that deviations therefrom, or action taken ahead of securing necessary permits would be met with instant action.

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Thornhill Social and Personal

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John Neil who this year graduated from University with a B.A. degree is now in New Brunswick where he is conducting experiments with oysters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beal of Arnold Avenue motored to Lindsay last week to pay a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fry formerly of Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whyard and their two sons are welcomed to Elgin Avenue. The Whyards moved into their new home at the beginning of August.

Mrs. J. Perry, Arnold Ave., entertained at afternoon tea on Thursday, August 4, in honour of Mrs. E. Snider, who recently moved into one of the homes built by Mr. C. Smith on Arnold Ave.

Miss Betty Bone was visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bone, for a few days last week prior to her return to London. Betty has been on a month's vacation and spent part of her holiday at Geneva Park Lake Couchiching, with the Y.W.C.A.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Neil and family, Yonge St., have recently returned home from a month's vacation at their summer home on Georgian Bay. They were happy to have their daughter Barbara from Montreal spend part of the holidays with them. Barbara practices Occupational Therapy near Montreal.

Mrs. Duncan, wife of the late Dr. J. S. Duncan, and a former resident of Thornhill, was here last week visiting with her son, Mr. Ken Duncan, Arnold Avenue, and is now visiting with friends in Toronto, but will be back in Thornhill in a few months time. Dr. Duncan was minister of the Thornhill United Church from 1942 until 1947 at which time they moved to Sault Ste. Marie. Dr. Duncan passed away just one year ago.

Broken Neck Fails To Halt Boy's Studies

We wish to report that the condition of Derry Gyles who was injured two years ago has improved considerably and his family are very pleased with his progress.

Derry suffered a broken neck while swimming and it left him completely paralyzed from the shoulders down. However his condition has improved so much that now he is able to move his arms and before long it is hoped he will have the use of his fingers.

Although Derry cannot attend school his education is not being overlooked. At the time of the accident he had just completed his first year at high school and was passed on his year's work. The Board of Education are now sending lessons to his home which Derry studies and with his mother to write for him tries the examinations based on these lessons.

Our good wishes are extended to Derry who, although he cannot move about is studying and working so that he can take his place in the business world when the time comes.

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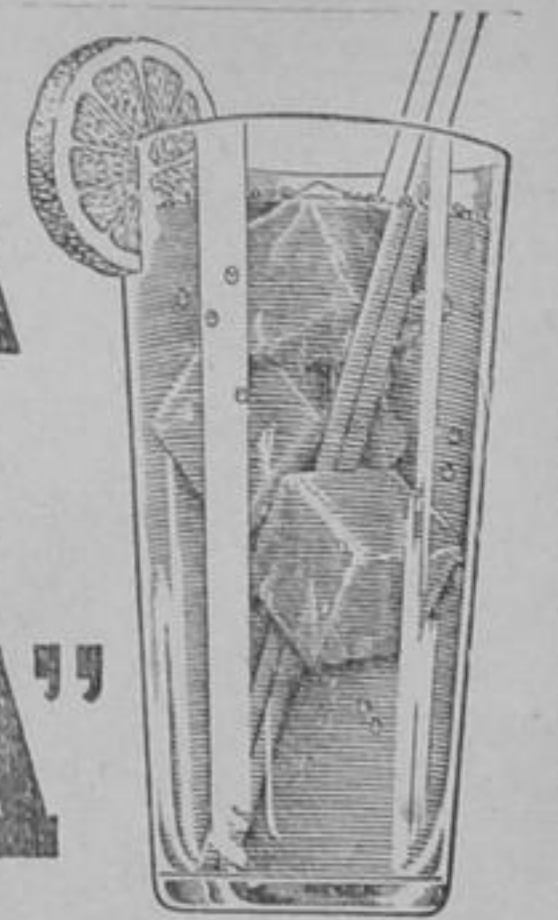
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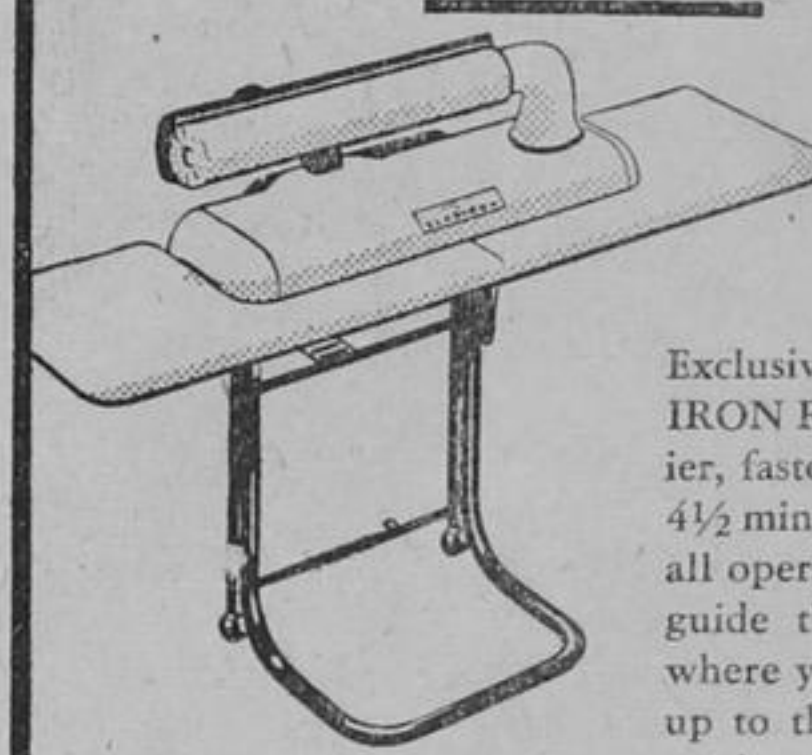
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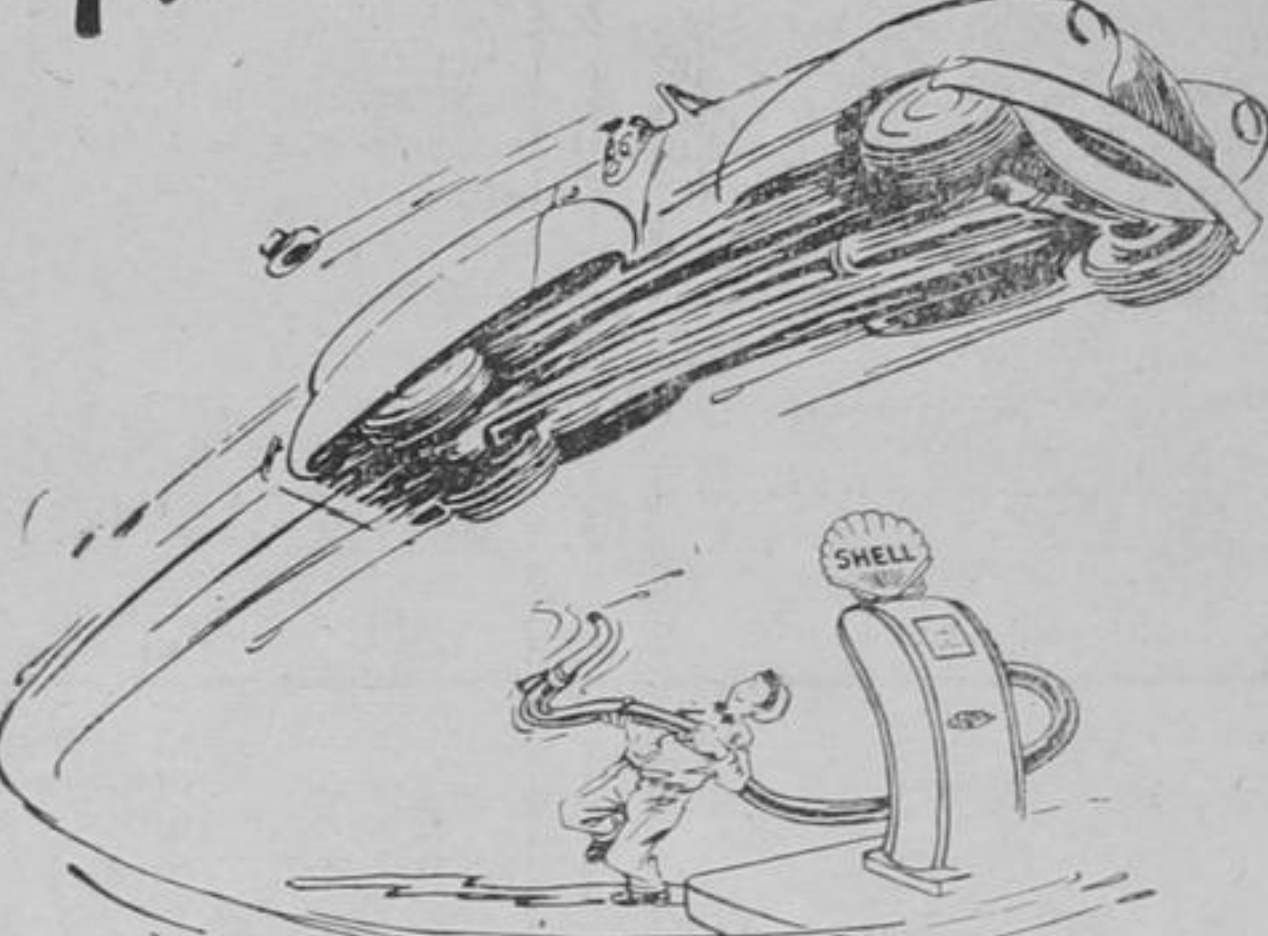
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