

# Thornhill And District News

The Liberal is always pleased to publish items of interest in the Thornhill area contributed by its readers. Our representative in Thornhill is Mrs. Betty Ball, 14 Helen Street, Thornhill.

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**United Church News**  
The members of the W.A. are asked to take note that their first meeting of the new season will take place on September 3 in the Church Hall, commencing at 2:30, be present.

**Thornhill Guides Return**  
The Thornhill Guides who attended camp with their leaders Miss Joyce Healey and Miss Evelyn Thorneycroft have returned home after a very pleasant camping trip at Doe Lake, Muskoka. The girls worked on Emergency Helper, Pioneer, Woodman and Swimmers badges. They enjoyed two hikes — one breakfast one at which they cooked pancakes and the other a supper hike with the other. An overnight hike was planned for the older girls but had to be cancelled on account of rain. The Thornhill Guides attending were: Margaret McArthur, Carol Langman, Phyllis Russell, Mary Lou and Norma Fugler, Nancy Watts, Nancy Boves and Rosemary Curtis.

**Neighbourly Notes**  
Fifty children attended the Weiner Roast last Friday evening, August 21. This event ended the activities of the Thornhill Playground for another very successful season. We are sure that all the children who have attended this daily programme, very thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it, and would like to thank Mrs. Byford, who for the second year has given the children a summer to remember.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson of Arnold Avenue are home following a quick trip through Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Island. Upon entering Nova Scotia near Amherst, the couple were pleasantly surprised to be piped in by a Highlander and his bag-pipes.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Ball of St. Thomas visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. Ball of Yonge Street last week end.

**Wine TV**  
Congratulations to Mrs. J. Tutt of Yonge Street who last Friday evening became the owner of a beautiful 17" General Electric Television set. The set was the first prize drawn at the Loblaw's Store at Finches on Friday evening. When speaking to the lucky winner, we found that she was still unable to believe her good luck.

**Sick List**  
We were very sorry to learn that David Harley of Yonge St. has been stricken with polio and was sent last Friday to the Isolation Hospital. We understand that David is coming along very well and it is hoped that he will be back home again some time this week. This little chap is well known to many in the village and all his friends wish him a very speedy recovery.

Also on the sick list this past week-end was Mrs. W. Smook of Riverside Boulevard. Mrs. Smook is home recuperating from an operation that took place on Saturday. Her friends and neighbors hope that she too will have a speedy recovery.

**Attend Reunion**  
Mr. and Mrs. P. Woodger spent last week-end at the 30th Anniversary of "Gilwell" in Canada.

## THORNLEA NEWS

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Congratulations to Mrs. Brock who won four 1st prizes and several others at the goat show in Oshawa on Saturday. Master Kerry Brock contributed to the success by winning a 1st prize in showmanship.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson and family from North Bay are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Jackson on Bayview.

Mrs. Rivers and children spent a delightful holiday when they motored to Cleveland to spend a few days with Mrs. River's sister, Miss Clancy.

**Horse Show**  
Wendy and Beverley Rodgers of Elmcrest, Thornhill, competed at the Creekside Horse Show, Williamville, New York, the last week end.

Wendy rode Easter Parade to 1st place in the amateur Working Hunter and Beverley went to the finals of the knockdown and out stake class. Wendy was also the winner of a fourth ribbon in the pleasure hack class.

Miss Barbara Bruce was guest of honor at a shower given by Mrs. G. Frazer and Mrs. G. Barlow on Friday evening. The many guests assembled at the home of Mrs. Frazer to wish Miss Bruce every happiness in her forthcoming marriage on September 5 to George Duncan.

Misses Marion and Dorothy Frazer with Miss Joan Condon are spending the week at Lake St. Peters.

**Home & School**  
All members of Thornlea Home and School please be advised that September 9 is the first meeting of the Home & School this year. Elections for the 1953-54 executive will be held and an interesting program is planned for your entertainment.

**Executive Meeting**  
Thornlea Home and School executive met at Thornlea school on Friday evening and decided to hold elections at the general meeting on September 9.

Mrs. Grace Wright is nominations convener with Mrs. Ann Curtis and Mrs. Edith Ward as committee members.

This reunion took place at Blue Springs near Acton. This was a reunion of persons taking the Gilwell Training Course which is the highest training course for Scouting. This course originated by Lord Baden-Powell in England consists of a correspondence course as well as a week's practical training. Some 85 persons from all over Ontario as well as many places across Canada registered at this camp and thoroughly enjoyed themselves visiting with many of their old friends.

All of these people who have successfully passed this rigid course are entitled to wear the Gilwell Beads which are worn on a leather thong around the neck. The next time you see a Scout or Cub leader look to see if he or she is a "Gilwellian."

Dawn Wilson, Sherry Sissons and Gillian McTaggart-Cowan have returned home following a very happy ten day vacation at the Anglican Church Camp on Lake Couchiching.

The A.C.W.W. or Associated Country Women of the World Conference held last week in Toronto was attended by several members of the Women's Institute of Thornhill. Mrs. P. Bone was chairman of the decorating committee and Mrs. H. Milzen took part in the pageant. Also present on Friday were Mrs. C. Clifford, Mrs. A. Seeley, Mrs. W. Ball, Mrs. H. Farr, Mrs. B. Hoastop, Mrs. C. Thompson and Mrs. W. Thompson.

The old fashioned clothes in the pageant were gathered from all over the Country and a number of Thornhill ladies were able to loan some very effective costumes. Among those donating were Mrs. L. Jamieson, Mrs. H. Mizen, Mrs. C. Sinclair, Miss E. Francis and Miss Boyle.

## Doncaster

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. McKenzie, Morgan Ave., on the birth of a son at Grace Hospital, Toronto, on August 29.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. Mottershaw and family, Oak Ave. Mr. Mottershaw's father passed away last week in Toronto, in his 97th year.

**Personals**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Seeley of Secomoe Ave., spent a few days visiting relatives in Hamilton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Drake and family of Secomoe Ave. stayed two weeks with Mr. Drake's parents at Sherbourne, Que.

Helen and Marion Knott spent two weeks with their aunt at Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Gatehouse were at their cottage over the week-end at Glen Rock Beach Lake Simcoe. This week visiting them are Mr. Gatehouse's brother, L. Gatehouse and his wife, David, Jane and Diane from Noranda, Que.

Mr. and Mrs. Angel and son, of Clarke Ave. took a trip to Pieton last week while their two girls stayed with their aunt at Angus, near Barrie.

Visitors at Mr. and Mrs. H. Wenger's, Proctor Ave., were Mr. and Mrs. E. Wenger, uncle and aunt from Chicago and cousins from Lapier, Mich.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Drake from Quebec are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Morrison.

Mrs. Taylor from Toronto visited her daughter, Mrs. Turner, at Clarke Ave., for a few days.

Mrs. Rowbottom was hostess on August 8 at a bridal shower for Miss Byer on Morgan Ave., who was married last Saturday. Twenty were present.

The Byer family are leaving the district after residing here for the last ten years. They will make their home near Niagara Falls.

J. Mitchell visited his son and family, W. Mitchell, Clarke Ave., for a few days and called on some of his old friends.

**Ladies' Club**  
The Ladies' Club will hold its first meeting of the season on September 8, at Henderson Avenue School. Will all members try to attend 8 p.m. sharp.

**A.C.W.W. Convention**  
Those attending the A.C.W.W. Pageant at Maple Leaf Gardens from Doncaster were Mrs. A. Seeley, Mrs. C. Clifford, Mrs. A. Crowhurst and Mrs. Mizen. Mrs. Crowhurst and Frances took part in the folk dancing and Mrs. Mizen was in the drama group.

Mrs. J. Steele, Morgan Avenue, donated some old fashioned clothing to be used in the pageant.

## Wedding

Speers-Byers

At a quiet ceremony at Thornhill United Church on August 22, Evelyn Ruth Byers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Byers, became the wife of Mr. John Speers. The Reverend E. E. Kent performed the marriage rites.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a grey fall suit and wore a corsage of red roses and carnations. She was attended by Miss Janice Bragan.

After the reception held at the home of the bride's parents, the happy couple departed on a motor trip to the United States.

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FOR BARGAINS

## About Books And Reading

By the Thornhill Librarian

Thornhill has many claims to fame. Some belong to the past and some to the present. There was a devout hired girl whose miracles startled the countryside and who, until the day she died was known as Holy Anne. There was the famous town of German Mills, from which the lumber was floated down the Don to build the Town of York. Today, not a trace remains of German Mills and all that is left of the Legend of Holy Anne is a cement-covered well. Today our claim is more enduring.

Not so long ago Thornhill was the home of Franz Johnston, Franklin Arbuckle, Manley MacDonald, J. E. H. MacDonald and Mazo de la Roche. They too have gone but within the area now live more authors, illustrators and painters than many people are aware of.

Our Library shelves hold their work and we are proud of it. In the Juvenile section there is George Tait's "Wake of the West Wind" and Jack Hambleton's "Abtibi Adventure". Both these authors are Canadians and both books are illustrated by Thoreau McDonald who lives here. Those utterly delightful books about dogs, "Septimus the St. Bernard" and "Horace the Hound that Howled" were both written and illustrated by Ruth Collins. Miss Collins, who is a cartoonist, lives here too.

In the Adult section you can find Billy Button's "I Married an Artist" illustrated by her husband Angus MacDonald. A little further removed from Thornhill lives Angus Mowat and until recently, his son Farley Mowat. Angus Mowat's "Carrying Place" and "Then I'll Look Up", circulate regularly and our copy of Farley Mowat's "People of the Deer" is wearing out and ready for replacement.

On Colborne Street lives Fred Haines, whose gifts of his paintings for prizes in our annual Library Night have "lifted the mortgage" more than once. And further down Colborne Street, until a year ago, lived Hilda Hahn (Mrs. Harry Hooke) whose illustrations for fairy stories are breath-taking in their delicacy and exquisiteness.

We have all this in Thornhill — and a Library too. We are most fortunate and I hope you realize it. NOTE: Beginning the first of September the Library will resume its usual hours. Monday 7-9 p.m. Tuesday 3-5 p.m. Thursday 3-5 p.m. Friday 7-9 p.m. Saturday 9.30-11.30 a.m.

## EDGELEY NEWS

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**Personal and Social Notes**  
Among those who attended the "Dominion of Destiny" pageant in Maple Leaf Gardens on Friday afternoon and evening were Mrs. James Spencer, Mrs. Frank Locke, Mrs. W. Maginn, Mrs. Alfred Bagg, Mrs. E. Phillips, Mrs. W. J. Dalziel and Miss Ella Whitmore.

**Birthday Greetings**  
Birthdays are being observed this week by the following people: Helen Spencer, 7 years old August 28; Mrs. John Young Jr., August 29 and Mr. John Young Sr., August 30. We extend best wishes for a happy birthday to you all.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mitchell on the occasion of your third wedding anniversary, September 2.

We are sorry that Mrs. Carter is quite ill and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

## HIGHLAND PARK NEWS

MRS. WALTER SANDERS  
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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Baxter, 81 Highland Park Blvd., who observed their 7th wedding anniversary on Monday, August 17.

**Leaves Community**  
Sorry to hear one of the hard workers for community doings, Mr. Harold Bell and family, 37 Woodward Ave., is moving this week, but we are glad they won't be too far away in their new residence at Stop 10 Yonge St. area. Harold has done much to promote the Highland Park Bowling, and it is hoped he will continue to be with the teams. The new season will open at the Willow Thursday, September 10 and teams are now in the making. Anyone wishing to bowl should contact any executive member of the Highland Park Ass'n.

**Social Notes**  
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. L. Warnica, 53 Drury Ave., on the arrival of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ritchie, 48 Grandview Ave. have returned from a pleasant two weeks vacation at Bonnie View Lodge, Haliburton, Ont.

David and Ronald Davis, 52 Woodward Ave., spent 12 days at North Scugog Camp recently. Shirley Davis is now enjoying two weeks holiday at McAdam Jet, New Brunswick.

Donald and David Jackson, 53 Woodward Ave., enjoyed camping at North Scugog camp, for 12 days also.

## Home and School

Fall is fast approaching and with it all the community activities commence. On opening of school on September 8, the Powell Rd. Home and School Ass'n. goes into action again by holding first executive meeting of season at the school. During the summer season some of the appointed officers have had to leave our neighborhood, but we feel sure there must be some newcomers who would like to work in this association which works for children the world over. Anyone desiring to take active part will be most welcome by the present executive and would be welcome at the executive meeting or contact W. Sanders, president, AV. 5-2116 for information on Home and School.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Geo. Sirrs, Mary and Helen, 31 Drury Ave., on the sudden passing of Dr. Sirrs, while they were vacationing in Nova Scotia.

Congratulations are extended to Shirley Barnes, 54 Woodward Ave., who headed her class at Richmond Hill District High School in the Upper School Departmental exams. Shirley is among the students obtaining best standing throughout the province. Her excellent results were 8 firsts and a second, quite a record for our Shirley. She will go in training for a nurse at Western hospital, Toronto, and we wish her every success in this very worthy field of work.

## CONCORD NEWS

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A shower was given in honor of Miss Pauline Birrell and Mr. Murray Hawkins last week at the home of Mrs. H. Hawkins, Steeles Ave. W. After the happy couple had opened the gifts and had thanked their friends, numbers were drawn and three lucky ladies, Mrs. James Sherman, Mrs. B. Hartwell and Mrs. J. Jennings Jr. each received a bouquet of gladioli.

Mrs. Nasko was also the winner of a game and received the "musical parcel as a prize. Murray Hawkins entertained the guests by playing selections on his accordion.

Later in the evening lunch was served by Mrs. H. Hawkins, Miss Beverley Hawkins, Mrs. Leathers and Mrs. J. Hawkins.

**Personals**  
We are sorry that Mrs. Carter is quite ill and we all wish her a

speedy recovery. We are pleased to know that James Hannis of Concord Floral is able to be back at work again. Ten weeks ago he had the misfortune to injure his left hand very severely on broken glass. James has been with the Floral Co. over 12 years.

To Miss Yvonne Gillespie, August 25; Mrs. Gillespie and Sandra Boves, August 28; and Mrs. Fred Thompson, Elia, August 29. We extend many happy returns of the day.

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
On Friday, August 28, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Buchanan will be observing their 27th wedding anniversary and September 2 is Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thompson's 12th wedding anniversary. To both these fine couples we extend heartiest congratulations.

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