

# 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. R. W. FitzGerald, 18 Colborne St., Thornhill. TELEPHONE AV. 5-1571.

### Resident Bereaved

Mr. Harry Inwood, father of Mrs. T. L. Galbraith, Yonge St. died on Wednesday June 30 in Sunnybrook Hospital. Mr. Inwood leaves his widow in Toronto, his daughter and five grandchildren in Thornhill.

### Local Nurses Complete Special Course

Five former nurses now living in the Thornhill area have completed the course in St. John Ambulance First Aid, sponsored by Civil Defense and St. John Ambulance, and held weekly in the Richmond Hill Lions Community Centre from May 13, June 21, and will receive certificates.

### Local Man Wed In Germany

Miss Winnifred Richardson and Flying Officer Leonard J. Redman were married in Frankfurt, Germany on Saturday, July 3. F.O. Redman who is stationed in Germany is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Redman, No. 7 Highway and has many friends in the Thornhill area. His bride who flew to Germany for the ceremony is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Richardson of Denver, Colorado, and formerly of Toronto.

### Richmond Hill's Gain

It is disappointing news to many Thornhill parents that Mrs. G. A. Crutcher is closing her Nursery School for a year in order to accept the post of Kindergarten Director of Richmond Hill Public School.

A graduate of Toronto Normal School Mrs. Crutcher has had valuable experience in teaching both before and after her marriage. During the war, when her husband was overseas, she opened a kindergarten for 1 year in

a vacant room in the Newmarket Public School, which ultimately led to the establishment of a kindergarten in that school. When the one year period was up, and the room was required for other purposes she operated the school in her own home on Court St. until moving to Thornhill in 1948. She opened her well equipped Nursery School on John St. in 1949 in the new home built largely by her husband. The house is especially designed to provide facilities for such a school.

### Radar Scientist

Sir Robert and Lady Watson Watt, and Denny, visited friends in the village last week en route to Caledon, Ont., where Denny will be a counsellor at Camp Jack and Jill this summer.

### Lesson in Clay Modelling

Mrs. R. S. Poulter demonstrated the modelling of miniature flower containers at the meeting of the Junior Horticultural Society held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Crutcher on Tuesday evening, June 29. Under her instruction the young members each made a little vase or bowl with air drying clay which hardens in two or three days, and does not require firing. Some of the children even managed to make tiny flowers of the clay with which to decorate their special quick drying clay ensembles in the autumn. Mrs. Crutcher, director of Junior activities, said that the children had done so well, and had shown such great interest and enjoyment in the work, that Mrs. Poulter had kindly agreed to repeat the program in September for the benefit of members unable to attend the last meeting on account of picnics and the approaching holiday season.

### Trinity Church S.S. Picnic

One hundred and fifty children and older members of the congregation, attended the annual Sunday School picnic of Trinity Church, which was held at Muskoka Lake on Tuesday June 29. The weather was perfect and swimming was the main attraction in the afternoon. Following the picnic supper which was set out on the long table under trees, the happy throng adjourned to the playing field for games and races. The women were invited to take part in an amusing shoe race, and the men in a backward running race. Both children and grown-ups thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

### Nursery School Performs and Picnics

People are still talking about the engaging performances given by Mrs. Crutcher's Kindergarten Rhythm Band. Since winning first place in the York Music Festival at Woodbridge, the band has made a number of invitation appearances. On June 22 they opened the Recital given by junior pupils of Mabel W. Echlin, and on June 23 and 24 played on the out door stage at the Lions Carnival. They did well on the first evening, but better on the second when there was a piano on the platform. Little Marilyn Hunter conducted, and the youngsters looked fetching in white blouses or shirts, blue jeans and red pointed caps.

### Bold Theft From Jenny's Dress Shop

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Mrs. Plaxton said that both women had been in the shop the week before, and she would recognize them again. The younger one was about 20 years old, short and slight with dark hair cut in a long bob. She wore a black skirt, white sleeveless blouse, ballerina shoes and a wedding ring. The older woman who is thought to have taken the money, was about 24, of short, average build, and had short, frizzy, bleached blonde hair. She wore a light colored cotton dress and carried a straw coloured box purse. The police are investigating.

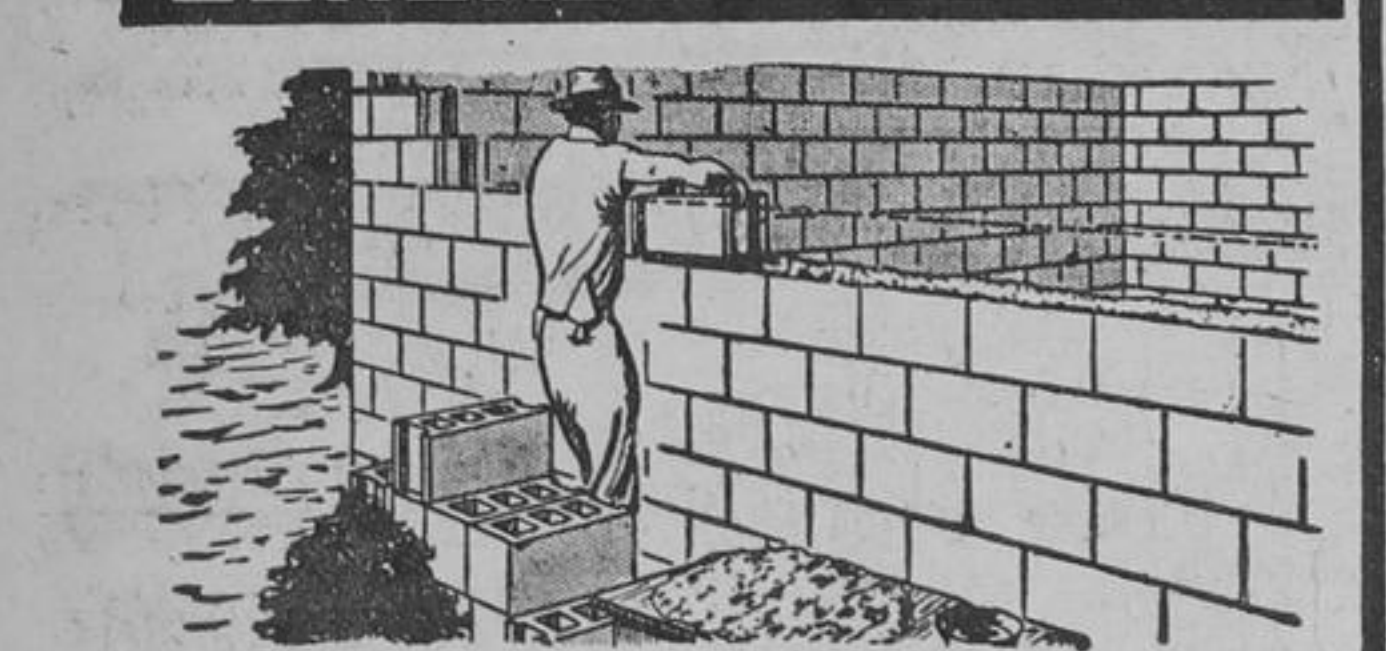
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rides, games and a picnic lunch. All in all it was a busy and exciting week for these very young people.

### Father Cirivello's Trip

Father Cirivello of St. Luke's R. C. Church has returned from a very interesting trip abroad during which he visited the village in Sicily where his parents were born and married, and attended the Canonization ceremonies of Pope Pius X in Rome.

With his cousin James Amodeo as travelling companion, Father Cirivello sailed from Quebec to Southampton, and the two spent a few days sightseeing in London before leaving for the continent. On the channel crossing to Ostend they had their first glimpse of the white cliffs of Dover. It was tulp time when they passed through Holland and the acres and acres in bloom looked like a huge, colorful carpet. In Brussels they rented a car and drove down through the beautiful and historic Switzerland they saw many lovely lakes, visited a place famous for wood carving, and went to the top of the wonderful Jungfrau by cable railway. In order to enter Italy they had to drive through the high hazardous St. Gothard Pass. It had just melted a few inches of snow the previous day and was still in precarious condition. The weather was cool when they reached Lugano, an Italian resort. They spent three days in Milan, then went on to Florence, Pisa, Assisi and Siena, feeling quite overwhelmed by the beauty of the Cathedrals, paintings and mosaics which they had seen.

Arriving in Rome they made a quick tour of the city and engaged accommodation for the following week before going on to Naples, where they boarded a boat for Palermo. Father Cirivello's parents were born 20 miles from Palermo. He arrived on the anniversary of his father's death. The news of his coming spread like wildfire. He was welcomed by a great many relatives whom he had never met, and in some cases, never heard of. He was asked to say High Mass at one of the large Churches, and though the service was given at short notice there was a full choir.

After five days in Sicily Father Cirivello and his cousin flew back to Rome for a ten day visit. The Pope is no longer allowed by his doctors to give private audiences but they managed a good close up view. Father Cirivello said the crowds during the canonization in St. Peter's were greater than any he had ever encountered, and very emotional too. He took some pictures, but as he had to hold his camera high above his head, in the press, he does not know whether they will show anything, when developed. They toured Vatican city which is filled with unsurpassed art treasures, and visited other historic and interesting spots, before beginning the return journey which took them back to Milan, then on to Venice for three days of sight seeing which included the famous St. Mark's Basilica. In Genoa they saw the statue to Christopher Columbus who started his voyage of discovery from that port. Re-entering France they spent a day near the Riviera, then went on to Lourdes Shrine where spectacular piles of crutches, etc., have been left by those who have been healed. There they saw the new Basilica which had been building for 50 years and was soon to be opened. After short interesting visits in Bordeaux and Paris they returned with the rented car to Brussels. Then it was just a matter of reaching Le Havre and boarding the ship for Quebec, where they landed on June 29.

### Weddings

#### ROBINSON—JENKINS

Historic St. John's Church, York Mills, was the setting for the wedding of Catherine L. Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jenkins of Willowdale, to Mr. James Robert Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. T. Robinson of Thornhill. Rev. Canon A. C. McCollum officiated at the double ring evening ceremony, against a background of white summer flowers.

The bride's original gown of white imported Swiss organdie over tissue taffeta was styled with fitted bodice, high neck edged with embroidered organdie, and full skirt also enhanced with embroidered organdie floral appliques. Her finger-tip veil was held by organdie flowers, and she carried a cascade of lily of the valley.

Given in marriage by her father the bride was attended by Mrs. Donald R. Jenkins, matron of honor, and Miss Mary Parker. Their original waist-length dresses of white organdie over cornflower blue and blush pink taffeta had portrait necklines, wide stand-up collars forming cap sleeves, and appliqued organdie flowers on the skirts. The flower girl, Miss Georgia Robinson, was frocked in dandelion taffeta under Swiss organdie. All wore bandeaux of organdie flowers, and carried fans of sweet peas and carnations. Mr. William Robinson was best man for his brother, and the ushers were Mr. Donald R. Jenkins and Mr. Gordon Stapleton.

A reception followed at Larkwood, John St., home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. T. Robinson. After a trip to Northern Ontario the young couple will live in Willowdale. Incidentally the bride is a descendant of the Rev. William Jenkins, graduate of the University of Edinburgh, who came to York County in 1816 and was the first Presbyterian clergyman in this district.

## Piano Pupils Of Mrs. Mabel Echlin Present 3 Recitals

Three interesting piano recitals have been given this season by the pupils of Mabel W. Echlin. On March 30 an excellent program was given by thirty-two boys and on Tuesday evening June 22 the junior girls, assisted by Mrs. Echlin's Rhythm Kindergarten Rhythm band, who played the opening numbers, entertained parents and friends in the United Church hall with well performed solos, duets and a trio. At the end of the evening Carolyn Martin, on behalf of all the pupils, presented a beautiful gift to Mrs. Echlin, to mark the beginning of her fiftieth year as a music teacher.

Pupils who took part in this recital were Lorraine Anstey, Sharon Baker, Sandra Bunker, Judy Charles, Sheila Craig, Irene Denby, Beth Donkersley, Jackie Duncan, Janice Echlin, Elaine Elvidge, Dianne Egan, Sandra Evans, Carol Gatherson, Norma Hamilton, Karen Handford, Margaret Hendry, Frances Hicks, Dorothy Hills, Margaret Hills, Carol Hull, Margaret Lemmon, Doreen Mabley, Mary Louise Mitchell, Suzanne Pollock, Ann Rogers, Judy Stewart, Nancy Underhill, Judy Vokes, Sandra Vokes, Mary Walker, Margaret Waters, Sheila Waters, Linda Watt and Vicki Watt.

In the final recital, on the evening of June 28, in the United Church hall, the senior students displayed considerable talent in their presentation of a program of advanced selections which culminated in a stirring two piano number, Wagner's "March and Chorus" from "Tannhauser," arranged by August Reinhard, and played by Blythe Gregorash, Marguerite Davies, Anita Soderberg and Marion Bales.

Others who took part in the recital were Barbara Anderson, Bernice Archibald, Joan Bettridge, Dianne Bettles, Jackaline Bettles, Beth Blackburn, Joan Blackburn, Lois Davidson, Carole Hamilton, Patsy Kelson, Donna Lindsay, Wendy Mason, Patricia McDonald, Gillian McTaggart-Cowan, Marion Munroe, Helen Oliver, Patricia Tomlin, Shirley Tyte, Linda Watt, Nancy Watt and Vicki Watt. Carol Shepherd who was to have played was unable to be present.

### 75 Attend

## Thornhill District Ratepayers Approve Vaughan Official Plan

About 75 ratepayers attended a meeting in Trinity Church Hall on Monday evening, June 28 and heard Dr. E. G. Faludi, town planning consultant, explain the proposed official plan of the township of Vaughan. Delegates present from Crestwood Rd. and Richvale were mainly concerned about water, and Reeve Marshall McMurchy, who introduced Dr. Faludi, had several times to remind the audience that the speaker was there to discuss the master plan, and was not conversant with the water situation. Reeve McMurchy said that he would endeavour to answer their questions himself later in the evening. Dr. Faludi did, however, express the opinion that water would come in 5 years time, but could not guess where from. It was almost certain that North York would not be able to supply any said.

Vaughan township which previously developed slowly is now experiencing a boom. This fact development is not good, because it has done nothing to help to pay for the many services suddenly required. Schools, for instance, cost from \$24,000 to \$30,000 per room and in a new community where there are 400 children, the 13 school needed would cost in the neighborhood of half a million dollars. That means that the rest of the homeowners must pay much higher taxes, so some development is needed to help the residential. Industries will do this. They pay good taxes and incur no expenses for schools.

### Industrial Area

Dr. Faludi pointed out on a map, the area set aside in Vaughan township for industries. The western boundary is about 1,000 feet west of Keele St., and the other boundaries are No. 7 Highway, Dufferin St., and Steele's Ave. On Steele's Ave. it adjoins an industrial area in North York, and may be able to take advantage of their sewers and water services. Bathurst to Yonge St. has been declared a residential area where home owners must be protected from undesirable land use. Asked about Steele's Ave., Dr. Faludi said that it would remain residential between Yonge St., and Bathurst St., except for the frontage already designated as commercial. In answer to a similar question about the west side of Yonge St., he said that apart from present commercial use, only two other frontages in the Thornhill area have been set aside in the plan, as commercial. These are the Principal Investments Shopping Centre south of Steele's Ave., and a small frontage north of Arnold Ave. There is no object in encouraging the long rows of stores which create a parking problem, he explained.

New subdividers will be required to give 5% of their land for park purposes. If the subdivision is small they may pay the equivalent in cash to the township to be used towards a park in another area. The residential districts have been zoned as R1,

## Thornhill Young People Enjoy Various Interesting Summer Jobs

For many young people the summer holidays merely mean relaxing from their studies in a different form of work. Eric Neill who has just graduated from the U. of T. as a geographer is in Labrador, with an exploration company searching for metals. His younger sister Elizabeth who has completed one year of her course in Child Management at the Ryerson Institute was one of 15 girls accepted from across America to take a course in child psychology at Devereaux Camp in Northampton, Maine. This camp specializes in children who are spastics, have brain injuries or are emotionally disturbed, in the mornings Psychiatrists from Yale, Harvard, and Columbia Universities discuss the problems of these children and in the afternoon the 15 girls work with the children.

Geoffrey Jackson was given a one way plane trip to the coast by his parents. He has made stop overs to see friends at the Lake of the Woods, and Regina, and will be in Calgary for the stampede, and in Vancouver for the British Empire Games. But...

## A Thornhill Resident Creates Outstanding Original Ceramics

After hearing about the interesting demonstration of clay modelling which Mrs. R. S. Poulter gave to the Junior Horticultural Society we asked her to tell us something about this absorbing hobby. As a result we had the privilege of seeing the very lovely garden which she and her husband have created in a few short years upon a bit of farmland, as well as of examining some of the beautiful ash trays, flower bowls, relish dishes, candle sticks, cigarette and trivet boxes which she has made. Among the most outstanding are a pair of creamy white dressing table lamps embellished with sprays of exquisite pink roses and forget-me-nots, and a Dresden type basket filled with variegated flowers gracefully supported on individual stalks. Yet another is a handsome bonbon box in a soft shade of green, with an elaborate and skillfully modelled bow on top, in lieu of a knob, or handle. It took Mrs. Poulter three hours just to paint that bow alone, for it is touched with 18 carat gold, put on in liquid form, drop by drop, with a brush containing about two hairs.

Mrs. Poulter shows great artistry and deftness in fashioning delicate flowers, and ornaments in clay. Sometimes she shapes her bowls, and baskets by hand too, and sometimes she makes them by pouring clay of batter-like consistency into moulds where it is allowed to dry. By means of tools and a wet sponge the surface of a piece is worked to satin smoothness before the initial firing. After it with glaze and fired again. It is then ready to be painted and for this exacting work Mrs. Poulter uses a little pencil trigger gun, or a small brush. After a third trip to the kiln it should be ready for use, unless gold is used in the decoration, when a fourth baking at a lower temperature will be required. Occasionally cracks develop during the firing but Mrs. Poulter says that she has had few spoiled pieces, and it is always very satisfying and exciting to collect the things she has made, after their final firing at the kiln. Eventually she hopes to have a basement studio complete with kiln, and potter's wheel at home, but at present she is using the equipment and kilns at the House of Boughner, where she took instruction in Ceramics.

## Draft By-law For Garbage In Thornhill

Main business of the evening at the monthly meeting of Thornhill village trustees, in the library on June 30, was the drafting of a garbage disposal by-law. Trustee Frank Tucker moved that Mr. A. E. Eccleston be empowered to draw-up a by-law, based on the suggestions of the trustees as soon as possible. This was seconded by trustee Allan Summer.

### Parking

The secretary was instructed to write Vaughan township asking for an amendment to the by-law regarding parking on the west sides of No. 7 Highway in the village, to permit parking for 1 hour periods only. The secretary was also asked to write to Markham township requesting that parking on the east side of Yonge St., be restricted to 1 hour periods, and that no parking be allowed within 50 feet of the corners of Colborne and John Sts.

The trustees decided that the result of the recent poll of householders on Centre St., does not warrant action in declaring Centre St., between Brook and Yonge St., a business district, and those interested will have to take up a petition.

The lane from Yonge St., which is the westerly approach to the swimming pool will be cleaned out and widened. Fencing of the Simpson property on the north side of John St., will be delayed until the new fill has had time to settle. A letter was read from the township engineer regarding the type of sidewalk to be laid along this particular strip.

The following bills were passed for payment, \$187.85 for road work on Colborne St., and \$458.00 for a Gravelley tractor which will be used to cut the grass in ditches etc., in the village.

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