

Thornhill And District News

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Thornhill Socials

Daub & Sketch Club
The Thornhill Daub and Sketch Club has been invited to attend the Toronto Art Gallery on November 14. They will attend in a group as guest of Martin Baldwin, director of the gallery and honorary patron of the club.

Return From Trip
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Baldwin, John Street, Thornhill, returned early in October after a two month visit to Europe. Mr. Baldwin, who is a student of architecture and director of the Toronto Art Gallery, spent considerable time viewing the many famous cathedrals and art galleries throughout Europe.

Teen-Age Bible Class
The teen-age Bible Class of Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill, met last Sunday morning at the church hall with 33 present, including guests. The morning's activities started with a corporate communion breakfast and was followed by the regular class meeting. Mr. Roger Priestman was the guest speaker, and gave a highly appreciated speech on "Strength and Wisdom".

Presbyterian Church News
Rev. Dr. Neil Miller, secretary for Stewardship and Budget for the Presbyterian Church in Canada preached the sermon at the morning service in connection with the church financial campaign, now in its fifth week.

Rev. Calvin Chambers of the Thornhill Presbyterian Church was guest preacher at the 67th anniversary service of the Central Presbyterian church at Oro Station, Ont.
Presbyterian teen-agers and their friends enjoyed a successful social party at Thornhill Public school on Saturday night. Over 45 were present with square dancing and games being enjoyed.

MARKHAM: The Department of Planning and Development has approved a 165-lot subdivision for the village.

D. J. W. Little Planning Consultant

New Town Planning Consultant for the village of Thornhill in their plan for incorporation is Mr. D. J. W. Little who was hired this week to start work next Monday. Known to his friends as Derek, Mr. Little is 26 years old and a resident of Toronto.

Mr. Little was born in Toronto and attended public school there, going on to attend North Toronto High school and Upper Canada College. On graduation, he attended the University of Toronto where he took a course in Civil Engineering, graduating with honors in 1952. Following the completion of his University Course, Mr. Little worked for a year and a half with Town Planning Ltd.

Following that, Mr. Little took a year trip around the world, returning just recently. His trip took him to Europe, the Canary Islands, the Mediterranean Sea to Ceylon and from there to Australia, South Pacific Islands back up to Panama, Miami and home. At present he is living with his father, Dr. O. J. S. Little in Toronto.

Mission Circle

Last Wednesday, the ladies of the Thornhill Baptist mission circle had the privilege of viewing a number of films taken by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Simmonds on their recent trip to Bolivia. Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds left last February to visit their daughter and son-in-law who are Baptist missionaries in Oruro. During their trip they took a number of films which proved of great interest to the Mission Circle. The meeting was convened and led by Mrs. W. Yed with Mrs. H. U. Trilner taking the devotional and Mrs. A. G. Barber as soloist.

Hear Talk On Agriculture

Last Monday night was Agricultural night at the Thornhill and District Lions club meeting held in the United Church Hall. A good crowd was on hand for the occasion and the agricultural committee under the chairmanship of Lion Will Ball presented the guest speaker John F. Clarke an officer of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Clarke gave a much enjoyed 40 minute speech on natural resources of Canada and discussed in detail the important part farmers play in the economy of Canada and more specifically Ontario.

At the business meeting that preceded the guest speaker, Lion Ty Sowdon reported he had so far collected \$600 to go toward defraying the Thornhill Lions payment on the school bus donated to the Association for Retarded Children. Of this \$600, \$500 came from the North York Lions club and \$100 from the Richmond Hill Lions. Lion Sowdon reported that the Richmond Hill Lions are considering a supplementary payment and he plans to consult the Lions clubs of Agincourt and Markham -Unionville regarding the amount of their donation.

It was also reported at the meeting that Lion Arne Kotela had volunteered to drive the school bus for the Retarded Children Association. Mr. Kotela spends four hours a day on transporting the children to and from school and drives 30 miles for each trip.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CLERK'S NOTICE OF FIRST POSTING UP OF Voters' List, 1955
Municipality of the Township of Vaughan
COUNTY OF YORK

Notice is hereby given that I have compiled with section 9 of the Voters' Lists Act and that I have posted up at my office in Maple, on the 2nd day of November, 1955, the list of all persons entitled to vote in the said Municipality at Municipal Elections and that such list remains there for inspection.

And I hereby call upon all voters to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law. The last day for appeals being the 16th day of November, 1955.

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Negotiations Underway

New Post Office Planned To Meet Growth Of Area

The news that the Thornhill Post Office is presently negotiating for a site for a new post office building typifies the increased growth of population in the Thornhill area and the resultant effect on the post office department.

The present post office, situated opposite Centre street on Yonge Street in Thornhill has been in use since 1947 when it was transferred from its location in the Vern Griffin building. At that time, Clayton Scott was postmaster and Jack Warrick of Richmond Hill was acting postmaster.

At that time, the Thornhill postal area took in as far south as Highland Park and Doncaster and the number of families receiving mail at the post office was close to 400.

In 1947, the present post-mistress, Miss Mary Wice was appointed to the position and the post office was moved to its present location in the front of

the Wice home. Miss Wice, together with her father and mother occupy the rear quarters of the building and the upstairs and own an acre of land surrounding the building.

Through the years, the post office area has decreased and the amount of service has increased until at present there are over 700 families receiving their mail at the post office. The area has been cut down with Doncaster and part of Highland Park being dropped out. The present area includes as far south as part of Highland Park, North to Langstaff School, east to Bayview and west to Bathurst.

The present quarters have suffered considerably due to the growth of the area and there is a shortage of post office boxes and sorting room. It is planned that the proposed new building would have 2,000 feet of floor space and provide amply for the growing needs of the community.

Indoor & Outdoor Gardening

by Cindy Kane
CHINESE TELL FASCINATING STORY ABOUT THE NARCISSUS

The Chinese gave the Narcissus the beautiful name of shi-shen - "The Water Fairy". They say the most gorgeous come from the city of Chang-Chow in the province of Fukien. Each year the bulbs are sent from there to many parts of the world.

Very proud are the people of Chang-Chow of their virgin-white narcissus, and of it they tell this charming tale.

Many, many years ago, there lived a widow with her only son, a boy of ten years. The widow was very poor, and earned her living by endless knitting. But the one sorrow in her heart was that this little boy of hers never did anything to help her. The whole day long he played with other boys in the neighbourhood, forgetting even to come home at meal time.

One late afternoon as the widow sat at her knitting, a miserable, dirty old beggar came to the door begging for food. "O good woman," he pleaded, "could you spare me a few grains of rice?"

"The woman stopped her work and looked up. Calmly she replied, "I am sorry, my man, we are poor folk and have nothing for you."

Turning away with despair written in every wrinkle in the old shrivelled face, he silently made to depart. But pity got the better of the old woman, and she jumped up and said "Please don't go away! I'll give you the bowl of rice-porridge I've been keeping for that good-for-nothing boy of mine!"

Tears filled her eyes as she spoke but she hastily wiped them away on her sleeve. In no time the old beggar was enjoying his meal, a warm bowl of porridge and with it a little salted cucumber. Even as he was eating, the woman labored at her knitting. She wept bitterly as her tired fingers continued back and forth.

Having finished, the old man

came to thank the woman for her kindness. "Hsieh-Hsieh, Hsieh-hsieh nee -" he murmured, but she went on with her work and merely waved him good-by. The old beggar did not go at once, but lingered on the grassy plot in front of the widow's home, and there, to her dismay, he spat out the rice he had just eaten.

As she turned away, there was a loud splash in the nearby pond. What was that? Why the old beggar must have jumped into the water!

In vain the villagers tried to find the body of the old man, but it seemed to have disappeared completely.

That night the kind widow wept for the old beggar whom she had tried to befriend. "Alas, alas for the pitiful man!" she wailed to herself.

At dawn when she arose to begin her day's work, she looked out her tiny window, and there to her astonished eyes were, lo and behold, fragrant narcissus covering the very plot where the old man had spat out the rice.

The good people of Chang-Chow will tell you the old beggar was but a good water-fairy in disguise, and the narcissus bulbs his gift of gratitude to the poor widow who had shown kindness to a stranger.

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Ask Permission Service Station

At last Monday's meeting of Vaughan Township Council a request was received from Petrofina Oil Company for permission to erect a service station on property just west of the Thorncrest Motel on No. 7 Highway.

The Council declined to give a decision until the matter was referred to the Planning Board.

Trustees Hire Planning Consultant

At a special two hour meeting of the Thornhill village trustees on Tuesday night, A. Ecclestone, village solicitor, presented a candidate for the post of town planning consultant and after considerable discussion, the decision was made to hire him.

Mr. D. J. W. Little of Toronto is the new planning consultant and he presented his qualifications to the trustees as well as his plans and ideas for the program he should follow to obtain information on incorporation. All the trustees were considerably impressed by Mr. Little's qualifications and immediate steps were made to acquaint him with the project and start him to work.

Mr. Little will start work on Monday with an office of his own in the Thornhill Library. He will attend all meetings of any sort in the area to learn the problems and ideas of the ratepayers and provide them with any and all information as it becomes available. The trustees instructed their secretary to write letters to the Reeves of both Markham and Vaughan townships to let them know they had hired Mr. Little and to give him their cooperation and help in obtaining the information he desires.

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