

# Thornhill And District News

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## Thornhill Socials

**Scout Hike**  
Eighteen scouts of the 2nd Thornhill Scout troop took an all-day hike last Sunday under the direction of Scoutmaster Alfred Willey. The hike was taken over into the Maple area and the scouts prepared one meal during the trip.

**Young Life Club**  
The Young Life Club of the Thornhill Presbyterian Church held a skating party last Saturday evening at Lionville Skating rink. Thirty-six children took part and were transported in cars provided by the congregation. Following the skating, the children were brought back to the church for films, singing and refreshments.

**Baptism Service**  
On Sunday morning, Elenore Alberta and John Leonard Morrison, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Leggat were baptized in the Thornhill Presbyterian church.

**Youth-Adult Fellowship**  
On Sunday afternoon, the Youth-Adult Fellowship of the Thornhill Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. Tom McCaul, Moore Park Drive, with 10 members present. The discussion during the meeting centred around the beliefs of the Mormons and refreshments were served at the close.

**Meet With Presbytery Com.**  
On Monday night, a Presbytery committee from the Board of Christian Education met with the session and members of the congregation of the Thornhill Presbyterian church to discuss more effective Christian education techniques. Rev. James Donald of Emanuel Presbyterian church led the team. Feature of the meeting was a panel discussion on the theme, "Why a Christian Education Committee?"

Part in the panel were Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. Ina Hill, Mrs. MacHue, Mr. A. Brown, Rev. J. Donald and Rev. C. H. Chambers.

**The Late M. J. Folinsee**  
Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. J. H. Timmins in the loss of her father, the late Maurice J. Folinsee of Toronto, who died on Friday in the Toronto General Hospital. Mr. Folinsee was a lawyer for 43 years and a member of the Thornhill Golf Club.

## W.I. Meeting Hears Reports

The regular monthly meeting of the Thornhill Women's Institute was held Thursday, November 17, in the Masonic Hall, Thornhill, with 23 members present, and the president, Mrs. Crowhurst presiding.

The motto was "Take off your hat to the Present and your coat to the Future". Roll call was "Where my ancestors came from and where they settled". Plans were made for a luncheon to be held in February.

Reports on the Central Area Convention were given by Mrs. Mizen and Mrs. Sinclair. More than 700 were registered for the convention and its theme was, "Putting Culture into Agriculture." The main project of the convention was raising funds to equip four villages in Ceylon for women's work centres. This project was so successful that it was reported enough money was raised to equip six villages instead of four.

Mrs. Empringham, Current Events and Historical Research convenor, gave a paper story of Yonge street as far north as Thornhill. She told how Yonge street had progressed from a mere ox-cart trail through the bush to our present day super-highway and how population and industry had kept pace with its progress.

The December meeting will be at the home of Mrs. W. Ball and will be the annual Christmas pot luck luncheon.

**BOB'S ESSO SERVICE STATION**  
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Max Factor Cosmetics  
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Prescription Service

**Thornhill Pharmacy**  
C. E. Stoneburg  
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AV. 5-2503 Yonge St.  
Thornhill

## Trustees Hold Meeting Gas Company Officials

A special meeting of the Thornhill Village Trustees was called on Wednesday of last week for the purpose of meeting with officials from the Consumer's Gas Company regarding the introduction of natural gas in the area. Present at the meeting were Trustee George Giles and Trustee Chairman John MacNeil. Representing the Consumer's Gas Company were Messrs. P. W. Geldard, D. R. Mason, R. J. Zimmerman, J. C. McCarthy and O. L. Jones. Mr. Jones is General Manager and Vice-President of the company.

Mr. Jones, in his brief, outlined the history of the company and its efforts to expand into the outlying areas around Toronto. With the advent of a good supply of natural gas, he explained, the company was now able to deal with all Toronto consumers and begin expanding into the metropolitan area.

**Charge Same Rate**  
Continuing, Mr. Jones explained that going into areas adjacent to Toronto, the firm charged the same rates as in Toronto, and therefore had in effect a system-wide rate. In stating the advantages of Natural Gas, he added that it encouraged industrial and residential expansion and the company itself is 95% owned by Canadians.

Mr. Mason explained the agreements and franchises which are necessary between any municipality and the company. He stated that the franchise had to be agreeable to both parties and was usually standardized. It also had to be approved by the Ontario Fuel Board and was to be in force for 20 years. The franchise is non-exclusive.

**Trustees Report Complaints**  
Trustee John MacNeil brought up the point that he had received some complaints from Thornhill residents to the effect their land had been surveyed by Consumer's Gas without the owner's permission. Trustee Giles felt the matter was purely a misunderstanding.

Mr. Jones thanked the trustees for bringing the matter to their attention and stated that they will certainly do everything in their power to clear up any misunderstanding.

Trustee MacNeil felt the misunderstanding possibly resulted from the fact the company had assumed that all the Yonge St. frontages are owned by the high-ways department, while actually some eight frontages are privately owned.

**Property Taxable**  
In further discussion of the proposal, Mr. Jones stated that Company property would be taxable along with the paid up stations and other installations. The company did not intend to operate on an absentee owner basis, he added. Local men will act as company representatives in each area.

Trustee Giles asked if the distribution line went through to Richmond Hill it would mean that the areas on each side of Yonge would get gas. Mr. Geldard replied that every street in the area would have natural gas if it was found to be economically feasible. A survey would be taken of the residents to determine if they are interested. If so a feeder main would be laid.

**No Franchise Needed**  
Since the company has a franchise from both the townships of Markham and Vaughan, one will not be required from the village of Thornhill. However the company is anxious to let the Trustees know of its plans.

In closing, Mr. Jones suggested to the trustees that the company could send a circular to each resident in the area, similar to that sent to Richmond Hill residents. The circular would explain in detail the Consumer's Gas Company and its effect and advantages on the area. A suggestion was also made that a representative of the group give a talk to the Thornhill Lions Club.

**Progress - Thornhill High School**  
Work on the Thornhill High School is progressing favorably with the south wing almost completely enclosed and the brick work is being done on the interior. The brick work on the gymnasium has been completed and work is being done preparatory to laying the floor.

Heating, plumbing and electrical work is in the final stages of completion and the water mains connection with the supply in North York have been laid and connected.

The landscaping has been fully completed behind the school and a fresh layer of green grass has emerged with the whole grounds being enclosed by a new steel chain-mesh fence.

**E. T. Pherrill Elected President Horticultural Society Holds Annual Meeting**  
E. T. Pherrill was elected president of the Thornhill and District Horticultural Society at the annual meeting held in Thornhill United Church Hall on Tuesday, November 15. Other officers elected were Past President, R. C. Poulter; 1st Vice President, Allan Sumner; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. Bridges; Directors, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. W. J. Lennox, Mrs. P. Bone, Mrs. B. Heslop, E. Kohler, P. Deif, Mr. R. Healey, Mr. C. Williamson, Mr. L. J. Smith, Mr. R. Whately. Mr. R. Whately was chairman of the Nominations Committee.

The society has had one of the most successful years in its history the retiring president, R. C. Poulter, said in his report.

"Our membership totals 210 which is slightly more than last year. This is about up to the limit of our capacity so far as our place of meeting is concerned." He added, "We have been meeting each month with a good attendance and have held monthly director's meetings."

**Sound Financial Position**  
Mr. Poulter stated that the club was in a sound financial position and that the membership fee of \$1.00 was quite low considering the many benefits received. "Entries in all shows this year totalled 1,275 as compared to 1,040 last year," he added.

Mr. Poulter went on to outline the year's work, including the annual August show, the entries in the Canadian National Exhibition, the prize lists and other functions and events during the year. He added that there had been two garden visits during the year, one to the garden at Shoulburn and to the James Gardens. Only poor weather had prevented further such visits, he stated.

The club held a number of plant sales during the year, Mr. Poulter reported. These provided a source of first class material at moderate cost.

## Elect Mrs. M. Grant - K. Richan

# \$1,583 Surplus Reported A.R.C. Annual Meeting

On Tuesday evening, the Thornhill Area Recreation Committee held its annual meeting in the Baptist Church hall in Thornhill with a good crowd in attendance. Features of the meeting were the presentation of the annual report by Chairman R. C. Poulter, the treasurer's report by Walter Smook and the re-election of Mrs. Margaret Grant and election of Mr. Keith Richan to the committee.

Chairman R. C. Poulter opened the meeting with a number of quotations from the constitution to familiarize those present with the working and set-up of the committee. The purpose of the establishment of a community program of cultural, educational, physical and social recreation.

Charman Poulter reported a very successful year and a busy one for both the committee and staff. Regular meetings were held and several special meetings as well as hours of planning and work.

Mr. Poulter stated, "While our biggest activity was the swimming pool and its extensive swimming and instructional program, we also supported the playground program, Thornhill Daub and Sketch Club, Thornhill Swimming Club, baseball, rink, park maintenance and provision of one-meter diving championships and similar events."

**Pool Activity Increase**  
In outlining the pool activity of the year, Mr. Poulter stated the attendance was about 35% over last year, with 200 initial private registrations and a total registration of 2,680 and a 72% attendance. In the life saving classes, approximately 30 were registered at all levels with 23 winning certificates and medals.

In the general swimming program, 510 awards were made. "Several special events were held during the year, including a swim meet just after the pool opened, another swim-meet in August and again in September. In the latter program the Ontario one-meter diving championships were held in the afternoon and the Thornhill Annual Swim Meet in the evening. The highlight of the season was a water ballet put on by the Thornhill Swimming Club under the direction of Mrs. M. Warren," said Mr. Poulter.

**Ensure Pool Safety**  
Due to the large crowds at the pool, great care was taken throughout the season to ensure complete safety. A third guard tower was added, a modern rescuator was on hand and the water was kept in good condition at all times.

Chairman Poulter reported that two public meetings were held at which plans were laid for tennis courts. At present, the courts are still under construction but they are expected to be ready by next year. "I suggest a Tennis Club be formed during the winter so that everything will be ready for the spring," said Mr. Poulter.

**Outlines Winter Program**  
Due to the winter program, Mr. Poulter stated the committee had a number of suggestions under consideration, including music appreciation, skating, dance instruction and dancing, and a charm school.

In conclusion, Mr. Poulter stated that the A.R.C. has met with close of the meeting.

Refreshments followed the meeting.

**Thornhill Lions See Film And Magic Show**  
The Thornhill and District Lions Club met on Monday night with a good crowd in attendance. The meeting was under the direction of the program committee under the chairmanship of Lion Art Dowker and a fine evening's entertainment was arranged by them.

The proceedings started with a short talk by Mr. Ivan Startup of the Canadian Cancer Society who explained the effects, causes and types of Cancer as well as the seven danger signals that could mean cancer. Following his talk, a short color and sound film, entitled "Man Alive" was shown and was well enjoyed by those present.

The next item of entertainment was the presentation of the two magicians, Bill and Kay Arnott who kept the group well entertained with slight-of-hand and numerous tricks of illusion.

At the business meeting that followed, President Hal Harley reported that last Wednesday's Bingo, held in Thornhill Farmer's Market, lost money. He asked that member Lions discuss the event with their friends and try to induce a larger crowd to attend.

Five letters were read by the corresponding secretary, including one from the Doncaster Community Ladies club and Doncaster Ratepayer's Association thanking the Lions club for their \$15 donation towards their picnic.

President Hal Harley reported that Lion Jack Bentham had been married the previous Saturday in Nova Scotia. A congratulatory telegram had been sent to him and arrangements were made to welcome him on his return early in December.

President Harley also announced that the annual Lions club scholarship had been presented to Geo. Putnam at the Thornhill High School's Commencement exercises the previous Friday. The scholarship consists of \$50 now and a further \$50 in May.

President Harley stated that in conversation with High School officials he had learned that the new Thornhill High School would require a grand piano and that such would be an ideal project for the Lions club. "It is a project to look forward to, as we will probably get a request for it."

It was announced that last year the winners of the school area field day had been presented with crests and badges by the Lions club. A request had been received from one of the teachers that this year's winners receive the same and the matter was to be looked into.

The subject of holding a Lions church parade came up for discussion and president Hal Harley stated that it had been held in previous years and would be a good idea if held again. A vote was taken on the idea and it passed unanimously. The parade will be held within the next two or three Sundays in co-operation with the Thornhill Anglican church.

Lion Nels Findlay made a motion that the Thornhill High School football team be the guests at a Lion dinner in honor of their winning the COSSA football title in their first year as a team. Lion Nels Findlay promised to look after the event.

## Thornhill Nominations Tonight

Tonight, Thursday night, is nomination time for three trustees for the Police Village of Thornhill. The meeting, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., is in Victoria Hall, Thornhill, and it is hoped a good crowd will be in attendance. Last year's trustee board, Chairman John MacNeil, Trustee George Giles and Trustee Alan Sumner are all expected to run again.

With the increased growth of the area and the plans for incorporation of the village, considerable interest has been aroused in civic affairs, and other individuals may step forward to announce their intentions.

## New House And Furnishings

# Good Crowd At Dedication United Church Parsonage

White mums, gladioli and candles served as decorations last Wednesday night for the dedication of the new United Church parsonage. Over 150 were present Wednesday night for the service and open house and 50 came the next day when the house was again open. Rev. E. B. Eddy and Mrs. Eddy received the guests and Mrs. Eddy was gown-d in black with an orchid corsage.

Taking the dedication service was Rev. A. C. Huston, Victoria Square, Chairman of the Toronto Centre Presbytery. Assisting him in the candle-lighting and fire-lighting service were Dr. E. N. Meuser and Mr. Grenville Lunau. Rev. E. B. Eddy also assisted for the service.

Greetings were brought by Rev. C. H. Chambers on behalf of the Thornhill District Ministers Association and Mrs. G. S. Gardner brought greetings on behalf of the Toronto Centre Presbytery Women's Association. Accompanying her was Mrs. J. H. Bracken, parsonage convenor of the Toronto Conference Women's Association.

Pouring tea after the dedication were members of the church organization and they included Mrs. W. R. Linton; Mrs. T. Barrow, president of the Women's Association; Mrs. I. Ford, president of the W.M.S.; Mrs. K. Duncan, president of the W.M.S. Evening Auxiliary; Mrs. Don Davidson; Mrs. N. L. Morton, president of the choir; and from Carville Presbytery Mrs. J. Baker, president of the W.A. and Mrs. A. Read of the parsonage committee. Members of the various church organizations assisted.

The new parsonage is a brand new home with new furnishings situated on Thorn Heights Drive in the Selkirk Subdivision. The house was bought at a cost of \$19,000 and \$3,300 was spent on furnishing it. The furnishings were in charge of the Thornhill Women's Association with Mrs. T. Barrow, president. The parsonage committee was in charge of Mrs. Percy Bone, \$1,000 was guaranteed by the Women's Association toward the cost of the furnishings. A thankoffering contribution by the members of the church provided another \$1,400, and the rest was donated by the committee of stewards.

Special contributions came from the Thornhill Ladies' Guild who provided drapes for the new home. Thornhill Sunday School who donated a fire place screen and Carville United Church. Numerous floral arrangements decorated the home for the dedication, including a lovely basket of flowers from the Thornhill District Lions Club.

Rev. and Mrs. Eddy were honored to have their complete family present for the occasion. Present were Douglas and his wife from Oakville, Helen and her husband from Clarkson, Betty from Mount Dennis and Beverly, Stewart and Sherwood at home.

The new parsonage, which Rev. Mr. Eddy and his family moved into last week-end, is their third home since coming to Thornhill. Upon arrival, they stayed at the home of Willard Simpson on Yonge street. On September 1, they moved to the home of S. Findlay, 10 Centre Street.

Originally, the intention was to build a new parsonage on the recently acquired United Church property behind the new Thornhill High School. However, a deed restriction prevented this. A second suggestion was for the re-building of the old parsonage on Yonge street, but as the building is over 80 years old, the cost was found to be prohibitive.

**SNOW PLOWING**  
JACK JARVIS  
29 BENSON AVE.  
RICHMOND HILL  
Turner 4-2111

**La Grove Handicrafts**  
Time has almost expired for orders on weaving and knitting for Christmas. Articles too numerous to mention. 4 Weeks to Christmas  
Thornhill AV. 5-1633

## Dr. E. N. Meuser Tells Story Of Overseas Missionary Work

Dr. E. N. Meuser, retired overseas missionary-pharmacist can well be proud of the long years of dedication and service he has performed in alleviating suffering and raising the standards of the people of China.

Born in Elmwood, Bruce County, Central Ontario, Dr. Meuser attended public school in the vicinity of Malcolm and attended high school in Chesley. Following high school, he attended the Ontario College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1904. Upon his graduation, he worked for several years in a drug store in Chesley and managed the Elmwood drug store for a short time.

Next, Dr. Meuser attended the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for a special training course in Missionary work. Upon completion of this course, he left for West China in the fall of 1909 under the auspices of the American Methodist Episcopal Church. His duties were to do hospital, dispensary and general medical work for that mission in Chungking. He arrived late in December of that year.

In 1911 he moved to Shanghai due to the threat of war in that area, but returned to Chengtu in 1912 where he helped to equip service and staff a new hospital. In due time a training school for nurses was organized in the hospital and Dr. Meuser taught the courses to the students.

Dr. Meuser was married in 1913 to Miss Edna M. Speers who went to China in 1908 as a member of the Women's Missionary Society. Realizing that he was the only pharmacist west of Nanking and was serving a population of 250 million people, Dr. Meuser organized a department of Pharmacy in the West China Union University. The department developed and continued until 1950 there were 269 graduate pharmacists.

Besides his other work and service, Dr. Meuser also wrote and translated a number of pharmacy books as there were none in China when he arrived. Dr. Meuser feels that the motto and purpose of his career in China was "training Christian ethical pharmacists in a Christian ethical way for the benefit of the people". Throughout the whole period he stressed service before monetary gain and was proud of the staff and people he worked with and the harmonious relationship that was developed.

Dr. Meuser headed the department of Pharmacy at the West China University until 1949 and in 1950, following the Communist domination of China, Dr. Meuser returned to Canada for the last time.

During the period 1909 to 1950 while in service as a Missionary pharmacist Dr. Meuser enjoyed four furloughs. The first was from 1925 to 1931. During that period, he was in Regina when he was notified of a political upheaval in China and therefore he accepted a temporary teaching job on the staff of the University of Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy. In 1931 he resigned that job to return to China, leaving his wife and children behind in Canada.

He returned again to Canada in 1937 and stayed until 1939 when he went back to China. This time he was accompanied by his wife and son George. He left his daughters, Margaret, Helen and Dorothy behind to continue school in Canada. His last furlough was during the period 1945-47 and he returned home to retire in the summer of 1950.

At present, Dr. Meuser is in semi-retirement and takes part in an occasional speaking engagement. He and his wife live on Woodward Avenue in Willowdale where they have resided since 1951.

**2nd Thornhill Scout Anniversary**  
Last Thursday, November 17, the 2nd Thornhill Scout Troop celebrated its first anniversary as a scout troop. The celebration was held in Henderson Ave. School and a good crowd was in attendance. Two presents were given to the troop, one from B pack cubs was presented by a number of the cubs and consisted of a lantern. The group committee gave the troop a volleyball with Mr. Bert Eagles making the presentation.

Following the usual games and activities, the scout mothers auxiliary served the boys refreshments. Those on the auxiliary that served refreshments included Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Scarf, Mrs. Macallum, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. Jeens and Mrs. Anderson.

**NOMINATION MEETING VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP**  
at the  
**Township Memorial Hall (VELLORE)**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**  
— FOR —  
**VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
— AND —  
**SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
— FOR —  
**NASHVILLE & COLERAINE SCHOOL AREA**  
Please Note Change of Time  
**Nominations - 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.**  
J. M. McDONALD, Returning Officer

**BINGO** ★ **WEDNESDAY** ★ **\$300.00 In PRIZES** ★ **8 P.M. - Farmers Market**  
Including \$150.00 Jackpot Every Week **THORNHILL**  
**DOOR PRIZES** ★ **Thornhill Lions Club**