

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. Donald Smellie, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-3555.

George - Carroll Nuptials In Thornhill United Church

Thornhill United Church was the scene of a pretty autumn wedding at 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, 1956, when Verna Gay, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Carroll, Langstaff, and Frank Richard George, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. George, Langstaff, were united in marriage. Standards of bronze and yellow 'mums decorated the church for the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Earl B. Eddy.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a strapless waltz length gown, with a bouffant skirt made of lace over white satin. Over the sweetheart neckline bodice, she wore a matching lace bolero with pointed sleeves. Her fingertip veil of illusion tulle was held in place by a band of iridescent sequins, and she carried a bouquet of red roses and stephanotis. The maid of honor was the groom's sister, Miss Elsie George. She wore a strapless cocktail length gown of turquoise brocade taffeta, with a bolero and a matching headband, and carried a bouquet of yellow 'mums.

Groomsman was Roy Price of Richmond Hill, and the ushers were the bride's brothers, Russell and Melvin Carroll. The organist was Mrs. Davidson, Thornhill. During the signing of the register, Mrs. Clark sang "Because". Following the ceremony a reception for over 80 guests was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride's mother received, wearing a bouffant gown of turquoise figured crystalaette, with a corsage of yellow 'mums. The groom's mother assisted, wearing a gown of rosewood lace over taffeta. Her corsage was of talisman roses and yellow 'mums. The groom's grandmother, Mrs.

W. H. Adamson, Toronto, wore royal blue crepe with a corsage of white gardenias. Assisting in serving were Mrs. Lloyd Stark, Mrs. Desmond Carroll and Mrs. Russell Carroll. Mr. and Mrs. George left for a motor trip to Haliburton. For her going away outfit, the bride chose a winter white wool suit with a pink picture hat and black accessories, and wore a corsage of talisman roses. On their return, they will live in Langstaff. Out-of-town guests included Goderich, Mr. and Mrs. George, Hansen, Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cuthbertson, Bowmanville, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thorne, Orillia, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Brown, Highland Creek.

Elmer Flag Is Now Raised Henderson Sch.

An impressive ceremony took place at Henderson Ave. Public School on Tuesday, November 6, when an Elmer, the Safety Elephant flag was hoisted on the flagpole by Steven Gatehouse. Mr. E. Sand, School Area Supervising Principal, Constables Dukes and MacKay of Markham Township Police Force and Principal A. Martindale officiated.

The pupils were reminded of Elmer's five safety rules: 1. Look both ways before you cross the street. 2. Keep out from between parked cars. 3. Ride your bicycle safely and obey all signs and signals. 4. Play your games in a safe place away from the street. 5. Walk when you leave the curb.

Elmer will fly until a Henderson Ave. pupil is at fault in a traffic accident. Then there must be 30 accident-free days for all the pupils before Elmer can be hoisted again. We feel certain Henderson Ave. pupils will be safety conscious and not let Elmer down.

H. & S. Hears Arthur Pigott

The November meeting of Thornhill Home and School was held Thursday evening, November 15, with the president, John Mavor in the chair. Following reports by the secretary and treasurer, Mrs. H. Burgess reported the November 23rd dance to be well in hand with tickets becoming scarce. She also announced the skate exchange to be held the first three Wednesdays in December.

Mr. Jack Elliott then introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Arthur Pigott, chairman of the United Appeal, outlining his extensive experience in educational circles in Manitoba and in social services in Ontario.

Mr. Pigott gave a very interesting and thought-provoking address enlivened by frequent bits of humor. His subject was "Bring 'Em Up Alive," and he spoke of the problems involved in bringing up a child today to be a well adjusted adult in our complex urban industrial society, as compared to those of parents raising a child in the rural agricultural society of 50 years ago. He emphasized particularly the importance of the family unit and how we must compensate for the loss of closeness and affection in the family situation. He concluded by outlining the four chief functions of education:

- (1) To conserve human ability, (2) To "abillitate" that ability, (3) To educate for citizenship, (4) To teach the best use of leisure time.
- Mr. Allan MacMillan thanked the speaker. Miss G. Wesley's Grade I won the attendance cup. The meeting closed with coffee and brownies provided by the Grade 7 mothers.

STOUFFVILLE: It is expected that work on the sewer project will come to a halt soon through a lack of gravel caused by the local strike at the gravel pits.

Small Turnout Annual Meeting Recreation Committee Reports On Activities

Thornhill Area Recreation Committee operates a sizeable business in a harmonious and business-like way, retiring president R. C. Poulter pointed out in the course of a complete review of this year's activities at its annual meeting on November 13. Walter Smook, treasurer, presented a financial statement showing disbursements of \$20,418.57 and a balance on hand amounting to \$1,009.42 for this year as of October 31.

Reviews Constitution

Mr. Poulter reviewed the constitution of the A.R.C. which was established to provide a program of community recreation within the meaning of the Ontario Department of Education Act, for the well-being of the community and the use of the inhabitants within the area between Dufferin St. on the west, the 3rd concession, Markham, Twiss on the east, No. 7 Highway and Langstaff Sideroad on the north and Steeles Ave. on the south. The committee consists of seven members, five elected for a two-year term, alternating three and two annually, one appointed by the Thornhill Board of Trustees, and one appointed by Thornhill Lions Club. They have held two regular meetings each month and have devoted considerable additional time to planning. Each member was assigned a specific responsibility, acting as a sub-committee, under a reorganized system this year. The president felt this type of organization proved very successful and produced good results.

Outline Activities

Though the swimming pool was the biggest single operation, the A.R.C. also promoted a playground, Daul & Sketch Club, baseball, tennis, chess school, picnic grounds, a small music appreciation group, some skating and badminton, and a six-week summer program for children. Average attendance at the summer classes was 35-40 out of an enrollment of 65. Held daily, without charge, from 1.30 to 4 p.m. at Thornhill Park, it provided stories, crafts and games under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Hyndman with one assistant.

Swimming pool activities included instruction in life-saving, diving, synchronized swimming, child and adult learn-to-swim classes. Red Cross swimming certificates were issued to 223 beginners, 109 juniors, 19 intermediates and 10 seniors. Royal Life Saving Society awarded four intermediate certificates, nine bronze medals, 16 Lifeguard Proficiency awards, and one Instructor's Total attendance at the pool was considered low because of poor weather. On July 17, Thornhill Swimming Club presented a very successful water circus, and on August 19 the annual aquacade took place. Staff of the pool consisted of a full-time manager, assistant manager, pool director and 18 instructors. Mr. Poulter emphasized the care taken to ensure complete safety, to the extent that the committee was occasionally accused of being too careful. Rescues effected numbered 17, but thanks to the alertness and training of the guards, none was of a serious nature.

Starting remuneration increased this year because the committee had to pay according to the open market to get good staff. Juniors in the community were not advanced enough, and previous local staff had moved on, thanks to their experience at the pool. Another increase in costs resulted from the gain in the number of free swimming classes, a situation which should be reviewed. Pool time was provided for Water Ballet by the swimming club under Mrs. Warren. Mr. Poulter remarked this activity should be encouraged.

Winter Sports

The A.R.C. hopes to assist the Doncaster-Highland Park Recreation Committee with pleasure skating, to have skating on the pond, and to experiment with an ice surface on the tennis courts which are higher in the middle than at the ends. Mr. Poulter thanked all members of the staff. The managers did an excellent job. He remarked that meetings had been very smooth and harmonious, and he especially praised Mr. Smook as treasurer for preparing professional financial reports and always having the current balance.

Financial Report

The treasurer, Mr. Smook, presented "in mournful numbers" a financial report for 1956, commenting that though it did not present such a fine picture as that of 1955, not once had the A.R.C. been in the red at the bank. Balance on hand at October 31, amounted to \$1,009.42. Balance on hand at January 1, 1956, \$2,290. total receipts \$20,175.09 and total disbursements \$20,418.57. Swimming pool receipts amounted to \$15,874.70, with disbursements of \$17,175.68. Total grants amounted to \$3,435.00, of which \$1,835.00 came from Vaughan Twp. Recreation Committee and \$1,600.00 from Thornhill Trustees. Mr. Smook pointed out that rise in salaries at the pool had increased from \$7,833.00 last year to \$10,300. In 1956, in line, admission fees had risen from 27 cents to 31.4 cents per capita, though the price of season tickets remained the same. Capital expenditure in connection with the new tennis courts amounted

to \$1,178.98 in 1956. Mrs. J. D. Grant reported an enrollment of 30 in the Daul & Sketch Club this year. It rents space in Thornhill High School and has hired Charles Wakefield as instructor. It showed at the C.N.E. and at the Lions' Carnival, and is now considering children's art classes for Saturday mornings.

Charles Sowdon reported for the swimming pool and for the Charm School (officially called "Self-Improvement Group"). He warned that each year more money would be required to put the pool in shape for opening. This year new filters, new rods in the well and pump repairs had cost \$2,010. He noted that the well was not pumping as much water, and that cement was giving out. The Charm School had 20 teenage members who met on Monday nights for 13 weeks under Betty Grant, a professional model and who gave a fashion show on November 16. A class for mothers of such daughters is now being considered.

Play began on the new tennis courts on the July first week-end. Round robins were held for seniors in August and for the juniors in September. Willard Simpson conducted election of three new members to the committee this year, replacing Mr. Poulter, Mr. Smook and Mr. Sowdon who retired at the end of their terms of office. Mr. K. Richan proposed as a slate for the A.R.C. Arthur Lennie, Robert Napier and John McKenzie, and lacking further nominations these were elected by acclamation.

More Thornhill Representation

In a flurry of discussion during nominations Allan Sumner, Thornhill Trustee, proposed that since Thornhill provided what amounted to one mill on the tax bill and other municipalities provided no funds, Thornhill should have greater representation than just one member. Mr. K. Richan opposed Mr. Sumner, stating that the nominated slate was supposed to look after the interests of the village as well as those of other areas.

Lack of interest of the community in general towards the activities of the A.R.C. was reflected in the very small size of the audience (about 12) composed in the main of persons directly engaged in the business of the annual meeting.

Nominations are being held tonight (Thursday, November 22) in Thornhill to nominate candidates for the offices of three Village Trustees. The meeting is being held in the United Church Hall and nominations will be accepted between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. From all appearances, it will likely be a quiet election in Thornhill. As yet there have been no indications from Thornhill residents as to possible candidates who might seek office.

There are unconfirmed reports that Trustee Chairman Willard Simpson will not stand for reelection. However, neither Trustee George Giles nor Trustee Allan Sumner, have committed themselves regarding their intentions in the forth-coming election.

Elect T. J. Kelly W.M. at Thornhill

Thornhill L.O.L. No. 91 held elections of officers for 1957 on November 12. The election was conducted by Wor. Bro. W. Newell, Past County Masters and officers. Installation was performed by Wor. Bro. H. W. Becking, Deputy County Master. The officers for the coming year are: Worshipful Master, Bro. T. J. Kelly; immediate past master, Wor. Bro. A. W. H. Curtis; deputy master, Bro. W. A. George; chaplain, Wor. Bro. R. H. Kane; recording secretary, Wor. Bro. K. E. Richards; financial secretary, Bro. D. J. Barton; treasurer, Wor. Bro. W. J. Scrivener, lecturer, Wor. Bro. R. Kane; lecturer, Wor. Bro. J. Madill; 1st committeeman, Wor. Bro. J. W. Webster; 2nd committeeman, Wor. Bro. W. A. Curtis; 3rd committeeman, Bro. T. Ferguson; 4th committeeman, Bro. R. S. Kane; 5th committeeman, Bro. A. Spofford; tyler, Bro. J. Barton; auditors, Wor. Bro. R. Kane and Wor. Bro. J. J. Madill.



Shown above are the executive officers responsible for guiding the destinies of the Thornhill Lions Club during the 1956-57 club year. Composed of energetic local men dedicated to the well being of their community the members are active in the life of the village and surrounding areas.

Left to right (front row): Wally Elgie assistant secretary, Fred Harry secretary, Gordon Davie presi-

dent, Walter Smook, vice-president and Clayton Atkinson treasurer.

Left to right (back row): George Mickleborough director, Ralph Robinson director, James Barr Lion tamer, Robert Napier director, and Harry Iddon director.

Missing when the picture was taken were: Hal Harley, past president; Robert Priestman, vice-president, Roy Bick, vice-president; Art Bone, tail twister; and Bill Baker, tail twister.

Thornhill Notes

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kerland have returned from a month's vacation to Daytona Beach and St. Petersburg, Fla. En route they spent a few days at Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Hi-C group of the United Church enjoyed a hay ride at the Sunnybrook Riding Club in Richmond Hill Saturday night. Afterwards the young people returned to the home of the Fuglers for refreshments and games.

The 1st Thornhill Brownie Pack took advantage of the recent lovely weather to hold a meeting in Thornhill park. While the Brownies practised fire-lighting, the Tweenies had a nature treasure hunt. Later marshmallows were toasted over the tiny campfires.

Bonny Komsma earned her Golden Bar on October 9 and Lucinda Perry received hers on November 13.

The following Brownies have been appointed Sixers for the 56-57 season: Barbara Curtin for the Little People, Bonny Komsma for the Elves, Lucinda Perry for the Gnomes, and Donna Sproule for the Fairies.

The Tweenies are working very hard learning to be Brownies. The first enrollment ceremony will take place on November 20. Presbyterian Church News

The Rev. Calvin Chambers is spending this week in Chatsworth attending a "preaching mission" of the Presbyterian Church there. He has been conducting services every evening. The Young Life group met on Sunday evening with an attendance of 30 young people. A very interesting discussion on the subject, "Should a Christian drink," took place with small groups forming buzz sessions. These were led by Ken Terry, Andrea McCarthy, Gerry Easton, Peter Willison and Larry Boxall. A film was shown entitled "It is the brain that counts."

The afternoon auxiliary of the W.M.S. met in the church hall on Tuesday, November 13. Mrs. Irving Ford presided. Devotions were taken by Mrs. D. Davidson. Mrs. R. Whitley introduced the study book, "East from Burma."

The Junior groups came in at the close of the meeting and were warmly welcomed by the president. The Mission Band said Hello in Korean and sang two missionary songs. A story, A day on the Farm, read by Mrs. Davidson was done in pantomime by the Explorers as their contribution to the programme. Mrs. Ford thanked the young members for their fine entertainment.

The meeting closed with the benediction. Refreshments were served by the auxiliary members who in turn were thanked by the Mission Band in Korean and by Judy Halliwell for the Explorers. The Hi-C group met Sunday evening. Rosalie Dillon and Ron Ford captained their teams to a very close game of Bible Baseball. The pitcher was Rev. E. B.

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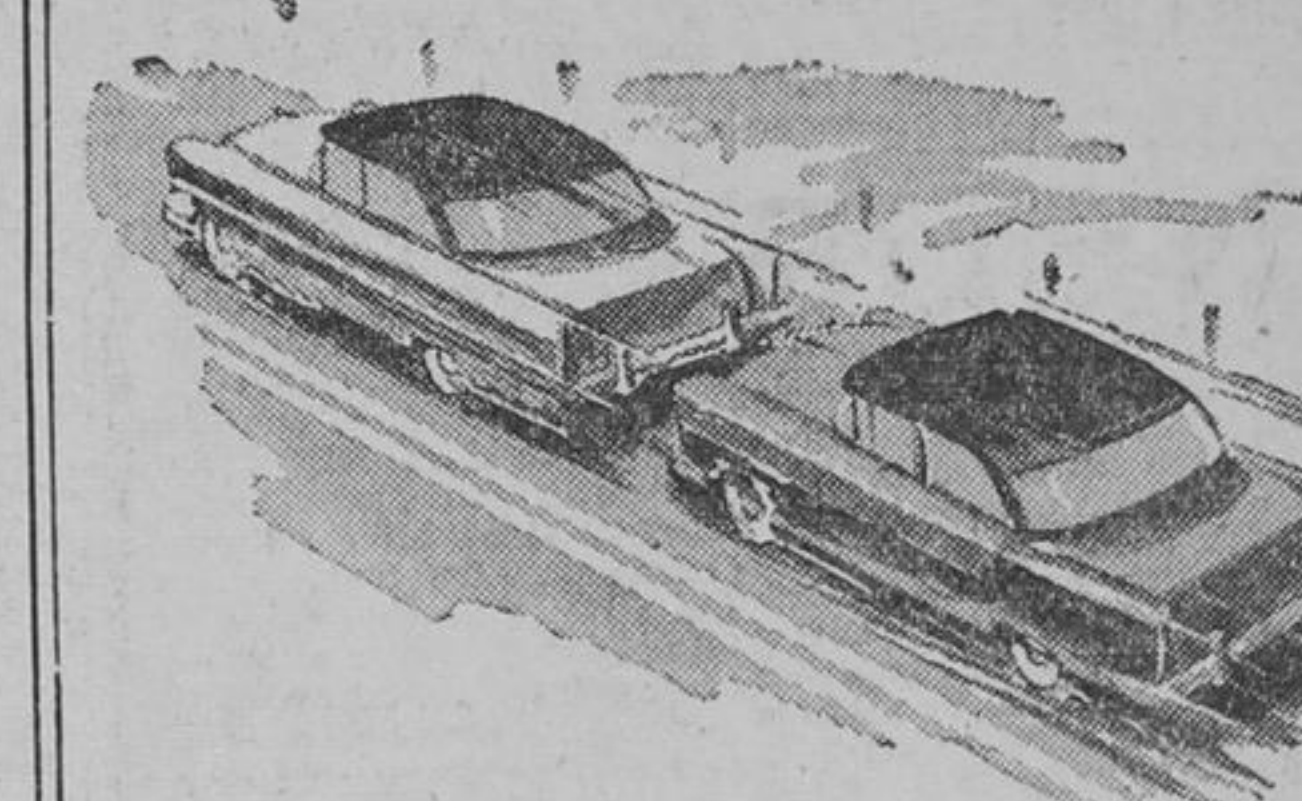
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D. MacSPORRAN, President