

# 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 Snellice, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-3555.

## Santa Claus At MacKillop School



"Santa Claus' Workshop" is a very creditable creation by the pupils and teachers of the MacKillop Public School, Richmond Hill, symbolizing one traditional and very popular event of the Christmas season. Backed by a twelve foot square illuminated background showing the doorway, the hills, trees and the sky, all in perspective, this scene depicts Santa starting from the North Pole, three little elves loading the gift parcels on to the sleigh, with the fourth elf holding the reins of the reindeer.

— Photo by Lagerquist

## Jefferson School

(Continued from Page 1) board had instituted a new procedure this year, meeting once a month with the teachers to discuss minor problems — there were no major ones this year, he said.

### Financial Report

The Chairman's report on the financial statement for 1957 showed a balance on hand of approximately \$12,000 for 1958, about \$1,000 more than in January 1957.

Salaries for Jefferson Public School teachers are now on a level with the standard set by the Ontario Department of Education, Chairman Kerwin said, and the board is most satisfied with the good work the teachers are doing in the classrooms.

Transportation continues to be one of the heaviest financial items with the newly rearranged bus schedules of this term costing \$2,755.

For the first time since entering Jefferson school seven years ago, Grade 8 pupils, along with all the other children in the school, received work books, free of cost. Hitherto parents have supplied all such items, as well as pencils, crayons, etc.

### New Trustee

Following the official acceptance of the report as read, Mr. Kerwin called for nominations for a new trustee. The outgoing trustee was himself re-nominated but declined the office, stating he thought the board needed new members from time to time. Carson Whalen was then acclaimed trustee for a three year term. Trustee H. C. Betts, who will be chairman of the 1958 board, thanked Mr. Kerwin on behalf of the ratepayers for the valuable work he had accomplished during his three-year session on the board.

## School Area No. 1 Inaugural

The inaugural meeting for School Area No. 1, Markham-Vaughan will be held in the Thornhill Public School at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, at which time the chairman and vice-chairman for 1958 will be elected. Members of the 1958 board of trustees are: Roy Bick, Alan Parker, Jackson Taylor, George Chandler and Nathan Hicks.

## Simcoe Rangers Special Courses

Four Department of Lands and Forests employees, Fred Marshall, John Hunt, Vic Eaton and John Cast, have returned to the Lake Simcoe District after completing the 1958 course at the Forest Ranger School. The course includes 33 weeks of both lecture and practical work at the school located near Dorset adjoining the University Forest. This brings to 19 the number of Lake Simcoe District staff who have received training at the school in the past few years.

Two District employees, Lorne O'Dell, Sibbald's Point, Provincial Park and Richard Ellis from Severn Falls will be attending the school during 1958, starting the first term on January 5.

Growth in popularity of the school is indicated by the fact that there are already 91 applicants for the 72 places available in the course this coming season. Since the school was first organized in 1943, approximately 500 students have graduated. These include staff officers, foresters and hatchery personnel and others specializing in various branches of forestry and fish and wildlife. In addition to Department personnel candidates nominated by any of the forest industries of the province are admitted to the course and provision is also made for the admission of ten male residents of Ontario who can fulfill certain requirements. The latter are selected on the basis of competitive examination.

## Coloured Slides Seen At Party

December 17 was a most successful party meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society. This Christmas gathering of members is an annual event which is looked forward to by all members. Mr. Pherrill, the retiring president, took charge of the evening by wishing all a "Very Happy Christmas," with a special welcome to Mr. John F. Clark and Mr. St. Clare Tennant, both holding important positions with the Horticultural Association of Ontario. Mr. Clark spoke briefly on the "True Thoughts behind the Season of Christmas," asking all to share the joys with others, to make it a family effort.

A presentation was made to John Kremm for his close cooperation throughout the year. A new idea was given a trial this year, members being asked to hand in slides of colored shots of their own gardens and holiday pictures, taken in many countries as well as from the gardens in Thornhill. Mr. Art Bone operated the projector and gave a running talk on the many well chosen slides. The members most heartily, finally the members of well chosen selections which brought out the harmony to the best advantage. They are a very friendly group and will fit into any company. Mr. Whately presented the winning awards to successful members entering their Christmas Decorative efforts.

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# BINGO

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## Thornhill Notes

Miss Betty Bone of McMaster University is spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bone Yonge Street. Miss Norah Smith, Thornhill, who is taking her grade at Neuchatel College in Switzerland is spending her Christmas holidays touring France, Spain, North Africa and Gibraltar. She spent Christmas Day in Tangier.

The week of Prayer for 1958 will be held in the United Church on January 7 to 10th. It is hoped that all Church organizations will keep these dates free of the churches of the Village for Common Prayer.

Thornhill Baptist Church held its first Candlelight Service on Monday evening December 22. The church was beautifully decorated by Mr. Clifford Wilson and the attendance was excellent. A choir was under the direction of Mr. Roger Hobbs and the guest soloists were Mrs. Gordon and Lightfoot of Willowdale. The church soloists who also took part were Mrs. Twine, Mrs. Bey and Mr. C. Wilson.

The Women's Auxiliary of Thornhill Baptist Church held its December meeting in the home of Mrs. C. Wilson. Thirty ladies entered a program of games, caroling and refreshments provided by the ladies of the W.A. The first meeting of the new year will be held January 21st at 8 p.m. in the church. This will be an important meeting, please attend.

Trinity Church School The Nursery and beginners class under the leadership of Mrs. C. R. Devey held their annual Christmas party on Thursday December 19th. About 65 children along with 30 mothers had an enjoyable afternoon. On Saturday December 21st Christmas parties were held for primary and junior departments.

Mr. John Day Superintendent was ably assisted by the teachers in providing a program of games, and a moving picture entitled "The Littlest Angel," and of course sandwiches, cookies and ice cream. During each program the Rev. W. E. Askew told the Christmas stories.

The Junior Bible classes under the leadership of Mrs. J. Robinson and Mr. Peter Weale held their Christmas programme on Thursday December 26th in the afternoon and evening. About 16 young people enjoyed an afternoon of skating at the Richmond Hill Arena followed by a grand dinner back at the home of Mrs. Robinson. Games and singing closed off a most enjoyable party.

Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Chambers held an "At Home" for their congregation on Boxing Day December 26 from 2 to 5 in the afternoon and 8 to 10 p.m. in the evening. Pouring tea in the afternoon were Mrs. Jack Mayer Mrs. James Boyd, Mrs. Percy Williamson and Mrs. Hugh Anderson in the evening were Mrs. Douglas Cooper Sr., Mrs. Earl Patton and Mrs. Alex Brown.

The young ladies assisting the hostesses were Miss Nancy Cooper, Miss Andrea McCarthy, Miss Jane Camsell, Misses Sheena and Betty Bevrige, Miss Arlene Sinclair, Miss Wilhemena Vandermay and Misses Carie and Francine Heydens.

The December meeting of the local Women's Institute was held in the Masonic Hall with a Roll Call, a gift of jams or jelly for the shut in cancer patients. After a delicious pot luck luncheon a short session of business was observed. The members were reminded of the January meeting at Mrs. Jamieson's. Mrs. G. Maynard will tell of her trip to Ceylon. After singing some carols a couple of contests were enjoyed one a Kitchen hat contest with styles varied and unique.

## 1st Thornhill Brownie Pack

The 1st Thornhill Brownie Pack held its annual Christmas party in the United Church hall on December 17th. Each six was given two sheets of red tissue, some evergreen and a small piece of cotton batting. It was amazing how well the girls used the few props to develop a Christmas theme.

The Christmas tableau depicted by the Elves was probably the best. One Brownie was a little girl tucked in her bed for the night. Her mother was seen sitting in the living room while, out on the lawn, in a splendid red-lined sleigh, Santa had just "touched down". Three reindeer pulled the sleigh the lead one of course being Rudolph, complete with very red nose.

Each Christmas bedecked Brownie came to the headstock and placed her "Fairy Gold" in the stocking hanging there. Then followed a couple of games which used parcels that some of the girls had tied for mailing. These stood up to the hectic Christmas rush surprisingly well.

Tawny Owl (Mrs. T. C. Harrington) read a new and different poem, "The Year Without a Santa Claus". The girls played two guessing games, "What's Wrong With The Brownie?", in which they tried to find mistakes in a picture brownie uniform, & "What's in Santa's stocking?" The latter game took an unexpected twist when hard boiled egg one of the five things within, was poked and prodded so much that it was completely pulverised and messy and the game had to be discontinued.

At this point sleigh bells were heard in the distance and a Christmas bag from Santa was found outside the door. A card was attached reminding all the Pack to help their mothers at home and wishing them a happy holiday.

While the girls were enjoying Santa's candy, Brown Owl (Mrs. C. G. Gibson) told them that the contents of Porky — the Pack's piggy bank — would be sent to the Field Office in Calgary to be put on account for our fifteen Eskimo Brownies at Tuktoyaktuk which is 200 miles inside the Arctic Circle. Brownie Taps was then sung and with loud cries of Merry Christmas the girls vanished down the magic tunnel to their homes.

Correction — It was Dianne and not Donna Bradley who was enrolled recently. Donna has been a member for over a year.

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## Guide And Brownie Mothers' Group To Hold Inaugural Meeting Jan. 8

The Guide and Brownie Mothers' Group Committee will hold their first meeting of the New Year on Monday, January 6, in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Richmond Hill at 8 o'clock.

This committee holds only five meetings a year and a bazaar in the fall. Their purpose is to give financial and other types of aid to the eight Brownie packs and two Guide companies in town. They are also endeavouring to buy camp equipment for guides

and establish a camp site. There will be more camping available for Richmond Hill Guides and Brownies.

Mrs. Betty Macanuel, president, stated, "If all mothers of all Guides and Brownies will try to attend most of these meetings, which will be over by 10 p.m. they will be most welcome and will be a great incentive to guide and brownie leaders, who spend a lot of time training and instructing our young girls."

## 2nd Thornhill Scout News

by Ron Stagg, Jr. A. S. M.

On Thursday, January 2, the troop will enjoy a hay ride.

After concluding the doughnut drive, the troop collected some \$70.00. This drive was more successful than the hot cross bun drive of last spring.

An exact estimate of profit on the group committee's Christmas tree sale is not known yet, but it is in the vicinity of \$175.00.

The next band practice will be held on Wednesday January 8 at 8:30 in Henderson Avenue School.

## Town Greenhouses Have Busy Season

The Richmond Hill greenhouses have long sponsored the phrase, "WHY NOT Roses in December?" and both companies fully lived up to their reputation for cultivating beauty once again this Christmas season, when roses from the H. J. Mills and Bedford Park Floral greenhouses, shipped by rail, express or plane, graced Canadian tables from Quebec to Saskatchewan, during holiday festivities.

Staff in both greenhouses worked overtime as Christmas approached, some working right through the night at the peak of the rush since only experienced help may be employed for the Christmas trade, which yields one of the most bountiful crops of the year.

James Pollard, manager of H. J. Mills Greenhouses said not a rose was left in the Mills Greenhouses on Christmas Day. "We were completely sold out." And at Bedford Park Floral, Manager Paul Angle said, "We sell only to regular customers, covering Toronto and surrounding areas pretty well, as well as shipping to points east and west of Ontario. Christmas is our busiest time of the year, and this Christmas was one of the best we've ever had."

## Hydro Inaugural Meeting On January 9

The inaugural meeting of the Richmond Hill Hydro Commission will be held on Thursday, January 9. At that time the chairman will be elected for the coming year, and the regular monthly meeting date will be set. The commission is composed of three members, two commissioners who are elected at large, and the Mayor or who by virtue of his office is a member of the commission.

The members of the 1958 commission are: D. Dingwall, Sam Cook and Mayor Ken Tomlin.

## 10 Assessment Appeals Vaughan Assessment

The last official act of County Judge Edgerton Lovering before his retirement at the end of the year was to visit the Municipal Offices of Vaughan Township at Maple, on December 30, to hear several cases concerning assessment.

Of 10 cases appealed before Judge Lovering, in five cases there was no change made.

In two cases there were changes made to which there was no protest by the Assessment Department. In three cases the following changes were made: \$100 reduction in taxes; \$1,500 reduction in assessment and \$3,000 reduction in assessment valuation. In the matter of these three cases, the township has the right of appeal to the Municipal Board.

STOUFFVILLE — The Department of Highways has agreed to pay 50 per cent of the cost of paving the residential streets in Stouffville. Department engineers frown on paying year after year for maintenance which in the end does not provide very adequate streets.

SUTTON: The Sutton Village waterworks department is awaiting the final approval of the Water Resources Commission on tests being made on the water supply system which is to service many district homes. York County Health-Unit has already approved the filtered water.

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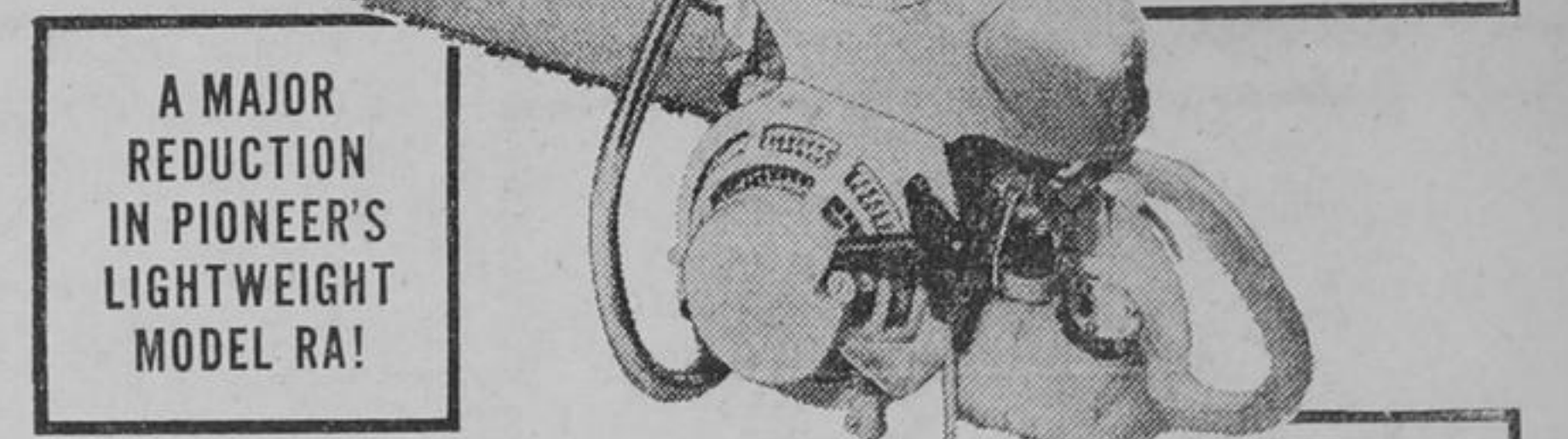
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