

# 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.

## New Church Position



ARTHUR LENNIE

It was announced this week that Mr. Arthur Lennie, well-known Highland Park resident, has been appointed to the newly created position of general field councillor for the Toronto Association of Baptist Churches. A former deacon of Thornhill Baptist Church and active in community affairs, Mr. Lennie is a graduate of McMaster University, Hamilton. He served as a member of Markham Township Council from 1951 to 1954, and at present is a member of the Thornhill Area Recreation Committee. A self-employed insurance agent, his new appointment is effective July 1st. Mr. Lennie, who has three daughters, served five years in the Canadian Navy under British command during World War 2. The tasks of the new general co-ordinator include the problems of church extension, promotion and stewardship and assisting the various committees of the association. One of 18 associations of the Baptist Convention of Ontario

## Crowd Attends Rose & Peony Show Of Thornhill Horticultural Society

The June 17th meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society turned out to be a full house with an excellent flower show and speaker. The judges, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bone, spoke of the show as a difficult one to judge, owing to the absence of poor blooms. All classes were well filled and very well arranged, with close competition put up by the members. In spite of the lack of underground moisture great care had been undertaken to present the best of the gardens. Mrs. F. Teasdale was awarded the special in the specimen section with three beautiful Iris, and Mrs. Dolan was successful with her arrangement of Pines and Tints in the decorative section. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. G. Marshall Bartman, executive secretary, Federation of Ontario Naturalists. This gentleman was kind to give some of his precious time, as he is very busy at this season visiting the woodlands and streams for material to add to his collection of wild life. He spoke on the subject of Wild Flowers.

## A Shoemaker's Feathered Friends

by Doris M. Fitzgerald  
"For what, and where, did you win all those prize ribbons?" we asked, pointing to the row on the wall.  
"For my pigeons, at Woodstock, the Royal Winter Fair, the Toronto Exhibition, and local shows," replied George Laba, as he paraded up our shoes.  
"If you have ever raised pigeons," he continued, "you will find it a hobby hard to give up, for, from the time the eggs hatch out the interest is never ending." Mr. Laba said that he had also discovered through the Pigeon Association of Toronto, and through the monthly "Feather Flancier", that many retired men found a satisfying diversion in breeding pigeons in a small way, in pens in their city garages.  
Far from retired himself, George Laba took a liking to pigeons owned by his nephew, and brought a pair of white King Squab for himself, about 5 years ago. From squab, which are really bred as meat birds, he branched

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## 1st Thornhill Cub News

To close the season the 1st Thornhill Cub pack went to Ox Trail Camp near Orangeville for a week-end. Seventeen cubs made the journey to the beautiful Hockley Valley camping site. Friday night little sleep was had by all and the first cubs awakened at 4.30 a.m. just as the sun peeped over the hills. There was no snoozing after that so Akela, Baloo Mike McDonough and Baghera Jim Antonacci dressed and had the boys outside by 5.00 a.m. for calisthenics. The noise awakened Marg Heron and Lois Curtin the cooks, who, thinking it was about 8.00 o'clock arose and started breakfast. I might say that breakfast at 5.30 a.m. was a first for many present. After that a hike was organized so, accompanied by two fathers, Bill Heron and Bob Law, also Guide Barbara Curtin, the scouts took the cubs up hill and down dale for several hours stopping to gather many fossil-type rocks and nature objects which were later judged and prizes given to Bruce Atkinson, Bobby Law and Terry Townsend. Saturday afternoon all the cubs were given a block of balsawood each and instructed to design and carve a sailing boat of their own. They did a masterful job and later the 17 boats raced on the pond. Terry Townsend having the winning boat. In a baseball game against the 3rd Newtonbrook Cub Pack team the final score was, Thornhill 13, Newtonbrook 6. Sunday morning a simple church service was held in the lovely out-door chapel, surrounded by stately evergreens; the highlight of which was a beautiful solo, "Onward Christian Soldiers" by Cub Bobby Law. This ended a wonderful week-end and also season; however, we are all looking forward to next September when once again the cubs meet.

## 2nd Thornhill Scout News

by Ron Stagg Jr. A.S.M.  
The troop's 'stamping grounds' have become pandemonium as everyone hurries to prepare for the summer camp. Parents are busily buying needed items for their sons' equipment and mothers are already worrying about mosquitoes and colds. Last week the troop held a Court of Honour to decide on the menu and to give the leaders their duties during

## Neil Family Off To Europe

by Doris M. Fitzgerald  
Old Dutch windmills, ancient log buildings which have been successfully preserved, and folk museums will be among the less usual things that Elsa Neil will be searching for during travels afar. Her husband R. H. Neil who has practically made the trip in advance, through extensive reading, has a weakness for old book-stores, wants to see the inner courts in Britain, and revisit the French battlefields where he served as a sergeant-major with the 19th Battalion during the first world war. The Neils have rented their charming log home on John St., and left this week to spend a year abroad. Their youngest daughter Elizabeth sailed with them. She has been superintendent of Wood-Edin, a school for cerebral palsy children, near London, Ont., for the past three years, and will take up work in the same field in England, while her parents explore Gt. Britain and the continent. Holland, which she last visited when 6 years of age, will be of special interest to Mrs. Neil, for it was her mother's homeland, and she will renew acquaintance with Dutch cousins who were bombed out three times during the last war. The Neils will visit the Scandinavian countries, then take a leisurely motor trip through Scotland and England. Winter will probably find them in the warmer clime of Spain, Portugal, and the south of France. They hope to stay wherever possible in small pensions, and private homes, in order to gain a more intimate knowledge of the country, and people. Trips by canal boats on rivers in England, France and Germany are also included in their plans. This long looked-forward-to holiday became possible when Harry Neil retired recently after more than 27 years as Pensions Advocate with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Last week at a banquet, in his honor, at the Walker House, his fellow workers presented him with a very fine camera and case. Some legal colleagues gave him a handsome travelling bag, and the veterans association expressed their good wishes with a set of pipes. Most exciting events for the Neils however, were the arrivals of three new grandsons within three

## LANGSTAFF NEWS

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Langstaff School News  
The Langstaff School was broken into on Monday evening, June 16, and two radios, a radio record player, and an electric kettle were stolen. So far the police have been unable to recover any of the articles. Two portables have been placed on the school grounds for use in the fall by Mr. Toyama and Mr. Hare's classes. The graduation banquet is being held this evening, June 26, and a full report will be in next week's issue. School will close shortly after noon on Friday. Mr. Urquhart wishes the students a good holiday and hopes that they will remain safety conscious throughout the summer. Summer Services Church Services will continue throughout the summer months at the Langstaff Baptist Church as usual. The Sunday School will meet in open session with the regular church meeting. Art Club On Holidays The Langstaff Art Club have finished their activities for the season and will resume classes again in the fall. Masonic Installation Mr. R. Aston, Church Street, was installed as Worshipful Mas-

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## John H. Carty 54, Dies Suddenly

Requiem Mass was held in St. Edward's Church, Willowdale on June 19th for Mr. John H. Carty of Finch Avenue, who died suddenly at Toronto General Hospital, in his 54th year. Mr. Carty was for many years connected with General Motors Corporation, and in 1941 he moved to Meaford, where he opened his own business under the name of Carty Motors Limited, operating until 1955, when he returned to Toronto and took up residence in Willowdale. Mr. Carty was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a life-long member of the Rotary Club. He is a brother of Mrs. C. T. Enright of Elgin Street, Thornhill, and is survived by his wife, the former Isobel Sinclair, also five children, John Michael, Carol Anne, Sister St. Marilyn of Ottawa, Sister Mary Carol of Pembroke, and Peter. Mr. Carty is also survived by his brother, Mr. James Alexander Carty of Toronto, and five sisters, Mrs. J. H. Brooks, Toronto, Mrs. Frank Hemingway of Hollywood, California, Mrs. Paul Markle of Toronto, Mrs. C. T. Enright of Thornhill, and Miss Molly Carty of Toronto.

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