

# Thornhill and District News

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The Liberal is always pleased to publish news of interest contributed by its readers in the Thornhill area . . . . Our representative in Thornhill is Mrs. Donald Snellett, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-2855.

## DONCASTER

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Doncaster Community Picnic will be held at 29 Sprucewood Drive on Saturday, August 30th, at 2 o'clock. There will be races and games, free ice cream and pop. Supper will be served. Anyone wishing to attend, please leave \$1.00 per family at Henderson's Store or Barbour's General Store.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Clow and family, Clarke Avenue, are holidaying near East Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Pictou and Barry, Clarke Ave., have returned from a trip through the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Thompson, of Henderson Ave., have returned from a week's holiday at Nobel, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Barbour and family, Henderson Ave., have returned from a two week holiday at Wasaga Beach.

Mrs. Kindness and daughter, Henderson Ave., are home from the hospital.

Stephen Morrison, Sprucewood Drive, has returned from a two week vacation with the Barbours at Wasaga Beach.

## Familiar Landmark Passes

Progress, like Time, marches on. Amid the roar and bustle of Yonge Street, a new "Village" is being born. Bulldozers, cement-mixers, all the tools of the building trade are in a state of feverish activity, watched from a score of lookout points by hundreds of "sidewalk superintendents" as the location on Yonge Street in North York Township, near its climax. But one cannot herald this birth without grieving a little for the death of an era.

Where now stand apartment buildings, recently stood a barn; where now stand rows of houses, once grew row on row of corn. The original site of the new subdivision was once 250 acres of fertile farm land, stretching from the hydro power line to Newtonbrook United Church, and from Yonge Street back to the grounds of St. John's Convalescent Hospital. At that time, Mr. John Francis owned the property and lived there with his wife and two sons, Edward and John, farming the land. When the Francis family moved to another farm in Thornhill, they leased the land for several years. After the death of Mr. Francis Senior, his sons sold the property in 1910

to Mr. John Elliott. With his wife and two sons, Matthew and George, Mr. Elliott moved to the farm, living in the house which is now the Algonquin Hotel on Yonge Street. The Elliotts planned to raise shorthorn beef cattle, and it soon became apparent that a new barn was essential. Mr. William McKenzie was contracted to build the barn, which stood on the original site until torn down recently. On completion, the cost of building exceeded the original estimate by many hundred dollars, which provoked a long and bitter legal battle between the owner and the builder. The dispute, which was only one of many that dot the history of this edifice, was ended when the final appeal reached the Privy Council in England.

In 1932, thirty-four acres to the south of the property were sold to the Ontario Hydro Commission for installation of the power line. Soon after, twenty-five acres were sold, these to the Sisters of St. John the Divine for their Convalescent Hospital on Cummer Avenue in North York.

On the death of Mr. Elliott, the land was bequeathed to his sons George and Matthew. In 1938, they renovated their old homestead and obtained a tavern license for the Algonquin Hotel. Later they sold the hotel and leased the remaining property for an eighteen hole "Pay as you Play" golf course.

The land was later rented and used as a riding academy. Hayrides in the summer, sleigh riding in the winter, were enjoyed for many years by young couples who came out to the country from Toronto for the evening.

An auction barn and furniture warehouse was the barn's next transformation, when in 1948, J. Simpson leased the property and renovated it for that purpose. For ten years, "Simpson's Barn" was patronized by hundreds for home furnishings.

No longer does the barn stand to link the present with the past, for it has now been torn down to make way for new homes. The cocky weather-vane which proudly perched atop the roof, now complements the collection of farm implements of a Toronto district museum; old documents found skulking in dark corners have been sent to their next of kin; the last of the rubble has been hauled away.

But the occasion is not merely the funeral pyre of an old farm, but rather, another step in the history of progress.

## "Buy A Brick For The New School" Theme Of Thornhaven Bazaar Oct. 16

Those of us who have returned, alas, from holidays inevitably begin to think of the approaching fall season. One project everybody can help with is the third annual bazaar in aid of Thornhaven School for retarded children. Remember it last October at the Farmers' Market? It will be held there again this year, October 16, and though the rain did not appear to dampen spirits in the last year, everybody hopes bazaar day this year will be fair.

Considerable planning and preparation go into the success of such a bazaar, and Mrs. L. T. Redman and her committee have been working since early spring. Members and friends of the Thornhill and District Association for retarded children which operates the school never forget the bazaar and many prepare their donations through the summer. This year all proceeds will go towards the building fund for a sorely needed new school.

But all the people of the area really put the bazaar across. Not only do you become customers, enjoying the bustle of the bazaar with your families, but you donate many of the wares so gaily displayed and eagerly chosen. As you sort out clothing you remember that still useful articles are very welcome. Donations for the fish pond, white elephants, preserves, pickles, jams, seasonings, sewing, knitting and handwork of all sorts are very acceptable, and this year a project of renovating old toys is being undertaken. Toys to repair and scraps of material and trimmings for dolls' clothes, aprons and potholders are particularly needed well in advance of bazaar day. Needless to say all kinds of home baking are gratefully received at the last minute.

"Buy a brick for the new school" tickets are for sale now and the list of prizes to be drawn at the bazaar includes a portable TV and other attractive electrical appliances and other prizes.

If you would like to help in any way call Mrs. Redman at AV. 5-4108. The parents of the 28 children attending Thornhaven could give you heart-breaking reasons for their need of the school. The school needs your smallest gift.

## 2nd Thornhill Scout News

By Ron Stagg Jr. A.S.M. Canoelists

This week's column is a special report on the canoe trips at the camp.

On Tuesday at one o'clock the first canoe trip, consisting of nine boys and three canoes, set out. Two junior leaders, Robert Mason and Ron Stagg, were in charge.

After traversing a number of lakes, large and small, along with several short stretches of river, the canoes came to the last part of the trip, a section of the river which none of the troop had been on before.

A mile from the destination, Elliot Falls, small rapids were encountered and while these were being explored one of the canoes overturned. In helping the boys from this canoe a second canoe shipped water soaking the boys' things. With six of the nine boys without clothes or sleeping bags the scouts would have been in a sad condition had it not been for an elderly couple, the Tuckers, living across the river, who offered to put the six boys up for the night and provide clothes. Along with this they helped cook meals and dry out the scouts' clothing.

On Wednesday morning 6 boys took the canoes back while the other three stayed to dry the clothes. Later that day Scouter came up to get the clothes, and he thanked Mrs. Tucker for helping the scouts.

Before this he had taken the rest of the troop to see Elliot Falls, and had to go to get them. When Scouter arrived at Elliot Falls the three boys asked if they could stay and go back with the canoe trip on the way up. Scouter agreed to this and later that day brought up a canoe for them.

After a pleasant night's sleep (with the mosquitoes) the three canoes started back.

Stopping at the Tuckers' to say good-bye the boys were given some freshly baked biscuits to eat on the way. As they continued the boys continually met heavy waves, until a half mile from camp they had to stop.

After three hours, two boats set out from camp and soon found the boys. While the contents of two canoes were transferred into the boats the third canoe set out and despite being almost totally out of the water, a great deal of the time it successfully made shore on the other side and landed at camp. Needless to say, the boys ate a hearty meal, which happened to be lobster.

The trips proved to be quite an experience for those who had never been in a canoe before this year and also for those who had spent some time in these craft!

NEWMARKET: An emergency meeting was held recently on the rabies problem in York County. A bounty was suggested for foxes to help the situation.

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## TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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Don and Lorne accompanied by their father, Mr. W. Faulkner, recently spent a few days camping and fishing at North Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Jennings and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Macklin, Bob, Patsy and Cathie spent the week at Mr. and Mrs. Mat. Heron's Cottage at Southampton.

Judith and Wayne Paxton have returned home after a week's vacation at Shanty Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Fournier motored via the States to McKenzie Island, returning by way of Elliott Lake, Northern Ontario. Mrs. Fournier's family, whom they visited, live at McKenzie Island.

Audrey Herrema spent a couple of days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harold Hiemstra after which she will attend camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Palmer and Sharon motored through the States on their vacation this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Clark of Port Hope were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clark on Thursday. Unfortunately Mr. Clark was returned to hospital on Wednesday, August 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Marshall spent a three weeks vacation in Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boys motored through Northern Ontario and on to Ottawa during their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Jennings, Manitowlin Island, and family are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings this week.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Mosley on the birth of a son August 17, a brother for John, David and Jill.

The Sunday School children enjoyed a film on "A Christian Festival in Banyan Tree Village", in South India, on Sunday. On August 24, Rev. Kennedy will conduct the morning service at 9:45 with Sunday school at 11.

## LANGSTAFF

Correspondent: Mrs. M. J. Roy AV. 5-2806

Ray Mountjoy, formerly of Sussex Avenue, and now of Blackstock, is visiting this week with chum Gay Lepkey, No. 7 Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Roy, Sussex Avenue, celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary on Thursday, August 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Hicks, Essex Avenue, spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Martin and family at their summer cottage near Minden.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Palmer, No. 7 Highway, holidayed for a week near Napane.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Shaw, Ruggles Avenue, is still in hospital, but it is hoped that she will be entering a nursing home shortly.

Daily Vacation Bible School is continuing at the church this week. For those attending Sunday School, a free bus service has been arranged and stops at all corners along No. 7 Highway at approximately 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

## Temperanceville W. I. Wins Award

Mrs. C. Henshaw of the Temperanceville Women's Institute, King City, was awarded an honorable mention this week for her group's entry in the Quilt Block Competition sponsored by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. The presentation was made at the Royal York Hotel.

The King City group's work was selected one of the 13 best of more than 100 entries from all over the province. First prize was awarded to Miss Jeanie McIntosh of the West End Women's Institute, Guelph, for her group's entry. Mrs. David McKechnie, of the West Fort William Women's Institute, accepted the second prize for her group, while the third prize was awarded to Mrs. J. Biddy, of the Elders Mills Women's Institute, Woodbridge.

Final judges in the competition: Miss Heather Roudsick, director of instruction, Singer Sewing Machine Co.; Miss Pamela Wholton, textile department, Royal Ontario Museum; and Miss Sarah Murdoch, director, fashion department, Ryerson Institute of Technology.

A spokesman for the FWIO said that the Quilt Block competition was one of the "most successful" work projects ever undertaken by the 10,000-member organization, which has more than 100 districts in the province.

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## Warning About Rabies

Citizens of Richmond Hill are asked to take warning of the danger of infection from Rabies and urged to secure immediate medical care if anyone is bitten by an animal.

Every cat and dog owner should see that his pet receives anti-rabies vaccination by a local veterinarian, if it has not been done during the last 12 months.

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