

# Thornhill and District News

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## HIGHLAND PARK NEWS

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A family reunion was held on Saturday, October 11, at Mount Forest to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Phelan of 70 Highland Park Blvd. Mr. and Mrs. Phelan formerly farmed on the 4th concession in Proton.

## Elmer W. Grose District Governor To Visit Thornhill Lions Oct. 20

The Lions Club of Thornhill will welcome Elmer W. Grose, District Governor, District A-7, Lions International, which includes 41 clubs in this section of the province. Lion Elmer is a supervisor with the Bell Telephone Co., with offices located at 1166 Caledonia Road, Toronto. He is a member of the Toronto Avenue Road Lions Club and has served as Parks Committee chairman, director, vice-president and president of the club and has had perfect attendance for nine years. He is a member of the United Church, a Past Master of the Masonic Order, has served 12 years on the Municipal Council and Board of Education in the Township of North York, is married and has one son and two daughters.

District Governor Elmer will visit the Lions Club of Thornhill at Thornhill United Church on October 20. The purpose of his visit will be to advise and assist

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President Walter Smook, Secretary Wallace Elgie, and the officers, directors and members of the club on matters pertaining to Lions administration and the Lions great program of humanitarian service.

Lion Elmer is one of the 315 District Governors who supervise the activities of the 13,834 Lions clubs. Lions International was formally founded in 1917 in Dallas, Texas, and during the past 41 years has become the largest, most active and fastest growing service club organization in the world. There were on June 30, 1958, Lions clubs in 91 countries or geographical locations of the world with a membership of over 579,383. During the fiscal year of 1957-58, 931 new Lions Clubs were organized.

The Lions clubs' special mission is the promotion of good government and good citizenship, the development of civic, educational, social and moral welfare of the community and nation, and to help create and foster "a spirit of generous consideration among the peoples of the world." The slogan of the International Association of Lions clubs is "Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety." Its motto is "We Serve."

The Thornhill Lions Club in an active unit of the International Association of Lions clubs which is dedicated to community betterment in all its aspects; to national and economic, social and cultural progress; and to the promotion of international understanding and amity. In all these fields Lions International has won strong influence and prestige, because of its countless constructive services.

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## CASUAL GIRL

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## Thanksgiving Market

By DORIS M. FITZGERALD

The Saturday before Thanksgiving is always a big and happy day at the York Farmers' Market in Thornhill. The stalls overflow with the choicest products of field and garden, and country kitchen, and the aisles are thronged with men and women shopping for festive family gatherings. The custom of Thanksgiving, initiated in Massachusetts in 1621 by the Pilgrims, after they had garnered their first crops, is now observed all over North America. For millions of people who take their "daily bread" for granted, it is an annual reminder to give thanks for the blessings of the harvest, and to think with renewed appreciation of the farmers who toil, from sunup to sundown, to grow, and raise the good things which nourish us.

Last Saturday was not an opportune time for interviews at the market but we managed a few words here and there, while parcels were being wrapped, and discovered that a number of the present stall holders have been getting up before dawn, and driving to market, ever since the "Tin Market" at the north city limits was opened in 1928. When the market was moved to Thornhill five years ago many of their long time customers followed them here.

"Goodness" laughed pleasant Mrs. Levi Steckley of Gormley, who wears the little black bonnet of the "Turkey faith," "I can't remember offhand when we started, but I used to put the children to sleep under the counter, and now they are all grown up." The Steckleys sell country killed pork, sausage, made by Mr. Steckley, and homebaking, pickles and preserves, by Mrs. Steckley. Also Tunker Brethren, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Fretz specialize in Guernsey cream, and butter, baby beef, pork, and home baking. "Our oldest son who used to help at the market will soon be a full fledged medical doctor," said Mr. Fretz, "and our second son is an electrical mechanic." Mr. and Mrs. Fretz live in the original log house, on a Crown Grant farm at Bethesda, which they bought some years ago from the childless owners.

The record of Mr. and Mrs. George Sayers includes years spent at the St. Lawrence Market, before the establishment of the market in North Toronto. They have not been at the Thornhill market recently, but their daughter, Miss Ruby, is on hand each week with a supply of freshly baked bread, honey, plants, and hand made children's dresses.

Other old timers include Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes, Langstaff, from whose green house, and garden, comes annuals for bedding, gladioli, mushrooms and tomatoes; Mrs. Herbert Wideman, Markham, who is well known for her turkeys, capons, vegetables and eggs, and Mrs. Rumble, who has many customers for butter, cream and poultry. Mrs. E. Ellard and her late husband were among those who sold poultry and eggs at the "tin market," before larger premises were secured in the old car barns (now a motor show room) at the city limits. Today Mrs. Ellard is kept busy sewing, and knitting, for she sells mostly fancy work, socks, helmets, tea cosies, mitts and pretty handknitted things for babies.

Beautiful cut flowers and plants, especially African violets, from Mr. J. T. Wain's greenhouses on Cummer Ave., have been brightening the market ever since 1928. Mr. Wain was president of the Board of the York Farmers' Market during the crucial five years when the new market building was erected, and the business firmly established in Thornhill. One of his two sons is now a member of the Board.

Other florists who have been coming regularly to market for many years are C. Hanson of Elgin Mills, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Travers of Scarborough. Besides cut flowers and plants, Mrs. Travers features Dana Flora (sprays with artificial berries) which Danish immigrants taught her how to make, before they returned to their homeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Palmer of King have been going to market for 25 years. They have the Cheese concession at the Thornhill market, and also do a big business in such delicatessen as home made jams, jellies and pickles, salads, sauer kraut, meat pies, spiced and corned beef, Danish bacon, and various cooked meats. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Reesor who keep 700 layers have been selling their eggs at market since 1942, and are also agents for honey and apple cider. Mr. Reesor is a descendant of Peter Reesor, a very early settler in Markham township.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Murby, owners of a poultry farm and processing plant in Aurora have been bringing their King Cole turkeys, chickens and ducklings to market for 12 years.

Some familiar faces have been missing lately. Potted Johnson and Perkins roses were blooming on the counter where Percy Foster formerly sold eggs. Mrs. W. Thompson, and Mrs. J. Gribble have both retired. Mrs. Thompson's space has been taken by Mrs. W. Hood, and Mrs. J. McDermott, two neighbours from Ballantrae, who had a tempting display of home made bread, cake, pies, etc. Mrs. Gribble's pickle, and preserve corner, has been rented to Michael DeLaat, 6 years out from Holland, and now a resident of Richvale. An experienced leather worker, Mr. DeLaat made 90 per cent of the good looking saddles, bridles, halters, riding crops, dog collars and

leads on display. He is specializing in horse and dog supplies of all kinds. Assisting him was his 13 year old son, Jan, full of the wonder and excitement attending a new enterprise, and his first day at market.

Mrs. Levi Smith of Unionville who has homebaking, apples and eggs for sale, said that she had only been coming to market since last March, but that her husband used to go in to the North Toronto market twenty years ago. "Did you have a good season?" we asked Cornelius Brouwer, a Dutchman who came to Canada in 1923, and has been a Holland Marsh vegetable grower since 1926. "Yes," he replied, "we got off to a slow start on account of the cool weather, but had an unexpectedly good crop." Mr. Brouwer was one of those who suffered losses in Hurricane Hazel. He is assisted now by his two sons, Christian and Peter, his daughter-in-law, and grandson.

Finally we reached the north west corner of the market building where Mr. Edward Gladding, his wife, mother-in-law, two daughters, and son, were all busy attending to the sale of their Gormley grown vegetables, and their concession for imported fruits and vegetables. Mr. Gladding is president of the York Farmers' Market Board, so we asked if they also had something to be thankful for. "Yes, the parking lot in front has been paved, and the interior of the market has been redecorated (a cheerful yellow and green). Up to now all the profits have been put back into the market, but next year we expect to pay dividends to stockholders." Other members of the York Farmers' Market Board are B. Morrison, Richmond Hill, Stan Wain, Newtonbrook; Cornelius Brouwer, Thornhill; Allen Reesor, Markham; A. Leek, Gormley; L. Travers, Scarborough; R. Locker, Bradford; and Mrs. James Murby, Aurora, who is secretary treasurer.

## DONCASTER

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Happy birthday to Helen Drake, of Sprucewood Ave., who celebrated her seventh birthday with a party on October 11; and to Helen Burnett, Morgan Ave., who celebrated her second birthday, October 9, with a party.

The Doncaster and Highland Park Teenage Club held a meeting October 10 to make plans for the season. The age limit was set at 13 to 17 years.

The Doncaster Community Ladies Club Marathon Euchre starts October 20, with 20 couples entered. Playoffs will be held at Thornhill School on November 24.

The well baby clinic will be held at the Thornhill United Church, on Wednesday, October 22, from 1:30 until 3:30.

Don't forget the fun fair being held at Henderson Avenue school on Saturday, October 25, by the Henderson Avenue Home and School Association. Parents start help by collecting used clothing (white elephants), and call AV. 5-1569 for pick up or leave at Barbour's General Store.

**Community Ladies Club**  
The Doncaster Community Ladies Club met at the home of Mrs. Beattie, Willowdale on Tuesday, October 7.

A letter from the Thornhill & District Association for Retarded children, thanking the club for a donation of \$75.00 was read.

It was unanimously decided to offer the club's lot to the Thornhill and District Association for Retarded children as a site for their new school. It was felt that this lot could not be used for a more suitable cause.

Volunteers from the club will approach Doncaster ratepayers in regard to a petition requesting council to pass a by-law for the establishment of a community centre.

The speaker for the evening was Miss Ketola, principal of the Thornhill School. She showed a film depicting a day in the life of a child at Thornhaven. Special events experienced by these children were also shown. This most interesting film expressed clearly the happiness of these children, learning to work and play together, and the wonderful work carried on by Miss Ketola for these children.

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## Thornhill Notes

### SYMPATHY

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### SOCIALS

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Burgess spent several days at the Green Briar Hotel in West Virginia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Brotherhood and boys of New Liskeard spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Don Brotherhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox spent the week-end in Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tyson spent the week-end at Harrisburg, Penn.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bare and family spent the week-end at Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lambert and John spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Al MacMillan and family of Sudbury, formerly of Thornhill.

### Presbyterian Church News

The Couples' Club held their regular monthly meeting on Saturday, October 11. Following a delightful time of recreation at the Acorn Bowling Alley in Willowdale, the group returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Boyle for refreshments and entertainment.

The Fortnighters held their first fall meeting Monday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. John Arnott. Mrs. Hugh Anderson presided and Mrs. O. Wilson conducted the devotional period. The guest speaker was Miss J. Frewing from the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship who spoke of the organization's work in the University and high schools. She also spoke of the Pioneer Camps throughout Canada and showed interesting slides of their camp in Alberta. The evening closed with refreshments.

### Holy Trinity Parish Guild

On Tuesday, October 7, the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Parish Guild was held in the Church Hall. The opening prayer was followed by a short discussion of the bazaar being held on November 8; Mr. R. V. Tyson then took over the meeting to explain the York Sector to the members and a short film strip was shown. Planning booklets were given to each member with the request that they be completed and returned by October 13.

The meeting then broke up into work groups for the various bazaar projects after which refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21 in the Church Hall. This is an important meeting, as Mrs. Welsh will again be present to demonstrate the making of table

centre-pieces. All members are requested to be present.

### United Church News

The Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. held their October meeting Tuesday evening of last week in the Narthex. Mrs. R. Tamblin presided over the meeting. Reports were given by the secretaries.

Mrs. G. Kelson gave a review of the new study book for 1959. Refreshments were served by Mrs. D. McCrae and Mrs. F. Richardson.

On Thursday evening, Oct. 9, the 2nd Thornhill Guides had a very happy and memorable evening as another member of their company received her Gold Cord award. After an hour of a regular meeting they welcomed as their guests Divisional Commissioner Mrs. H. Currie, Divisional Camp Advisor Mrs. Rumney, District Commissioner Mrs. MacTaggart Cowan, Mrs. Arthur Mollard, president of the Mothers Group and Mr. and Mrs. McDonald and John.

Everyone enjoyed the picture Guides All Guides which showed the World Centenary Camp at Doe Lake in 1957. This was arranged by the Mothers Group.

A horseshoe was formed and the Guides were very proud indeed to have Mrs. Rumney present the Gold Cord to Pat McDonald. This was followed by Camp fire where the Guides enjoyed cookies and candy. At this time a beautiful decorated cake was presented to Pat by the Mothers Group in honour of the celebration, which was enjoyed by all.

### DEPT. OF HEALTH

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