

# Thornhill and District News

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## Panel For Next Horticultural Meet

The Thornhill Horticultural Society will hold its February meeting on Tuesday, February 17, in the Thornhill Public School at 8 p.m.

A panel of local experts will discuss the following subjects, with the accent on local growing conditions: Mr. B. D. Little of Richmond Hill, past president of the O.H.A. - lilies; Mr. R. Healey, cold frames; Mr. R. Whitley, dahlias; and Mr. R. Poulter, shrubs.

The audience will be asked to submit any questions they may have on these subjects, and the panel members will answer.

The moderator will be Mr. Arthur Bone, and there will be a lucky draw for plants or gardening materials.

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## Thornhill Notes

**Socials**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lew Reid are taking a five week motor trip through the southern states.

Miss Muriel Locke is vacationing in Mexico.

Sympathy of many neighbors and friends is extended to Mr. Wilfred Ball and his family in the passing of Mrs. Ball who died Sunday, February 8, at the Wellwood Hospital.

**Local Assoc.**  
 A meeting of the Local Association of the Thornhill District of Girl Guides and Brownies was held Wednesday, January 28, at the home of Mrs. P. McTaggart-Cowan.

Reports from representatives of the five group committees were given.

It was announced that there would be a church parade on Sunday, February 22, which is the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill, at 3 p.m.

The meeting closed with tea being served by Miss Norma Davis, who did this as a job towards winning her Gold Cord.

The help of anyone interested in girls' work will be appreciated, as there is a great need for helpers in the Guide Association.

**2nd Thornhill Guides**  
 The following Guides were enrolled in the 2nd Thornhill Guide Company Thursday evening, February 5, at Holy Trinity Anglican Church: Marilyn Barrett, Sandra Lee and Susan Mowat. Girls who received 2nd class badges were: Susan Alcock, Janet Alcock (who was absent), and Gill Gibson. Mrs. P. McTaggart-Cowan presented all the girls with their badges.

The Guide and Brownie Mothers' Auxiliary of 2nd Thornhill is holding a valentine dessert bridge at Thornhill public school Saturday, February 14, at 1.30 p.m.

**3rd Thornhill Cub Pack**  
 Five boys were invested into the 3rd Thornhill Cub Pack Monday evening, February 2, by the Akela, Bob Calvert, at Trinity Church. The boys are: Scott Joliffe, Brian MacGregor, Danny Tiffin, Gregory Miller and Norman Tytler.

A first star was presented to Gavin Burgess while Michael Stratton received his first year star.

Two prizes were awarded for the best exhibits in a hobby show held at a previous meeting — Peter Tremaine received first prize, Gavin Burgess second prize.

**Mothers' Auxiliary**  
 A fashion show is being sponsored by the 3rd Thornhill Mother's Auxiliary on Tuesday, March 3, at 3 p.m. It will be a showing of spring fashions and is being held in the Lawrence Plaza.

**Holy Trinity Church News**  
 The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Parish Guild was held in the church hall Tuesday, February 3. The meeting was opened with the Guild prayer, followed by the reading of the minutes by the secretary, Mrs. D. Manning. After a short business discussion, the members sorted and priced the articles for the opportunity sale on Saturday, February 7. Tea, coffee and sandwiches were served by the hostesses, Mrs. R. Fisher, Mrs. G. St. John, and Mrs. N. Geno.

The next meeting will be held in the church hall on Tuesday, February 17, when there will be a guest speaker from the Anglican Women's Training College. All members are asked to be present.

**Girls' Auxiliary**  
 The Girls Auxiliary of Holy Trinity held their regular weekly meeting on February 3, in the church hall. The girls tried their examination for the Diocesan Cooks' badge. They played floor hockey and had supper together. Eileen Mills gave notes for Mission Study on the Canadian hospital and the chaplain service. The program closed with the business section of the meeting.

**Presbyterian Church News**  
 The Young Life Club held a sleighing party Saturday night at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Witly, Dufferin St., with 29 teenagers being present. Afterwards the group was entertained by their hosts, with Norm Terry leading in the games.

The Young Adults met Sunday evening for fellowship with the worship service being led by Kenneth Terry, assisted by Ann Hunt. Francine Heydens read the scripture and a duet followed by Julie Morrison and Nick Vandermay. The missionary film, "Wings to the Word" was shown. Refreshments were served.

The guest speaker Sunday morning, February 8, was Rev. Roger Talbot, B.A., missionary candidate for Japan. He brought an interesting message depicting the challenge which south-east Asia presents to the world today, and the role which the church can play in these countries. Mr. and Mrs. Talbot will be leaving soon to work with students on the campus of the University of Tokio.

Mr. William Cross of Parkdale Presbyterian Church was speaker at the lay visitation program which is being conducted in the Presbyterian Church at

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**1st Thornhill Scouts and Cubs**  
**Scouts**  
 The Scouts met Monday evening in the Thornhill United Church. After the breaking of the flags the Scouts went into their different patrols to learn the different activities in scouting.

The Queen's Scouts took the Tenderfoots through their tests. Other scouts were shown the different signals with flags.

The care of fires, emergencies and tying the fireman's knot, were demonstrated by the Scoutmaster. The lowering of the flag and the Lord's prayer brought the scout meeting to a close.

**Cubs**  
 The Cubs met Tuesday evening in the Thornhill United Church. After the opening service, the cubs played football. Mr. Antonacci taught the cubs signalling.

Ian Mollard and Derek Cann received their troops' scarf and became full-fledged cubs. The meeting closed with the Grand Hoor.

All scouts and cubs are asked to remember the hobby show. All entries are to be in by February 14.

Happy Cubbing and Scouting, boys.

**2nd Thornhill Scouts**  
 At last Thursday's scout meeting of the 2nd Thornhill Troop, several events of importance took place. During the instruction period a number of the boys went outside to pass their tracking. They were required to follow the tracks of one of the Jr. Assistant Scoutmasters. Later in the meeting a new recruit, Brian Cummings, was invested, and Roddy Leonard received his missionaries badge.

This week's meeting is to be in the form of an outdoor meeting, with possibly a slide ride. All scouts are reminded to wear jeans.

The band stopped its practices, at least temporarily, last week. All boys who have not turned in their instruments yet are asked to do so this week.

The exhibits for the hobby show are being brought in as the troop readies its entrants. Every one of the boys, including the junior leaders, is contributing something for this area show.

**AURORA** — Town council and planning board here face an epidemic of shopping centre applications. Five requests have been received and there is considerable difference of opinion on council. The question is whether to grant permits to all, some or none.

**SCHOMBERG** — Mrs. Constantia Fox celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday, February 8.

**AURORA** — Town council has clamped down on dogs running at large. A by-law forbidding dogs running at large and appointment of a dog catcher is hoped to be the answer to many complaints in recent months.

## Area Board Approves Kindergarten Teachers Holding Study Group

Chairman Roy Bick announced at the regular meeting of School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan, last week, the board meetings will be held at the Langstaff Public School, starting with the February session. The chairman explained that since the administration offices are in the Langstaff school, it will be much more convenient to have the board assemble there.

Supervising Principal E. J. Sand reported to the full board that there are 2,338 pupils now enrolled in area schools and that attendance for January was 90.73 per cent, owing to considerable illness among pupils and teachers.

On display at the board meeting was a new type of report form the area schools will use for a test period terminating in June of this year. Entirely different from the familiar standard report card, an enclosure explaining its functions will be sent to each parent.

Mr. Sand informed the trustees that a history course the area principals have been working on, as a 6-man committee, for Grade 7, has been approved by Inspector Maynard Hallman and is now being used in the area schools.

"When the German Mills bus failed to run on Monday of last week, the teachers at the Thornhill School went around in their cars and picked up their pupils and brought them to school," Principal Sand told the board. This is the second time the teachers have rallied in this manner and the board went on record commending them for their fine co-operation.

**In-Service Course**  
 It was the consensus of the area school board with the exception of Trustee Skinner that something should be done in the way of recognition of the In-Service course local kindergarten teachers have been attending during the past six weeks at the O. M. McKillop School, Richmond Hill.

Inspector Hallman was asked to give his opinion to the board, and Trustee Skinner, who attended one session, also had something to say about the course. He did

not see where it was of any value. Said Inspector Hallman, in commending the teachers for their initiative, "Obviously the teachers have done this for themselves for their own professional improvement. In the matter of recognition from the Department, it is quite a different thing. A summer course takes 125 hours and this in-service course is one facet of such a course."

Chairman Bick asked, "Could these hours be included with a one-year summer course?" Inspector Hallman replied that Mrs. R. Connell, who conducts the group lectures, is a qualified summer course teacher, and one of the best. "I can assure you that the help the teachers are receiving at this In-Service class is very good and is already showing results — and being put into practice."

Supervising Principal Sand said, "We recognize this and the Area Board is paying the costs to teachers attending."

As for recognition in order to step up their salaries, Inspector Hallman said that would be up to the Department of Education.

Chairman Bick, "Is it as profitable as a summer course?" Inspector: "I would think it would be just as much use, since it is the same teacher who is giving the lectures."

Mr. Sand: "It started out as an In-Service course of six weeks but the teachers have become so enthusiastic the course is being extended. (The class starts again in April). In order to make it as profitable as a summer course it would have to be held on Saturdays, he concluded. Referring to an Inspector Hodge, Mr. Sand said this inspector thought the classes might be run as a winter course so that teachers could have more free time during their summer holidays."

Trustee Jackson Taylor said, "What they learn during the winter they can put into practice during the school week. There should be some recognition. This board should approach the teachers and find out if there is anything we can do to help them."

And Vice-chairman Alan Parker said, "The trouble seems to be this course has not been set up by the Department of Education, and we should do something to help them."

The matter will receive further attention from the area board of trustees.

**Inspectors Report**  
 Maynard Hallman, Inspector for the Area Schools, attended the board meeting and informed the trustees Education Week will be held from March 1-7, when "Something worthwhile will be held in each school, and teachers will hold 'Open House' for parents to drop in during classes and observe how lessons are taught through their children," Inspector Hallman said, "It is a window into

the classroom once a year."

After informing the board that three reading pacers are on loan for five weeks in area classrooms, Inspector Hallman said, "We hope the results will be good." The purpose of these pacers is to improve the rate of reading. Teachers have divided certain classes into groups, so that a slow-reading group will not hold back the faster readers.

Note: (This is a system which was tried and found most successful last year in several American schools.)

**Richmond Hill Development**  
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 ment which has taken place in Richmond Hill and he was all for it.

Councillor R. P. Ross who is council's representative on the Planning Board said he had given the proposal careful study and was very much in favor of it. Quoting the estimated assessment figures which showed a favorable ratio, he said, "I feel it will be a benefit to Richmond Hill."

Councillor W. J. Haggart said he was completely in favor of the project. He was satisfied it would not overburden our sewer and water services and it would improve our assessment ratio.

Deputy-reeve Tinker thought plans to provide access roads to our presently available industrial land should take precedence over annexation of new land.

Councillor Haggart — This is a step toward self-sufficiency, a very much needed addition to our community development.

Councillor Paterson referred to the folly of previous councils in not insisting on a proper ratio of commercial and industrial assessment as compared with residential development.

Councillor Haggart argued that it was much better to have the commercial development within the town than in fringe areas.

Deputy-reeve Tinker questioned the benefit of growth and expansion to established citizens of the municipality. He said all they gained from the growth was strained municipal services and higher taxes.


Councillor Haggart — Taxes would have increased anyway.

Councillor Bradstock — If we were satisfied with outside plumbing and dirt roads we might have been able to keep down taxes.

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