### Thornhill and District News

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#### Parents, Management Comm. Meet

## Principal Elson Reminds Parents Of Esprit de Corps At Thornhill

#### Retracts Terminology But Upholds Intent

More than 60 parents attended a special meeting of the York Central District High School Board Management Committee, chaired by Trustee Eric Axelson, on Thursday night of last week, and Harry Sayers, chairman of the dis- two distinct groups - with a line fidence when I am endeavouring trict high school board said, "I am sorry we are not meeting under happier circumstances. I have been a member of tivities supervised by the teach- Mr. Seath then explained at the board for the past six years - and until tonight I ers, and the Teachers' Federation, length that the system in use, have never yet seen a member of the public at any meeting of Education. Students have free classes, was set by the College of of the board. I am sorry to have such an occasion to bring choice of action within the limits Education and had been used by you out." Mr. Sayers was referring to a letter parents had teachers feel are adequate. The received from Principal A. S. Elson, regarding 39 girl students, which the parents wanted to have explained and retracted.

Following a lengthy discussion, during which three or four of the parents present commanded the floor to throw brickbats in general at the board, the committee, the principal and the teachers, Principal Elson said, "I always felt that there was a good feeling of fellowship between the parents, students and myself and the school staff. If retraction (of the letter) is what you wish, I will lite. This action by the students al part of the heated evening by tion in the Valley of the Sun until late March, when they retract the terminology of the words — but not the intent."

Principal Elson had written a letter of explanation to the parents, after disciplining 39 girls students for what me but may not be clear to you - way he took to be insurbordination after the girls had signed they did not go to their teacher. a suggestion — thereby making it into a petition — asking that changes be made in procedure in the physical education rules. The girls had objected to being "grouped" and them. receiving marks as a group, instead of as individuals.

Mr. Charles Seath, director of gymnasium classes at Thornhill High School, in speaking to the irate parents in the student doesn't agree he may at the end of his 1959 term of of- with their son, William Lennox missionary work being done on the student doesn't agree he may at the end of his 1959 term of of- with their son, William Lennox missionary work being done on the student doesn't agree he may be formerly of that island. The service was led order to explain why group marking was used, said the rules were laid down by the College of Education, and were discuss it. But, if any student disemployed generally throughout the province.

ing which was held in the school board supported Mr. Elson, as any of us to run a school." cafeteria, stating, "As chairman of principal and that Mr. Elson "I felt when I disciplined the essary now." the management committee I would speak on the matter in his students it was the parents' right | On a query of what was to be there would like to point out that this office, with each individual par- to know I had done so and be- done about the letter, Mr. Axel- Mr. and Mrs. Wally Crouter Sharpe. The guest speaker was Mrs. Kerrigan wore a gown of teachers and feel that discipline is launched against him." necessary in this matter."

suggestion put in the box?"

tee and members present felt the the story to the press. action taken by the students was Mr. Sayers said he personally

the parents and I should like to asked, "Why can't he speak now?" stepping out of line I said, "that get it," but a retraction of the ation to Florida. have any discussion confined to Mr. Axelson pointed out that is a type of insubordination," the letter was asked for. those who are directly involved." Mr. Elson was a civil servant of only punishment was an apology Principal Elson then rose to The Cub and Scout Mothers in the mission on the Jhansi Field short honeymoon trip to Sratford. He then asked Mr. Sayers, as the school and "we don't feel that required. I then said that if it say, "I thought I was doing the Auxiliary of 1st Thornhill met in India. chairman of the school board to any member of the staff has to was repeated it would be consid- right thing in notifying the par- Tuesday afternoon in the United make the statement the commit- answer questions at a public ered "unbearable insubordina- ents - but if the terminology Church board room for the Febtee had prepared earlier in a clos- meeting. If censure is necessary tion." Now if you or I as a parent of my letter is causing all this dis- ruary meeting. Mrs. Bill Lambert ed meeting held in the library of we will give it, but we have quite see something we think is not as the bance. I retract the terminol- the president, was in charge of the high school: "The manage- unanimously decided that it it should be, you and I both have ogy of the letter but not the in- the meeting. Final plans were ment committee, and those board would be very unwise to have Mr. the right to right it. I presume tent.' members present, stand behind Elson exposed here to questions I could have been just as severely The meeting was then adjourn- banquet to be held Friday, March and support the principal and accusations that might be reprimanded if I had dealt with ed, but parents were told they

Mr. R. E. Fugler asked why the parents." First parent to explode into matter had to get into the newswrath after this quietly delivered | papers (Toronto dailies had given statement was Mrs. W. Paul who it wide publicity), to which Mr. demanded to know, "What discip- Axelson replied, "Mr. Fugler, this linary action was necessary for a did not get to the newspapers through the board or the teach-Mr. Sayers replied it was the ers." It was understood one of unanimous opinion, "this commit- the girl's parents had given out

unwise. We feel the students regretted the whole thing and should have discussed this with t'at his one wish was that it could their class teachers and then if be amicably settled to the satisthey (the students) could take the board goes," he told the parents, ter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Coo- sister of the bride. The flower Flizabeth Layrock matter to the parents and they in "there will be no reprisals." How- per of Willowdale, was married girl was Diane Sharpless, cousin The guides who turn could discuss it with the ever, when he stated he didn't Saturday, February 14, at 5 p.m. of the bride. The attendants were principal." He said the practice think the girls would even be ask- in Thornhill Presbyterian Church all dressed alike in dresses of students were complaining about ed to apologize, a woman shouted, to Mr. Bruce Winston Stevens, pale pink Italian brocaded satin, was laid down by the Department | "They have already apologized." of Education and in use at the Mr. Simpson, another parent ens of Willowdale. Rev. Calvin carried hand-shaped cascades of high school for the past two present, said, "I would commend Chambers officiated. The soloist yellow and pink baby roses. years. "Does this answer your the board for supporting the staff was Mrs. D. Frehr and the or- The best man was John Glenquestion," he enquired of Mrs. and I think the board's motion de- ganist Mr. Vernon MacDonald. ney and the ushers were Douglas Paul, who then asked what Mr. mands respect. I don't think you

#### Native Daughter Of Thornhill Mrs. Wilfred C. L. Ball Mourned

A life long resident of Thorn-| A quietly capable woman who The bridesmaids were Miss Ann in Toronto. hill, Helen Marguerite Blackwell | could always be counted upon Ball died on Sunday, February 8, "Daisy" Ball had a host of friends in the Wellesley Hospital. She | throughout the district and will had been ill for eleven days with be greatly missed. Despite a large a heart condition. The daughter family she found time to work Mrs. Ball was born in Homewood | trustee of Langstaff Public School Hall, Centre St., attended Thorn- and secretary-treasurer of the hill Public School and Richmond school board. She was also a life Hill High School, and studied mu- member of Thornhill Women's sic in Toronto. After her marriage | Institute. A devoted member of to Wilfred C. L. Ball she went to | Holy Trinity, and an ever helpful live at Blackwell Farm on Yonge neighbour when the church stood St. In 1955 Mr. and Mrs. Ball on the Yonge St. hill, Mrs. Ball celebrated their golden wedding also acted as organist for more in that house, but a year or two than 20 years. She was a membefore they had subdivided the ber of Holy Trinity W.A. for more

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than 50 years, and also held office in various other church organizations. Fond of travelling she and her husband had taken several long trips since his retirement. She also enjoyed bridge and was a member of the Thorn-

hill ladies' bowling club. Surviving besides her husband Mrs. A. V. Burlton (Isobel) of parents are away. Her only brother, Berkley Nelles, died fifteen months ago.

well and Peter Tobias.

The largely attended funeral service in Holy Trinity Church recuperating at home after sur- spread of Christian literature. was conducted by the Rev. W. E. gery in Sunnybrook Hospital. Askew on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Phil Covell spent a few days PICKERING: A total of \$25,913 monds, M.A., principal of Tor- the Board of Christian Education, February 11, and interment took as a patient in Branson Hospital was awarded a 17-year-old Pick- onto Bible College. place in the church cemetery, recently Yonge St. Pallbearers were Morgan Boyle, Clifford Rivers, son of Mr. and ther in a damages suit resulting speaker at the 10th Annual Win- direction of Hugh Martin was W. L. Schafer, Willard Simpson, Mrs. Ed Rivers, Bayview Ave., is from an accident) two years ago ter Conference of the young given by the choir, with solos by

Jobviously referred to an apology | parents of the esprit de corps

forward and addressed the par- being and I have to make quick ent in a most sincere manner, and sudden decisions. I have abwhich impressed his audience to solutely no animosity to any of the point where they witheld those girls. I am proud of every murmuring or verbal retaliation, student in Thornhill and it is up at least until he had finished his to you ladies and gentlemen to statement and sat down. Princip- understand there is by no means al Elson said, "There are two any question of dislike of any one or three things I should say. First of the students concerned. If as of all, in any school there are principal I cannot have your condividing them - there is the Stu- to run a good school, how do you dents' Council with students' ac- expect me to do it?' suggestion box is for the student taught physical training. He said governing force, the petition (which concerned teaching procedure) was placed in there.

"The suggestion box was removed by a member of the student council who took it to a teacher and said, this has nothing I to do with student government. It

ation which is distinct and definsav something that was clear to rules and meet the teachers half

who may come to the school to ber was a thankless task.

which has existed in Thornhill Mr. Elson, who was present High School between students and d\_ring this discussion, then came staff and said; "I am a human

> it was evolved to promote group interest and participation and was quite acceptable to the boys in the P.T. classes.

Mrs. S. Rasmussen, one of the mothers, objected to the girls being treated as children, instead of adults. She stated their peti-"Now there is a line of demark- tion should still be investigated was done without experience with stating, "We will tell the girls the Department of Education. I they must also go along with the

Obviously disturbed by the There is not a member of my many recriminations which had staff who is not willing to discuss been hurled directly at the high an; requests on any subject with school board during the evening, All a teacher has to say is, "I school board members were ap- Florida. think this is the way it should be pointed, not elec'ed, and went so Mr. and Mrs. W. J. W. Lennox, and showed slides of her recent done," Mr. Elson continued. "If far as to say that he will resign Arnold Ave., spent several weeks trip to Formosa and spoke of the take it up with his parents - fic. He said being a board mem- and his family, formerly of that island. The service was led formed by Rev. Mr. Turnbull.

cusses teaching skills and meth- daughter had been told by her Brunswick. En route home, Mrs. ods with Student Council, then I not to apologize and what about Lennox visited her daughter, Eric Axelson opened the meet- When Mr. Sayers said the don't know how you could expect that, to which Mr. Sayers replied, Mrs. Locke, at Williamsburg, of Mrs. Ted Fugler. Mrs. G. Pat- baby blue suit with white acces-"I do not think apologies are nec- where she fell and broke her leg terson, the president, was in sories and a corsage of white car-

meeting has been thrown open to ent if they so desired, Mr. Paul cause I thought the students were son suggested, "burn it and for- and family returned from a vac-

the situation and not notified the were free to attend a special Valentine Bridge meeting of the high school board Principal Elson reminded the on Tuesday night of this week.

## Nancy Lou Cooper Bride | Public School was a huge success in spite of the weather. The social convenor was Mrs. William prayer. Following the business

son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stev- with matching head bands. They Given in marriage by her fa- Cooper and Cecil Stevens. Elson meant by 'insubordination.' I should ask for an apology," (he ther, the bride wore a white fullcade of pink roses. Miss Marilyn | sand crepe. Cooper of Calgary, Alberta, sister | The couple left on a trip to the of the bride was maid of honor. southern states and will reside

Miss Nancy Lou Cooper, daugh- | Ireland and Mrs. John Glenney

length gown of brocaded satin Willowdale Presbyterian Church with a Chantilly lace top. Her where the mother of the bride finger-tip veil was held in place received in a gown of sapphire by a bridal coronet of orange blue brocaded satin. The mother blossoms and she carried a cas- of the groom wore a gown of

#### Local Protestant Churches Sponsor organ selections by the organist, prayer, a social hour followed. of a well known Thornhill physic- for both her community and her late Dr. David A. Nelles, church. She was for 27 years a Womens' World Day Of Prayer

Prayer held Friday, February 13, from the Anglican Church, Mrs. at the local Baptist Church was Skipper; Presbyterian Church, very well attended. Mrs. H. El- Mrs. Williamson; United Church, lam opened the meeting. Those Mrs. H. Craig; and Langstaff Bap- press their appreciation to all E. Meuser and Mrs. J. Michell

#### **THORNLEA**

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weeks vacation in Florida

are two daughters and four sons. are spending a three week holiday too poor to pay anything. She al-Mrs. N. H. Wood (Lottie) of Van- motoring in Florida. Mrs. Pock- so spoke of the desperate plight couver, Cyril of Thornhill, Nelles lington's mother is caring for the of refugees in such places as of Oakville, Berkley of Toronto, Pocklington children while their Hong Kong and Korea and other

> the misfortune to have her finger | Mrs. Arthur Lennie at the organ. Tom Covell, Doncrest Rd., is Inter-Church Council for the 2.

Hospital this week.

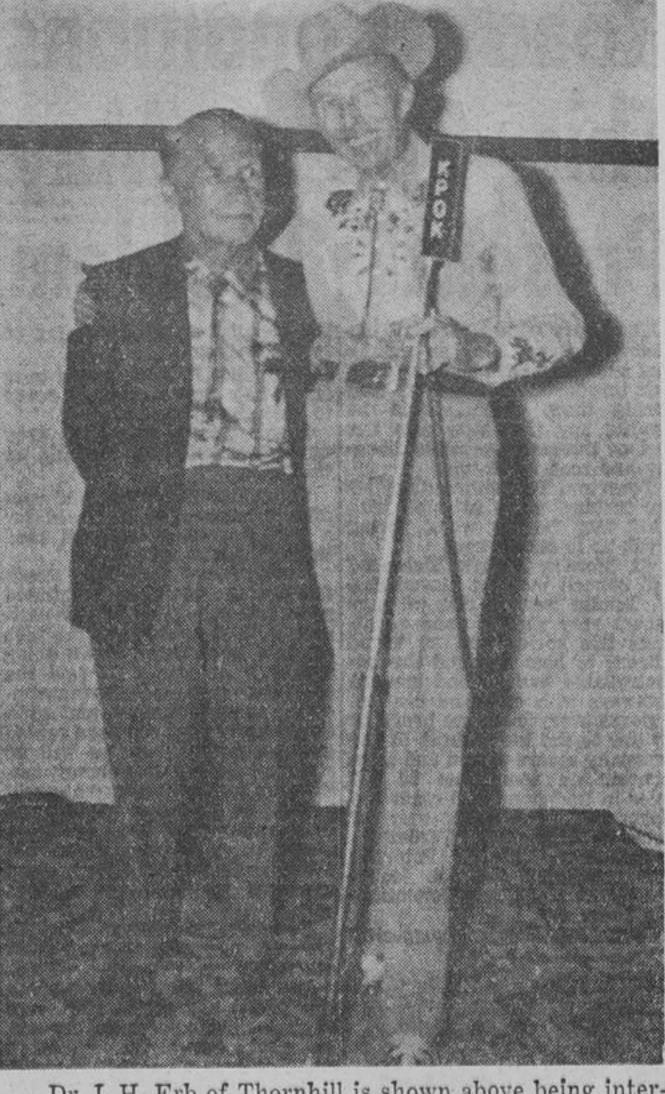
The speaker was Dr. Ilo Benary in India, with the Canadian tea tables. Baptist Mission, Dr. Bennett Presbyterian Church News spoke of the growing independ-Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sherman, ence of the native churches and Master Feeds Farm, returned how they are helping themselves. home on Friday from a three They still need financial assistance for their hospitals and clin-Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pocklington ics, as the majority of patients are

fered special prayers.

places in the far east. Little Brenda Derry, daughter Mrs. Gordon Patterson render-Thornhill, and 14 grandchildren, of Mr. and Mrs. Don Derry, had ed a very appropriate solo with badly crushed in an accident last The collection from these Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Culley. Re- dially invited. meetings goes to the Women's freshments were served by group Sunday, February 15, was the

ering Township girl and her fa- Rev. Chambers was the guest message. Special music under the Richard Jeffery. George Rows- under observation in the Branson when Carolyn Webb was struck people of the West Toronto Pres- Mrs. Leslie Clark and Mrs. Hugh by a car driven by an Ajax man. bytery held in Woodbridge the Martin.

Enjoying The Sun



Dr. I. H. Erb of Thornhill is shown above being interviewed by the Master of Ceremonies at the annual Canadian Winter Visitor program at Mesa, Arizona. Dr. and by the end of February. further, but concluded her verb- Mrs. Erb left for Arizona early in the year and will vacawill return to their home at 147 Centre Street, Thornhill.

#### Thornhill Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Napier past week-end. Mr. Sayers pointed out that high have returned from a holiday in Sunday evening, Mrs. Donald

Thornhill, now living at East Riv- by Nick Vandermay and 30 were Mrs. H. Gottschalk said her erside, outside of St. John, New present and is now confined to hospital charge of the meeting. Devotions nations. The groom was attend-

1st Thornhill Cubs and Scouts discussed for the father and son

The Valentine dessert bridge | Baptist Church News convened by the Guide and The February 4 meeting of the

and Loretta Woolley.

Mrs. Alex Henderson and Mrs. members for our circle. Arthur Mollard. Holy Trinity Anglican News

choral music has been prepared can be cured if caught in time. by members of the choir, and After the closing hymn and Cyril Devey. Among the works to United Church News be presented will be the drama- The afternoon auxiliary of the hill Baptist, Miss G. Stevens. Oth- donations to their opportunity of Centre Presbyterial at Egliner ladies in the congregation of- sale and afternoon tea on Sat- ton United Church. urday, February 7. Mrs. Elaine Mrs. I. Ford took the study Ackehurst was the convenor and book, her topic being Hawaii, nett, a former medical mission- Mrs. Doreen Marks convened the which was very interesting. Mrs.

The Couples Club met Saturday I on the Explorers. evening at the Sunday School | Refreshments were served by with 17 couples being present, Mrs. L. Harper and Mrs. M. Hon-The new president, Mr. James ev. Boyd was in charge of the meet- "Cupid's Capers", the first ing. Devotions were conducted by | dance held by the Young People's Mr. and Mrs. Richard Penrose, Union, was a great success. The The speaker was Mr. Harry Percy, auditorium was gaily decorated Deputation Secretary for the Su- and the refreshment and decordan Interior Mission who brought ation committee are to be coma very challenging message. An | mended for their fine work. excellent film, "Breaking the Next Sunday, February 22, Bands Asunder", was shown. This film will be shown sharp at 7.30 was followed by games led by p.m. All young people are cor-

ruary 15, was Rev. E. L. Sim- was Miss Betty Bone, Secretary of

Wade spoke to the young adults The Fortnighters met Monday

were taken by Mrs. William ed by David Noble of Toronto. Miss Edith Magee, a missionary gray crepe with a corsage of home on furlough from India. white carnations. Miss Magee spoke on her work Plans were discussed for the Richvale.

pring tea to be held Saturday, March 14, at Cranberry House, the home of Sir Robert and Lady Watson-Watt.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ross Brown, Mrs. Alex Brown and Mrs. S. Hopper.

Brownie Group Committee on Women's Mission Circle was held February 14 at the Thornhill in the Sunday School. Miss G. red and white tables and dessert | ed for the mission work at Grand were indeed a pleasure. Several Ligne, Quebec, and Mrs. F. Marwere indeed a pleasure. Several tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for the Jubilee Adquides were responsible for the tin prayed for t valentine drawings in the audi- vance which is starting this year, torium. The two little Brownies asking all Baptist Churches to greeting the guests as they came major on Evangelism. We were The guides who assisted with introduced the speaker she read the serving were Carol Martin, the preface from the reading Lynn and Sharon Surrett, Janet | course book, Joyful Journey. She Alcock, Elaine Elvidge, and Lou- referred to fireplaces needing ise Langman. The guides who pokers and when the logs become helped distribute the many prizes | settled someone comes along and were Jane Brown, Lyn Tanquiy. pokes until the new logs catch Kathy Percival, Jill Whitehead and the old knotty ones are revived. Churches, like fireplaces, Members of the executive who | need pokers to wake up the worked so hard to make this drowsy members and help the party the success it was were new ones catch on. May each one Mrs. Reg. Allin, Mrs. Bob Gibson, of us act like pokers to get new

The Rev. G. H. King, guest speaker, came from the mission A special "Choral Hour" will to the lepers and showed a very be held Sunday evening, Febru- moving film on leper work, after ary 22, at 7 p.m. instead of the seeing such a film it should open regular evening service. There hearts and purses. With help in will be no sermon and special prayer and money this disease

tic setting of the words of Psalm W.M.S. met Tuesday, February 137: "By Babylon's Way", by 10, in the narthex with the presi-The Women's World Day of taking part in the service were: Charles Gounod. Mrs. W. Tomlin dent, Mrs. R. Whatley in charge. and Mrs. V. Ruthig will also sing. Devotions were taken by Mrs. E. The members of Holy Trinity Johns. Mrs. Eddy read a letter Parish Guild would like to ex- on Christian Stewardship. Mrs. tist church, Mrs. Carter; Thorn- those who supported and gave brought reports on the meeting

R. Jeffrey reported on the Mission Band and Mrs. R. Gibson

first anniversary in the new Uni-The guest speaker Sunday, Feb- ted Church. The guest speaker

#### 1st Thornhill Scout News

beds, how to tie different knots, Grand Howl. and how to measure distances with the Scout staff.

Cubs

The Cubs met Tuesday evening ting service. in the Thornhill United Church. After the opening service, the Akela entered the names of boys who are taking part in the hobby

#### DONCASTER

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Phone AV. 5-5205 Birthday congratulations go out to David Kindness of Henderson Ave., who was four years old on February 12th.

Mrs. Cyr and son, of Morgan Ave., are home from the hospital. Gloria Gain, 26 Henderson Ave., entered Branson Hospital on February 11 for the removal of her tonsils. She was back home on February 13.

Birthday greetings are in order for Darlene Haley, Clarke Ave., who was two years old on February 10th.

Ethel Coulson and Jean Trimble so far hold the highest score for the last week of the Doncaster community ladies club euchre marathon, with 79. The finale will 38 Levendale Rd. TU. 4-5341 come up on Monday, February 23 at Thornhill School, with all proceeds of the marathon and progressive for the burned out Bonnici family. Time 8 p.m. sharp. Bonnicis Back

The Bonnici family expect to be back in their home which was gutted by fire on December 29th

#### Wedd ing

TAYLOR-KERRIGAN Fairlawn United Church, Toronto, was the scene of a quiet office door lettering, paper signs, wedding on Friday, February 6th, 1959, when Eleanor, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kerri-

gan, No. 7 Highway, was united in marriage to Douglas Taylor of Toronto. The ceremony was per-The bride wore a black and pink tweed dressmaker suit with pink accessories, with a corsage of red roses and carnations. Miss evening of this week at the home Lois Dawe, maid of honor wore a

> Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left on a They will make their home in

Scouts met in the Thornhill Un- | show. There will be 30 entries ited Church Monday evening. Af- from the 1st Thornhill Cubs. ter the opening service the Scouts | These hobbies will also be shown went into their various groups of at the father and son banquet on Tenderfooting, how to make camp | March 6. Meeting closed with the

Group 3 of th W.A., Thornhill A few games were then played United Church will hold a coffee by the Scouts and leaders. Lower- party and bake sale on Friday ing of the flag and the Lord's February 27, from 10.30 a.m. un-Prayer brought this meeting to a til 12 noon. There will also be a party for the children, with lentonade and cookies, also baby-sit-

> DEPT. OF HEALTH TWP. OF NORTH YORK

The Light Touch Is Best Too much play supervision is almost worse than none. Children need practice mak-

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them to decide when to go

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