

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.

Gold Cord Presentation



Girl Guide Division Commissioner Mrs. H. D. G. Currie presents 17 year old Norma Davis of Highland Park with her Gold Cord award at an impressive ceremony held at Henderson Avenue Public School.

April 28th was a memorable night for Girl Guides in the Thornhill District when Norma Davis received the highest award in guiding — the fourth one ever to be won in the history of Thornhill. With about eighty guests present, the Guides from First Thornhill Girl Guide Company put on a program at Henderson Avenue Public School auditorium showing the tests and badges that Norma had to learn and pass from the time she first came to be a Girl Guide six years ago until her last test for the Gold Cord Award — there were 65 tests and badges in all. As each Guide approached carrying a chart depicting the test or badge represented, Mrs. Jewitt, the guide captain, explained to the audience about the knowledge and work involved to obtain that particular test. When the final chart had been displayed, Norma walked up to the platform to be awarded the coveted Gold Cord by division commissioner Mrs. H. D. G. Currie.

Mrs. Currie then held a lighted gold candle to represent the flame, inspiration, and enthusiasm of the Gold Cord — lit Norma's candle, and Norma in turn lit every Girl Guide's candle, passing on and sharing her Gold Cord enthusiasm. Each Guide

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PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION
1959
Registration for Kindergarten-Primary and Grade I according to the following schedule:

Henderson Ave.	Monday, May 25	9.30-11.30 a.m. 1.30- 3.00 p.m.
Chas. Howitt	Tuesday, May 26	9.30-11.30 a.m. 1.30- 3.00 p.m.
Powell Road	Wednesday, May 27	9.30-11.30 a.m. 1.30-11.30 a.m.
Thornhill	Thursday, May 28	9.30-11.30 a.m. 1.30- 3.00 p.m.
Ross Doan	Thursday, May 28	9.30-11.30 a.m. 1.30- 3.00 p.m.
Langstaff	Friday, May 29	9.30-11.30 a.m.
Thornlea	Monday, June 1	1.30- 3.00 p.m.
Richvale	Tuesday, June 2	9.30 11.30 a.m. 1.30- 3.00 p.m.

Children enrolling for Grade I for September 1959 must reach the age of SIX on or before December 31, 1959, and those enrolling for K-P. must be FIVE by December 31, 1959. Please bring proof of age and immunization record.

It is suggested that at the Henderson Ave., Chas. Howitt, Thornhill, Ross Doan and Richvale schools A to K surnames attend in the morning and L to Z in the afternoon.

K-P. pupils will register in the school from which they receive registration forms.

Board of Trustees

Thornhill Notes

Children Visit Dalsiel Museum
Boys and girls of grades 7 of Thornhill Public School with their principal, Mr. J. Martin and teachers Miss Vera Busik and Mr. Doug McElhinney enjoyed a trip to the Dalsiel Museum last Thursday morning. After touring the museum and seeing many things of interest, they enjoyed picnic lunches before returning to their afternoon classes.

Grade 5 Visits Museum
Mrs. Jean Hill's grade 5 have been doing some very interesting work on Africa in recent weeks and to crown their research and projects they enjoyed a visit to the Royal Ontario Museum on Tuesday of this week for a guided lecture and tour on exploration and life in Africa.

Horticultural Society
The May meeting of the Horticultural Society of Thornhill will be held at Thornhill Public School on Tuesday, May 19, at 8 p.m. The speaker Mr. J. Cosburn of Greencross products has chosen as his subject, "Prelude to Plenty". Members are reminded that this is the night that they may pick up their options.

Holy Trinity Parish Guild
On Tuesday, May 5, the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Parish Guild was held in the church hall. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Kay Shaw, leading the members in the Guild prayer, after which Mrs. Barbara Manning, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting. The president announced that approximately \$200.00 had been received from the "Travelling Baskets" and this will be turned over to the building fund. The Guild would like to thank all those who participated in this project and made it such a success. After a short discussion on the Guild dinner, the meeting was adjourned, and the members worked in groups on bazaar items. Tea, coffee and sandwiches were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Audrey Day, Mrs. Barbara Manning, and Mrs. Dorothy Sowdon. This meeting was the final one until the third Tuesday in September. The annual dinner is being held on Tuesday, May 19. Any members needing transportation are asked to advise Mrs. Kay Shaw, AV. 5-1344.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
The Girls Auxillary held its regular meeting last week, when they started sorting records for a record sale to be held Saturday, May 23, at the church hall at 1 p.m. There will be 1,000 45 r.p.m. speed off juke boxes. These records are up to date and some have never been played. Popular numbers and instrumental groups as well as favourites like Ricky Nelson, Perry Como, Elvis Presley, Connie Francis and many others will all be available at 29c each.

The members hope that everyone will be adding to their collection now or starting a collection. The girls would like to report that there were over 550 at the festival in Barrie and not 55 which was reported in last week's paper.

Presbyterian Church News
Wednesday evening of last week four young people took part in a Bible Quiz, sponsored by the Young People of East Toronto Presbytery at Leaside Presbyterian Church. Those representing Thornhill were Norma Fugler, Myrna Hunt, Norman Terry and Nick Vandermay.

As part of a special Mother's Day Service Sunday morning, there were special readings by several of the children, these being Bonnie Smith, Lynn Tanquy, Jane Brown, Janice Crouter, Bruce Atkinson and David Henderson with special music by the junior choir.

The children who were baptized at this morning service were Gordon Earl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Patton, Robert Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James King, Fraser Hugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Boyle and Alexander Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan McKecknie.

Sunday evening, the Young Adults held a special Mother's Day service and invited all their mothers as guests. Those participating were Corrie Heydens, Norman Terry and Ann Hunt. There was a special anthem by the youth choir and Mrs. Ada Roe sang "Bless This House". A film "As for Me and My House" was shown. Two red roses were presented to each mother. Refreshments closed the evening.

The Couples Club met Saturday evening at the church with 16 couples present. Mr. and Mrs. James Brown gave the devotional.

Mr. Jan Kok, a member of the church gave a very interesting talk on his recent European trip.

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and showed coloured movies. Group 1 served Dutch refreshments which closed a very enjoyable evening.

United Church News
The afternoon auxiliary of the W.M.S. met Tuesday afternoon in the narthex with the president, Mrs. Ralph Wintley in charge. The devotional was given by Mrs. W. Strang, one of the vice-presidents of Toronto Centre Presbytery.

A tape recording on "Stewardship of the Mind" by the late Dr. Marian Hilliard was presented, which was followed by discussion. Articles for the bazaar were brought to this meeting.

A social hour followed with refreshments being served by Miss M. Anderson and Mrs. E. N. Meuser.

Spring Luncheon
A Parisian cafe with the stage set up and tables decorated with hundreds of beautiful red geraniums was the setting of the annual spring luncheon sponsored by the ladies of the W.A. of the Thornhill United Church Thursday afternoon, May 7, at 1 p.m. which seated 320 guests.

Mrs. E. B. Eddy and Mrs. Ralph Thompson, president of the W.A., welcomed the guests at the door. Lovely favours were given to those present, donated by DuBarry cosmetics.

Following the luncheon, which was convened by Mrs. Richard Jeffrey, Dr. Eddy brought a word of welcome and Mrs. Leonard May of Islington, past president of the W.A., introduced the guests at the table.

Mr. Joseph Lloyd of the CBC sang two solos assisted by Mrs. Donald Gunn at the piano.

A presentation of "Fashions in Cotton" followed with clothes by Chez Madame of Bloor St. The commentator was Madame Larche who was introduced by Mrs. G. Stanley Robinson, the program convenor. The models were members of the W.A. and were Mrs. Roly Curtin, Mrs. S. Hyponen, Mrs. H. Lips, Mrs. Wm. MacDuff, Mrs. L. Reid, Mrs. Don Smellie, Mrs. Robert Tamblin and Mrs. H. Tompkins. The fashion convenor was Mrs. W. Buckler.

The children's clothes were by "Tinker Bell" of Thornhill, the young children modelling were Robbie MacLaren, Susan Clark, Wendy Walker, Debby Walker and Bruce Piniel. Mrs. Lorne Denby was the pianist for the fashion show.

Mrs. Tom Barrow thanked Madame Larche, thus closing a very enjoyable afternoon.

St. Paschal Baylon C.W.L.
The monthly meeting of St. Paschal Baylon C.W.L. was held on May 4th with Mrs. J. J. Bulger presiding. Mrs. J. G. Briggs, spiritual convenor, thanked members for their splendid turnout at the Communion breakfast, held May 3rd at the Four Winds Restaurant.

On this occasion, the guest speaker, Rev. C. J. Mulvihill, Director of Archdiocesan Council, spoke on Immigration. Also present were Mrs. George V. Davis, Archdiocesan president, and Mrs. A. J. Bruder, chairman of Region 8.

Mrs. C. Dalrymple thanked members for their co-operation on the success of the bake sale last April 26th.

Mrs. G. Baxter introduced the speaker for the evening, Mrs. Ann Makletzoff who gave a dynamic talk on "Fallen Away Catholics."

The last general meeting of the season will be held June 1st at the rectory.

1st Thornhill Scouts and Cubs

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The Scouts met Monday evening, May 4, at the Scout Hut in Thornhill Park. The meeting consisted of discussion of tents.

Points are: Knight Hawks 18, Falcons 26, Eagles 20, Lions 21, Beavers 9.

The Scouts met again on May 11 in Thornhill United Church. After the opening exercises the Scoutmaster gave a very interesting talk on insects, especially on how to keep black flies and mosquitoes away on camping trips and hikes.

The boys then were marked for their point system: Foxes 34, Falcons 26, Eagles 23, Lions 20, Knight Hawks 20, Beavers 12. There will be a prize for the first group to get 90 pts.

The meeting closed with the lowering of the flags and the Lord's Prayer.

No Scouts next Monday.

Cubs
Cubs met Tuesday evening, May 5, in Thornhill United Church. After the opening exercises the entire pack was tested on fire lighting. The boys who were lacking in their first star completed their tests also. Two fathers came out to help the Scoutmaster with these tests, Jim Jarrell and Bill Heron. The boys then had a game of soccer. The meeting closed with the Grand Howl.

NOTE: Cub Rally will be held Saturday, June 13 at 6 o'clock in Thornhill Park. Everyone welcome to come out and see the boys.

Happy Scouting.

Do not cultivate too deeply near trees and shrubs. If the root systems of immature woody plants are damaged, normal development will be retarded. In the case of grafted stock such as roses and French hybrid lilacs, the severed roots may send up suckers that will bear flowers and foliage that are quite different from those of the desirable variety.

Silver Linings

By Elizabeth Kelson

How many people really see the first faint coming of day, and who has known those dewy mystic hours preceding the daybreak. The return of day is an eternal marvel and it is very surprising to know of the number of people who just hate to get up in the morning. In the early morning hours all the faculties are sharpened or should be after adequate rest. Fatigue and tension should be cleared away and the mind clear and bright.

Anyone who has a young growing family around them knows that it is virtually impossible to achieve time alone, that is necessary for meditation, personal growth, and resolution. This is the time to look from the east window and observe the first pink tinges of the dawn approaching. In this month of April, if you listen, you will hear the sounds of Spring in the air in the early quiet of the morning and the greening grass will meet your eyes with coolness. This is the time for mother to get that first quiet cup of coffee, and for father to mull over his plans for the day, and for boys and girls to do some of their difficult homework. I have found out that it is much easier to compose in the morning and I can well imagine that it would be easier to solve a mathematical problem too. The dawn is not only beautiful but it also can be very practical for those who can see it.

12 Pupils Of Marguerite Boyle Receive Music Festival Awards

Among the elocution pupils of Marguerite Boyle receiving awards at the recent music festivals were three scholarship winners: Robert Howard, with the scholarship and gold medal at the Peel festival, Lois Perkins, the open class scholarship and gold medal at the York festival where Susan Keachie took the junior scholarship, two gold medals and a silver. At the Kiwanis festival in Hamilton, Miss Boyle's only two entrants, Patricia McAuliff and Robert Howard, were both gold medalists. At the Davenport festival Joyce Perkins received a gold and silver medal and was awarded the silver trophy for the highest number of marks. Having won this trophy for the third year in succession it now remains in her possession. Other winning pupils at this festival were Paula Pindred with two gold medals, Lois Perkins with a gold and a silver, Cathie Zarfas a silver, and John Perkins a silver and a third. At Peel, besides the scholarship winner, a gold and a silver medal went to Helen Payne and a silver to Coline Gardhouse, while in another class all the awards were taken by Miss Boyle's pupils, with Betsy Sanders winning the gold medal, Susan Keachie the silver and the third going to Herbert Girard. In addition to the two scholarship winners at York, those receiving medals were Betsy Sanders, a gold and a silver, Cathie Zarfas a gold, Helen Payne two silver awards, David Martua a silver, Herbert Girard a silver, Patricia McAuliff a silver and a third and Coline Gardhouse a third.

New Streets - Good Old Names

by Doris M. FitzGerald

Until the end of the last war it was possible to count the streets of Thornhill on two hands. These were Yonge, named for Sir George Yonge, friend of Governor Simcoe; John and Colborne for Sir John Colborne, who used to visit Captain Sutton Frizzell, at Yonge and John Sts.; Eliza, probably for a member of the Frizzell family who owned the land; Elgin (often known as Hopper's, or lovers' lane) for Lord Elgin whose coachman is said to have turned down there by mistake; Jane and Elizabeth for the daughters of John Edey whose picturesque house stands at Yonge and Jane Sts.; and Centre (once the Woodbridge Rd.), Church and Brook Sts., whose titles are self explanatory. Other old families commemorated in the surrounding district are Morgan, Pearson, Boyle and Weldrick. Arnold Ave. was opened through the former Arnold farm, Deanbank Drive through Mr. W. A. Dean's property and Johnson Avenue on land belonging to the late M. J. Johnson, a strawberry grower. Smith Crescent and Clarkhaven were named for the subdivider, the late Charles Smith and his son Clark; Helen Avenue for the late Mrs. W. C. L. Ball; Thornbank for the home in England of Benjamin Thorne, and Dove lane for a nesting dove discovered on their lot by the first residents of that street.

More new streets will probably be opened in Thornhill within the next year or two, and selecting suitable names may prove difficult, because it is no longer permissible to duplicate ones in use in Metro Toronto. Before builders resort to picking some from a hat, we would like to suggest a few which have long been associated with the district.

The Indians who camped beside the little Don should be remembered, and also William Berczy who led the first group of German settlers into the still unsurveyed Markham Township.

Then, between what are now Steeles Ave. and the Langstaff sideroad, lived such doughty pioneers as Asa Johnson, Nicholas Miller, John Lyons, Nicholas Colber, Anthony Hollingshead, Balcer Munshon, Elizabeth Dennis and her husband Matthias Sanders who lost his life at the battle of York in 1812, Jeremiah Atkinson, Wm. Wright, Wm. Purdy, Rowland Burr, and Alan McNab (afterwards Sir Alan) were builders of, and early mill owners. The Playters, Cooks and John Thompson operated horse drawn busses; and Henry Richards, a former school teacher kept the Langstaff toll gate and post office for many years. Benjamin Thorne's name has been commemorated, but not that of his brother-in-law and partner, Wm. Parsons, who was also postmaster of Thornhill, for more than 30 years. Other old families who come to mind are Gapper, Crookshank, Brunskill (and the Pomona Mills), Welsh, Seager, Durie, Mortimer, Barwick and Fisher. John St. was once called the Milburn Road because Milburn's Tavern stood opposite the end, on Yonge St., but because he was a

rebel sympathiser, Milburn was unable to renew his licence after the rebellion of 1837. Two other well known hotel keepers in Thornhill were Samuel Lemon and his son Henry. Among the best remembered medical practitioners were Doctors Paget, Reid, and Nelles. David James and John Bowman were reeves of Markham Township, and the first three Trustees of Thornhill Police Village were J. E. Francis, Wm. Riddell and W. C. L. Ball.

The late George McCullagh, publisher of the Globe and Mail owned the estate which now belongs to Dr. Shoultice, and the late Gordon C. Heintzman, of the Heintzman Piano Co., the farm recently sold for development. Two artists who have brought honor to the village are Fred S. Haines, R.C.A. and the late J. E. H. MacDonald, one of the founders of the Group of Seven. Both were principals of the Ontario College of Art.

Street names could also be a way of commemorating the brave men and women who died in the two world wars. Those who gave their lives in the second world war were Pte. Ralph Chalmers, P.O. Robert G. Eaton, Sergt. L. James Farr, Pte. William Findlay, Pte. Joseph Glover, Major Frederick George McLaren and his sister Lieut. Mary Susannah McLaren, Sgt. Air Gunner Cecil H. Sinclair and Pte. Russell Wice.

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