

# 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. Margaret McLean, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-2331.

## Thornhill Notes

**School's Out!**  
"No more pencils, no more books" . . . Can you still hear it? If you live within shouting distance of a school, I'm sure you can. And while the teachers staggered off for a well-earned rest, the mothers took a deep breath and met the onslaught. It is to be hoped that they all followed Mrs. Flibberty's plan and took the vitamin pills themselves instead of giving them to the children these past weeks.

Some of the mothers of the 3rd Thornhill Cub and Scout Troop, however, got a slight reprieve. On Saturday, June 27, 18 or so boys of the Troop left for Camp Endobanah, the St. Clement's Anglican Church Camp at Shadown Lake, in Haliburton.

Among those at the camp are Mark and Paul Spafford, Keith and Jamie Brotherhood, Peter Tremaine, Douglas Scoble, Robert and James Ralph, Billy Garland, Tom Swabey, Peter and Norman Tyler, Chris Calvert, Mike Stratton, Ricky Galbraith, George Hunter and Douglas Bolton.

Some of the boys will be at camp for a month, while some will return in two weeks. Have fun kids!

The Thornhill Tennis Club is all set for a strenuous season, their courts newly equipped with lights. President this year is Ed

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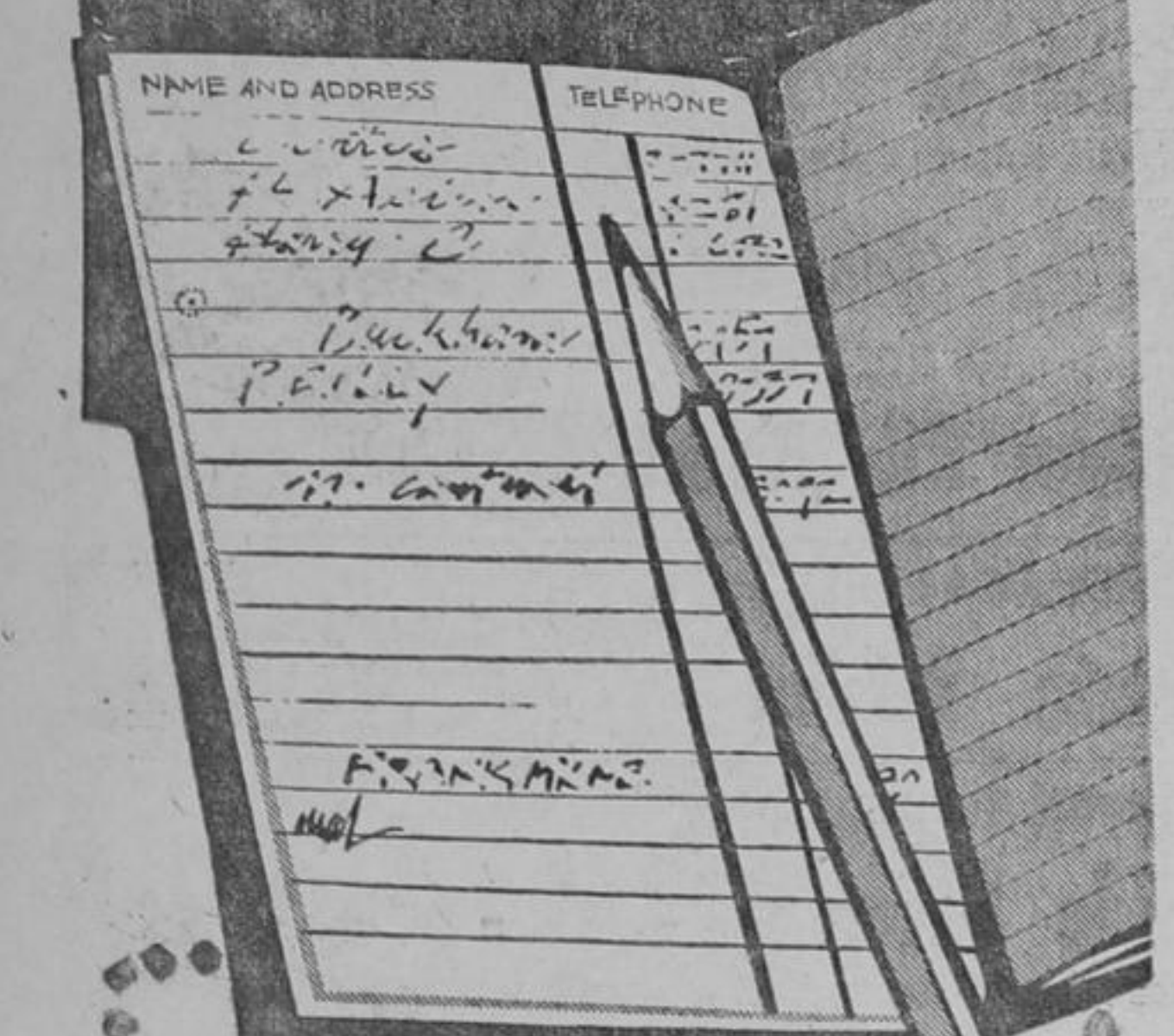
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rett, with Mrs. J. Loughran as alternate delegate. Several women of the parish attended the discussion workshops arranged by Mrs. V. V. DeMarco of St. Luke's. On Monday night, June 15, there was a very good representation at the banquet in the Canadian and Toronto rooms of the hotel. Bishop Carter of Sault Ste Marie was an excellent speaker after the dinner.

Lunch was served to the graduating class of 13 boys and girls of St. Luke's School on June 25th, after a mass celebrated for the class by Father Crossland. The lunch was arranged by the mothers of the pupils of grade seven.

**High School News**  
And just because you no longer see students pouring out of the high school every day, don't think all activity has ceased there. Principal A. S. Elson, and his secretarial staff are just as busy as ever, working out the schedule for next year's operations and sorting out the expected newcomers. Mr. Elson reports an expected increase of approximately 125. This will bring the school population up to 800, very near capacity.

There will be a few staff changes, with four new teachers being added and three leaving. Miss Walneck is leaving to be married, Mr. McClelland is to head the Department of Industrial Arts at Burlington, and Mrs. Paulin has withdrawn for further study.

Councillor William Anstey and family left on June 22 for a trip to Mr. Anstey's home town of St. John's, Newfoundland. They will stay at the home of Mr. Anstey's brother there. Hope they had a chance to wave at the Queen on the way down.

A visit to the busy office of Councillor Bruce Ralph found him surrounded by papers, people and cigar smoke. He came up for air long enough to discuss briefly the proposed new set-up for the Vaughan Township Public Schools, of which he is very much in favor. Mr. Ralph feels that the new system will provide a greater uniformity in educational opportunities throughout the township. (Compare now, the many separate classrooms, PLUS a kindergarten in Thornhill Public School, and the two teachers each handling four grades at Edgely, less than five miles away.)

Of much benefit also will be the employment of a full-time administrator. But most important, the new system will allow the benefits of the expanding industrial assessment to be spread over the entire township instead of just the school section where the industry is located. This industrial expansion is well under way.

Mr. Ralph has also concerned himself with the enlarging of the community well on Crestwood Avenue. The well has recently proved inadequate but it is expected that the new well will provide sufficient water to supply not only Crestwood Avenue, but the growing industrial development on Steele's Avenue.

While you're at it, Mr. Ralph, how about a little attention to the road on Crestwood, before someone breaks their neck bouncing over the potholes?

**Socials**  
The Prudential Insurance Company of America is said to be looking for office space in the Village. They intend opening a divisional office which would employ nine or ten people. Commercial graduates, please note.

Three beautiful babies were baptised in Thornhill United Church on Sunday, June 28th and in spite of the uncomfortable heat and humidity, all had on their best behaviour. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davidson of 165 Centre Street, Thornhill was christened Peggy Marie. Thomas Charles was the name given the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mack of 98 Highland Park Blvd., Willowdale, while Mr. and Mrs. K. A. McKibbin's son was christened Keith Charles. Congratulations to you all!

At a special congregational meeting held Monday, June 23, Holy Trinity Anglican Church decided to proceed with the erection of a new parish hall.

Authority was given for the Building Committee to have working drawings and specifications completed and to call for tenders. The Rector and Wardens are to accept the tender recommended by the architects, Messrs. Routhwaite and Fairhead. It is expected that construction might begin by September.

Rev. C. H. Chambers of Thornhill Presbyterian Church returned last week end from a 10-day stay at Senior High Camp, where he served as a director. The camp, for the Synod of Ontario and Kingston, is at Glen Mohr, near Beaverton. There were 25 campers in all, six of whom were from the Thornhill Church. These were, David Bare, Bob Reoch, Richard Vanderwal, Linda Watt, Virginia Wade and Wilhelmina Vandermey.

On Sunday last, the service at Thornhill Presbyterian Church was taken by the Rev. Bruce Macdougall, a recent graduate of Emmanuel College and a close personal friend of Rev. Chambers. Mr. Macdougall will take up his work at the United Church at Massey, Ontario, and the good wishes of the congregation here go with him.

During July and August the Presbyterian Church will hold joint services with the Thornhill Baptist Church. In July the services will be held at the Baptist Church with the Rev. Percy Bukt officiating. Children up to six years of age will be taken care of downstairs during services. In August, Rev. Chambers will conduct services at the Presbyterian Church.

Miss Carol Law of 108 Clarke Avenue, Thornhill, has been given

en several showers, in celebration of her forthcoming marriage to Mr. Larry Lee of Toronto, on July 4th next.

On Tuesday, June 22, a personal shower was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Webber of Woburn Ave., Toronto. About 20 friends were present.

Miss Phyllis Watterson of Clarke Avenue held a miscellaneous shower with some 20 persons present, on June 20. Earlier in June, Mrs. Denby of Centre Street held a party shower with some 15 friends present, while in May, Miss Irene Bresnahan, a lifelong friend of the bride, and one of her bridesmaids, held a miscellaneous shower with about 35 friends present.

Please note that you have a new correspondent, Mrs. Margaret I. McLean, telephone AV. 5-2331. How about it folks? Phone in your news and let everybody hear about it. People aren't nosy you know — just interested.

**Socials**  
The Grade 8 pupils of Thornhill Public School entertained their teachers Monday evening, June 22, at the home of Brian Henderson, Arnold Ave. Among those present along with the 40 pupils were Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bornhold, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Martin, Miss Vera Bursik, and Mr. Doug McElhinney. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all with gay decorations, many games, and delicious refreshments.

**Horticultural Society**  
During July and August, the Horticultural Society will depart from their usual policy of holding their meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the month in the Thornhill Public School.

The July meeting will be on Tuesday, July 7, in the Thornhill United Church at 8 p.m. There will be a film and the show will feature delphiniums.

In August the meeting and the Annual Flower Show will be held in the United Church on Saturday August 22.

Noticing the news report of the Richmond Hill correspondent that a Sansevieria plant bloomed recently, this correspondent reports that our Sansevieria or Snake Plant, bloomed a year ago. The blooms were remarkable for their lovely fragrance which perfumed the entire room. The garden manual reports that this plant will exist under trying conditions, the understatement of the year as far as our plant is concerned. Inherited some ten years ago from a great aunt, it has withstood the buffeting of dogs, cats and children, not to mention an absent-minded schedule of watering. The bloom we attributed to the casual fertilizing of the plant with a solution of RX-15 which friend husband had mixed for his garden.

Without the intention of starting a competition, may we mention that we also have an African violet plant with 48 blooms on it. The parent plant, called Mentor Boy, was purchased at the Thornhill Market several years ago and this one was grown from a leaf. In color it is an intense violet-blue with prominent yellow stamens. How about it, you horticulturalists: is 48 blooms a record? I will admit there appear to be two plants in the pot.

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  - Kitchen utensils
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Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill was the scene of a lovely wedding on Saturday, June 20, 1959, when Miss Vivien Mott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Mott, Langstaff, became the bride of Donald Ernest White, son of Mrs. Gertrude and the late Mr. Harold B. White, Thornhill. The happy couple are seen above as Mrs. White signs the register following their marriage.

—photo by Bruce Cooper

## Junior Pupils of Mabel Echlin Present Enjoyable Recital

by Doris M. Fitzgerald

Twenty-six little girls in pretty summer dresses took part in a recital at Henderson Avenue Public School on Monday evening, June 22nd. Junior pupils of Mabel W. Echlin, they charmed an audience of proud parents and friends with their short pieces and duets. One tiny five year old making her first public appearance suffered a momentary attack of stage fright, but when her tears had been wiped away she bravely climbed on to the piano bench and gave a very good performance.

The young pianists, all from the staff of the Toronto College of Music for many years, whose father kept a hotel on Yonge St. almost facing the end of John St. When nine years of age Mrs. Echlin began playing accompaniments for the Epworth League at Thornhill Methodist Church. After completing her musical education at the Toronto College of Music she became organist and choir leader at the church for a number of years, and was among those instrumental in forming a small orchestra which was greatly in demand for concerts, garden parties, etc.

A descendant of early settlers in the district Mabel Echlin was born in King Township, but has lived in Thornhill practically all her life, as had her husband, the late Fred H. Echlin, proprietor of Thornhill Coal and Wood Supply. After the last year when Mrs. Echlin moved from Yonge St. to her present address she became the fourth generation of her family to live within that block. Her great grandfather Bowes lived in the house now owned by the Boyles, her grandfather Wm. Bowes in the house at the south east corner of Centre and Elizabeth Sts., and her father in the house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jamieson.

Mr. Floyd Davies acted as master of ceremonies, and also played the concluding O Canada. Irene Denby and Lorraine Aho presented a purse of money to Mrs. Echlin, as a token of appreciation, from the juniors.

We would like to add here a little verbal tribute to this remarkable grandmother who has been teaching piano and theory for more than fifty years. At the present she has more than ninety pupils divided into three groups, junior girls, senior girls, and boys. The senior girls and boys will have recitals in the fall. In order to find time for so much individual instruction Mrs. Echlin usually gives two lessons each morning before school, and three during the noon lunch hour. Then at 2 o'clock she begins again, and continues until 9 or 9.30. Though ostensibly now enjoying a deserved summer holiday, our telephone call brought her in from the garden where she was working, but she kindly sat down and answered some questions. Music, she said, has been a life long interest. She began with lessons on a reed organ, and, after she had passed the primary examinations, her father bought her a piano. Her first teacher was Miss Flora Langstaff, granddaughter of John Langstaff for whom Langstaff is named. She lived at the Hawthorne Mineral Springs and Health Resort owned by her father, and operated by her brother-in-law. This property is now the Thornhill Golf Club house, and grounds. Mrs. Echlin remembers that when she was a child the favorite Sunday afternoon walk of villagers was across the rattle wooden bridge, in the hollow on Yonge St., and into the spring which bubbled up through a pipe, and was surrounded by a verdant bed of mint.

Her next teacher was Miss Effie Houghton, a member of the

## BROWNIE NEWS

The 2nd Thornhill Brownie Pack closed the season with a swimming party at the home of Gray Owl (Mrs. J. R. Sumner) on John Street, Monday, June 22.

About 20 Brownies arrived after school and enjoyed swimming in the Summer's lovely pool until the picnic supper. A lively ball game followed, at the close of which the Pack held their final Taps for the summer.

The most recent addition to the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia is Miss Glennys McKean of 25 Boyle Avenue. Langstaff, who has been taking the Commercial course at Thornhill High, and we're sure she will be a credit to the school.

## Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

Six young Thornhill High School students have formed an orchestra of their own. They are Dennis Moffat on the piano; Winston Smith, clarinet; David Iverson, trombone; Brian Magee, trumpet; Dennis Robinson, base harmonica; and Bob Jameson on the drums. These boys have been studying their respective instruments since their public school days, have played in their high school orchestra as well as taking lessons on the side. Although friendship has been a great factor in keeping these boys together, it has been their interest in music that has welded them into a productive unit and jam sessions have been their consuming hobby.

This seems to me quite remarkable, when you consider that so many people these days lean toward the passive entertainments. It is much easier to sit down and turn on the radio and listen to the best music the world has to offer or watch skilled musicians perform on television. The mere fact that these boys have been staying together, practicing faithfully, and steadily adding to their repertoire of music seems to indicate that they have unusual energy, persistence and a great deal of faith in themselves. What a relief for the parents of these boys who spend their surplus energy on the jam session instead of going around bored with themselves and the whole world. Some parents say that these beginning attempts to learn the techniques necessary to play brass or reed instruments can be an ear-splitting or perhaps nerve-wracking experience for a while at least. Is it worth it? I have found that it is, for if the boy or girl shows aptitude, that initial stage will soon pass, and one day to your delighted surprise, you will hear your trumpeter, clarinetist or trombonist playing "Old Black Joe" or "Onward Christian Soldiers" without a hitch, and you will actually come to enjoy it, and wait eagerly for the time when other melodies assail your ears. In spite of the vast amount of music at our disposal, I feel that the ability to create one's own must be much more fascinating.

## York Council Rejects School Area 1 Request

York County Council rejected unanimously a request from School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan that the formation of the Vaughan Township School Area be delayed one year to consider the matter. Deputy-revee Wilfred Dean of both Markham Township was to have presented the request but both Mr. Dean and Reeve W. L. Clark were delayed in reaching the county council session of last Thursday night, until a few minutes before the meeting adjourned owing to a prior appointment with Metro Planning Board.

In the absence of Mr. Dean, Deputy-revee Ken Wagg of Stouffville asked that the request be referred back to Mr. Dean "and let the local councils deal with it — it's not a matter for county council."

Following the presentation of the request to form a township school area, Deputy-revee Stanley Tinker of Richmond Hill asked the County Solicitor Mr. J. D. Lucas, through the Warden, "Is this any matter for the county to interfere with, when Vaughan Council has made this resolution?"

Mr. Lucas replied, "The Act provides ratepayers may appeal to county council, and council may, if it sees fit, dismiss the application or appoint a committee of arbitration or leave it over until another session."

Reeve Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge asked "Does this include the whole Township of Vaughan" to which Reeve John Perry of Vaughan Township replied the request applied only to the 1st concession of the township. "The people in Vaughan" the reeve continued "have seen fit to elect their council—and they are the ones who are running the affairs of the Township of Vaughan."

Warden William Hodgson asked, "Is it the wish of county council to leave it to the local council?"

Reeve H. Anderson of Georgina Township then moved the request be referred back to the people who are in authority. "It's a matter for their own local school board, it should be referred back to them." Reeve Anderson then moved the request be rejected by county council and the Warden recorded a unanimous vote for this motion.

The trustees still have the right of appeal to the Minister of Education.

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## Thornhill Public School Grads Feted With Banquet, Given Pins

The annual graduation banquet of Thornhill Public School was held Wednesday evening, June 17 in the Anglican Church hall. The auditorium and tables were beautifully decorated and chairman for the occasion was Mr. George Stratton.

Following grace which was given by the Rev. Wm. Askew, Mr. Jackson Taylor proposed the toast to the Queen, Mr. E. J. Sands proposed the toast to the graduates. The valedictory address was given by Jeff. Perry. This was followed by a lovely duet by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Martin.

Margaret Hills proposed a toast to the school and Mark Winter to Mr. John Martin, the principal. Rev. Askew then gave a very inspiring message to the graduates and their parents, entitled "Building Bridges."

Mr. A. S. Elson, principal of Thornhill High School spoke a few words of welcome to the graduates for the coming year.

The two top pupils who received awards were Margaret Hills and Terry Williston and the two pupils who showed the greatest school improvement were Jim Baird and Jack Tanquy. These pupils received books which were gifts from the Home and School Association. Pins were then presented to all the pupils by Mr. Douglas McElhinney which also were a gift of the Home and School Association. A beautiful reproduction painting entitled "Autumn Colours" by Gauthier

## New Thornhill Correspondent Mrs. M. McLean

"The Liberal" is very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Margaret McLean as our new Thornhill representative. In order that we may give your district complete news coverage kindly forward any items of local interest to Mrs. McLean who may be reached by phoning AVENUE 5-2331.

STOUFFVILLE: In a resolution at the regular meeting of Stouffville municipal council, the property committee was given authority to plant new trees on local streets, up to an expenditure of \$100.

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