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.

St. Thornhill Named Elgin, Once Hopper's Lane

by his father on the family pro-

Hopper has many happy memories

brought financial ruin to Benja- phoned to ask if we knew that brought financial ruin to Benjamin Thorne, for whom the village is named, and it also brought

brought financial ruin to Benjathe old Hopper house was being the oldest streets in the village, it's residents are nearly all young.

School, and two sons, one daughters and two sons, one daughter married, one in High it's residents are nearly all young. some Irish immigrants to Thornill. In order to alleviate the terthe vanishing landmark already

tit's residents are nearly all young people. They live in attractive houses built already rible distress in Ireland the Corn stripped of its roof, and some drive cars, designed for super laws were repealed in 1846, and which it had be brick siding with highways. to enter the British Isles duty 1940's. Spurred on by her interest free. Thorne, who for 25 years in the history of Elgin St. we had been a prosperous merchant, made some enquiries and were ship to widen the road, or miller and reporter, lost heavily fortunate in being able to get in to open it to through traffic. "The

from the striken country. Among those who set sail for Canada in Rectory in 1917. There was no we must bow to progress." 1847 with high hopes of a better resident priest in Thornhill then, life in a new land, were Mr. and and they stayed until 1927, when Mrs. W. J. Hopper and their six they moved to a new house built Tragically, during the voyage, perty, just west of Martindales'

both Mr. and Mrs. Hopper suc- house. In 1920 a frame house had cumbed to the prevailing plague, also been built on the east side and were buried at sea, and their of the original home, and Miss two sons and four daughters, the Ellen Hopper alternately lived in, oldest in their teens, continued or rented these two houses. W. G. the journey alone.

Landing at Quebec the little of Thornhill. Even in 1917 he said party had to transfer to another the traffic was so light on Yonge ranged for the two little girls move back to Toronto. brother found their way to Pine red house," and the following to 8 p.m. Orchard, near Newmarket. Mean- year his Aunt Ellen who was vis- All the present trustees, Alan of his brother, and sisters, and Lukes R. C. Cemetery. finally his benefactor was able to The old house has changed tended by Mr. George Stratton trace the whereabouts of the old- hands several times since Mr. and Mr. Ed Windsor, represent- they have never been built and

white clapboard house stood in It seems that Lord Elgin who was township water now available. the middle of six acres on the Governor General of Canada from acres of garden land. James and the big unweidly carriage came after the death of James Sheridan apple and hawthorne trees which It was owned by the Hopper fam- in blossom, Elgin still has many ily until 1947, and for many years | beautiful trees. But the landmark | shortly. Elgin St. was known locally as of the whole street according to Hopper's Lane.

a big tree then."

Holdsworth.

A century old map indicates

only 3 houses fronting on Elgin.

They belonged to W. T. Clay,

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7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

MASONIC HALL

THORNHILL

grain from all countries allowed which it had been covered in the highways, on a horse and buggy ly resisted efforts of the townon consignments of flour which- touch with Mr. W. J. Hopper, To- majority would like to keep the remained unsold in the flooded ronto, a great grandson of the or- street the way it is" said Mr. Alex market.

All told, about 300,000 people died from starvation in Ireland, prompting a tremendous exodus from the striken country.

Miss Ellen Hopper on Elgin St.

After Long Experience

Federation Speaker

"Income tax, Wills and Succession Duties" will be the subject of a talk by George Ashworth of the Cooperators Insurance Associa tion at the annual meeting of the York County Federation of Agriculture next Tuesday. The meeting will be held at

To Be Held Nov. 25th

(By Margaret I. McLean)

beat for the trip up the St. Law- St. that farmers used to drive | Wednesday, November 25th was rence, and in the confusion, and down the radial tracks. "If I ever the date set by the Thornhill excitement fifteen year old James retire I will have to look north Board of Trustees for nominabecame separated from his bro- of Barrie for any comparable rur- tions to the 1960 Board. The nom- Township asked that no action be ther, and sisters and was left be- al surroundings." However in inations will take place from hind. The others reached Toronto 1930, he, and his brother and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic where adoptive homes were ar- sister persuaded their parents to Hall. If an election is necessary, it will be held at the Thornhill through the Roman Catholic In 1942 he returned to Thorn- Library on Monday, December Church. The two older sisters and hill, and what he calls "the old 7th, during the hours of 10 a.m.

while, James who had been be- iting them, died there in her 83rd Sumner, Patrick McTaggart-Cowfriended, and educated, by a year. She is buried, as are her an and James Timmins were prespriest in Quebec, longed for news parents, and grandparents in St. ent at the meeting held November 5th. The meeting was also at- Township plans definitely closed er ones through a priest in To- Hopper sold it in 1947. About ing the Area Recreation Commitronto. He set out to visit them in two years ago it was bought, and tee, for the purpose of setting 1856, and never returned to Low- occupied by Mr. and Mrs. L. Sin- the insurance premium account. ko, while they built an attractive A refund cheque was presented to Cemetery and has several graves In 1858 James married Rose brick house at the back of the Mr. Windsor and he gave a che-Sheridan, daughter of Mr. and lot, overlooking the pretty ravine. | que to the Treasurer in the a-Mrs. James Sheridan of Tyrone, As a child Mr. Hopper often mount of \$890.54. The Board also Ireland who were living on a min- heard about the incident which took note of the fact that the lature farm on Elgin St. The little led to the naming of Elgin St. A. R. C. had voted to take the

south side of the street, and was 1847-54, had planned to attend of \$429.40 for putting down an Church are residents of the vilsurounded by an orchard of 20 to a plowing match in Markham asphalt sidewalk on the north lage and as a matter of courtesy 25 young apple trees. Across the township but his coachman mis- side of Centre Street was felt to the Board granted the request. road there was an additional two took the lane for John St., and be a reasonable one and on the The Board also directed a letter motion of Mr. McTaggart-Cowan, to Mr. John Honsberger asking

> Mr. Hopper is the maple on the north side under which many a picnic has been held. "My cousin carved her initials on the Office and the I. G. A. store, and back to the Church, trunk 60 years ago, and it was

When Markham Township issued a permit for the erection of these billboards, the Trustees had protested that they contravened the Village by-laws. At that time, the taken and agreed not to re-issue the permits. Although the permits have not been renewed, the bill boards have not been removed and the owners of the billboards intend to contest the by-law.

After some discussion, the Board directed that a letter be sent to Markham Township asking that certain old roads and road allowances appearing on and removed from the plans as may cause a cloud on the title to some properties. One such road is shown as going through the located on it. The Board also heard a request

from the Presbyterian Church that Mr. Reid pick up their garbage. Although the church is just outside the Village boundaries, The tender of Mr. L. W. Reeve many of the members of the

his wife began married life on to a mirey stop at the dead end. it was accepted. The sidewalk is permission for the Trustees to the 6th Concession, Markham but Once lined with wild cherry, to go from the west end of the have a path through his property present sidewalk to Thornebank cleared of snow in the winter for they moved to the Elgin St. house. presented a breathtaking sight Road. Estimates for the repairing the convenience of the children of John Street will be ready who now attend school in the United Church and will later at-A letter from Markham Town- tend the new Clarke-Elgin School. ship was read dealing with the It appears that the children use billboards on the east side of this short-cut to avoid a long Yonge Street between the Post walk out John Street to Yonge

Thornhill Notes

a cabinet maker, James Sheridan, and Cornelius Mount. The Clay Thornhill Home and School Assochouse is now owned by Mr. and liation

Mrs. G. T. Wishart. The only vis- The October 22nd meeting's lamson. tage of the Mount house in Mr. discussion on Mental Health Pianist: Mrs. J. D. McGhee. Hopper's time was an old well. pointed out that the stigma con-The remaining lots on both nected with the term "Mental esting and informative talk on sides of the street were owned by Health" is quite unwarranted. Angola, in West Africa which was Joshua Reid, John Martin, John Many mental illnesses can be very much enjoyed by all and Erwin, John Lane, and Joseph treated and need not be too ser- added to their knowledge of these Saturday, November 13th and All those ladies who spent just

built at one time or another on will be addressed by Mr. Arthur sionaries. The meeting closed the south side of the street, and V. Pigott, and some of the nom- with a lovely lunch. have disappeared. The white inees for the Vaughan Town- Holy Trinity Anglican Church frame house on the Clarke prop- ship School Board will be on At the 11 a.m. service on Sunerty seems to have the first on the hand to speak to the meeting day, November 22nd, a window north side. In 1939 Lady E. M. also.

tin Baldwin. The property ran 27th. through to Elgin, and extended in Of interest to all parents whose Blackwell Nelles. Holy Trinity L formation west on Elgin. Nei- children attend the new Clarke- would be pleased to have any rether needing nor wanting, so much | Elgin School there will be a meet- latives or friends of the late Mrs land she tacked a sign on a fir ing to be held at the United Ball attend this dedication cere-Church Auditorium on Thurs- mony. day, November 26th. The meet- Thornhill Presbyterian Church ing has been called to discuss the | On Wednesday, November 11th formation of a new Home and the second of the Elders District School Association.

Thornhill United Church

taken by Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Diane McKibbon. Gibson. After the roll call, the Social Notes: minutes of the last meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Jan Kok of Riverread by Mrs. Michell.

Past President: Mrs. I. Ford.

Secretary: Mrs. J. Michell.

G. I. Stephenson.

Mrs. W. Simpson.

Mrs. E. M. Meuser. Christian Citizenship Secretary: Mrs. Condon.

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Study Book: Mrs. I. Ford. Press Secretary: Mrs. F. Will-

Mrs. Ford gave a very inter-Two or three small houses were The November 19th meeting ments and problems of the mis-

in the nave of Holy Trinity Windle bought the John St. house | Don't forget the Annual Dance | Church, given by Mr. W. C. L. now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Mar- which will be held on November Ball will be dedicated in memory of his wife, Helen Marguerite

Meetings was held at the Thornhill Presbyterian Church, and the The monthly meeting of the program was led by Mr. and Mrs. Thornhill United Church After- | Norman Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. noon Women's Mission Associa- | Dick Penrose. After a period of tion was held on Tuesday, Nov- study, refreshments were served. ember 10th at the home of Mrs. | On Sunday, November 15th, the C. P. Johns' Yonge Street, two children of Mr. and Mrs. were baptised, as David Elgin your Christmas tree holder. ter bouquets in charge of Mrs. with Mrs. Whatley, the President, Elgin McKibbon of Erica Road The devotional services were Wayne McKibbon and Darlene

lected by the Nomination Com- which took them down to San ready to hang in your doorway. were glued to sea shells, ash mittee and approved by the meet- Francisco and up the west coast The various hand made candles trays ,etc. and sold at 25c and 50c. to Vancouver and back. Travel- were particularly beautiful, es- Mrs. R. Fisher ran the embroidling with them from Thornhill pecially the bottle candles made ery table which sold beautifully President: Mrs. R. W. Whatley. were their friends Mr. and Mrs. from ornamental bottles covered worked pillow slips, etc. and President of Young Groups: Mrs. De Zeuw of Leyden, Holland, who with colored wax, sprinkled with crochet work. Special mention had been staying with them for glitter and tied with ribbon cor- should be made of the colorful a few days. In 1948 the two cou- sages. Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. ples travelled together through South Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Kok Associate Members Secretary: drove the DeZeuws to San Fran- little girls admiring the dolls and artificial flowers scattered on cisco and saw them abroad ship the doll clothes offered. A series them, while others were of net Supply Secretary: Mrs. G. Harper. to visit a son in New Zealand. of story-book dolls - Little Bo- with a contrasting taffeta under-Missionary Monthly Secretary: The Koks then continued their Peep ,Mary, Mary, Quite Con- skirt. trip up the west coast, visiting trary, Jack and Jill, Cinderella - And although all those worthy

> gether with their husbands, all charming felt hand puppets. went to hear Nat King Cole and pajamas. wore their feet out shopping. At the childrens gift stall, Mrs. fully made gifts are unwrapped.

impressive Induction Service was Donald has been at Minden Onheld at Thornhill United Church, tario in the Lindsay presbytery. and Rev. Hugh Robert MacDonald | His wife, the former Mary was installed as the new minister. Wight, is also a native of Ot-

Long Experience

The service was conducted by the Toronto Centre Presbytery with Rev. A. W. Jones of Willow-dale United Church presiding. The guest preacher was Rev. W. C. Sellars of Newtonbrook United Chuch. Also taking part in the services was Rev. R. V. Kendall of For Vaughan School Trustee in Epworth United Church and Rev.

Wight, is also a native of Ottawa and a graduate of Carleton University. They have two small daughters, Janet, two years and Eleanor, eight months.

Tor his first sermon, on Sunday morning, Rev MacDonald had as his theme "A Minister's Prayer" and expressed the hope that both the entire congregation and the Minister would be enabled to

education and graduated from until death. Carleton University. He took his Theological degree at McGill. man who has taken on very large While attending McGill, he serv-responsibilities in which his

On Friday, November 13th, an | Since his ordination, Mr. Mac-

Many Changes Through The Years | tree "lots for sale" and quickly disposed of several acres for a-bout \$500. an acre. The first houses bout \$500. an acre. The first houses bout \$500. an acre. The first houses boult on this land now belong to es built on this land now belong to the many changes are conducted by the Thornhill United Church and Rev. George Stephenson, a member of the Thornhill United Church conjugation.

Rev. Calvin Chambers of which was so well attended by the conduct themselves in a truly conduct themselves in his home section for eighteen which was so well attended by the conduct themselves in his home section for eighteen which was so well attended by the conduct themselves in his home section for eighteen which was so well attended by the conduct themselves in his home section for eighteen which was so well attended by the conduct themselves in his home section for eighteen which was so well attended by the conduct themselves in his home section for eighteen which was so well attended by the conduct themselves in his home section for eighteen which was so well attended by the conduct themselves in his home section for eighteen which was so well attended by the conduct themselves in his home section for eighteen which was so well attended by the conduct themselves in his home section for eighteen which was so well attended by the conduct themselves in his home section has a long the conduct themselves in a truly conduct themselves in his home section has a long the conduct themselves in a truly conduct themselves in a trul (By Doris M. FitzGerald)

The Irish potato famine of 1845

That far reaching effects. It Martindale had not recently tele
Today Figin is an and mow belong to in his name section for eighteen which was so well attended by the local Ministerial Association.

The Irish potato famine of 1845

The I Today Elgin is an interesting ter and decorator, and has two the local Ministerial Association. both the new minister and the daughters and two sons, one Mr. MacDonald is a native of church took each other for bet-Ottawa where he received his ter or worse, in sickness and in elementary and secondary school health, although not necessarily

ed the United Church in western youthful courage and enthusiasm Canada and in suburban Mon- should stand him in good stead. treal during the summer seasons. The members of the community While at McGill he also assisted at large as well as the members in Montreal West where he was of his congregation wish him well in charge of young people's ac- and are glad to welcome him and his family to Thornhill.

Thoughts and Theories

by Elizabeth Kelson

It is generally accepted today that education continuing through life is necessary to our happiness, and perhaps to our survival. The public library seems to supply the solution for continuing education. Canadian libraries are on the upgrade today because our people have come to recognize them as key institutions in our cultural life.

To understand what is going on in the world today requires knowledge that can only be found in books and it is good to have the right background with which to judge current events. The public library gives us, who are within reach of it, and who have the will to learn, ample opportunity to pursue a wider education which is the culture of the mind and spirit. What capacities we develop by use of the library: what practical help we obtain in our jobs and in getting to understand human nature, and what opportunities we uncover to enrich our lives: these are ours to take without the expense of building our own shelves of books.

No public library in the world could afford to buy every book, but the selection of those that are chosen requires caution and skill. It calls for a special competency and alertness to the needs of the community with courage and willingness to be responsible for decisions. The librarians are important figures in the community. They are classed with the minister and the school teacher as community leaders and public servants.

While the principal business of a library is to make books available to the public by circulation or for reference within the library, many other services are attached to municipal and city libraries. If the library is large enough, it has a meeting room where many important decisions regarding the community are made.

Most libraries have childrens' sections. Good books with an interest equalling that of the comics are made available under the guidance of an understanding librarian.

Another service is provided when their bulletin boards attract attention to new books, and where reading lists suitable for public and high school children are

Public libraries have become a necessity to our way of life. The books it contains are the true levellers of civilization. They give to all who use them, the society of the greatest and best of our race.

While there wasn't any actual | D. Moore offered the children mas Carousel" last Friday and 25c, and was well patronized.

structed an assortment of hand- meat, jams, jellies and pickles. some table centerpieces based on Mrs. Tyson's table of Attic blocks of styrofoam which sold Treasures made a handsome profreadily. Another attractive and it on the sale of such things as useful item offered at this booth brass candle stick, vases, a silver was a long felt Christmas card bowl, a wooden nut bowl, a large holder with Santa's head at one fish bowl complete with stand, a end and his feet at the other, tennis racquet and an assortment with a row of pockets in between of jewellery. for the insertion of the cards. Mrs. H. Clapp presided over a Equally attractive were the table of toothsome home-made Christmas tree skirts made of red | candies and had as well an attrac-

constantly surrounded by excited ing. Some in pastel colors, had

of Elgin St. Thornhill, had a Mrs. H. Garland was in charge only their own church but proflying visit to New York last of the knitted goods and her viding a service to the entire week from Monday to Wednesday. booth had not only beautifully community. They were with a group of ten knitted socks mitts and baby out- Most of the purchases were friends and all did the rounds fits, but some charming and prac- made for Christmas gift giving, together - saw the Broadway tical children's "Granny" night- and there will surely be many play "Girls Against the Boys," gowns and sturdy flannelette happy exclamations of surprise

"carousing" everyone at the Holy choice of toys or gifts for their Trinity Anglican Church "Christ- parents none costing more than

African people and the achieve- 14th, obviously enjoyed them- too long admiring all these loveselves, purchased just about ly things could pick up everyeverything in sight and enabled thing necessary for the family the hard working ladies of the dinner and take it home with Parish Guild to more than fulfil them. The bake table, in charge their objective of raising \$1,000 of Mrs. Kiddy, offered cakes, for the Church Building Fund. | pies, bread, tarts and cookies ga-The bazaar convener Mrs. C. lore, while Mrs. G. Ackehurst's Devey had a host of faithful delicatessen counter had meat workers. Mrs. D. Balls table of pies, sausage rolls, potato salad, Christmas decorations was prob- baked beans, meat loaves sliced ably the most colorful booth. Her ham, and devilled eggs, as well committee had designed and con- as delicious home-made mince

or green felt with colorful appli- tive wreath ingeniously contrived ques and designed to cover up from wrapped candies. The win-Those "kissing ornaments" R. Byford were extremely popumentioned in last week's paper lar. Made from dried weeds and turned out to be little men con- flowers set in driftwood, they structed with heads of styrofoam | made a complete centrepiece and side Blvd. returned last week and bodies of sliver leaves, all sold at from \$1.50 to \$2.50. Some The following officers were se- from a 7,500 mile motor trip garlanded with mistletoe and charming miniature arrangements cocktail aprons at Mrs. Trant's Mrs. G. St. John's booth was table. They were really outstand-

Chistian Stewardship Secretary: many of Mr. Kok's customers in excited much comment (and emp- ladies of the Parish Guild untied many purses). The booth doubtedly went home with tired Mrs. Gordon Brian and her also had a wide assortment of feet and aching legs, they must sister Mrs. George Morgan, to- stuffed felt animals and some have had a glow of satisfaction in doing such a fine job, helping not

and pleasure when these beauti-

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Thornhill Area Recreation Committee TO BE HELD

Tuesday, November 24, 8 p.m.

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Thornhill Area Recreation Committee

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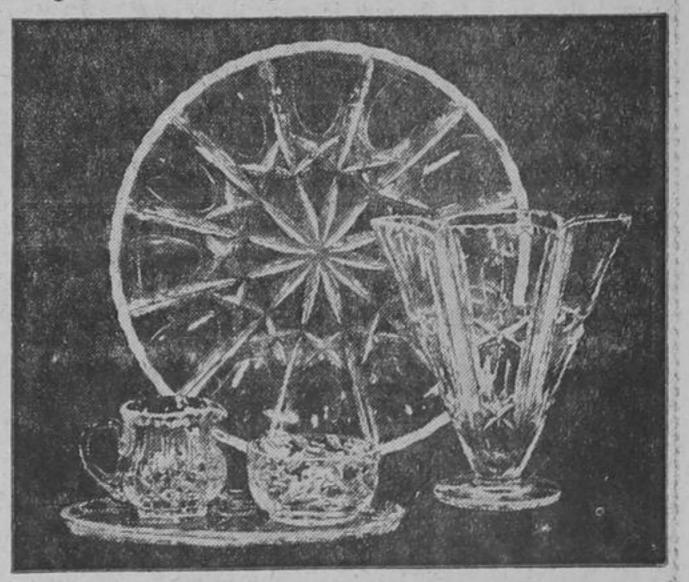
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