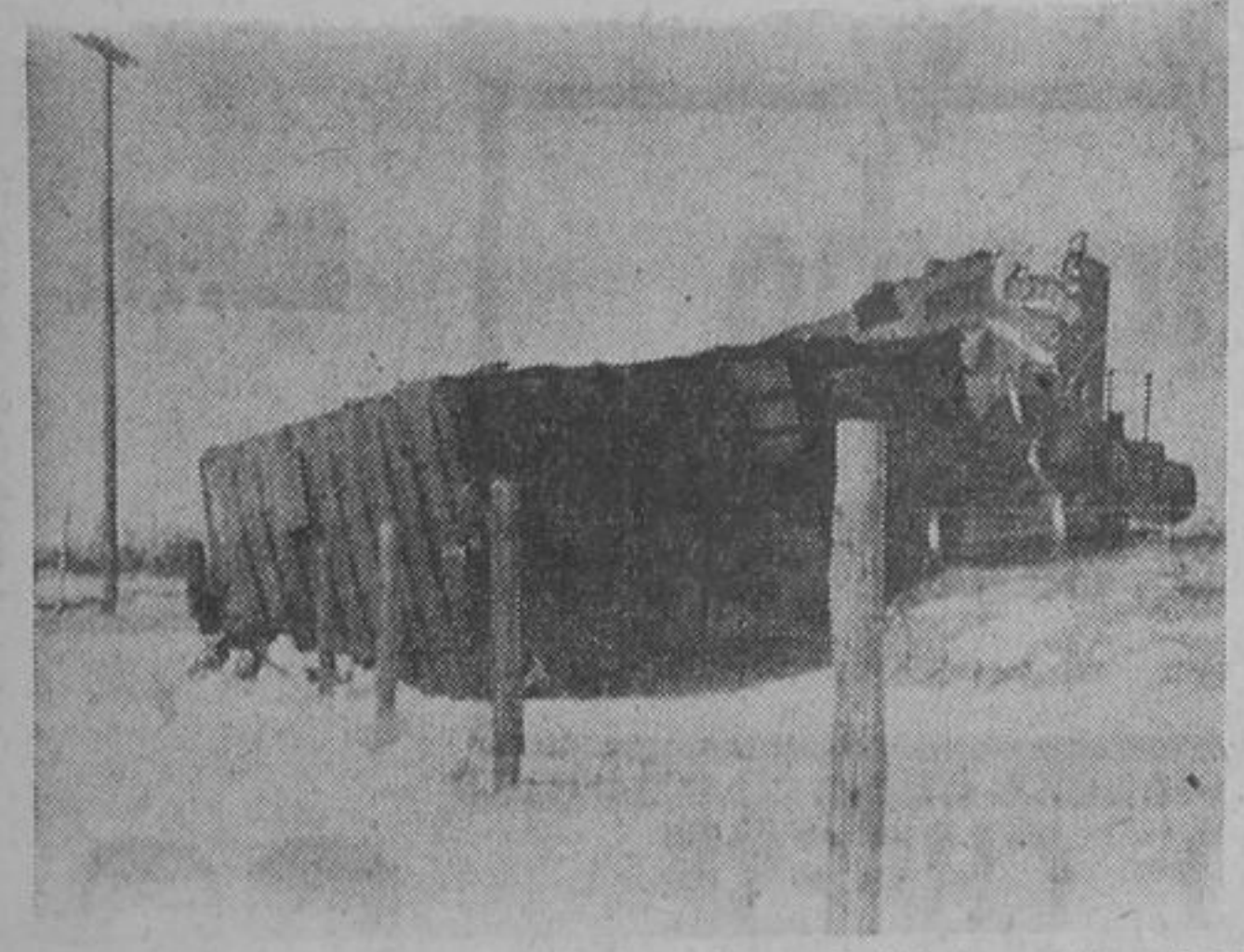


# Thornhill and District News

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## It's Wheels Ground Too Slowly



Above is seen a perfect example of the "immovable" object. The immovable part in this case being the wheels of the overturned freight train lying in the snow at the crossing on John Street in Thornlea. The C.N.R. diesel, still on the track, was pushing the box

## Thornhill Notes

**Week Of Special Services By Thornhill Ministerial Association**  
Monday, March 7th marks the opening of a week of special children's services arranged by the Thornhill Ministerial Association to be held each day at 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at Thornhill United Church. All public school age children are invited and transportation from the more distant schools will be arranged. Notices about the services will be handed to the children as they leave school Friday afternoon and on Monday at noon registration tickets will be distributed for the children to fill in. When the children reach the church and are registered, they will enjoy a short period of games and refreshments before going into the church proper for the service. The services will be conducted by Rev. A. C. Capon, a graduate of an Anglican seminary in England and who is now Secretary of the Children's Special Service Mission. This Mission is an interdenominational organization which carries on special meetings for children all across Canada. At the services, by means of songs, stories and films, the facts of the Christian faith will be presented in a form which children can easily grasp and understand.  
**Thornhill Presbyterian Church**  
Dr. Jacob Jocz, the Director of the Nathaniel Institute in Toron-

ture was read by Mr. Jerry Easton. A trio, composed of Mr. Nick Vandermey, Mr. Norman Terry and Miss Myrna Hunt entertained the group. Following the service, the 65 persons present enjoyed refreshments.  
Fifty-three members of the Men's Club of Thornhill Presbyterian Church met at the Church on Thursday, February 25th and had an informative talk by Capt. A. MacQuoadale, the director of the Salvation Army's House of Concord, on the work being done there. The meeting was chaired by the President Mr. John Mavor. The group all enjoyed the sing song led by Mr. Eilert Sand. The Devotional service was conducted by Mr. Owen Wilson and Mr. Alec Brown. The group also enjoyed the delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the Church.  
Ten young people of Thornhill Presbyterian Church attended a Winter Conference of Presbyterian Youth held at Knox Church, (Shawa) the week end of February 21st. The same week end, Rev. Chambers addressed the first Senior High Teen Conference held in St. Andrew's Church, Islington. The Conference was sponsored by the Presbytery of West Toronto and 10 Presbyterian churches in the Etobicoke area co-operated. The theme of the conference was "What Will Thou Have Me to Do." On Feb. 28th, Rev. Chambers also spoke at a conference held at Cherry Hill Farm, sponsored by the Young Adults of Knox Presbyterian Church in Toronto. The theme of this conference was "My Christianity at Work."  
A former high school principal in Northern Rhodesia, was speaker at the meeting of the Couples Club, held at the church on Saturday, February 20th. Mr. Peter Letchford, was principal of a high school in Northern Rhodesia for 11 years and is presently the General Secretary of the South African General Missions in Canada. The worship service was led by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cully and Mr. and Mrs. Eilert Sand led the 18 couples present in some games. Refreshments were served by Group 2.  
**Thornhill United Church**  
Thornhill United Church celebrated the 157th anniversary of its congregation on Sunday, February 14th. The guest preacher was Rev. Wm. Armitage of Halliburton United Church.  
Following the service, there were several baptisms. The son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hendrick, 85 Meadowview, was baptized "Jan Scott." "Donald Laird" were the names given to the son of Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Joynt of 20 Uplands, while the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lang of 124 Westwood Lane was given the name "Brian Allan." Stephen Thomas Osborne was also baptized the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Osborne of 23 Westwood

Lane. The solitary little girl was given the pretty names "Mary Anna Louise" and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Pack of 112 Woodward Avenue.  
There was a good attendance out on Sunday evening, February 28th to see the last of the series of films, the film of Billy Graham's London Crusade.  
Next Sunday, March 6th, will mark the beginning of a series of Lenten sermons. At the evening service, a film, entitled "The Church Moves In" will be shown, depicting how alcoholics of Skid Row in Chicago are re-habilitated. Following this, the Young People's Union will discuss the question of beverage alcohol. The discussion will be led by Bill Cooper, a teen age member of the group who recently attended a Conference in Toronto, on this subject.  
Next Sunday evening's service will also mark the beginning of an "Open Season on the Preacher" during which the minister will answer questions submitted by the congregation. Four questions will be answered this Sunday.  
**Thornhill Baptist Church**  
The members of the Couples Club of Thornhill Baptist Church had a jolly time at an old fashioned sleigh riding party at Sunnybrook Riding Club, on Yonge Street. Following the sleigh ride, they all enjoyed refreshments at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Jardine, 49 Vaughan Rd., Richmond Hill.  
**Holy Trinity Anglican Church Parish Guild**  
On Tuesday, February 16th, the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Parish Guild was held in the Church Hall. The President, Mrs. Kay Shaw opened the meeting with the Guild Prayer. Mrs. Helen Glover read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Eira Trant, convener of the Opportunity Sale to be held February 20th, discussed the final arrangements for this event. Mrs. Audrey Young, Programme Convener, stated that plans were coming along nicely for the Daffodil Card and Games Night, to be held in the Church Hall, Tuesday, March 1st and that the congregation, both men and women, were invited to attend. They are to bring their cards or games and the admission will be 75c. The Committee has planned delicious refreshments, prizes and favours. The business completed, the members then proceeded to price articles for the Opportunity Sale. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. B. Barrett, Mrs. J. Higginson and Mrs. L. Wise.  
The visit by the Young People of Holy Trinity to Holy Blossom Synagogue was to have been on Friday, February 26th but because of the severe snow storm, it had to be postponed. A new date for the visit has not yet been set.

A series of special Lenten Services will begin on Wednesday, March 2nd. The Book of Revelations of St. John the Divine will be studied at these services.  
**Thornhill Women's Institute**  
The February meeting of the Thornhill Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Little, 178 Sheppard Ave., with 20 ladies present. From the Secretary's report, the group was pleased to learn that the Markham Institute of Langstaff had accepted the invitation to attend the Thornhill group's Birthday Party on March 17th at 2 p.m. in the Masonic Hall, Thornhill. Invitations were noted and delegates appointed to attend the following meetings: Y.W.C.A., March 7th; Officers Conference, Guelph, May 8th; Vottery Demonstration, Mark Vaughan Institute, May 21st. The meeting voted to donate the sum of \$5.00 to help send a crippled child to camp.  
Mrs. McGowan, the District President addressed the meeting and gave a report of the year's work. She also mentioned the origin of the Institute's Crest which was designed by Laura Rose Stephens in 1903 from her signet ring and with the colours of Queen Victoria, blue and gold. Mrs. Mizen gave a talk on old times and prices and Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Little sang a duet. Mrs. Zuefelt read part of a publication of the Ontario Field Naturalists, describing bird watching in the early 1800's. The meeting closed with God Save the Queen, following which lunch was served.  
**Social Notes**  
Mr. and Mrs. Wib Smith who were recently welcomed to Thornridge Drive, are now to be congratulated on the birth of a son on Saturday, February 27th.  
Mr. Roy Pichall of 31 Uplands is now resting comfortably at home, following an operation of his knee at Branson Hospital. Well, I wonder if he was one of the jaunty gents who went whizzing past my door in wheel chairs, the week-end I spent in that same place. Yes, folks, that's why your column was so short last week. A week-end on a vegetarian diet, plus the attentions of Thornhill's distinguished young surgeon, left me in a slightly weakened condition and unable to do my usual persistent scrounging for news. (Now if this isn't getting to the bottom of the barrel for social news, I don't know what is. How about phoning me in some news all you people out there?)  
A parent education meeting was held by the Thornhill Nursery School on Wednesday, January 20th at the home of Mrs. David McLean Thornbank Rd. Mrs. Anne Martini of the Forest Hill Nursery School was the speaker and her topic was the Nursery School Child - his needs and his capabilities.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Weldrick, Mrs. Alice Robinson and Mrs. Etta Burns, left on Monday for a months vacation in Florida.

to, was the guest speaker at the morning service at Thornhill Presbyterian Church on February 21st. He spoke of his work at the Nathaniel Institute, the Anglican Mission to the Jews in Toronto.  
To end the month of special services devoted to the work in the various Mission fields, Rev. Duk Sung Kim addressed the congregation at the morning service on February 28th. Rev. Kim is the minister of the only Korean church in Nagoya, Japan, which suffered so very tragically in the last hurricane and flood. He spoke of the dreadful suffering which the Church in Korea has undergone in the last 20 years, but in spite of which it continues to be a very vital church. Rev. Kim is in Canada, studying at the Presbyterian College in Montreal. This is part of a plan sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Canada to bring ministers from various countries to Canada for post-graduate work.  
On Sunday evening, February 28th, at the Congregational Fellowship Night, Rev. Ken MacMillan, General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada spoke on the impressions he received as he toured the world last summer in the interests of the Bible Society. The worship service was conducted by Mr. Ken Terry and the scrip-

## Markham Council Township Roads Dept. Fights Storm On Its Own

Reporting that one Markham township operator worked a 23-hour stretch at the height of last week's storm, Councillor Lawson Mumberson, chairman of roads for the township, asked for some verbal recognition of the fine work done by the Roads Department in combatting the devastating storm of last week-end, at Monday night's weekly council session. Councillor Mumberson said, "A police sergeant from Toronto whom I have never seen before in my life, complimented our township on the fine way the roads are looked after and said that despite the recent storms our roads were the best he has travelled outside of Toronto." The reeve and deputy-reeve and Councillor S. R. Watson also commented on favorable reports received. Councillor J. MacNeil was absent.

Markham Township graders and snow plows were going day and night during the storm. "We hired no outside help or machines, everything was done by our own road department," Councillor Mumberson stated. He said he was amazed to see how much money other municipalities spend for outside help and equipment. There will be no such expense for Markham Township, he declared. Reeve Clark paid tribute to the Maintenance Department of the Township for the good care taken of township equipment. He said that while other municipalities were turning in their machines and buying new ones, Markham was saving the taxpayers' dollars by maintaining the old in good use. "One machine used during the storm was 15 years old," the reeve stated, "and it is still giving excellent service and has never lost an hour of work." There was only one breakdown in equipment during the storm, it lasted only an hour.  
Markham Township police were on the alert too. Councillor Mumberson said, and a police cruiser was kept on Highway No. 7, near Buttonville, just for emergency purposes.  
**Correct Procedure**  
Mr. G. A. MacKendrick of Bayview and Steeles, who attended Monday's session, was instructed by council that it was necessary to apply three days prior to a meeting, in order to have a petition for a hearing at a regular council session. Mr. MacKendrick evidently did not realize that despite this fact Reeve Clark was willing to listen to him, and apparently did not hear the reeve state, "since you have come out tonight, we will hear you." He berated the reeve and council and stalked out of the council cham-

bered.  
**Langstaff Farm Taxes**  
Township Solicitor Lucas has suggested to Markham Council that he be permitted to apply to the City of Toronto to increase taxes on the former Langstaff jail farm property. The increase, from \$4,000, to \$4,200, is necessary due to the installing of a watermain on Bayview Ave.  
**Loses 30 Pheasants**  
A Mr. Thompson of the 7th Concession Markham may not be eligible for compensation under the Livestock Act, council said after hearing his application for \$128, to compensate for the loss of 30 pheasants, as the result of a stray dog breaking into his breeding cases. Deputy-reeve Dean said pheasants do not come under the act, and that if such a precedent were set, mink farmers and others would petition for losses too. However, the request will be studied by the Finance Committee and a report will be made on the matter next week, the reeve said.  
Deputy-reeve Dean asked if there was any portion of the act which stated the owner of the dog could be made to pay damages. Clerk Harry Crisp said it would be difficult to establish ownership since the dog was a stray. Councillor Watson asked, "Where was our dog catcher?" then asked how much money was in the dog fund (from fees charged) and could it be used for settling such claims. The clerk estimated between \$3000 and \$4000 but said the dog catcher's fees had to come out of that sum.  
Councillor Mumberson said, "In such a case as this, if the owner of the pheasants knew to whom the dog belonged, it would be a case for civil action."  
Reeve Clark said, "It will be

checked out and we will get a police report on the matter".  
**When Is A Dog Not At Large?**  
A dog is not "at large", when under proper control of an adult person or on a leash or on its own property.  
Following an amusing debate on this subject Councillor Watson asked, "What about a dog hunting rabbits?"  
Deputy-reeve Dean said a dog might go "at large" or on the highway, when chasing a rabbit or a fox, to which Councillor Mumberson laughingly replied, "When he's chasing a fox, no dog catcher could keep up with him, let alone catch him."  
**Caretaker's Applications**  
Eighteen or 20 applications have been received for the position of part-time caretaker for the municipal building, a report on these will be made at a later date. Council met in committee following Monday night's session to hear applications read by the clerk.  
**Alarm System**  
On the recommendation of the Water and Police Chairman, an alarm may be installed between the township pump house and the police department. Councillor Mumberson said the alarm would ring only in the event of water at the pump house dropping below a certain level, or to alleviate trouble in the case of a breakdown at the pump house. "A droppage in the water level could be disastrous", Councillor Mumberson said. "If we had a break at 3 a.m. and a fire at 5 a.m. we could end up with very red faces", he concluded.  
**Cemetery Board**  
The five-man Cemetery Board for Markham Township will be composed of Trevor Watson (3 year term); John Brunwell (2 year term); Dr. Neal (1 year term) and the two members of the present Property Committee Deputy-reeve Dean and Councillor Watson.  
**Fire Hall Site**  
Stating that it was the most logical spot right now for a proposed fire hall in the front end of the township, Reeve Clark advised the Property Committee to investigate the purchase of a 100 foot lot near Yonge and Elgin Streets. The township does not plan to build for some time, but wishes to have a site available for future use.

## Form New Association

Were you one of the local residents at Charles Howitt School on Wednesday evening, February 24? If not, maybe your neighbor has told you about the new "goings-on" in our community. Approximately 45 to 50 people were present at Charles Howitt School for the public meeting to form an association to develop the Boyle Park property.  
Mr. N. Hicks spoke briefly on why the meeting had been called, then introduced Mr. E. Sand who had agreed to act as chairman for the meeting.  
Mr. Sand, in a short address, urged the group to act and act quickly, in getting a building started on the park land. He said he knew of cases where subdivisions were built up so fast that all idle land was gobbled up.  
Mr. Fred Iris, Mr. Bob Shearer, Mrs. Peggy Morris of the Langstaff Young Women's Institute, and Mrs. M. Roy of Markvaun Women's Institute, all spoke briefly on the subject in question.  
Mr. Sand conducted an election of officers with the following results: chairman, Mr. Fred Iris; vice-chairman, Mr. Nathan Hicks; secretary, Mr. Bob Shearer; treasurer, Mrs. R. Richards; directors, Mr. Fred Morris, Mrs. I. Roy, Mr. Cleve Burton, Mr. S. Lunan, Mr. Cecil Thirgood.  
It was recommended that chairman of committees for finance, building and recreation be appointed from the executive directors by the executive. Those present were asked to list their names under any committee, on which they would like to work.  
A motion was carried to name the association the Langstaff Community Association.  
We are happy to report that our new executive is getting right down to business. At the first executive meeting held at the home of Mr. Hicks, the Committee chairmen were appointed. Mr. S. Lunan and Mr. C. Burton, co-chairmen of the building committee; Mr. Cecil Thirgood, chairman of the recreation committee; Mr. Fred Morris, chairman of the finance committee; and Mrs. I. Roy, chairman of the public relations committee.  
Watch your Langstaff News column for progress bulletins on the work of this new group. If you were not present at the inaugural meeting and wish to offer your services, please contact any of the new officers listed. Plans are underway for the next general meeting. Watch for the date.

## Thoughts and Theories

by Elizabeth Kelson  
I love all the seasons. This winter that will be passing away in another month — I love too. I enjoy winter with the snow laid like a white carpet over the land and its star-filled nights. Here in our northern clime, we associate snow with winter, and in the whiteness of snow there is the reminder of purity.  
Snow is a cleanser. It helps to remove impurities from the land. I can recall my mother using snow to clean rugs and mats. Snow is a protection. It prevents the frost from entering too deeply into the ground. Winter also brings us rest and sleep, or should in the natural way of things. The days are shortened and nights are long and everything rests. The winter also speaks to us with a note of urgency. Before winter comes and the snow blows across the land, we gather into our barns and cellars all needful things. There is an urgency when approaching winter warns us, "Do it now!"  
Winter is also a testing time. All that lives and grows meets winter's challenge in his own fashion. Animals and birds find their food beneath the snow. They seem to know that winter won't last forever. Winter is full of Nature's poetry. The trees become the fantasies of fairyland, and bleakness can turn into beauty in the space of hours. The freshly plowed roads, shovelled paths and smoke drifting from many chimneys tell mutely of man's defense against cold and isolation. Snug and warm behind the curtained windows of their houses, they spend their evenings watching television, visiting with their friends or find time to learn and grow and develop along with their families.  
Finally winter will bring us the spring. It always has. Spring is even now beckoning each one of us to newness of life. In a short while, the greening grass, the Mayflowers in the woods, the delicate budding leaves will invite us to find new hearts and new hope.  
We will pass from winter through the gates of resurrection and the life of Easter, the Springtime of the soul; for His promise is "Behold I make all things new."

STOUFFVILLE: "Since Edwards is still calling himself the Chief of Police, I think the public should be informed of where he stands", a member of Stouffville Municipal Council said after hearing Frank Edwards, discharged police chief of the village, was still calling himself the chief.

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