

# 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.

## Police - Fire Rates Same

# Set Markham Twp. Rate Increased 4 Mills For 1960

## Finance Chairman Blames \$30,000 Road Deficit

Monday night was Budget Night at Markham Township's regular weekly council session.

Deputy-reeve Wilfred Dean, Chairman of Finance, presented the 1960 budget stating, "There is a slight increase of 1 mill in the General rate and the Road rate is up 3 mills, making the total township rate up a little over 4 mills". Last year the Roads Budget was overspent by \$30,000, which was picked up by the General Account, and in order to balance the budget this amount has to be levied this year and returned to the General Account, the Finance Chairman noted.

Police and fire rates remain about the same for 1960, and the school tax is set depending on the area, for instance in School Area No. 1 Markham, the Public School rate is up 3 mills; the York Central High School rate is up 3 mills.

Revised assessment for 1960 levy is . . . . . \$15,431,120.86  
 Less Police Villages of Thornhill \$607,945.22  
 Unionville \$570,028.77  
 Township Levy Total \$14,253,146.87

If the proposed road program for 1960 is carried out the mill rate for 1960 will be 11.3 mills, as compared to 8.3 mills in 1959.

Mill rate set by the Finance Committee for Farms and Residential is 22.8 (18.5 in 1959); for Commercial and Industrial the mill rate is 26.2 (22.1 in 1959).

The deputy-reeve said, "Many municipalities have gone up this year and I suppose we are in the same boat, but I think we have done a good job in the township

in keeping the township rate down. We couldn't have done this, without the co-operation of all Township Committees."

Gen. Purp. Rate	'58	'59	'60
Farm & Resid.	7.5	3.8	4.8
Comm. & Indus.	10.8	7.4	8.2
Police	5.6	5.5	5.3
Fire	7	9	9
Roads & Bridges	7.3	8.3	11.8
Water Area 1			4.7

Deputy-reeve Dean said that the Road Budget for 1960 was the highest in Markham Township for some years. The following scale gives the picture over the past 10 years:

1951	6.42	mills
1952	11.00	mills
1953	9.5	mills
1954	8.3	mills
1955	9.5	mills
1956	8.3	mills
1957	7.0	mills
1958	7.3	mills
1959	8.3	mills
1960	11.3	mills

Some of the items as shown on the Budget Report are: Executive and legislative expenses for 1960 \$11,000 (\$7,022.91 in 1959); Administrative, \$80,150 (\$62,761.83 in 1959); Relief (includes charge-backs), \$16,000 (\$14,637.57 in 1959).

Civil Defense was Nil for 1960, dropping from \$1,000 in 1957 to \$479.09 in 1958 and the dwindling sum of \$150, in 1959.

Contingencies are lower at \$10,000 this year (\$15,000 in 1959).

And a new expense on the budget this year is \$2,000 to the Cemetery Board for the cleaning up and maintenance of abandoned cemeteries.

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## THORNHILL UNITED CHURCH

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9:45 a.m. — Intermediate & Senior Sunday School  
 11 a.m. — Sunday School & Nursery  
 11 a.m. — Morning Worship  
 7:30 p.m. — Youth Groups

For further information please phone AV. 5-2131 or AV. 5-2551

## Thornhill United Church Sponsors Refugee Family

A group of 20 interested persons met in the board room of Thornhill United Church on Sunday evening, May 8, to discuss the possibility of the church sponsoring a refugee family in Thornhill. Also attending the meeting were Mr. Les Markle and Mr. David McLean who informed the group of a meeting, sponsored by the United Nations Association, on Thursday, May 12, at the Thornhill Public School, to organize a joint community effort along the same lines. After outlining their plans, and inviting the group to join their organization if they saw fit, Mr. Markle and Mr. McLean left the meeting.

Some discussion followed as to the advisability of joining in the community effort for refugees but it was decided to continue with their own plan if at all possible as this would in all likelihood result in two families being taken care of instead of only one. "They can get along with us," stated Rev. H. R. MacDonald, who chaired the meeting. "The question is, can we get along without them". The people present felt that they could well take care of the needs of the family of two which had been proposed to them by the Department of Immigration and the Canadian Council of Churches.

Accordingly, committees were set up, under the general chairmanship of Mr. Norm Hall, to investigate the various aspects of the project. A Social Services Committee was set up under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. W. Lambert and including Mrs. A. Beckwith and Mrs. O. Harrington. This committee is to look into the question of hospitalization insurance and the provision of medical and dental care for the family, as well as any other social services they might require, such as English lessons, for instance.

Mr. Chandler was appointed chairman of the accommodation committee. To work with him are Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. W. Whelan and Mrs. Les Clark. This group will ascertain the cost and availability of living accommodation for the refugee family as well as

NEWMARKET — By a 6-2 vote town council has gone on record as opposing any move to split High School District. The trustees have advocated that the present district be cut in half. The final decision rests with county council. A majority of the municipalities in the high school area have gone on record as opposing any dissolution of the district at this time.

## Moving Day — Thornhill Library



Volunteer worker, Mrs. Ed Ross, left above, assists Miss Jane McLaren (right), Head Librarian of the Thornhill Library, as the Library is moved to its first permanent headquarters at 10 Colborne St., Thornhill. The Library had previously been in part of the Masonic Hall on Yonge Street. Thornhill Scouts helped in moving the 6,000 books from the old library to the new one; moving took place over a week long period since each newly decorated room in the new quarters was filled one at a time as the paint was pronounced dry. The Library Board hopes to rent out meeting space to interested groups in its fine new headquarters.

— Photo by Miller & White

**SOMETHING TO RENT**  
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## Rambling Around

Spring at last, and it's a good thing too! The whole earth is laboring and groaning to bring forth the promise of spring. There is movement in tree and bush, and the birds are getting all set for their jubilant chorus. There is an expectant stir about and after such a long hard labor, the heralds go about proclaiming the advent of the long awaited spring. The raucous cries of the crow are heard once more. The sparrows are hovering about the eaves. The robin is digging for worms and the sound of the woodpecker is heard through the land. The crocus and other spring flowers push their way up through the damp depths of the pulsating earth. The new-born Spring stretches, opens eyes, becomes aware, smiles and laughs, and every tree and bush joins in the awakening and melodies break forth from all the feathered songsters.

Spring is a time of hope and rejoicing, in every heart there is a song, conscious or unconscious. It is the season of love and beauty, and wonder, when earth becomes heaven. Nothing is impossible, nothing beyond belief, when man sees for himself the miracle which spring shows when seed, bulb, bare twig, and dried root are transformed into flower, leaf and tree with all the wealth of color, fragrance, shape and beauty which makes earth a garden.

Few are so burdened that they do not walk with a lighter step, whose eyes do not shine the brighter and even those who are sick know a renewal of hope. The Green Medicine man has arrived renewing man's spirit, reacting healthily on the bone and the blood and the mind. The sound, sight and fragrance of this season give a feeling that is indescribable. There is about everything the aura of an enchanted country.

## Thornhill Notes

**Holy Trinity Girls' Auxiliary**  
 On Saturday, April 23rd the girls went to the church to write the tests for their Mission Study and Nursing badges. At their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 26, some of the members received their G.A. pins. Quite a number oven savers and trays have been sold and there are orders in for more.

**At their meeting on Monday, May 3, the girls put on a play. They also discussed their proposed week-end at Mrs. Priestman's cottage at Lake Simcoe, and discussed plans for a tea.**

**They were taken on a walk through the new church hall that is being built. Mrs. L. T. Redman was at the meeting to help some of the girls make skirts for their uniforms, while other girls worked on a banner for the festival to be held on May 15th.**

**W.M.S. Evening Auxiliary**  
 The Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Thornhill United Church met on Tuesday evening, May 3, at the home of Miss Geraldine Wesley. The meeting was conducted by the President, Mrs. Harold Craig. Mrs. A. M. Ecclestone conducted the worship service, her theme being "The Joy of Living". The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Gerald Culley, who spoke on the women of Africa.

**On May 9, the ladies of the Evening Auxiliary are entertaining several of the young ladies from "Half-Way House", one of the Ontario Hospital approved homes, at the home of Mrs. A. M. Ecclestone on Thornbank Road.**

**The meeting closed with refreshments which were served by Mrs. John Honsberger and Mrs. Robert Tamblin.**

**W.A. Spring Luncheon**  
 The ladies of the W.A. of the Thornhill United Church held their annual spring luncheon in the church auditorium on Thursday, May 5. The room was beautifully decorated with a Maypole, charming rose trees and decorative light shades. Between 275 and 300 people enjoyed the delicious lunch.

**Mrs. Kellam, the President, called on Mrs. H. R. MacDonald to say Grace, and then said a few words of welcome. Mrs. Ralph Thompson introduced the guests at the head table, who included Mrs. R. W. Weaving, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Mrs. N. Morton, Mrs. L. Shortt, Mrs. Jane Tween, Mrs. F. Kellam, Mrs. H. MacDonald, Mrs. Hugh Martin, Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Bracken, the 1st Vice President of the Centre Presbytery.**

**Mrs. Kellam then asked Mrs. Bracken to say a few words, following which Mrs. Martin sang three lovely numbers. Mrs. L. Shortt then introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Jane Tweed, a freelance writer, broadcaster and reporter. Mrs. Tweed spoke on Education, on Mother's Day and also quoted from the book "Slow to Anger," by Mrs. Marya Manis. Mrs. Weaving thanked Mrs. Tweed for her humorous but informative talk.**

**Many thanks are due to the ladies who worked so hard to make the luncheon a success, especially Mrs. R. Jeffrey and Mrs. G. Mickleborough who so ably planned the luncheon. Mrs. W.**

**Heron who looked after the hostesses and Mrs. W. Buckler and her committee who did the decorating.**

**Christian Family Service**  
 At the Christian Family Service at Thornhill United Church on Sunday, May 8, 150 Scouts and Cubs of the 1st and 2nd Thornhill and the 1st Langstaff Cub and Scout Troops paraded to the church and presented their colours. Mr. Harry Johnson, the leader of the 2nd Thornhill Troop read the scripture lesson and Mr. Herbert Rogers, the leader of the 1st Thornhill Troop led the boys in reaffirming their promises.

**On Sunday evening, a new High-C group was formed for young people in Grades 9 and 10, directed by Mr. and Mrs. A. Martindale. Miss Barbara Curtin was elected President of the group.**

**A most enjoyable card party was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, May 4, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Gerald Smith. It was also the occasion of the awarding of prizes to the winners in the Marathon Bridge, Euchre and Social Club, which was started in the parish for the first time this winter and which proved to be an overwhelming success. Winners were: 1st prize for bridge, Mrs. Wm. McChesney; 2nd prize for bridge, Mrs. Edward Dean; 1st prize for euchre, Mrs. W. Lacey; Social Group prize, Mrs. Jim Cameron. The handbag, scarf and gloves donated by Mrs. C. M. Madden were won by Mrs. D. R. MacLeod of Thornridge Drive.**

**Mrs. E. R. Carter, the President, welcomed the guests and Mrs. E. J. Surratt, Past President, acted as Mistress of Ceremony. While the refreshments were being served, a great many door prizes were distributed.**

**Horticultural Society**  
 The Spring Show of the Thornhill Horticultural Society is to be held on Tuesday, May 17, at 8 p.m. in the Thornhill Public School. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. R. F. Gomme, Secretary of the Ontario Horticultural Association and his subject will be "Annuals; their Habits, Uses and Varieties". This is also to be option night. A free chrysanthemum will be given to every member. There will be some available for sale after the options have been given out.

**A tip to those who are showing tulips in the show. Pierce the tulips with a needle just below the bloom. This lets out air and prevents further stem growth during the day. They should then be wrapped in damp newspaper, including the bloom, and put in a container of cold water until arranged.**

**BAKE SALE**  
 Charles Howitt Home and School Association is holding a Travelling Bake Sale Friday, May 13th, in order to raise money towards the sum required to purchase Reference Books for the School Library.

**MARKHAM — Building in Markham Village for April totalled \$169,800, just about treble the amount for the three previous months of this year.**

## RICHVALE NEWS

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**A disappointing wet week-end for those of 2nd Division Guides who wanted to qualify for their out-door tests. However, when a bunch of girls get to-gether for the week-end it's always fun and it was no different at Camp Samac. They played in-door games, made lanyards and ate well. It was not as planned but the Guides had a good time just the same.**

**The Scoutmaster, Brian Connert and three Patrol Leaders, Tim Newman, Bob Spears and David Mitchell and one second Jimmy Perry went to Kitchener Scout Group, as guests of the Kitchener Scout Group; to see that group in action in their Annual Gang Show.**

**Our Scouts stayed over-night and the next day visited around in Kitchener, the Headquarters, etc., and came home full of enthusiasm of the well-organized troops in Kitchener.**

**Church Parade**  
 There was an excellent turnout of 1st Langstaff Cubs, Scouts and Leaders at the Church Parade held in Thornhill United Church on Sunday.

**They marched into church with Cubs and Scouts from 1st and 2nd Thornhill. The sermon by the minister, the Rev. Hugh Robert MacDonald, was very appropriate.**

**Bowling Banquet**  
 The Neighbourhood Bowlers held their Banquet on Wednesday, May 4. Thirty-two people enjoyed a delicious dinner, after which the presentations were made. Mrs. L. Markle won the trophy for highest point average, given by the Richmond Bowling Alleys.

**The Moonbeams, captain Fran Clark, won the playoffs, and one series. The Comets, captain, Joyce Miles, came second in the play-offs and won the second series. Point money was given to all the ladies. The new slate of officers was read, with voting of position of secretary. Mrs. Margaret, president Mrs. R. Brash secretary, Mrs. A. Oliver, treasurer; and Mrs. L. Clarke, sub-captain.**

**After the tables were cleared away the members played court whist. Prizes were given to every table and coffee was served once more and another annual bowling banquet was over.**

**Birthday Wishes**  
 Bob Bouldin Westwood Lane, celebrated his thirteenth birthday on Saturday, May 7, by taking seven of his friends down swimming in Willowdale. His guests include Jim Perry, Craig Ellis, Wayne Mills, Rick Chalkin, Tim Newman and Don Spears.

**Socials**  
 Mrs. A. Miller Mrs. H. Martin, Mrs. E. Edwards, Mrs. B. Baiker,

**THORNHILL CEMETERY COMPANY**  
 ANNUAL MEETING  
 MASONIC HALL - - THORNHILL  
 MON., MAY 16, 1960 - - 8 P.M.

**TOWNSHIP SCHOOL AREA NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP of MARKHAM KINDERGARTEN - PRIMARY AND GRADE 1 REGISTRATION**

in co-operation with the York County Health Unit Schedule:

Henderson Ave. Public School - May 16th a.m. & p.m.  
 Pupils from Henderson Ave. District, German Mills District and South Thornlea (John St. and Green lane).

Woodland Public School - May 17th a.m. and p.m.  
 Pupils from Woodland District, Langstaff District - Markham Township and Charles Howitt District - Markham Township

Thornlea Public School - May 19th a.m.  
 Pupils from North Thornlea, All of Duncan and 16th Ave. District and Central Area No. 7 Highway and Bayview.

Children must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 1960, for Kindergarten-primary and 6 years of age on or before December 31, 1960, for Grade I. Please bring proof of age and immunization record.

Pupils who will be commencing Grade I in September, 1960, from the German Mills District are asked to register at the Henderson Ave. Public School on May 16th.

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