

Thornhill and District News

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Award Winners

"Singing Foster Girls" Still Busy As Beavers

The latest check of the five "Singing Foster Sisters," daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Foster, Nashville, shows that there is no slackening in the tempo of their busy-beaver lives. Marlene, 16, Joyce, 15, and Carol, 13, while they did not get beyond the semi-finals in the Ken Soble Amateur Show, staged at Hamilton, were spotted for an appearance on CBC's Club 6, Channel 6 last Tuesday. So far as the amateur show is concerned, there were seven programs involving 35 contestants. The three Foster girls made the semi-finals along with eleven others. The real pleasure of their try, they said, was in having the opportunity to get to know and mingle with so many talented and charming people. In April and May the five sisters also carried off many honors in Peel and York County Music Festivals. In the Peel Festival there were 33 entries, and in 32 of them the girls placed first, second or third with solo, duet and trio numbers. Carol won two vocal scholarships, a \$50 one in the Peel and a \$25 one in the other. The money goes to her singing and piano teacher, Thelma Capps Morrison of Brampton, who also instructs the other girls. Twice a week their mother takes them to Brampton. Monday is given over to vocal instruction, and Saturday to dance lessons. In the piano categories Marlene is in Grade 10, Joyce, Grade 9, and Carol, Grade 8. Lorraine and Shirley take tap dancing as well as singing lessons. Marlene and Joyce attend Woodbridge High School, which is six miles from their home, and Carol, Lorraine and Shirley go to the Elders Mills Public School, a little more than a mile from their residence. And to say that what with schoolwork, singing and dancing, public appearances and award-winning activities the singing Fosters lead furiously busy lives would be the understatement of the year.

Thornhill Notes

Holy Trinity Anglican Church News

A final get-together for the season of the members of the Minor Mitts of the Holy Trinity Church Hockey League was held on Friday, May 19th when approximately 25 members were taken bowling at the North Yonge bowling alley by leaders Lloyd Davis, Paul Saunders and Bob Jarvis. After their game, the boys were taken back to the church where they enjoyed hot dogs, donuts and soft drinks, prepared by Audrey Davis and Grace Saunders. Rev. Howden spoke briefly to the boys and each boy received a crest, presented by Mr. Davis.

The W.A. of Holy Trinity held their final meeting of the season on Thursday, May 25th. The quilters met in the morning at 10:30 and the general meeting started at 1:30 with prayer given by the president, Mrs. Roger Priestman. Miss L. Wakeley gave a farewell prayer and God speed for the group's prayer partners, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Ledger who are leaving next week for Uganda, Africa.

Mrs. A. Everitt gave the Bible reading and Secretary Mrs. H. I. Don read the correspondence. Arrangements for the Fall Fete, to be held on September 22nd, were discussed. Miss L. Wakeley gave a report on the 75th Annual Meeting of the Toronto Diocesan Board, held recently in St. James Cathedral. She noted that 1,050 W.A. members had received Holy Communion in the Cathedral in connection with the meeting. It was also reported that nine ladies from Holy Trinity attended the Deacons' meeting, held at King on May 11th. The ladies were pleased to have as their guests, for the first time, Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Howden. Mr. Howden thanked the ladies for inviting them and expressed his interest in their missionary work. Mrs. Howden also expressed her pleasure in being at the meeting. The president then closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting then adjourned to enjoy a cup of tea and refreshments, and to hear the very interesting guest speaker, Rev. Charles Ledger. He spoke about Africa and the duties he expects to have when he arrives in Uganda. It was announced that the W.A. picnic will be held on June 8th at the summer home of the president at Big Bay Point. Presbyterian Church News: The Men's Club "Cook-Out" held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. McKibbin, 12 Erica Drive on Wednesday, May 24th was pronounced a roaring success, with 150 men, women and children present. Five barbecues had been set up, manned by members of the Men's Club and by Rev. Evans, and they were kept busy grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for the multitude. Along with these, potato chips, cole slaw, ice cream, donuts, coke and coffee were served - and apparently everyone went home stuffed to the gills! Ten members of the Young Life Club enjoyed a hearty meal of beef stew, chocolate cake and ice cream at their weekly dinner meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd, prepared by Mrs. J. B. Mavor and Mrs. G. Patterson. The Wednesday evening Prayer Fellowship was well attended on May 24th, with 15 people present. The group meets at the home of Mr. Eric Hook, 256 Rumble Avenue, Richmond Hill, and is making a study of the Gospel of Luke. Rev. D. T. Evans spent from Tuesday to Thursday last week attending a Missionary Education Conference in Hamilton. United Church News: What do you know about Scot-

High Country Dancing? Not much?

If you'd like to know more, call either Mrs. J. Stone, AV. 5-2845 or Mrs. A. Foster, AV. 5-4155. They are making plans for holding classes in Scottish Country Dancing to be held next Fall. There will be classes for children and for teen-agers, to be held on Saturday mornings and if enough adults are interested classes will also be held for them some evening through the week. The ladies are anxious to finalize their plans, so call them as soon as you can, if you are interested.

The Welfare Committee is in touch with a very fine woman who is looking for housecleaning work. If you need such help in your home, or know someone who does, please call Mrs. J. W. Lambert at AV. 5-2539.

And here are some dates to remember - Saturday, June 3rd - Congregational Picnic at Greenwood Conservation Park; Sunday, June 18th, the Sacrament of Baptism; Sunday, June 25th, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Odds and Ends: I wonder how many Bridge Clubs there are in Thornhill. On Wednesday, May 24th, Mrs. J. B. Mavor of 154 Arnold Avenue entertained seven ladies at a bridge club, Kay Reid, Marion Brotherhood, Marion Brown, Marg McMurchy, Gertrude Powers, and Nan Styles. And on Saturday evening, May 20th, the members of the Couples Bridge Club, the J. B. Mavors, the G. Mowats, the R. Byfords and the R. Browns, instead of playing bridge, dined and danced at the Military Institute in Toronto.

The H. T. Cottingtons of 253 Arnold Avenue have left Thornhill and have opened up a gift shop just outside of North Bay. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Robinson of 23 Thornridge Drive have recently returned from two weeks spent in Ottawa where they visited relatives. And congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Skipper of 19 Helen Avenue, who celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on Thursday, May 25th. Eloquence pupils of Marguerite Beje who were fortunate in winning awards in the recent Spring Music festival included Susan Keachie who received a Scholarship, a gold, three silver medals and a third and Helen Payne, an eight year old pupil who won the gold medal in the Shakespearean class for twelve year olds at the Kiwanis Festival at Hamilton and also carried off another gold and two silver medals. Other winners were Cathy Larfas, with two gold medals, Anne Ward and Trudy McLaren each a gold and David Martin three silver medals, while Agrienne Silver, Robert Martin and Lynette Wilson won third awards.

Honour Staff & Students Thornhill Athletic Banquet

Thornhill High School staff and students held their annual athletic banquet and dance last Friday night. The dinner was an excellent one and service by student waiters left nothing to be desired. Grace was left by Rev. H. R. MacDonald of Thornhill United Church and the toast to the queen was proposed by Jane Redman. John Rumble made the toast to the school and the reply was made by Principal A. S. Elson. Miss Jane McGowan was a very capable mistress of ceremonies and handled the program in a competent and polished manner. The first presentation was made to Jim Kellan and Paul Rivers, co-winners of the new Summerville Trophy for the most improved athlete in the lower school. The presentation of the trophy and the two replicas was made by Mr. Ted Summerville. Football crests, emblematic of the Georgian Bay junior championship were presented to Captain Dave Rumble and team members by Mr. B. T. O'Beirn. Mr. O'Beirn was formerly vice principal of Thornhill and is now principal of the new King City High School.

Jane McGowan presented the girls' athletic association award to Beverley Morris, while Mr. Magee presented the Physical Fitness Trophy to Harry Morrison. Mr. and Mrs. Donkersley found themselves the surprised recipients of a special award for the support and interest they have so ably demonstrated to members of the Thornhill school. Honour letters were presented by Harvey Brown, former Thornhill student now studying at O. A.C. The Kelson Trophy awards were made by Mr. and Mrs. Kelson and Dave Iverson presented the Dean Trophy to the red colour team for winning the intramural championship with a score of 1961 points. The program concluded with a dance in the gymnasium.

Richvale Sub-division Seen Unlikely For '61

Meredith Developments Limited, which owns a 12½ acre parcel of land between Yongehurst and Pemberton, in Richvale, will probably not begin to construct its planned 40-home subdivision this year. Vaughan Township Council has agreed to enter into a sub-division agreement with the developer when the terms of a 'draft' approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs have been cleared between the department and Meredith. Once this approval has been executed the township will release the plan for registration purposes. At that point the developer can sell lots and apply for building permits. However, as of the moment, several months will pass before all technicalities are cleared.

Mr. John Turchin was also the recipient of an unexpected gift and tribute from members of the Thornhill gymnastic squad. Mr. Turchin will be leaving Thornhill at the conclusion of the school year to assume the position of vice-principal at King City. Presentations: Badminton trophies were presented by Angie Mickleborough while Mr. Elson presented crests to the senior basketball team. Barry Andrews presented crests to the Georgian Bay Cross Country winners.

Trophies for the girls field day championships were presented by Alita Wise. The junior title was won by Wendy Willison, intermediate championship by Lynn Booth and Beverley Morris was declared senior champion. Boys' field day trophies were presented by Phil Hammond. Robin McLean was the junior champion. Ed Jay won the intermediate title while Terry Hemming and Barry Patterson were co-holders of the senior championship. Trophies for gymnastics were presented by Ed. Joy.

THORNLEA

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Gordon Fraser was released from Branson Hospital last Sunday, but must remain quietly at home for at least a week. He may return to school in about three weeks, depending on his progress. School News: May 25th was Registration Day at Thornlea School, for kindergarten and grade 1 children, so in September there will be a few new faces going past my door. The pupils of Thornlea Public School are busy getting in shape for their field day next week at Henderson Avenue School. We wish them luck and hope they will bring home some trophies.

Rambling Around

By Elizabeth Kelson

Once again, Pioneer Village is open to the public under the auspices of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and under the fine directorship of Albert Colucci, curator of Black Creek Museum. I made my first visit of the year on the twenty-fourth of May. It was like stepping into another world. Colonial life became vivid to me as I examined relics of a bygone era. I was reminded that more than a hundred years ago, the earliest settlers arrived in Canada by ships from the old country and by conestoga wagon and horseback from the United States. Often one hears people talking about early Canada and the impression they give is that every settler was forced to bring a broad axe to clear the land. Many of them did, but there were also cultured families who emigrated from England who brought some of the comforts of life that were known to them. The "Squire's House" in Pioneer Village seems to indicate that by its type of furnishings. However, I'm inclined to think that for most families, it was rude and rough. In the early settler's cabin you can almost see the mother of the family preparing food in black-iron kettles and cooking it in an open fireplace. The ordinary family ate their meals on homemade wooden tables and sat on stools or chairs made from birch or maple. The beds were made of maple or cherrywood. This early stage did not last too long. A few families brought furniture from England, and began to afford to import cloth, table silver and china. Most of the wives and mothers made the clothes for their families. They spun linen and woolen yarns on the spinning wheel. The children helped them to dye these yarns with golden rod and berry juices. They wove the yarns into homespun cloth on a hand loom. From skins of animals, they made clothes for the men.

In a shorter time than most of us realize, the early Canadian settlements came to be different. Other settlers from England and other European countries brought their own customs with them. In many places in Canada, most people began to live in small villages with their farms outside the village. Cabins slowly disappeared as houses of frame or stone were built. By now, the tall steeples of churches looked down on the villages. Mothers now did not make all the clothes. The town dressmaker, shoemaker and the village carpenter came to work in many homes, several days a year. In the villages there became enough people to support a public school. Families paid for their children's schooling in money, or farm products. They took turns in furnishing firewood for the schools. Classroom work was based on the "three r's" reading, writing and arithmetic. Pioneer children had many chores. Boys worked around the farm, building fences, caring for livestock, splitting wood and carrying water for the household. Girls helped their mothers in the vast task of garnering and preserving food and the making of clothes and bedding to keep their families through the long cold winters.

Many thoughts passed through my mind as I explored Black Creek Museum and Pioneer Village. It almost made me wish that I belonged to a simpler civilization than the one to which I belonged. Yet was it simpler? It is true that the pace of life in pioneer days was much slower, but the hardships and the risks of life were very great. There were no machines to take the burden of labor away. The miracles of science and medicine were just dreams in the minds of men. I would not care to go back, but I am glad to be reminded of my Canadian heritage in such places as Pioneer Village. It was the courage and vision of the pioneers that laid the foundations of our great country and to them I am eternally grateful.

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Euchre A most profitable euchre marathon was completed May 15, at the Thornhill Public School by the Doncaster Community Ladies Club. Proceeds were in aid of the 1st Thornhill Guides and Brownies. Prizes for the competitions were awarded to Mrs. Hodgson and Mrs. French. They were grand prize winners, with a score of 386.

Bill Menzies and Don Heer, hockey personalities of Doncaster, captured second prize with their nice 358 total. Mr. C. Dickenson took first prize in the bridge marathon and second went to Mrs. J. Barbour. First prize in the progressive se was won by Mrs. Sinclair, for the ladies and for the men it was Mrs. Ruth Sanders. Mr. Brodie earned the most lone hands in the marathon, compiling a total of 18. In the one game progressive Ruth Sanders was high in lone hands with her 6.

High for the evening in the euchre marathon was Mrs. Irene French and Mrs. Laura Hodgson. Consolation prizes went to the Hampsons, for the euchre marathon; to Al Beattie, for the bridge marathon. Low for the evening in the euchre marathon befell Mrs. H. Morrison and Mrs. T. Martin, and for the bridge low of the evening, Mrs. R. Dempster.

Girl Guide and Brownie leaders amused themselves with a scrabble game. The winners were Mrs. Jewitt and Mrs. Marchori.

Charm Course The Doncaster Community Ladies Club sponsored Charm Course will resume in the fall, as the June Tea and community Picnic take the spotlight on the club's agenda.

An executive meeting was held this week, at the home of Mrs. J. Angel, Clarke Ave. The June "Tea" is to be held at the home of Mrs. H. Wizen, on Sprucewood Dr., on Wednesday, June 14.

Socials Belated birthday greetings go out to Mary (Maria) Bencie, of 113 Henderson Ave., who celebrated her sixth birthday on May 23. The community was saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Harold V. Andrews, of 49 Sprucewood Dr. Mr. Andrews who was employed by the Royal Ontario Museum, in Toronto, succumbed to coronary thrombosis on May 12.

Mrs. Wm. Haley, and daughter, of 123 Clarke Ave., have returned home from the hospital early this week. Friends and neighbours of Mr. Wm. Menton, of Clarke Ave., are saddened to learn that he is in the hospital. He is receiving surgery.

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North Richvale News

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1st and 3rd Richvale Guide & Brownie Mother and Daughter banquet was held on May 25th at the Legion Hall, Carville Rd. 109 leaders, Guides, Brownies and Mothers attended the dinner, including two guests, Divisional Commissioner Mrs. M. Currie and Badge Secretary, Mrs. R. Miller. Dinner was served by the Legion W.A.

Following the meal, stars and badges were presented by Commissioner F. Bigley and Captain M. Lawson. 1st Richvale, second class badges to Jill Nunn, and Penny Huston. 3rd Richvale, 1 year star, Ellen Sexton, 1 year star & second class Badge, Nancy Underhill, 2 year star, Linda Bounds, Wanda Hill; 2 year star, Sharon Hamilton, Inge Strauch; 2 year star and Toymaker Badge, Gail Masters; 2 year star and Second Class Badge, Linda Huntley; 3 year star and Cook Badge, Ruth Huntley; 3 year star, Needlewoman Badge, & Little House Emblem; Religion and Life Emblem, Pat Lambert; 4 year star, Joanne Duncan and Mary Lenton; 4 year Star Judy Ross, & Needlewoman Badge, Susan Austin; 5 year Star, Virginia Chevis.

Each Guide was also presented with the World Pin. Following presentations pupils from the Dennis Moore School of dancing entertained with their talent, followed by a Movie "Beaver Valley", shown by Mr. Mallick of the Department of Lands & Forests.

Guides & Brownies Brown Owl Commissioner F. Bigley will take 1st Richvale Brownies to Camp Samac, on Friday, June 2nd, returning Sunday, June 4th. Mr. Fred Barker, who has been confined to St. Michael's Hospital for the past five weeks, is progressing favourably and, expecting to be home before long.

Linda Lambert of Yongehurst Rd. observed her tenth birthday on May 21st, and celebrated it with a birthday party on May 27th. Debbie Blackburn and Linda Lambert from Yongehurst Rd. were among the guests at Valerie Fenwick's 9th birthday party, May 15th.

Wedding anniversaries were prevalent during the month of May. Mr. & Mrs. B. Blackburn observed their 2nd anniversary on May 16th; and Mr. and Mrs. A. Blackburn their 27th on May 23rd; Mr. and Mrs. D. Fettes their 15th on May 18th, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barker on the 24th May.

HEADFORD Correspondent: MISS CORA BRODIE R. R. 2 Gormley Phone Turner 4-3062 The Sunday School Anniversary Service will be held on Sunday, May 28th at 10 a.m. Mrs. N. Brodie, Don and Cora visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. Fisher of Unionville. Mrs. W. H. Wellman was a guest at the Meed - Nichols wedding at Victoria Square on May 20th. David and John Rumble were at a track meet on Saturday at Camp Borden, and David goes to Guelph next Saturday for a track meet for the Ontario championships. The Vacation School will meet in Headford United Church on June 5 at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. N. Brodie and Cora attended a trousseau tea for Miss Patricia Hunter of Toronto on Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, Mr. Attridge Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Attridge of Richmond Hill spent the weekend visiting friends in Cornwall. Birthday greetings to Mrs. Harry Burton and Charles Horner. Don Brodie was a guest at the King-Clarke wedding in Runnymede Presbyterian Church on May 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burton, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kerr of Richmond Hill spent the weekend in the Huntsville district. Mrs. Burton's sister of Richmond Hill kept the home fires burning at the Burton house. Congratulations to Albert Leek who won the Tractor Competition and B. Attridge who won the Sr. Division in the tractor driving competition at Richmond Hill Fair last Saturday - Murray and Bill Clarkson were also in the competition.