

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Nursery School

Trained Social Worker Aids Preservation Of Family Life

(By Margaret McLean)

In spite of the gloom often found today, "present day problems spring from economic and social changes which are leading us to a better, fuller life," emphatically stated John Nidd, Probation Officer with the Juvenile and Family Court of York County, when he addressed a group of some thirty members of the Thornhill Co-operative Nursery School Parents Group. The occasion was the 12th annual meeting of the group, held at the home of Mrs. G. Yule, 15 Elmbank Rd., Thornhill.

Depression and War
In his address, Mr. Nidd attempted to show some of the things that can break up a family and how social workers try to deal with these things. "Depression and war has given rise to a generation prone to overindulge or reject their children," he stated, and this in turn can cause such children to become excessively dependent on their own marriage partners. In such people, the desire for love never matures but remains a demanding love somewhat like a small child, for more emotion than he or she should expect. "Many marriage partners replace their marriage partner to replace their parents. They may refuse to break family ties and always run home to mother. Both

men and women do this very frequently," continued Mr. Nidd, and added that it seemed to him that men did it more frequently than women. Such an excessively dependent person will resent his own dependence, he continued, and this can cause a great deal of violence, and irritation and aggression in his partner.

Never Grows Up
The overindulged child who is not made to do his share of work in the household and is given too much money is in this way prohibited from growing up, Mr. Nidd pointed out. "This partner will expect the same from his marriage partner as he got from his parents. This can make a ridiculous type of person and can lead to deep feelings of guilt, often drowned in alcohol. Such a person becomes angry, anxiety ridden and jealous and is very poorly equipped to enter a marriage. He often interprets differences in tastes as rejection."

Parents Can Cause Harm
Social workers can often help these families stated Mr. Nidd but it takes a great deal of interviewing skill to assess the marriage. If a neurotic drive of great depth is found, they are referred to a psychiatrist. Often if the excessive dependence is cleared up, the couple may not stay together as they entered the marriage because of it. In such cases, the social worker can often effect a separation on a more constructive basis. "Often these dependent persons bring their parents to the interview but they are too involved in the situation to do anything but harm and must be shifted out of the picture," he advised.

Mr. Nidd pointed out that there are many social pressures, not controlled by the family, which affect marriages. The actual content of marriage is changing, he stated and due to the economic pattern the role of women has changed. Marriage is no longer a partnership based on male dominance and couples must be compatible in ways they didn't have to in previous times when the husband's wish prevailed. Women who work want more to say in the home than their mothers had but this is often resisted. The extreme mobility of our population adds to this problem as often a woman brought up in a home where the equality of women is accepted may marry a man who was raised in a pattern of male dominance. Although the equality of women is often spoken of as an accomplished fact, the woman who seeks equality is traditionally frowned upon. Religion particularly, felt Mr. Nidd, finds it very difficult to adapt to this equality of women but must eventually do so. As well as parents of children presently attending the nursery school the meeting was attended

by several mothers of "graduates" in particular several past presidents of the association, among them Jo Byford, Kay Stratton, Joan Fairfield, Mary Cairns, Betty Cameron, Joan Rogers and Nancy Chandler. They were given a warm welcome by President Pat Macdonnell. In her annual report, Mrs. Macdonnell pointed out that for the first time the school had three teachers and as a result the school had been able to raise its standard of creativity. In order to pay more adequately the third member of the staff, she announced that the fees were to be raised to \$15.00 monthly. The 34 youngsters attending the school this year had been found in the school to be more than 30. Mrs. Lois Dow reported that as six children would be returning to the school and she already had 24 applications it looked as if the school would be full. School closed on June 15th and will re-open on the Tuesday after Labour Day.

Mr. Broderick, the director of the school reported that there was much more continuity in the school this year as no children had been attending for only part of the week, as previously. She stated that many different projects had been introduced. The school had been inspected by an inspector from the Ontario Government during June and the inspector had many favourable comments — on the good cupboards, the fine light rooms and the happy children. The nursery school stated Mrs. Broderick was a place where a child could be happy, busy and safe, where he could learn to do for himself and make decisions and could get joy out of doing for himself.

Highland Park

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Highland Park Association
A general meeting of the Highland Park Association was held in the Henderson Avenue School on June 7th. Mr. H. Brennan, Chairman of the Planning Board, who had another meeting to attend following that meeting was given the floor. He complimented the association on its conscientious scrutiny of matters of interest to the ratepayers and said it was a highly influential association. His main topic was the forthcoming liquor vote and its influence on future assessments. The township seems at the present time to be in a very detrimental position, with a lack of commercial assessment. The Government Discount Store appeared undesirable to the meeting. Markham township at the present time seems to be grasping at anything that will mean a better balance in the industrial vs residential financial balance, it was said. Here again the railway is of no help. Meadowview Road residents are most concerned over council's ruling of no access roads to Yonge Street North of Meadowview Road, and foresee traffic problems arising along residential streets from the new "Discount Store". Rising taxes were the next topic and it was quite apparent this will be the trend, although everything possible will be done to keep them at a reasonable and comparable level. Street name signs were discussed, and it was decided to approach council about this matter because the existing signs were installed by the Thornhill Lions Club as a gift and public service some years ago. The parkette is still only in the planning stages with nothing further to report in spite of much correspondence over this matter. Nothing to report pertaining to a level crossing on the land to the north of Meadowview Road. Volunteers for block monitors were accepted to deliver future notices. Any other business included such items as slimy ditches, litter on Yonge Street at the business establishments, and uncut weeds in the vacant lots in the neighbourhood. **Neighbourhood Notes**
Mrs. V. Jackson has returned after a two weeks' trip home to England. It is sixteen years since she came to Canada and this was the first time she has been home and seen her father, although her mother and a sister have visited her here.

THORNLEA

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Cook — Travis
A wedding of local interest took place on June 3rd at St. Paul's United Church, Long Branch, when Miss Brenda Travis a former resident of Doncrest Rd., was united in marriage with Mr. Robert Cook of Alderwood. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Travis. Among local people attending were the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Coombs, Sussex Avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Crawford, Doncrest Rd. Michael McQueen, Briggs Avenue, is in bed with a bad case of tonsillitis. Mrs. Fred Mehlman did considerable damage to her hand in a fall she had recently while away at their cottage. It will be in a cast for nearly three weeks. Mrs. Tiffin and Danny are recovering from their recent bout of flu.

NEWMARKET — The town has decided to install sewers on industrial land which it owns and which will eventually be resold as required for development. The sites cost the town \$66,000.

Thornhill Notes

An interesting and delightful afternoon was much enjoyed by some 80 members and friends of the W.A. of Thornhill Baptist Church when they visited McMaster University in Hamilton, on Sunday, June 4th. Dr. M. C. Johnston conducted the group on a short tour of the new Divinity College and after a tour of the campus they enjoyed a picnic supper. This trip was the June meeting of the W.A. and arrangements for it had been made by the South Group, with Mrs. W. Raeburn in charge.

Fun and games were very much the order of the day when some 200 members of the congregation of Thornhill Presbyterian Church met at Glen Haffy Park for their annual picnic. Glen Haffy Park is operated by the Metropolitan Toronto and Area Conservation Authority and as well as the usual picnic facilities offered a fishing site for the youngsters and a pleasant nature trail through the woods.

For the youngsters, of course, the highlight of the program was the traditional races and the decorated winners were as follows: Girls, 6 year olds, 1st, Joyce Wade, 2nd, Anne Vandermay, 3rd, Jane Tanquary; Boys, 1st, Ian Marlen, 2nd, Scott Boyle. 7 year olds, Girls, 1st, Shelley Arnold, 2nd, Susan Neidler, Boys, 1st, Bobby Thorpe. 8 year olds: Girls, 1st, Carol Sharpe, 2nd, Joyce Cook, 3rd, Elizabeth Smith; Boys, 1st, Ian McKay, 2nd, Glen Timney, 3rd, David Gerris. 10 year olds: Girls, 1st, Shirley MacDonald, 2nd, Olive Crause; Boys, 1st, Dan McClymont, 2nd, Bruce Brown. 11-12 year olds: Girls, 1st, Letty Couprle, 2nd, Janet McKay, 3rd, Beverley Williams; Boys, 1st, Chris Vandermay, 2nd, Robbie Atkinson. 13-14 year olds: Girls, 1st, Lynn Tanquary, 2nd, Ineka Couprle; Boys, 1st, John Mavor, 2nd, Joe Cook.

And although the youngsters entered into their races with gusto, it is doubtful if they had any more fun than the adults in their various contests of "skill". The men's sack race was won by 1st, Nick Vankermay, and 2nd, Arie Van Zelze. The boys also had a sack race, with Robbie Atkinson the winner, and John Cook runner-up, whether it's any indication of her temper or not, nobody knows, but Mrs. Jan Kok kicked her shoe the farthest with second place honours going to Mrs. Gerald Cook. (Mrs. Gerald Cook kicked a crooked clog... surely someone could do something with that...)

In the paper plate race, Nick Vandermay succeeded in placing paper plates properly to permit his pleasant partner, Julie Morrison to cross the finish line first with Margaret and Klaus Couprle a close second. Evidently the girls were the only ones daring enough to enter a three-legged race, and the winning team was Janet McKay and Olive Crause, with second place going to Barbara Mowat and Anne Tanquary.

Greatest hilarity was caused by the egg throwing race. Here the couples lined up facing each other and after each toss of the egg, took a step backwards so the length of the throw lengthened each time. The eggs were supposed to be boiled—Nick Vandermay got mixed up with one that wasn't—but soon disintegrated until finally only two couples had their egg more or less intact. Winners were pronounced to be Mr. and Mrs. J. Townsend, with Mr. and Mrs. J. Mavor, second.

Well, they say laughter is good for the soul, as well as the heart, so all the good people who attended this picnic, must now be in tip top condition. The Sunday School teachers and mid-week leaders at Thornhill United Church were honoured at a dinner held at Cherry Hill Farm, on Wednesday, May 31st. Mr. Gordon Crutcher, the general superintendent, thanked the teachers and leaders for their work during the past year. Speaker of the evening was the Rev. John Coutrts, B.D. a school friend of Rev. Macdonald's. Rev. Coutrts took up the charge of the 1st Congregational Church at Shrewsbury, Mass. at the end of June. He pointed out that the time a child spends in Sunday School each year amounts to only 3 1/2 school days and stressed the importance of the Sunday School teachers' work. Following the dinner, most of those attending went on to the congregational bowling night, which was well attended and raised \$163.00 for the Organ Fund.

LANGSTAFF

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The June meeting of the Mark-Vaun Womens Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Hicks, Essex Avenue on June 8. Roll call was answered by 20 members and 12 guests.

Mrs. Roy, president, apologized for the absence of the guest speaker, Miss Margaret Douglas, who was to have arrived from England on June 5 and who was to have attended this meeting. Mrs. Hamblin who was to have been her hostess during her short visit to Langstaff, read a letter explaining that they had been delayed by icebergs.

A report was read by Mrs. Morrison on the District Annual Convention at Highland Creek at which five members were present.

A letter of thanks from the Heathcote family was read by Mrs. Hicks. Mrs. Shearer, treasurer, presented bank books to Mrs. Hardie and Mrs. Suter for their baby sons, born recently.

A sing song and an old snapshot competition was enjoyed by all.

An announcement regarding the June tea to be held at the home of Mrs. Hamblin, Fairview Ave., was made. Tickets are now on sale from all members.

Sickness
We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Howard Charles is in the Branson Hospital suffering from hepatitis, also that Mrs. Hobbs, Fairview Ave., is in Women's College Hospital following a coronary thrombosis.

Honour Rev. Charles Ledger & Mrs. Ledger



Rev. Charles Ledger and Mrs. Ledger were recently honoured by the parishioners of Holy Trinity Anglican Church at a Service of Dedication and Farewell prior to their departure for foreign mission service. Rev. Ledger is a former student assistant at Holy Trinity. He recently

graduated with the degree of Christian Education from Columbia University. Their mission work will take them to Uganda in Africa.

Seen above at the service are left to right, Rev. Ledger, Mrs. Ledger, Mrs. Howden and Rev. H. R. Howden.

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United Church Is Setting Park—Kingdon Wedding

Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill was the setting for a lovely double-ring wedding on Saturday, June 3rd, when Nancy Carol Kingdon, daughter of Mrs. W. Hunt and the late Ernest Kingdon, Franklin Avenue, Thornhill, became the bride of Robert Park, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. D. Park of Morgan Avenue, Doncaster. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. R. Howden and the bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Mr. W. G. Turner.

The bride wore a full skirted, floor length gown of white net over taffeta, the skirt trimmed with tiers of lace. The long sleeves were also of lace. Her fingers were well kept from a crown of seed pearls and she carried a cascade

of pink roses and white carnations. Her attendants were Mrs. J. Morrison, sister of the groom and Miss Louise Langman. They both wore full skirted, cocktail length gowns of mauve de sole in shocking pink, and flowered bandeaux. They carried bouquets of pink roses and white mums. Also in shocking pink were the two charming flower girls, Cindy Kingdon, sister of the bride and Kimmy Park, a niece of the groom. Their dresses were short, full skirted organza over taffeta and they carried tiny nosegays of sweet peas and tiny baby roses. Following the wedding ceremony, a reception and dinner was held in Holy Trinity Parish Hall for ninety guests. The bride's mother received in a short sleeved dress of mauve organza over taffeta with a tiered skirt, with matching accessories and a corsage of yellow roses and white mums. The mother of the groom wore a pale green silk print sheath gown and wore a corsage of yellow roses and white carnations.

The young couple then left for a wedding trip to Quebec and the Maritimes. For her going-away outfit the bride had chosen a dress of white and mauve print taffeta with an overskirt of white organza and a matching coat of light mauve. Her accessories were mauve and she wore a corsage of yellow and white roses. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Park will live on Morgan Avenue in Doncaster. Both the bride and groom have lived in Thornhill for some years and attended Thornhill Public School and Richmond Hill High School.

Thoughts and Theories

By Elizabeth Kelson

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE CITY AND THE COUNTRY
I've been comparing notes with an ardent devotee of the city and an enthusiastic country lover. The avid country lover I have in mind turns up his nose at what he calls our asphalt jungle, that queer mixture of tall, ugly buildings, separated by narrow alley ways and behind whose doors, he suspects there must be a great deal of intrigue. "Monkey shines", he calls it. This person has only guessed about the city from infrequent visits and he has supplemented his impressions by watching television shows. One can hardly blame him! He is accustomed to breathing the wholesome country air, the year around. He enjoys the clean sweep of his fields and the wooded bluffs that surround his little farm. He lives close enough to a lake to enjoy it winter and summer. He fishes and hunts and works the land. He's more than satisfied. No sir, he wouldn't change it for our labyrinth of cement and steel.

I've heard the city lover openly scoff at the narrow view of his country cousin. He sees the romance behind the architectural feats that created those tall buildings. He revels in the scenes that meet his eye from the topmost window of the skyscraper. The magnificence of thousands of lights twinkling above the city streets, the neon signs, the theatre marquees and the lighted windows of shops are sights that thrill him. In the heart of the city he can visit shops and restaurants as old world as any in Europe and Asia. The country he finds in the city parks. His amusements he finds in the city zoo, the art gallery, the book store, the stadiums and theatres. You can have the country with all its raw beauty and inconvenience, thinks the city lover.

Perhaps these are extreme viewpoints. Having lived in the country and in the neighborhood of a great city I feel they are both missing something. If circumstance should decree that I must live in the country forever and never again lose myself in the seething rush of humanity that crowds the subway station... and never again experience that delicious aloneness that one can only achieve when one doesn't know a soul in the whole crowd of them; or to admire the stained glass windows of the great churches and look back at their tall steeples; or walk along the lakefront and wonder at the foreign vessels tied up at the pier, I would feel a deep sense of loss. On the other hand, if it should be the city where I spend my days, I should deeply regret missing the colorama of the country in the autumn, snow covered fields in winter, the burgeoning countryside in spring and the unparalleled beauty of lakes and rivers in summer. I would be sad indeed if I could never retreat to some quiet place in the country where the traffic is at a minimum, where the air is clean and cool and free from city smog, where a person can feel at home in natural surroundings. In this place, all the thoughts and experiences that come from city living will combine with the peace and solitude of the high country. It needs both.

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