

# Thornhill and District News

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## Thornhill Notes

Some of the peace and quietness of the village this summer was due to the fact that approximately 30 youngsters of the area attended one or more of the sessions at Camp Ahshungung on Lake Simcoe. This is a non-denominational camp started in 1925 and run jointly by the United and Baptist Churches, near Duclos Point. Judy Hallawell and Gall Gibson both spent two "camps" of 10 days each there, and Diane Snary spent one, as counsellors-in-training. Lee Davidson also attended as counsellor-in-training and was chosen to go to Bark Lake Camp, run by the Ontario Provincial Government to train camp counsellors. Lee took a three-week course at Bark Lake. Three boys from Thornhill also attended the camp earlier in the season as counsellors-in-training - Brian Smillie, Bob Blackett and John Lambert.

**United Church News**  
Teenagers of the H-C age (15 to 17, grades 10 and 11) will be anticipating the lively fellowship of their meetings, which will start again on Sunday, September 17th, at 8:00 p.m. Their varied program helps to give understanding in the areas of friendship, and relationships in the family, in the church and in the community. President Paul Rivers reports that the executive is already making plans for an interesting program and a warm welcome

is extended to newcomers who wish to join the group. Plans are also well under way for the Cub and Scout Mothers annual fashion show to be held at Thornhill United Church on September 26th.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Martindale, Elgin Street, and their four children, whose ages vary from 4 to 14, spent an enjoyable holiday camping at Algonquin Park and at Lake Temagami. At Temagami they met the Bill Herons of Oakbank Rd. who were also enjoying a camping holiday.  
The prize for the most miles travelled this summer must surely go to Mrs. L. G. Riley of Elgin Street who, with son John and daughter Mary covered over 10,000 miles in just four weeks. Nearly 7,000 of these miles were logged on their B.O.A.C. flights from Montreal to London and return, but in a rented car, Mrs. Riley drove her family some 2,500 miles while in England.

**MOH Objects But Will Go Along**

## Markham Council Agrees To Tank For GEM Store's Sewage Disposal

Providing York County Health Unit agrees to the final plan, Markham Township Council has decided that the big new GEM store in process of erection on Yonge Street south of Doncaster may utilize a holding tank for sewage disposal for the time being.

A representative of the company told Markham Township Council that a holding tank had been proposed originally, pending construction of the sewer system for the area. The GEM people have agreed to finance the sewers, recovering a portion of the cost from developers who will eventually tie into the system. The County Medical Officer of Health had opposed the holding tank project vigorously, but councilors were told. As it would be some time before the new sewer system could be close eye on operation of the system until completion of the sewer. Council was unanimous in its decision to let GEM go ahead with its tank system, subject to Health Unit approval of the installation itself.

## Silver Linings

(Always A Silver Lining)  
The daily newspapers often present a very distorted view of life. The sensational headlines that meet our eyes daily lead many of us to believe that we might all be headed for Sodom and Gomorrah. Headlines do seem to be mainly concerned with bad news. They tell us about catastrophes, murders, robberies, kidnapping, and threats of war. To be fair to the newspapers, it is what people want to read and the newspapers do their best to keep people informed on latest developments. However, this has an adverse affect for it encourages a deadly pessimism and a constant state of anxiety. The newspapers through their various columnists try to offset this one-sidedness by pointing out through their human interest stories and inspirational articles and columns and by their own enlightened editorials that we must keep an essential belief in the goodness and reliability of the universe and of people. We still have faith. We are reasonably sure that when we go to bed tonight, that we will wake up tomorrow morning and go to work, to school or keep house.

Despite the war news, we know that though some may favor war, the people of good will are working continuously for peace. We also know that for every one that takes a life, there are millions who dedicate themselves to the task of preserving and saving lives. Most people try to keep their word. Certainly there is a good number of swindlers and confidence men about, but look at the percentage of people who draw their wages as regularly as clockwork. That's a good many promises kept every week. Most fathers work hard to support their families and try to keep out of debt and mothers continue to sacrifice for their children without thought of reward. Children do not all become juvenile delinquents and most of them turn out to be the hard working citizens and good fathers and mothers of the future. When trouble comes, the essential goodness in people is predominant. If a member of the family gets sick, loses his job, his house or his money, relatives and friends do what they can to help, and failing that he can depend on his church and community. Men and women help their communities to become better places in which to live and when their country needs help, they even offer their lives. Can you doubt the fundamental goodness of people? Even the so-called fickle nature has her dependable side. The seasons come and go ... spring ... summer ... autumn and winter and I have never known that order to change. An acorn becomes an oak and not a maple or an elm tree. You can't grow a melon from a pumpkin seed. The robin's egg houses the embryo of a robin and not an owl. A human baby will always grow into the adult human being, if it survives, regardless of race or religion. Even the stars are set in their courses. On the nights when the stars are out, you can see the Big Dipper wheeling around Polaris. Dawn and sunset, day and night are here to stay. And God can always be counted on to supply the strength and health for our spirits. We have every reason to live confidently in this fundamentally dependable world.

took a trip across the Channel to Boulogne for a day, then returned and drove to Rye in Sussex for a visit to Arundel Castle. Passing through Selpham, they happened upon the town of Thornhill, in the County Borough of Southampton. Determined to spend at least a night in the English Thornhill, they asked a garage attendant where they could get bed and board. Learning they came from Canada, he sent them to his own home as his son lived in Canada. It turned out that the son is the farm manager at Pickering College and his mother was delighted to entertain the Rileys and talk of Canada. They learned that the town of Thornhill had a population of 20,000 and had been named after an old estate, called Thornhill Manor.  
The New Forest was the next point of interest, then Lymington and across to Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight where the children saw their late father's birthplace.  
Mrs. Riley found travelling costs noticeably less than in Canada or the United States. She was able to garage her car for an entire day for a shilling - about 15 cents. Bed and breakfast at clean and well-kept tourist homes was to be had at 15 shillings for an adult and 10 shillings for each child which works out to less than \$5.00 a night. And the breakfast provided was a substantial one - cereal, bacon and eggs, toast, jam and tea.  
At Plymouth they stayed with relatives, then went on to Cornwall, from Truro to Land's End. At Nancledra, between Penzance and St. Ives, they chanced to stop at a guest home called The Wink, and found to their surprise that it was run by a former resident of Thornhill, Mrs. Mary Haime, who used to live on Franklin Avenue and worked in Harley's Drug store. The Haimes left Thornhill in 1958 but a few months after they purchased their guest home, Mr. Haime died suddenly. Mrs. Haime carried on with the help of her son John who is now in the Navy, apprenticed to marine engineering.

**After an uneventful plane trip, the trio arrived home on August 6th. So hats off to these doughty travellers! John and Mary Riley are two youngsters whose history lessons will always have meaning for them after such a trip, and even Mrs. Riley admits that she saw more of England this summer than she ever did when she lived there!**  
Several other Thornhill people had interesting trips this summer although I haven't yet been able to pin them down for details. Mrs. W. B. Williston of 10 Albion Close was in England, while Mrs. E. F. Simcoe of 73 Elgin Street returned from Switzerland with her two daughters the week before school opened.  
"Out in the West" - is where their two month's school vacation period was spent by Garda and Anne Clark, aged fourteen and nine, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clark, Erica Road. Flying out to Vancouver, B.C. unescorted via T.C.A. Jet plane, Anne stayed with her uncle Brigadier D. M. Clark and family at Shaughnessy Heights, which was followed by a stay at Caribou, "cowboy country" where Anne learned to ride, and to engage in fishing, together with outdoor activities.  
Garda - after a stay with her grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Kenwood at Kerrisdale - visited relatives on Vancouver Island and was then taken on a car trip to Adam's Lake in the Kamloops area, through the Fraser River Valley. On return to Vancouver, both girls flew home to Thornhill, just in time for one day at the Exhibition and back to school, also for Anne to take up duty as "Liberal" home delivery carrier in her area.

**Mrs. Haimes found that John's schooling in Thornhill was quite up to English standards and he was put in the same grade in school. He later brought distinction to the technical school he attended by passing an examination which was written by 3,000 students in the U.K. and passed by only 200. John was the only student from his school to pass the examination.**  
The Rileys continued their trip visiting Tintagel which legend says was King Arthur's castle, stopping at Clovelly, in Devonshire, a famous beauty spot, then made a trip to wonder at Stonehenge, admire the Roman baths at Bath and spend a day at Stratford. At Worsley, near Manchester, they found the townspeople celebrating the bicentennial of the building of the first ship canal, built in 1761, and admired the charming village green, surrounded by half-timbered houses, and the lovely roses.

After visiting Southport, they went into the Lake District briefly and near Sawrey the children were delighted to visit the farm home where Beatrix Potter wrote and illustrated her charming children's books. The

doorway to Hilltop Farm, as it is called, was exactly as drawn in the famous books. The property now belongs to the National Trust and is open to visitors.  
From Lancashire they went to Lincolnshire, across the Yorkshire moors and the rugged scenery of the Pennine Hills. At Boston, Lincolnshire, they were taken on a tour of the town and to Scotia Ferry where they saw the monument erected in 1957, commemorating the fact that five of the people who sailed on the Mayflower came from Boston and subsequently became governors of Massachusetts.  
From Plymouth this much-travelled trio returned to London where they spent three days seeing the sights - Madame Tussaud's, the Planetarium, the Zoo, the tower inside Big Ben (and it nearly deafened them when it struck the hour), Westminster Abbey, which is being cleaned, Kew Gardens, the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley, up the Thames, under the Tower Bridges to Greenwich where John was pleased to take a picture of the meridian. They also saw there a statue of Wolfe, which hailed him as the "conqueror of Canada". On their final afternoon in London, eleven year old John refused to leave without visiting the British Museum and while Mrs. Riley did the packing, he set off to visit it alone, a trip which necessitated riding on a bus and three trains!

## "Nonsense" Says Former Planning Chairman

## Conference On Markham's Planning Fails To Bring Solution To Light

No definite conclusions but an agreement to discuss planning further, featured a point meeting held at Markham Township offices when the Community Planning Branch, the Ontario Water Resources Commission, the York County Health Unit, the Metro Toronto Planning Board, the Ontario Department of Highways, met with members of Markham Township Council and the township's planning board.  
"This is an effort to get co-ordination," said Reeve Wilfred Dean, originator of the idea of a joint meeting to iron out Markham's planning problems. The township, he said, was receiving an increasing number of enquiries about services in the rapidly-growing south-west section.  
Sewage disposal was discussed at some length, with Dr. Robert M. King of the York County Health Unit again expressing his opposition to septic tanks for developments of any considerable size. "Relegate septic tanks to the rural areas where they belong and where they should have stayed," he said.  
Called "Nonsense"  
A former chairman of the Markham Township Planning Board, C. J. Laurin, was sceptical of the value of the meeting. "We went through all this carefully years ago," he asserted. "Everybody agreed. Everything was perfect. Now it's all shot. We should have a statement from the Department of Municipal Affairs as to what is really wanted." He said that once the Department of Municipal Affairs wanted to keep the area rural. "We pointed out that this couldn't be done on account of our position on the edge of a growing municipality. Now tonight the Department of Health and the Ontario Water Resources Commission are saying that we cannot have any development except on a large scale. This is nonsense."  
"You can't condemn Markham to small package developments," he asserted. "A principle has to be established."

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Sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Pearson, Langstaff and to Mrs. B. Pearson and sons of Richmond Hill on the sudden and untimely death of their son, husband and father, Mr. Bernard Pearson in a plane crash in Labrador, recently.

## Yankees & Pirates Thornhill Baseball Champions



Thornhill Lions Vice-President Les Markle (left) presents the Championship Trophy to Captain Rodney Anderson of the Yankees, winners of the Senior Boys Ball finals, while Mrs. J. P. Loughran, wife of the league commissioner (right) presents the Junior Boys Championship Trophy to Captain John Bagg of the Pirates.

Watching the proceedings with interest are Thornhill and District Baseball Commissioner J. P. Loughran (left) and Assistant Commissioner John Flanagan. A large crowd of enthusiastic supporters viewed the finals which were held last Saturday afternoon at Thornhill Park. (Photo by Barbour)

## DONCASTER

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**Ladies Club**  
Principal A. Martindale, of Henderson Ave. Public School, said that the school is considering a graduation banquet. The winner of the \$50.00 that the Doncaster Community Ladies Club gave the school as a prize for its top grade eight student would be announced then.  
The Doncaster Community Ladies Club recently met at the home of Mrs. E. Eggmann, 52 Proctor Avenue.

The ladies discussed plans for the new season and announced the winners of the prizes they donated to the Thornhill High School, for Doncaster students excelling in their grades.  
As this column is prepared before the date of the meeting, results are not available now.

Susan Shepherd 11, a former resident of Doncaster, enjoyed a five day visit with the Dale family, of Proctor Ave., from August 28 to Sept. 2.  
On August 31, she was honoured with a wiener roast attended by 15 of her old friends.

Vincent Reuter, of Sprucewood Drive, celebrated his 16th birthday on Aug. 31. A surprise party was staged by his boy friends.  
On August 16 Miss Julie Morrison and her aunt, Mrs. Ada Rowe, attended a Young Peoples Conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Julie went on from there to New York for a five day stay.

**Hockey**  
A special meeting of the Thornhill and District Hockey Club, was held on Sept. 5, at the home of Richard and David Barbour, Henderson Ave., to discuss a possible new aspect of

their fund-raising project "Calypso Fair."  
The new aspect was the consideration of hiring a headliner and make a real big show of the affair. On hand at the conference was the leaderman of one of

the top Calypso groups in the land, Lord Power, of Lord Power and his Jamaicans.  
Lord Power helped the hockey boys prepare a procedure in staging a "fair" featuring Calypso, Limbo and Latin American entertainment which is so popular nowadays.  
They concluded that in order to feature a headliner, they must seek larger accommodations, which is now being sought from the Thornhill High School.



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