

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.

Thornhill Notes

School Population

The Thornhill Nursery School opened up for business on Monday last with some 25-agers, little moppets who have been straining at the beach all summer, just dying to get to "school." And this figure of 25 means that there are five places still available at the school to anyone with three or four year olds who would like them to pre-elementary education and also - and here is an interesting point to solicit, accept and receive by way of transfer, gift, devise or otherwise any money, property or things of value whatsoever ... for the furtherance of its objects.

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without share capital" and its purpose is shown as "To establish and carry on ... a day school where pupils may obtain a nursery, kindergarten and general pre-elementary school education and training." It is also entitled to hold "exhibitions, public meetings, classes and conferences calculated directly and indirectly to advance the cause of nursery, kindergarten and pre-elementary education" and also - and here is an interesting point to solicit, accept and receive by way of transfer, gift, devise or otherwise any money, property or things of value whatsoever ... for the furtherance of its objects.

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Talking Shop

With Doris FitzGerald

The Address Is New - The Telephone Number Has Not Been Changed

Old customers were knocking on the door before the shelving was in place so it is hardly necessary to tell you that McFarlane's Meat & Grocery Store is now established in larger premises, in the new shopping plaza on Yonge St., just north of Arnold Ave. We would like to say, however, how glad we are that Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFarlane, the pleasant, courteous proprietors, who know all their customers by name, did not move their business from the village. There will always be a need for the small, friendly store, particularly when it has something special to offer. The McFarlanes, for instance, accept, and deliver, telephone orders, and as franchised agents for the Scanlon Bakery, Aurora, receive daily consignments of delicious fresh breads, doughnuts, cakes, pies, etc. They also take orders for birthday, and other decorated cakes. You can be sure of good meat too, for Jack McFarlane is a butcher of long experience. He bought a butcher business in Thornhill in 1947 just when the village was beginning to expand, later added a general line of quality groceries, and he, and his wife, plan to continue the same excellent service they have been giving for the past 14 years.

McFARLANE'S MEATS & GROCERIES AV. -1811
7590 Yonge St., Thornhill

Useful Accessories Readily Available

To a long time Hearing Aid user like this writer it seems deplorable that so many women, and men willingly endure the isolation and misery occasioned by deafness, and impose a strain upon family and friends, rather than wear "one of those ear things". Modern hearing aids yearly become more compact, and more powerful, and can be a definite boon to all but a small percentage of people with impaired hearing. For the convenience of his customers who wear Hearing Aids, Mr. Hal Harley now carries Eveready, and Mallory, mercury and transistor batteries, at standard retail prices. And ... speaking of batteries, you can obtain refills for your transistor radio, and flashlight, in Harley's Pharmacy, also flashlight and photographers flash bulbs, a Philco Shaver which operates on its own battery, and Sunbeam, and Remington models which will plug in to either your car or home electric circuit. Another popular feature of this up-to-date drug store is the machine at which TV and radio tubes can be tested free of charge.

But ... first, and foremost, Hal Harley is a prescription specialist. If you need medicine your doctor can telephone Mr. Harley, and it will be delivered to your door.

HARLEY'S PHARMACY 7715 Yonge St., Thornhill
AV. 5-1577

Bright and Early Buyers

Stall holders at York Farmers Market are notably early risers, but some of their customers are up with the birds too. Because it takes an hour and a half to unload his vegetables, Cornelius Brouwer, Holland Marsh grower, arrives at the market at 5:30 on Saturday mornings, and says that he has done good business at 6 a.m. However, most of the other farm folk we talked with aim to have their booths ready by 7:30 or 8 o'clock at the latest. Mrs. W. Thompson of Elgin Mills does not mind getting up at dawn nearly as much as not going to market. After selling her home made bread, cakes, jams and aprons for over 20 years, she retired for three years, now is happy to be a stall holder again with pickles, preserves, aprons and attractive hooked rugs, for which she dyes the wool rags, as stock in trade. "I missed being here," she said. "If you like people, and selling, the market gets in your blood."

Last Saturday morning the market counters were filled with choice vegetables and fruits of every description. Because of the good harvest the annual Thanksgiving Market on Saturday, October 7th, promises to be more special than ever.

York Farmers Market Yonge & Elgin Sts., Thornhill

The purple egg plant prized by many for its decorative value, also adds interest and variety to the diet. This simple recipe is popular in the south. — Slice and pare the eggplant. Place slices in buttered baking dish, add salt, and bits of butter, and sprinkle generously with grated cheese. Cover with sliced tomatoes, and add more salt, pepper and butter. Bake in moderate oven until eggplant is tender — from 30 to 45 minutes.

into two classes, morning and afternoon. This enrollment is up slightly over last year. As well as this, there is a mother on duty at the school each day to assist the three teachers and this saves the expense of another teacher. With a full roster of thirty children, this means that each mother gives half a day every six weeks.

So you see, all these parents believe implicitly in the value of nursery school education. If you doubt it's value - just ask any kindergarten teacher. Former nursery school pupils stand out in any kindergarten class, principally because they have learned, all unknowingly, the most important thing which nursery school teaches - how to get along with others. At nursery school these children have learned to consider the rights and feelings of others, to share and wait their turn for playthings and materials.

And how much better for the peace of the world if those at the helm, both here and abroad, had learned these things at an early age, which are so important for the smooth running of everything from a nursery school to a United Nations!

And while the high school population of our village didn't go off to school with possibly quite so much enthusiasm, as they did, and in record numbers. As a result, the office staff of Thornhill High School spent the greater part of last week revising time tables to take care of almost 950 students, which was about 100 more than had been anticipated.

Record Enrollment At Henderson School

At their meeting on Thursday, September 14 at Henderson Avenue Public School, the members of the Board of T.S.A. No. 1 Markham, were gratified to learn that budget-wise they were pretty well on an even keel with \$166,424.58 spent out of an estimated budget for the year of \$295,712.98. This is in spite of a considerably increased enrollment, especially at Henderson Avenue School, where there are now 442 children registered, and another 100 expected. By keeping closely in touch with the various developers in the area and the number of houses sold and expected to be completed by the end of the year, the board had managed to estimate quite accurately the increased enrollment and, consequently was prepared to cope with it.

With 442 students, Henderson Avenue School now has the largest enrollment of the five schools in T.S.A. No. 1. Woodland is next with 363, then 16th Avenue (newly opened) with 143, Thornlea with 103 and German Mills with 22.

Markham School Trustees Keeping Well Within Their Current Budget

The teaching staff for the area now consists of 43 teachers and principals, up from last year's 35, together with four full time and 1 part time custodian.

With respect to the teaching of French in the Area's schools, Trustee Frost reported that he and Mr. Sand wanted to visit French classes in operation in Oakville before submitting their report to the board.

In reporting for the health and safety committee, Trustee Stone advised that they were planning a bicycle rodeo for some time next month. It would be held on a Saturday morning and the Markham Township Police have signified their willingness to take part. The rodeo will consist of a short written test on bicycle safety and a bicycle driving test. It is proposed to issue a small printed "license" to all those who pass the tests.

Giving his report as superintendent, Mr. Sand read a letter from Mr. Brown concerning the board's decision, covering the roadway into Woodland School through his property. Mr. Brown noted that he had lost three opportunities of selling his property because of the township's dilatoriness in deciding whether or not to purchase this property. He therefore gave formal notice that after September 30th, this property will no longer be available for purchase.

"This leaves us in a very embarrassing position" stated Trustee McKay. "Mr. Brown has been as patient as he can be."

On a motion of Trustee Frost, it was decided to send a letter to Mr. Brown thanking him for his co-operation. It was also decided to send his letter to Clerk Crisp to be put before the Markham Township Council. "They will know that we no longer have the alternative of buying this ten feet of roadway" stated Trustee Frost. Mr. Sand stated that he understood that the Township was making an offer to the Whiyards for an access road through their property.

Mr. Sand also advised the board that he was a member of a committee which was studying the effect of the 3% sales tax on school purchases. This was a province-wide committee and has already sent a letter to the tax director on the matter. He also reported that the area teachers had met on September 13th to hear a talk by Inspector M. Hallman.

Additional choristers are needed for the Adult Choir.

Anyone who would like to serve in this way is invited to attend rehearsal at the church on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. The Parish Guild is holding their annual Fall Fair on Saturday October 28th from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contributions of any saleable articles would be welcome.

The annual Fall Fete of the W.A. is to be on September 22nd this year and will offer a delicious snack luncheon for 75c. There will also be a gift table and bake sale. The members would be grateful for donations of baking and jams. Proceeds of the Fete go towards the summer expenses of the divinity student sponsored by Holy Trinity Church.

The men of Holy Trinity congregation are asked to observe the evening of Friday, September 29th, for a dinner meeting, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

The first meeting of the season of the Couples Club is to be held on Saturday, September 23rd at Joe and Helen Robinson's farm.

Harvest Festival will be observed on Sunday, October 1st at Holy Trinity and the members of the Altar Guild would appreciate donations of fruit, vegetables and flowers. The donations may be left at the church the Friday before October 1st but if you would like them to be picked up, please call AV. 5-1675.

The Holy Trinity organist, Mr. R. Mullen is organizing Saturday classes in piano and organ for children and adults. Anyone interested can reach Mr. Mullen at WA. 3-7185 during the morning.

Presbyterian Church News

A new program of Christian Education has been inaugurated in Thornhill Presbyterian Church. The Board of Christian Education has expanded its very fine program of last year with a view to dividing the age groups into interest groups specifically geared for them.

The mid-week groups are: The Children of the Church, for boys and girls 6 to 8 years of age; The Explorers, for boys and girls 9 to 11 years of age; the C.G.I.T. for girls 12 to 15 years of age; the Wolf Cub - Boy Scout program for all boys; the Alpha Omicron for the big school students and the Young Adults for all young people who have completed their formal education.

Baby Daughter

A cable from Metz, France brought welcome news to two Thornhill homes last week: those of the Gailther Zinkans, Colborne Street, and the Robert Somervilles on Centre Street. It announced the birth of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zinkan, the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Gailther Zinkan. Mrs. Peter Zinkan, formerly Sylvia Sommerville, flew over to France last year and was married there. The Zinkans expect to be back in Canada some time next summer.

The Evening Auxiliary of Thornhill United Church W.M.S. held their September meeting on Tuesday, September 12th at the Villa Private Hospital on Baiturst St. Flickering campfire, the patients and the W.M.S. ladies enjoyed a pleasant evening. Eleanor Halliwell and Betty Hansen introduced a lively series of games and quizzes. Two of the patients, Beverley Charbonick and Kevin Maher blended their voices in a charming duet. Refreshments were served and the President, Marion Martin, made a vote of thanks to the staff of the Villa for their hospitality.

Classes in Scottish Country Dancing are being organized at Thornhill United Church and children were enrolled on September 16th. Anyone interested in joining the adult class is asked to phone either the church office, AV. 5-2131 or Mrs. Alan Foster, AV. 5-4155.

Dates to remember at Thornhill United are: September 24th,

Woodland Addition

Trustee McKay also announced that the board had received approval from the Ontario Municipal Board for the \$109,000 addition to Woodland School. This will replace the portables and provide three rooms, a playground and auditorium. It was decided to employ the same architects for this addition as had built the original school, namely, Messrs. Dunlop, Wardell, Matsui and Aikin.

Transportation

Trustee Frost reported for the education committee and advised that the two bus schedules set up appeared to be working out very well, although there would possibly be a few minor changes. The cost of the bus service would be \$655.00 per month. Mr. Sand noted that in order to apply for the provincial grant for bus service, every child in the school district had to be counted, and the distance measured from each child's home to the school by the shortest route. All this had to be done and \$440.00 as the school has outlined on a schedule, and an auditorium where films are then shown, it was felt that this

Rally Day: October 1st, World Communion Sunday.

This day will mark the beginning of a Preaching Mission with the Rev. David Scarfone of Ottawa, services will be held in the Church each evening from Sunday to Thursday and every person is asked to attend every night.

Holy Trinity Church News

The Rector, Rev. H. R. Howden has begun a series of sermons entitled "Questions People Ask" and invites members of the congregation to place questions in the box at the back of the church.


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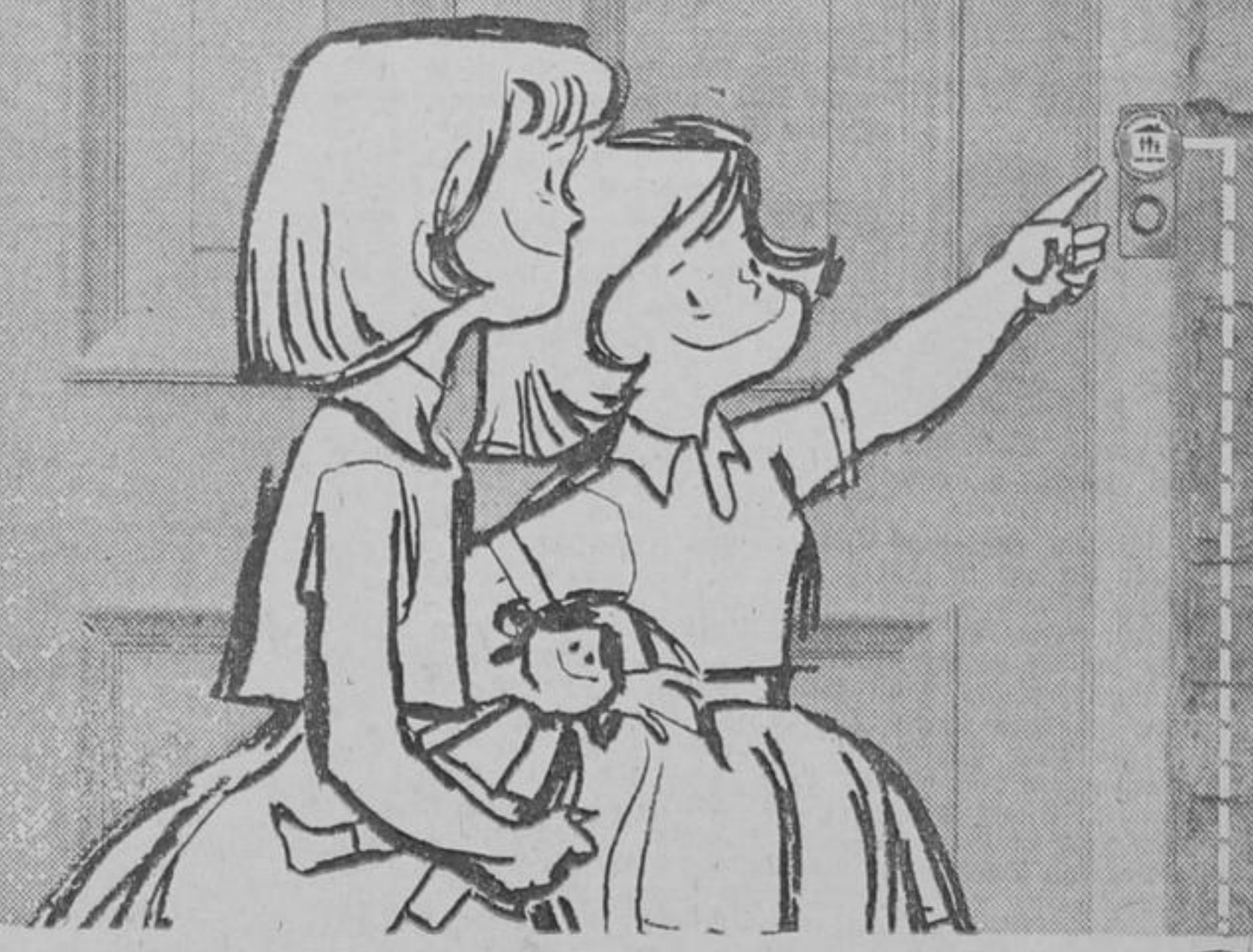
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These activity groups grow out of the Church School program which is held Sunday mornings as follows: 9:45 a.m., Grades 1 through Adult classes; 11 a.m., Nursery and Kindergarten schools. The program has been developed under the Session of the congregation through the Board of Christian Education, whose chairman is Mr. Gordon Patterson.



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