

# Thornhill and District News

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## Here Are Powell Road School's Graduates



Ready to acquire further education or face the workaday world are the students of Powell Road Public School, in the south-eastern corner of Vaughan Township, pictured above. They are the graduating class of 1961. In the front row from the left are Patsy Fitchett, Sharon Nichols, Susan Buchanan, Peggy Fitchett, Valerie Metcalf, Bonnie Kosmo. In the back row are John Cripps, Fred Morgan, Mrs. P. Croteau, Grade 8 teacher, Principal M. McRoberts,

who also taught Grade 8, Nick Paczkowski, Hugh Higgs. Susan Buchanan is holding the Citizenship Trophy, which has been awarded every year since 1953 to the student exhibiting qualities of good citizenship, plus high academic standing. It is given by Mr. Sid Griffith, who was a member of the township board of trustees for the school. Kenneth Madsen, Foskea Purdy and Grietje Purdy were also members of the graduating class but were not present at the time the picture was taken. (Photo by Lagerquist)

## Former Thornhill Resident

# Fred S. Haines Memorial Exhibition At Art Gallery Of Toronto, Friday

By Doris M. FitzGerald  
Back in 1896 while some of his schoolmates in Meaford, Ont. were thinking about becoming farmers, merchants, doctors or lawyers, young Fred Haines decided upon a more unusual and hazardous profession. At the age of 17, full of ambition, but with no formal training he set out for Toronto to earn his living as an artist. Obtaining a job he attended evening classes at the Central Ontario School of Art until he had saved enough to take a daytime course. At 21 he exhibited his first picture, and was launched on a career in which he now acclaim for his paintings and etchings, and also for his executive ability. Further study at the Academie des Beaux Arts de Anvers, Belgium, was followed by 18 years as Principal of the Ontario College of Art, and he served terms as president of the Royal Canadian Academy, the Ontario Society of Artists, and the Arts and Letters Club, Toronto. As well, he was a director of the Art Gallery of Toronto for five years, and of the Art Gallery at the Canadian National Exhibition for a long period.

ector of the Hamilton Art Gallery has been the moving spirit behind the exhibition, and Mr. Haines' daughter, Mrs. Dorothy

Hoover, Thornhill, assisted in assembling the collection. The catalogue was designed by Thoreau MacDonald, well-known artist-illustrator, and long-time resident of Thornhill, and the foreword of appreciation was written by Charles Comfort, director of the National Art Gallery, Ottawa.  
The F. S. Haines Memorial Exhibition will be open to the public at the Art Gallery of Toronto, through November, after which it will move successively to the Hamilton Art Gallery, the Windsor Art Gallery, and the Sarnia Art Gallery.

## Rambling Around

By Elizabeth Kelson  
SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL CHILD

Mr. Donald MacTavish, M.A., B. Paed., a former teacher at Charles Howitt School, now Director of Special Services for the Department of Education, addressed the Thornhill Home and School, Wednesday, October 11, on Special Services for the Exceptional Child. According to Mr. MacTavish, exceptional children have more than the usual amount of problems which could be due to physical and social reasons as well as from the amount of learning ability that they possess. Children, handicapped by physical reasons such as deafness, blindness, brain damage or neurological impairment have many great problems in order to read and comprehend. Those, handicapped by immaturity, shyness and general inability to adjust and relax with others have another set of special problems. Children with limited learning ability must have constant repetition in order for them to grasp meanings. On the other hand there is the child with too much learning ability who requires a richer diet than that supplied to the average child. All these children who are part of the modern opportunity classes must be aided to be as responsible as possible. The opportunity classes that are taught by Mrs. Hill and Mr. Armstrong in Thornhill Public School are regular hives of industry. They are encouraged to contribute to the welfare of the school, e.g. Making stage sets . . . art work . . . crafts etc., "The special classes in Ontario are making great progress," said Mr. MacTavish, "and they are now being opened in some secondary schools." He said that the emphasis is always on the individual child, his needs, interest and rate of learning. The keynote is a skilful teacher who develops a good relationship with the child and goes hand in hand with him as he develops. The future of these children depends chiefly on their capacity to learn, their motivation and upon what is provided by the taxpayers in way of classrooms and special equipment and also upon what parents provide at home.

## MRS. DORIS POLLOCK - TEACHES RUSSIAN BALLET

Personality of the week is Mrs. Doris Pollock of 19 Grandview where she has lived and taught the art of ballet for the last twelve years. She studied the Russian Ballet under the Volkoff and Labiniroff Schools of Dancing. She prefers the Russian style because she feels it encourages individuality and better freedom of expression. "In ballet," she says, "there is a sense of poetry, music and drama all combined in the flowing movements that are peculiar to ballet. A wonderful form of self-expression." One of the joys of teaching ballet, Mrs. Pollock said, was to be able to discover a talented young person and help to nurture and encourage the talent. It is an even greater satisfaction to help children who are handicapped in some way, and help them to develop strength and poise. Even children who have no outstanding talent with dancing can benefit by learning to express the drama of ballet . . . which is acting out a story to music.

Mrs. Pollock particularly likes to work with primary children because they are more original and exhibit more freedom of expression. She teaches anyone from the ages of four and up.

## Thornhill Notes

**Thornhill Brownies and Guides**  
A meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Thornhill Brownies and Guides was held at the home of District Commissioner, Mrs. P. McTaggart-Cowan, Colborne Street, on Wednesday morning, October 11th. The 14 ladies present enjoyed a coffee party along with their business meeting.

It was announced that Mrs. L. J. Jewett is to be district commissioner for Thornhill south (taking in groups at Henderson Avenue, Powell Road, Langstaff and Concord schools). The north group, which takes in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thornhill Guides, will be headed by Mrs. Vera Moore. Mrs. McTaggart-Cowan will now be division commissioner of York Central Division.

The group accepted the resignation of treasurer Mrs. Nancy Stride and Mrs. G. Davie assumed the office in her place. It was also announced that one of the area's foremost guides, holder of the coveted Golden Cord, had been chosen to meet Lady Baden-Powell this month. Mrs. Murray, better known to her fellow-guides as Nancy Watt, of Concord, will be presented to Lady Baden-Powell at the Girl Guide training camp at Doe Lake, on October 28th. Mrs. E. P. Boyden is to be the publicity convener for the ladies auxiliary and will also be the new tester for the Brownies Golden Hand award in Thornhill north.

**Thornhill Women's Institute**  
A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. T. Findlay, Centre Street, Thornhill, on Thursday, October 12th, when the Thornhill W.I. held their October meeting there. With Mrs. C. Thompson presiding, the meeting opened with the singing of the Ode and the repeating of the Creed. A minute's silence was observed as a tribute to a beloved member, Mrs. N. McKay who had passed away to a higher reward since the last meeting.

Mrs. Thompson welcomed the members and their friends. The roll call was answered by introducing the friend which each lady had brought to the meeting with her. The motto for the month was "He who has one thousand friends has not a friend to spare, while he who has one enemy shall meet him everywhere." Mrs. T. Empringham then read a piece entitled "Friends."

Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. Mrs. H. Mizen then led the ladies in a lively sing song. Various conveners then gave their reports. Final plans for the bazaar held on October 19th at the home of Mrs. J. Jamieson, Centre Street, were discussed. Suggestions for the 60th anniversary luncheon to be held on February 15th were also discussed. Mrs. P. Bone who is in charge of the program, based on community activities and public relations, read a thanksgiving poem by Edna Jacques, and also several extracts from the new handbook. Mrs. W. Thompson reported on the improvements of the Adelaide Hoodless Home at Stoney Creek. The meeting closed with the singing of the Queen and a cup of tea, with lots of social chatter brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

Hostesses were Mrs. T. Findlay, Mrs. C. Clifford and Mrs. C. P. Johns.  
**Baptist Church News**  
The Thank Offering meeting of the Anna Buck Mission Circle of Thornhill Baptist Church was held on Wednesday evening, October 11th at 8 p.m. in the Sunday school hall, with the president, Mrs. J. Martin presiding. Following the business session, Mrs. Minton Johnston took charge of the meeting, her topic being "We Have a Mission". This part of the meeting was opened with the singing of "Now Thank We All Our God", with the first verse being sung by Mrs. Beryl Abbey and the ladies joining in on the last two verses.

Miss Steven, Miss Stringer and Mrs. Yeo led in prayers for the church missionaries at home and abroad. Mrs. W. McGowan read the scriptures and the meeting closed with the singing of the hymn "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" and a prayer by Mrs. Martin. A social time followed and all enjoyed pumpkin pie and tea or coffee.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Miss Gladys Steven, Lunar Cres., Don Mills and No. 7 Highway, on Wednesday, November 8th at 8 p.m. A movie film on the Grande Ligne Mission will be shown.

The Couples Club held their September meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, No. 7 Highway, Friday evening, September 29th in the form of a corn and wiener roast. A roaring bonfire kept the party warm as the evening was a chilly one. The corn was delicious and with games around the fire and a rousing sing song followed by lots of hot coffee, made a most enjoyable evening.

The B.Y.P.U. of Thornhill Baptist Church held their first social event of the season in the form of a "Gay Twenties" party at the home of the president, Miss Joanne Wilson, on Saturday evening, September 23rd. Everyone came dressed in the style of the 20's and some of the gowns looked very authentic, being passed down from mother to daughter. The Charleston was the dance of the evening and a hilarious time was had by all.

The explorers group is now meeting regularly on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. at the church. It is under the direction of Miss Lorraine McCloskey and Miss Carol Rider. The C.G.I.T., under the direction of Mrs. W. Yeo, meets each Tuesday from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

And here is a Halloween reminder for all you good folks of Thornhill and district: some of the small witches and hobgoblins who will be calling at your door next Tuesday will

have small yellow boxes and distinctively yellow tags, indicating that they are collecting funds for U.N.I.C.E.F. The boxes and tags were distributed to the children of the Thornhill United Church Sunday School last week, so save up your pennies and other loose change. Last year these youngsters collected over \$100 which was gratefully received at UNICEF headquarters.

The Women's Auxiliary of Thornhill United Church would like to invite everyone whom the Liberal reaches to come to their Hollyberry Fair on November 4th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the church. There is to be a Children's Corner and many other attractions, one of them being a country store. And if you don't know what to expect to find in a country store, you are asked to please come and find out.

**Holy Trinity News**  
The general meeting of the Parish Guild of Holy Trinity Church for the month of October was held on Tuesday, October 17th in the parish hall, with approximately 25 members present.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Eira Trant, with the Guild prayer. This was followed by the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report. The bazaar convener, Mrs. Ruth Gall, reported that the bazaar plans are in the final stages. A few matters pertaining to the bazaar were then discussed.

The meeting then adjourned and the ladies then proceeded to work on articles for the bazaar to be held on October 28th. Some worked on dolls' clothes, hand puppets and aprons, while others concentrated on Christmas candles and pajama bags. Refreshment hostesses were Mrs. Janet Clapp and Mrs. Phil Devey. The next general meeting will be held on November 21st in the parish hall.

October 15th was celebrated as Youth Sunday at Holy Trinity. The special service was attended by Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Girls' Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary and both groups of the A.Y.P.A.

**Presbyterian Church News**  
Some 225 men, women and children attended a Friendship Dinner at Thornhill Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, October 18th. The dinner was organized by the "Story To Tell" committee, headed by Mr. John Mavor. This is a visitation committee which will visit each home in the congregation to tell of the needs of the church and look for new members.

A phoning committee of 18 women called the other women of the congregation, asking each one to bring either scalloped potatoes, jellied salad or tarts to the dinner. Others were asked to donate money for the purchase of hams, rolls, etc. Thus it was that at 6:30 p.m. the assembled company was able to help themselves from a bounteous buffet, as the ladies all happily sampled each others cooking (and exchanged recipes, I'll be bound). The dishes were cleared away by a group of the Holy Trinity caterers, and in November the ladies of the Presbyterian church will return the favour.

Following the dinner, the meeting adjourned to the body of the church and a welcome was given by Mr. Mavor. Following the singing of a hymn, the scripture was read by Mrs. H. Mizen, Rev. Evans then spoke on "Our Call to Growth in Christian Witness and Mr. John McKay spoke on "How We Will Serve". Mr. Jan Kok's topic was "The Need of the Giver" and Mr. Bruce Henderson discussed the financial needs of the church. Mr. John Mavor then concluded with "Let Us Accept This Challenge". Mr. Owen Wilson gave the benediction.

**Calypto Fair**  
Plans are well underway for the Calypto Fair to be held at Thornhill High School on November 10 and 11 by the Thornhill District Hockey Association. A bevy of 'hulu' dancers are practising assiduously under the direction of Mrs. Doris Pollock. They are Sandra Stewart, Jay Tiffany, Janet Clow, Gail Hancock, Frances Barrett and Linda Saunders. As well as the hulu numbers, Gail Hancock and Linda Saunders, who are from Willowdale will do a jazz number to the tune of Peter Gunn.

The committee invites anyone who would like to display any West Indian arts or crafts at the fair to contact Dave Barbour at AV. 5-5205. It is emphasized that the fair will be family entertainment, with something for the whole family - displays, fortune telling dancing and children's attractions - and also highly important, a registration booth for the 61-62 hockey teams. Arrangements for the hockey season are well underway and ice has been booked at Aurora for the first six weeks of the training. Parents will be happy to know that the officials were successful in securing ice at 5 p.m. this time - and not at 5 a.m. which they had to take once previously. And in case you ever wondered - it costs \$16.00 per hour to rent the ice. After the first six weeks, the regular schedule will be held at the Thornhill pond, with the playoffs at neighbouring arenas, Richmond Hill, Woodbridge or Aurora. For their \$5.00 registration fee, the boys get their winter's training (and don't forget - that \$5.00 is per family, not per boy), parents are admitted to games free, and the boys keep their hockey sweaters

at the end of the season. The various coaches are now selling tickets to the fair and you can get yours (\$1.25 for adults, 75c for children) from Dave Barbour, Bill Menzies, Mr. Pollock, Bill Major of Richmond Hill, Gary Stewart, Dan Mills, Langstaff and Kenny Davis of Concord, among others.

In order to keep their teams together before the start of the hockey season, a soccer game was held between the Calypto Kings and the Flyers on Saturday, October 21st, and was refereed by Lord Powers, who will be providing the Calypto music at the fair. And although the hockey players were not accomplished soccer players, a fine time was had by all.

**Thornhill Home & School**  
Guest speaker at the October 11 meeting of the Thornhill Home and School Association was Mr. G. MacTavish, M.A., B. Paed., Director of Special Education for the Province of Ontario. Mr. MacTavish's lecture was profusely illustrated with coloured slides. The interested audience of over 90 parents learned that special classes are held not only for slow learners and mentally retarded children, but for those physically disabled, such as cerebral palsy patients, the blind and the deaf and also for more advanced students who are away ahead of the rest of the class.

The slides showed classes for the deaf where all the children are equipped with earphones and the teacher speaks to them through a microphone. A class for hyperactive children was shown, where for a time each child stays in a separate cubicle which is entirely free from anything which would distract the child. As the child progresses, he is able to go to the centre of the room with two other children. Thus outside direction is kept to an absolute minimum and the child is taught to concentrate on the task at hand. Mr. MacTavish emphasized that it is seldom necessary to keep children in such a class for very long, often only for a few months and never more than a year or two. He also emphasized that such classes as those he illustrated were for teachable children as distinct from classes held at the Hospital Training School at Orillia, Cedar Springs and Smiths Falls, and at the School for Retarded Children, which are for trainable children.

Mr. MacTavish also stated that the Department of Education plans to have many more special classes in the future.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. Armstrong, teacher of the Senior Special Class at Thornhill. A sincere "thank you" was expressed by Mr. C. Stocking, vice-president of the association. Refreshments were provided by the mothers of grade 8 students.

**Well good people, is your garden dull and brown and every-thing garnered in for the winter? Now I shall do some very frank boasting. Yesterday I went out and picked a heaping box of strawberries out of our garden! If you are interested, they are an everbearing variety called "Red Rich" which are obtainable locally - and they really were delicious! . . .**

And finally a 'Christmas' arrangement in white painted driftwood using red candles, flowers and contrasting green foliage resembling "Holly". Mr. Whately thanked the speaker, and the lucky draw for three of the arrangements and some bulbs, delphinium, and plants

## Markham School Area 1 Students Matched Oratorical Skill Oct. 18

The auditorium of the new 16th Avenue School in Markham Township, midway between Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue, saw its first public function last week when pupils from schools in Markham Township School Area No. 1 vied for oratorical honours. First place - and a trophy - was won by Jamie Dillane of Woodland School, while Debbie Oliver of Henderson Avenue School took second place. Third place was taken by Janice Phean of St. Luke's Separate School, who also won the separate school plaque.

Pupils from five schools competed. Representing St. Luke's Separate School were Mary Le Croix and Janice Phean. The 16th Avenue School sent Fred Churchill and Hans Held into the contest. From Thornlea School were Bob Price and Clem Kitchen. Jamie Dillane and Debbie Oliver represented Woodland, Henderson Avenue School's contenders were Debbie Oliver and Susan LePage. Occupying the chair, Mr. E. J. Sands, superintending principal and business administrator for the area, kept the audience laughing with his threats to play his violin - a threat made good acceptably at the end of the evening.

An "old home week" celebration was staged by the three judges, Dr. A. W. R. Doan, former school inspector and secretary of the first school area board in the vicinity. Mr. S. Griffiths, chairman of the same board, and the Liberal's News Editor, F. J. Picking. The three men, who had been closely associated in the affairs of the first area school board, had not met for over ten years until their choice as judges threw them together again.

## Thornhill Horticultural Members Hear Details Of Flower Arranging

The October meeting of the Thornhill and District Horticultural Society was held on Tuesday, October 17, at the Thornhill Public School. It was the last show of the year and with the continued fine weather the entries were of excellent quality and a splendid variety was on display.

The members were honoured with a return visit from Mrs. Meiklejohn who gave many welcome pointers on flower arranging. She had spent the day at Edwards Gardens at a series of lectures a refresher course for judges. Mrs. Meiklejohn worked and talked and prepared before those present five delightful arrangements, the first a simple Oriental, one using 'mums and very little material in a delightful black container. The second was a mass arrangement introducing line. This was prepared in aqua foam foil covered and won by a lucky lady in the draw which followed. It consisted of 'mums in contrasting forms and glycerinized beech leaves in tones of bronze and yellow.

The third was flowers and fruit on an antique glass pedestal cake plate using 'blue magic', 'sugar plum' and 'blue lace' petunias, foliage and fruit from 'flowering crab' plus grapes, apples and egg plant to form a 'Hogarth curve', a delightful Thanksgiving table arrangement. The fourth was a triangle in a small white footed dish - tints and tones of one colour (pink) using carnations, roses, and the annual dusty miller foliage.

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**One rose, hybrid tea:** Mr. Jenkins, The Mannings, The Kings.  
**Rose, Grandiflora:** Mr. McCully, The Healeys.  
**Rose, floribunda:** Mr. Jenkins, The Mannings, Mrs. Riley.  
**Chrysanthemums (double):** The Mannings, The Kings.  
**Spray of Chrysanthemums:** Kings, Mr. McCully, Mr. Mowat.  
**A Vase of Seasonable Flowers:** The Mannings, Kings, Healeys.  
**Japanese Arrangement:** featuring Chrysanthemums: The Healeys, The Mannings, The Kings.  
**An arrangement using dried materials suitable for a mantle entitled "Seed Time and Harvest":** Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Mizen, Mrs. Thompson.  
**"Autumn Splendour":** The Kings, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Mizen.  
**"Hallowe'en Party":** Mr. B. Jenkins.  
**Vegetables:** Apples: J. Hollowell. Beets: Mrs. Thompson, The Healeys, Mr. Turnpenny. Brussel Sprouts: Mr. Turnpenny, Mrs. Mizen. Cabbage (ball head): Mr. Turnpenny, Mrs. Thompson. Cabbage (Savoy): Mr. Turnpenny.  
**Carrots:** Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Hollowell, Mr. Turnpenny. Parsnips: Mrs. Thompson, J. Hollowell, Mr. Turnpenny. Pumpkin: Mrs. Thompson, J. Hollowell, Mr. Turnpenny. Squash: Mrs. Thompson, J. Hollowell, Mr. Whately.  
**Collection of late Vegetables:** Mr. Turnpenny, Mrs. Thompson. Spanish Onions: Mr. Whately, Mr. Turnpenny. Leeks: Mr. Turnpenny.

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It is safe to say that no one will leave the exhibition muttering "Well, what did you make of it?" This distinguished artist loved colour, the rural landscape dappled with sunshine, and the wild and rugged beauty of the French River and Haliburton districts in the changing seasons. His pictures evoke a warm and understanding response, and are a pleasure to look at, and to live with.

T. R. MacDonald, R.C.A., director of the Hamilton Art Gallery, the National Gallery, and other public collections across Canada, span his life as an artist. The earliest, "Sheepdog" was painted in 1907, and the most recent, "Evening, Ont.", in 1959. Local scenes include Apple Orchard, Thornhill, Bruce's Woods, near Unionville, Lyman Barclay's Farm, at Greenwood; The Gravel Pit, at German Mills; and The Pasture, Thornhill, which was exhibited at Wembley in 1925. The Gravel Pit and The Pasture are two of the 14 oil paintings which Mr. Haines presented to Thornhill High School in 1958.

## PROCLAMATION

Notice Is Hereby Given That DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Will terminate in the Township of Markham at 2 o'clock a.m. on Sunday, October 29, 1961, and at that time the clocks will be set back an hour to Eastern Standard Time. This means that Sunday, October 29, will be on Standard Time.

Harry Crisp Clerk

W. R. Dean Reeve

DINE at DADS steak and shake it's a meal.