

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

Study Courses

Close to 300 parents of grade 8 children in Vaughan Township made an attentive audience at Thornhill High School, February 7, when they heard a panel discuss the various new courses to be offered at Thornhill Secondary School, as it is now to be called.

Chairing the panel was Principal A. S. Elson. Participants were Vice-Principal T. Thompson and staff members Mr. D. Anderson, Mrs. J. Hurson and Mr. R. Templeton, with Vaughan Public School Superintendent J. Gibson and Public School Inspector M. Hallman.

The panel members spoke on the various options available and the standards to be met. They then answered questions, both written and from the floor. The object of the evening was to clear up the difficulties of choosing a course to go into in grade 9. The school now has three "faculties," arts and science, business and commerce, and engineering technology and trades. Each of these branches

will provide for both a four year and a five year program. There will also be a one or two year occupations course. For girls this will consist of instruction in general merchandising, clerking, packing, cashiering, etc. For boys it will be a course in building construction, including general carpentry and cement work.

The high school also had an influx of parents on two nights in January, the 18th and the 23rd when parents descended on the school in droves to interview the teachers about the latest report cards and their children's progress generally. These parents' nights are arranged, to your mind, quite efficiently. A senior student was posted outside each teacher's door who scheduled a series of five minute appointments between 7:30 and 9:30. Armed with a list of the teachers and appropriate room numbers (heavily marked in my case at least, with the names of those it was imperative to see) the parents scattered through the school arranging their appointments. If you were lucky, you got your appointments reasonably close together. However, even those who had a considerable wait between appointments seemed to be suffering no pain as they sat or stood in the halls, talking amiably with other parents.

And while I have been given no official figures, I'm sure the longest line-ups, with the most worried faces, were outside the rooms where mathematics (most parents with girls) and English (mostly parents with boys) are taught.

The staff was most gratified with the good turnout to the parents nights and find them helpful. Any serious complaints are communicated to the office, but mostly the teachers benefit from being given an awareness of home problems. The parents

benefit by having study habits recommended, as well as times of study, discipline needed at home, etc. And certainly any student's attitude to his work will benefit with the knowledge that his parents are interested and concerned enough about his problems to spend the evening trying to find solutions for them.

Mrs. John A. Townsend, of John Street, Thornhill, entertained at a luncheon on February 3rd. Among the guests were Mrs. D. Evans, Mrs. K. Smith, Mrs. L. Warnica, Mrs. Don Grant, Mrs. A. Mollard, Mrs. John McKay, Mrs. H. B. Ross and Mrs. R. Saunders. Following the luncheon, the guests were taken on a tour of the early Canadian style home of Mrs. R. H. Neil, John Street.

Woodland Home & School The Woodland Association is having a highly successful year with improved attendance at all meetings so far. Guests at their meeting of January 17th were the physical education teacher, Mr. Evans and music supervisor Mr. Westlake.

Each discussed their curriculum and Mr. Westlake quickly had the audience singing some lively rounds. This caused some trepidation when Mr. Evans was introduced in fear that he would have them doing physical jerks, but he very kindly didn't. (But perhaps I have given him an idea for future meetings?) Mr. Evans explained his work with the children in a droll and entertaining manner, although he felt quite seriously that the children did need the physical education work and sees quite an improvement in them. He expressed regret that the gymnasium was not yet ready at Woodland School and that the children there were confined to classroom exercises.

Although the Woodland Association meets only every other month, they held a Valentine

Skating Party on February 14, mainly as a reward to all the parents who did such a wonderful job building and flooding the new school rink. Although I haven't had a report of the skating party, I hope everybody had a good time and nobody ended up with a broken ankle. The rink, by the way, which opened in December, has been intensely popular and is swamped with skating enthusiasts of all ages regularly.

Watch for future notice of the March 21st meeting of the Woodland Home and School when the guest speaker will be former Thornhill resident, Mr. Keith Richan who will discuss school drop-outs.

Holy Trinity News The three groups of the parish guild at Holy Trinity are well into their year's activities. The southern group meets monthly on Monday evenings at 28 Highland Park Blvd. The harmony group met February 6 at the home of Mrs. R. Chapman, 17 Oakbank Road and the alpha group met Tuesday evening at the church.

The annual card party of the guild will be held at the church hall on February 27 at 8:15 p.m. There will be bridge, progressive euchre, etc., with lots of prizes and refreshments. For tickets, contact Mrs. Evelyn Goodwin at AV. 5-4513.

Back from a southern holiday? Then why not phone your local correspondent and tell me all about your trip. Your friends and neighbors will enjoy reading all about your good times. Just phone me at AV. 5-2331.



Pictured above are the people who will guide the destinies of Thornhill Police Village during the coming year. Shown at their inaugural meeting are (left to right) Secretary Mrs. J. W. Lambert, Trustee B. P. Roberts, Chairman James Timmins and Trustee Frank Tucker. (Photo by David Barbour)

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Grey Skirt, White Shirt

Thornhill Girls Approve Uniforms

By MARGARET McLEAN

The big topic of discussion around Thornhill High School these past weeks has been school uniforms for girls. Following an assembly called by the girls' athletic association where the subject of uniforms was debated, the girls were given two weeks to think the matter over and then cast their votes in gym classes. Approximately 70% favoured the uniform. Plans went ahead accordingly, and the uniform was designated as a grey skirt, either straight cut or box pleated, with a tailored white shirt, sleeve length optional.

If the girls are in favour of uniforms, it is up to them," she stated.

In polling the parents, I find them almost unanimously in favour. "I think it is an excellent idea. I have been plugging it for years," stated Mrs. Ed. Perival, Elgin Street. "Anything that de-emphasizes clothes will leave more time for studies, and that's always a good thing". Mrs. Perival also thought it might be a good idea to extend the uniforms to the boys. "It might bring their outfits up to a better standard and bring the girls' down to a reasonable level."

Also in favour was Mrs. Alan G. Parker of Johnson Avenue, who is the wife of Public School Trustee Alan Parker. "A wonderful idea," she said. "It will make for less competition between teen-agers in the matter of clothes. If there are all in uniform, there couldn't be any competition." Mrs. Parker felt that most parents were in favour. The only adverse comment she had heard was from a father who thought the uniforms would look "institutional". Mrs. Parker felt however, that the uniform chosen would not give this appearance.

Mrs. R. L. Robinson of Johnson Avenue felt the uniforms a good idea because they would even out any differences of income among the homes. "It's quite an attractive outfit," she noted.

Would Prefer Tunics Although in favour of school uniforms generally, Mrs. J. R. Summer of Summer Lane felt that the project should have been started in September as it might not be convenient for some parents to provide new outfits now. Also, she was in favour of the very free wheeling type of uniform" decided upon and would prefer to see tunics. She also felt that if uniforms were decided on, it

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MARKHAM VILLAGE: By a vote of four to one village council passed a motion approving of the opening of a liquor store. It is said that the Liquor Control Board has the authority to open a store without a vote but will not do so without the approval of council.

All are dug wells, and the health unit recommends installation of water purifying equipment in each. Maintenance Supervisor Kyle reported that the well at the Edgely School had been cleaned and chlorinated, but that this treatment had not proved effective, and "the water is beyond use as far as drinking is concerned."

Mr. Kyle said that drinking water has been provided at Edgely for some time, and that the other school will be provided with safe drinking water immediately.

It was pointed out by Trustee H. Goodwin that the school at Edgely is only six years old and the school at Coleraine was built in 1955. On his suggestion the property committee will deal with the problem with the hope for an early solution.

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Highland Park

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Crestwood Rd. News

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School News

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Dug Wells Give Trouble

Water Quality At Vaughan Schools Brings Immediate Action By Board

Vaughan Township School Area Board was informed by a letter from York County Health Unit, read at its meeting February 8, that wells at at least three of the township schools are unsatisfactory as sources of drinking water. The three schools named were Paterson, Edgely and Old Pine Grove, with the well at the Coleraine School being described as "all right now, but under constant inspection by the health unit."

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Doncaster

Correspondent David Barbour Henderson Ave. Phone AV. 5-5205

The Hornets defeated the powerful Roselawn Dairy club. Led by a former Doncaster lad, playing coach Gary Powell, the battling Hornet squad jumped to a 4-0 lead over the Dairy-men.

The Roselawn Team fought back gamely. However it was "too little, too late" as they went down 5-4.

The Royals, of Doncaster, defeated a revamped 5th Newtbrook Rover team 4-3.

The February 18, card has the Roselawn Team meeting the Hornets in the 8 o'clock opener and in the later contest, the Royals are pitted against the 5th Rovers.

These games are all held at the Bradford Arena.

The Doncaster Community Ladies Club announced that 28 couples have entered the euchar and bridge marathon which got underway this week.

There are 24 pairs competing in the euchar and 4 in the bridge.

The proceeds of this marathon will go to the Thornhill and District Hockey Club.

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Why Wait For Spring?

It is sometimes useful to remind ourselves that our community is not really made up of streets, houses and business buildings — it is made up of people. You and I are the community. In our society, this is especially true in the economic sense. We all depend on one another to some extent economically, and all of our economic activity, such as the buying and selling of goods and services, has a direct bearing on the welfare of our community and of the people in it.

Each winter, partly because of the cold weather and partly because of habit, economic activity in this community slows down and some of our wage earners join the ranks of the unemployed. This is well-known. However, what is not always recognized is that when wage earners are unemployed and unable to make their normal economic contribution, the whole community suffers.

Now, what can you as an individual do about it?

As a householder you can arrange to have all types of inside work such as renovation, redecoration, repair, and other maintenance work around your home, including dry cleaning, done during the winter months.

As a member of the community organization, you can urge your group to schedule any construction work which it may be concerned and any other type of work for the winter months and influence others to do likewise.