

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

Mental Health
Among those attending the 10th annual meeting of the Canadian Mental Health Association at Hart House, Toronto on March 2nd were the president of the York County branch, Mrs. P. A. Townshend-Carter, Mrs. Donald Strickland, the executive secretary and Mrs. R. L. Moore, chairman of the volunteer visitors. Several interesting workshops were held during the afternoon and the found-

der of the world-wide mental health movement, Dr. Clarence M. Hincks addressed the evening meeting.

United Church Women
Twelve members of group 2 of the Thornhill United Church Women met at the church parlours on March 27th. The devotion was taken by Mary Whelan. The group assists in the work of the local branch of the mental health association.

and their particular contribution is to see that residents of the approved homes do not lack for beauty care. Vi Johnston asked for ladies to volunteer to drive three of the patients from Newmarket to her home on April 10th where they will have permanent waves. The group reported a total of 8 visitors to sick people during the past month.

On May 8th the members of group 2 will join with group 5 in holding a luncheon. The luncheon will be arranged around a Canadian theme and will feature a talk by Thor Hansen, an authority on Canadian antiquities.

As well as their own projects, group 2 takes part in the general activities of the U.C.W. On March 16th, some 40 members of the U.C.W. attended a bowling party at Newmarket Bowl. The three projects for the year are to be the two-day rug-making demonstration in June, a mammoth rummage sale in the fall and a travelling luncheon, the time of which is yet undetermined. The next general meeting of the Thornhill U.C.W. will be on April 3rd when a dessert and coffee meeting will be held at the church at 7:30 p.m. Group 2 will hold their next meeting at the Villa Hospital on April 24th.

The ladies of the U.C.W. are also co-operating in the plans to raise money for the organ fund. On May 3rd a concert featuring the Adelphean Concert Choir from the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington will be held. This choir is just completing a tour of the British Isles and will come direct from an appearance at town hall, New York, to Thornhill for their only Canadian performance.

To publicize the concert, Mrs. G. S. Robinson of No. 7 Highways, Concord, is opening her home for a tea on April 17th. The tea will be held from 3 to 5:30 in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 in the evening and as well as the usual tea and conversation, will feature musical artists.

On April 4th, the ladies of the U.C.W. have been asked to supply 10 loaves of sandwiches to be used to feed indigents at the Fred Victor Mission in Toronto.

And don't forget the C.G.I.T. tea and bake sale on Saturday afternoon, April 7th. Everyone is invited to attend, enjoy the tea, select their choice of baked goods, and incidentally help the girls of the C.G.I.T. raise funds to continue their program in the area.

Nursery School
Through the courtesy of Mr. J. T. Stephens of 18 Shasta Drive, the children of Thornhill Nursery School, were invited to make a tour of the Roselawn Dairy's plant in Toronto. Some 30 youngsters, accompanied by their three teachers and about 10 mothers made the trip on Friday morning, March 16th, and by all accounts had a wonderful time. The men at the plant were most helpful, lifting the youngsters up to see things. The children were most fascinated with the machine which folded up the paper cartons and conveyed them out to where they were put in boxes. They were also impressed by the evident cleanliness and the energy with which things were scrubbed out—especially the large milk tank which was conveniently being given a good going over. The considered opinion of my young sprout was "A dairy is a noisy place"—which made me not too sorry I had been unable to go on the trip!

The children's next trip is

planned for April 19th when they will visit the Richmond Hill Library and see a puppet show. Future trips are planned to a firehall, the zoo and Toronto Island. As well as being informative and entertaining for the children, these trips broaden their horizons and provide much material for imaginative play, both at home and at school.

Social
Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Headrick of 85 Meadowview were Mrs. Headrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Robertson of Burnstown, near Renfrew, Ontario. During Easter week, the Headricks are looking forward to having Mr. Headrick's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Currie, and their two sons visit from Ottawa.

United Church News
The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated at Thornhill United Church on Sunday, March 25th and through their parents' profession of faith, the following were welcomed into the church: Elizabeth Anne Craib, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Craib, Carol Anne Delong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Delong, John Stuart Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Ellis, Bryan Thomas Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Robertson, Jeffrey Ernest Strang, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Strang, Sharon Elizabeth Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Webb, Barbara Jane White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland G. White, James Brian Greenfields, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Greenfields, and Catherine Norma and Steven Norman Craib, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Craib.

On April 29th new members will be received into the church by profession of Faith and by transfer. Anyone wishing to transfer their membership is asked to fill in an information card available at the church.

Registrations are now being received for the girls' camp at Sparrow Lake. There are two camps for junior girls, July 2nd to 14th and July 16th to 28th. For senior girls there is one camp, July 30th to August 11th. The camp is sponsored by the United Church of Canada. The cost is \$46.50. Further information is available from the church office. (And if it is run as well as it was some thirty (horror!) years ago, your daughter is sure to enjoy it, as I did.)

Adult communicants classes are continuing each Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in the church parlour. The April 5th class will discuss "The world to come". On April 12th, the subject is "The Christian Life" and on April 19th, "The Questions People Ask."

Crestwood Rd. News

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Powell Road Home and School Association held its regular meeting March 26. Because several of the executive members were present, Mr. Palin took charge of the meeting.

A film, The Ten Twelves, dealing with children in that age group was shown. Mrs. Olive St. John brought work to the school which everyone helped to prepare. Mr. McRobert's room, grades seven and eight, won the parents' attendance prize.

Sick List
Mrs. Alf Waite is progressing favourably after her recent operation in Branson Hospital. Karen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fowlston, is in Sick Children's Hospital. Mrs. Petrie is convalescing at home after her recent operation at Branson Hospital.

Birthdays
Janie McEwen celebrated her seventh birthday this week. Diane Petrushevsky was six March 29. Mrs. Pat Fowlston celebrates her birthday this week.

Accident
Bobby Geno, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Geno, broke his right leg while playing baseball last Monday. The injury occurred when he fell while running to base. Because he cannot have a walking cast yet, he is man-overing on crutches.

Present Official Plan

Planning Director Forrest Promises Development Will Not Triple Taxes

By Margaret I. McLean

Markham Township's proposed official plan was presented to a group of some 150 ratepayers at Thornhill Secondary School, March 29th, and was given a mixed reception.

"I would like a show of hands of the taxpayers here who are in favour of this plan which will dump 85,000 people into this area and triple our taxes," stormed one angry ratepayer during the question period which followed the presentation of the plan. However as the question period came around following a ten minute intermission period, there were only approximately 30 ratepayers left in the auditorium. Of these, four raised their hands signifying disapproval of the plan, and some 20 or so showed themselves in favour of it.

When asked the direct question, Planning Director Ron Forrest stated, "There is no indication that our taxes will be trebled. An economic balance will be maintained."

Chairman Alec Maynard of the Markham Township Planning Board chaired the meeting. When a member of the audience questioned whether the planning board took any notice of objections to their plan, he reiterated several times, "The planning board makes its assessment on the number of people who write in. We would be very glad to hear from every one of you. Your letters will be taken up at our next meeting." Letters should be sent to the planning board, c/o the municipal offices for the Township of Markham at R.R. 2, Gormley.

Four Parts
The proposed plan was outlined on four maps, several sets of which were posted about the auditorium. These maps illustrated the four parts of the plan, namely, land use, community plans in the residential areas, a roads plan of the major road systems and a development plan which relates only to the two urban areas, the one in the south-west corner of the township and the Unionville area.

Mr. Forrest emphasized that what was being presented was an overall, broad general plan for the whole township and that they were not at present dealing with the urban areas and the villages. More detailed plans would be prepared and submitted to the board and to the public for these areas.

The map devoted to land use showed some eight types of land use. Urban-residential development included single family dwellings, apartments, schools, parks, public utilities, retail and service stores. Community-commercial areas permitted retail commercial buildings, professional offices, places of entertainment, etc. Highway frontage usage, proposed only for Unionville and in the south-west corner of the township, permitted such commercial uses as offices, showrooms, motels, hotels and other uses catering to motorists, as well as some apartment sites. Land designated as major open spaces, was to be publicly owned land. Prior to the development of parks on these sites, they will be permitted to be developed for entertainment as golf courses, etc.

Industrial areas permitted manufacturing and storage operations, as well as service stations, offices, etc. Lands designated for institutional use would be devoted to such things as cemeteries, golf courses, airports, hospitals.

Rural Land
Rural-residential areas are located around such centres as Victoria Square, Locust Hill, Gormley and such. Land designated for rural use could be used for purposes of agriculture and anything incidental thereto. These areas would also be available for such uses as golf course, public swimming areas, and institutional uses.

Mr. Forrest emphasized that measurements and boundaries of these areas were not precise on the maps as the plan was not a zoning document but a document of general policy.

Community Plan
The second map of the set was titled the "community plan" and dealt with the two urban areas and the rural-resident or village areas. This map was an outline of official objectives, stated Mr. Forrest and established the number of commercial establishments, schools, parks, open spaces, churches which would be required. The south-west corner of the township where most of the urban area was concentrated has been divided into Thornhill 1, extending from Yonge Street to

people per acre and there will be far fewer buildings.

Industrial
The industrial areas provided for in the plan follow very closely the present industrial areas—one in Richvale, two in Langstaff, one in Thornlea-Green Lane area, a large area, divided into four sections in the Don Mills Road section, one at Gormley, a small new area south of Unionville, a small industrial area at Mountjoy and at Milliken. Total land designated for industrial use is 3,171 acres. The map showing the road plans was not new, Mr. Forrest stated, but had been in effect for six or seven years. It showed roads varying in width from 66 feet to 120 feet and showed proposed intersection improvements. No definite time was indicated for the roads plan, but roads would be developed as needed and in accordance with the township's ability to acquire them.

"Development Plan"
The fourth map in the group was called a "development plan" and indicated the staging of the urban and residential development. The plan does not attempt to forecast the timing of the development, but each stage is dependent on the substantial completion of the prior stage. The releasing of land for the various stages will depend on the maintenance of a satisfactory industrial-residential ratio and adequate municipal water and sewage disposal facilities to permit the stage.

Mr. Forrest pointed out that each neighbourhood would require a secondary plan before it could be developed, except for part of the south-west corner where land has already been released for development.

There would be other public meetings for each secondary plan. Secondary plans will go into more detail, will show more uses, more collector roads and will be on a larger scale, and will be followed by zoning plans.

The secondary plan for Thornhill 1 and 2 is already prepared and public meetings to discuss it will be held in the next few weeks.

Mr. Forrest stated there was some dissatisfaction expressed by those attending the meeting that it had not been well enough publicized and that the audience had been almost encouraged to leave before the question period, by holding a ten-minute recess prior to it.

Health's A Poppin'

High School Students Display Varied Talents

In a highly successful two night stand, Health's A Poppin', Thornhill Secondary School's annual revue played to capacity audiences on March 22nd and 23rd.

Theme of the revue, presented each year by the boys' and girls' athletic associations and the auditorium was colourfully decorated with murals depicting the twenties, while the costumes of the performers were also in keeping.

Funniest spot in the show was the final number entitled "Masks and Wigs" where some nine school stalwarts pranced about in female garb and formed a lively Charleston chorus line.

The skit "St. George and the Dragon" also got a big hand. Here the dragon, presumably composed of Sharon Rumble, Dyanne Snary and Bonnie Barnes in equal parts, was charged with devouring maidens out of season.

In a routine composed by B. L. Lockhart, N. Baster and G. Anderson a group of "Perfect Young Ladies" was sent into a flutter by three not-so-perfect young men. Another pleasing number was "Two for Tango" where Janet Taylor and Branislav Pajevic performed a lively Spanish-type dance.

The Bouncing Jacks, Bob Jamieson, Ted McGhee and Brian Good gave an energetic performance on the trampoline, so energetic in fact that at various times there was some doubt as to whether or not McGhee would return in one piece from the wild blue yonder when he disappeared up into the curtains.

The boys' gym team, consisting of Bob Jamieson, Harry Morrison, Dave Kennedy, Brian Good, Branislav Pajevic, Bruce Clark, John Rumble, Ted McGhee, Joe Pethes, Terry Aimeone, Terry Adkins, Bob Sproule and Pat Harvie put on a most impressive gymnastics display and were warmly applauded.

The girls' gym team, disguised as the Flying Flappers, did just about fly. The team consisted of Wendy Sowden, Marcia Medcalf, Joan Every, Jan Cruise, Janet Jay, Angie Mickleborough, Barbara Griffin, Carol Martin, Laurine Davis, Susan Austen, Gail Gibson, Anne Foxley, Marilyn Kelly, Lynne Tanquary, Pat Robinson, Beth Donkersley and Cathie Percival and they put on a really fine performance.

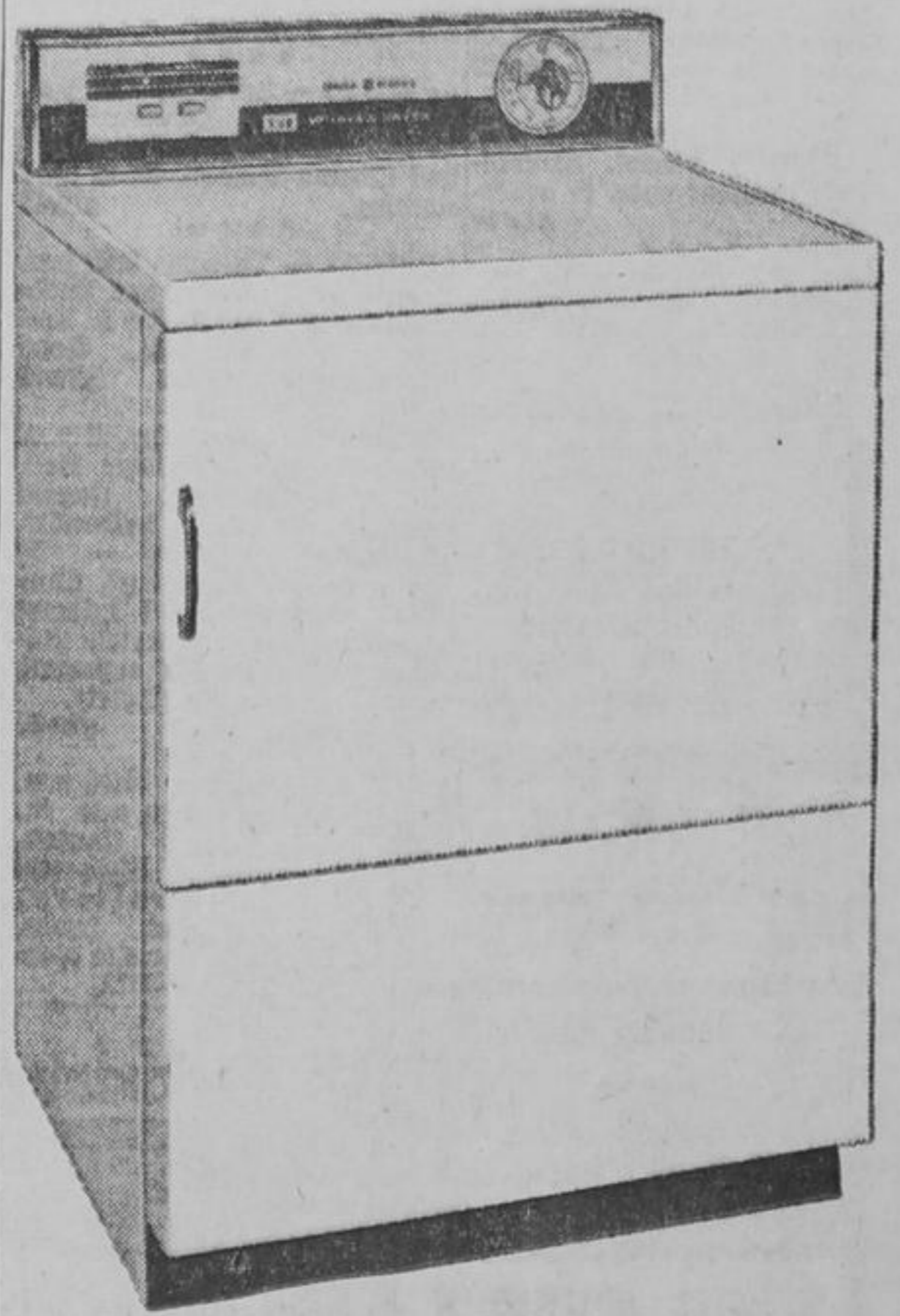
A routine "Hooping It Up" performed with hula hoops was created and directed by Kathie Ast and went over very well. Carol Martin and Wendy Brain made a happy duo in "Four Soft Shoes" as did the Paddling Hatters, Jill Anderson, Cathie Lennie, Sharon Rumble, Lynda Henry, Bonnie Barnes, Jan Cruise, Susan Alcock and Dyanne Snary.

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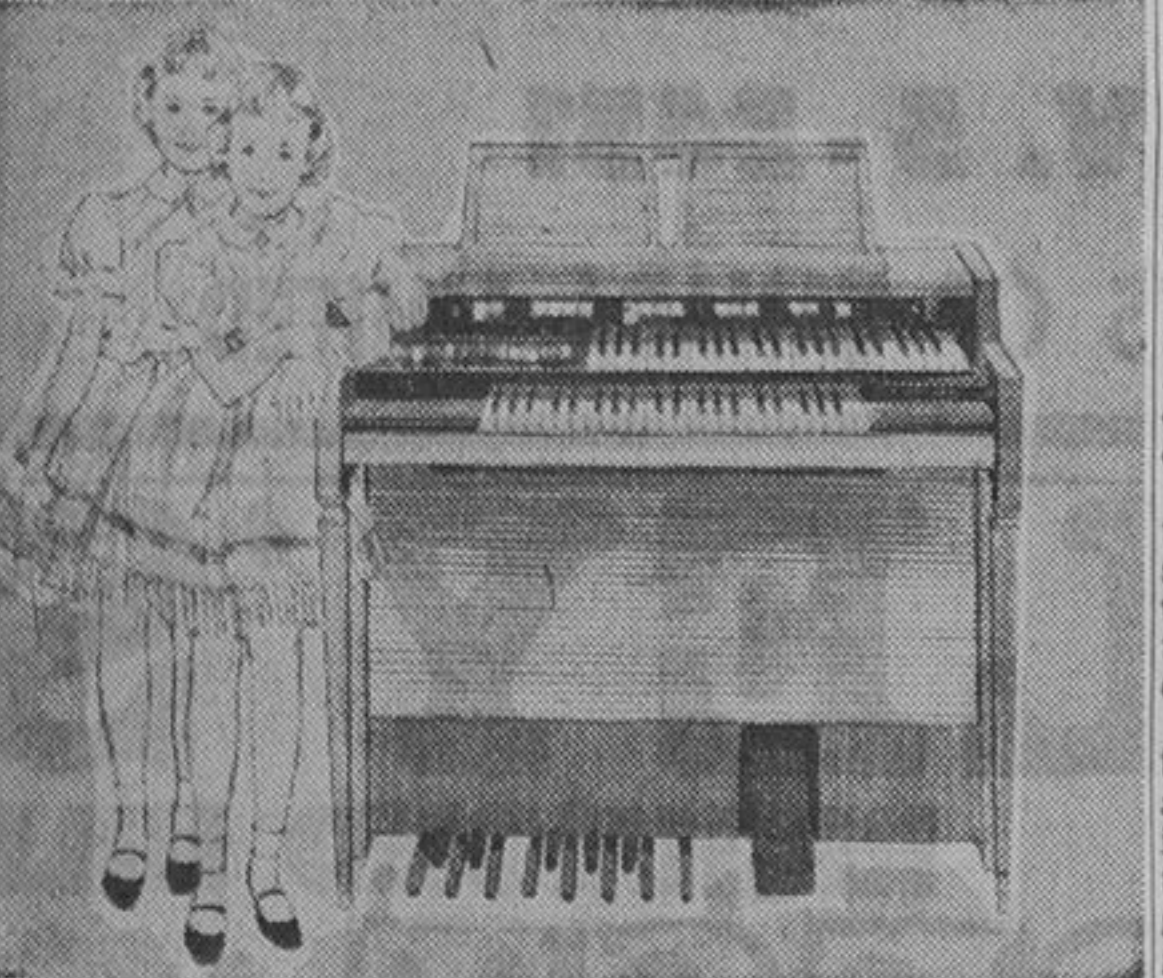
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