

# Thornhill and District News

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## Richvale Couple Wed 65 Years



The obvious pleasure expressed by this couple, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Berg of Richvale, is well founded. They have just marked their 65th wedding anniversary. The celebration took place in Maple community hall April 10 and was attended by about 140 relatives and friends, some of them from as far away as Niagara Falls, Kingston, London, Sarnia and Port Colborne. Mr. and Mrs. Berg came from their native Denmark about 33 years ago where Mr. Berg had been operating a grocery store. They started farming in Aurora but moved to a farm in the Maple area about 1940. Mr. Berg retired in 1943 and he and Mrs. Berg moved to Richvale, where they presently reside.

The Bergs have two living children, Mrs. Chris Jensen, of Bright, and Mrs. G. Dahl of Richmond Hill. They have nine grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Among the telegrams and congratulatory messages the Bergs received were one from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth; Prime Minister John Diefenbaker; Premier John Robarts; Provincial Secretary John Yaremko; M.P. for York North, C. A. Cathers; Royal Danish Ambassador John Knox and the Royal Danish Consulate.

A telegram was also received from Miss Grethe Dahl, a grand-daughter, in Ceylon with the Canadian Peace Corps, as well as ones from Denmark, California and New Brunswick.

## Richvale School Gets Departmental Approval

# Kindergarten Class Is Requested For Langstaff School By Mothers

Fourteen members from the Langstaff area, with Mrs. W. A. Doherty as spokesman, appealed to Vaughan Township School Area Board at its April meeting to institute a kindergarten class in the Langstaff School in September. Failing this they requested help in providing transportation to a kindergarten in the area.

Chairman Sam Kaiser pointed out that registration of pre-school children will take place at the Langstaff School on May 4, and when the results of this are known by the board, the question will be considered at greater length. Superintendent Joseph Gibson reported total enrolment in March was 2,991, which is down seven from February and 11 from January. A total contribution of \$464.64 was made to township schools by the Junior Red Cross campaign for needy children at home and abroad. Tentative approval was received from the Department of Education for the expenditure of \$200,000 for the construction of a new 8-classroom school plus kindergarten and auditorium, playroom in the Richvale district. Tentative approval has been received from the Township of Vaughan. Cost Per Pupil Up He also reported that work on the budget is progressing and that it has been established that the gross cost per pupil per day for 1962 will be \$1.75 as compared with \$1.57 for 1961, and net cost will be \$1.05 as compared to \$1.00.

## New Subdivisions Mean More Schools

# Markham School Area Budget Shows Increase In Almost Every Category

A budget for 1962 totalling \$431,870.38 was set by the board of Township School Area No. 1, Markham at their recent meeting at Henderson Avenue School. This total appears much larger than last year's because it includes debenture payments. Of this total \$148,935.69 will be received in government grants, leaving \$282,934.69 to be raised by tax levy. Because of the considerable extra assessment in the area, it is hoped the budget will result in only a slight increase in the mill rate.

Almost every category in the budget is up. The amount budgeted for general account this year is \$367,255.58, up from \$288,419.15 last year. This is due to the fact that the system has added a total of six new classrooms during the past year.

Instructional salaries will be \$23,808.09, up from \$191,699.92, reflecting extra teachers and annual increments. Instructional supplies will cost \$11,823.00, while plant operation is up to \$35,589.41 from \$29,578.00 last year. With approximately 150 children now being bussed to school, transportation will cost \$8,542.00, as compared to \$7,250.00 last year. The only item in the budget which shows a decrease is for fees paid to a depository which is down to \$24,316.00 from \$28,338.76. Fees are paid for Markham Township children who attend Langstaff School, Charles Howitt and the special class at Thornhill Public School.

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## Thornhill Notes

Canadian Peace Research Inst. Approximately 20 people gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Laird Joynt, 20 Uplands Avenue, on April 9th, to hear Mrs. Fred Davis speak on the Canadian Peace Research Institute. Mrs. Davis sketched the dangers of our present international situation, making the

point that great technological advancements, while beneficial in many ways, have also placed the capacity to destroy humanity in the hands of men. Weapons have developed to a potency that makes war no longer practical for any nation, and hence alternatives must be sought and found.

The Canadian Peace Research Institute proposed to establish a group of 25 scientists to work full time on the problems of maintaining peace in today's world. Mrs. Davis reported that queries have already been received from other countries — including Poland, the U.K. and Japan, indicating that other nations would be interested in setting up similar fact-finding bodies and exchanging scientific information freely as was done during the International Geophysical Year and is done annually at the Pugwash Conference. She stated that \$100 per man, woman and child in Canada is spent on defence yearly. CPRI is asking for approximately 22c per person per year.

Mrs. Donald MacGregor thanked Mrs. Davis for her informative talk, and the question period continued over coffee and refreshments served by Mrs. Joynt. It is hoped that an organized CPRI campaign will soon be underway in Thornhill.

Baptist Church News Easter, time of awakening, was the theme of the thanksgiving meeting of the Anna Buck Mission Circle held in the Sunday school room at Thornhill Baptist Church on April 4th. A delightful chicken curry supper, prepared by Mrs. E. Twine and Mrs. A. Lennie was enjoyed by the ladies prior to the meeting.

"Whither Thou Goest" was the title of a solo, beautifully rendered by Mrs. E. Roblin and the awakening of our Heavenly Father's love in the heart of a child was most aptly portrayed by Mrs. W. McGowan in her devotional. Miss Gertrude Bonner, the guest speaker, who first went to India as a missionary in 1936 was warmly welcomed by the president, Mrs. J. Martin. The speaker based her talk on the hymn "The Glory of the Spring Flower", and with coloured slides told how many in India had been awakened to a new life in Christ.

The next meeting, on May 2nd, will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Hopkins, 10 Shasta Drive, when Miss Thompson from the neighbourhood workers will be the speaker.

The Footlights Club who are presently working hard on their production of "Pool's Paradise" to be presented on April 27th and 28th needs some help. Can anyone lend them a chandelier, or a rug, or a pair of bishop's gaiters? Mrs. Roger Priestman would be glad to hear from you at AV. 5-1810 if you can — although where she expects to turn up a pair of bishop's gaiters is beyond her. Tickets are now on sale, adults \$1.00, students 50c, and may be obtained from Mrs. Ed. Leav, AV. 5-1320.

United Church News Congratulations to the Thornhill United Church Minor Athlete Team which won the Davis Trophy. I was happy to see that, in spite of their name — which sounds as if they would be next to invisible — they all showed up very nicely in the picture in last week's Liberal. A great vote of thanks is due to the managers and coaches of not only this team but of all the teams in the Thornhill district which took part in the league. There must have been lots of times when these devoted dads would have preferred to stay home with their pipe and slippers this past winter — so I hope those kids remember that fact when they tell all to their psychiatrists!

The church held its usual busy round of activities last week. On Wednesday morning the evening service on April 8th was Rev. James H. Hendry, C. G. A., B.D., Chaplain of Stansstead College, Stanstead, Que. The teen-age communicants' class was held at 8 p.m. the same evening, while the members of the Y.P.U. attended the Easter story production of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Toronto.

On Tuesday afternoon, unit 5 of the U.C.W. met at the church and heard Mr. Allan of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration speak. Thursday evening saw the C.G.I.T., the Cubs and the Christian Education Committee meeting at various places in the church. On Wednesday morning the Bible fellowship group 2 met at the home of Mrs. J. Bruce Johnston where they studied I John, Chapter One. At 12:30 and at 1 p.m. the diners' club met (now just what is that?), and at 1:45 group 6 of the U.C.W. met at the church. At 4:30 in the afternoon the explorers met at the church, while in the evening the members of Tyro held their regular meeting and group 1 of the Bible fellowship held their meeting in the church parlour.

Thursday saw group 7 of the U.C.W. meeting at the church, when they held a "bale shower" at 1:30 p.m., and in the evening, the junior choir, the Scouts and the adult communicants' class all met.

On Saturday morning the girls of the C.G.I.T. canvassed the area selling chocolates to raise money for Camp Ahshunyoung while at 10 a.m. a group met to enjoy Scottish country dancing.

Well, here is a church which is certainly making full use of its facilities and has something to offer for everyone. And may I remind them all that I would be happy to report on any or all of these activities more fully if any of the members would like to phone me at AV. 5-2331 and tell me about your meeting. This makes interesting reading for many people in the community, especially for elderly people and shut-ins who perhaps have only this way of keeping in touch with church activities. So let me hear from you, won't you?

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John Addison, Liberal Candidate for York North, is deeply concerned with the problems facing the farmer in these days of high costs and cut-rate prices. He is taking every opportunity to become fully conversant with the problems of all the many farmers in the riding. He is seen above discussing possible remedies with Stewart Rumble of Markham Township.

## The Farmer, Too Needs a Break

As an independent business man, the farmer, everywhere in Canada, is caught in the squeeze between high costs and low prices. The York North farmer is no exception. But he has many other problems.

The York North farmer, for example, is also concerned by contract farming and its looming threat to the family farm. So far it has had little study or attention by governments anywhere.

One thing is certain, farm incomes and living standards must be raised — and the Liberal Party of Canada has farm policies to achieve this! Some of the means proposed by the Liberal Party to help the farm population are the following:

- (1) Improved price-support measures
- (2) Improved farm credit
- (3) Area development programs, and with necessary capital, to improve farm land use and draw new sources of jobs to rural areas
- (4) Expand Canada's export of farm products
- (5) Serve farmers with information on the market outlook
- (6) Establish a research council for marketing, processing and production to help sell farm products and raise farm income.

## Marketing Help

There are also policies to provide long-term capital for co-operatives, to encourage co-operatives — and marketing boards, where farmers want them. Other plans include moving the butter surplus and undertaking a better nutrition program using dairy products.

Especially interesting is the development of plans for new sources of revenue for rural areas, including farm towns and villages. Industries associated with farming and better municipal services can do much to make Canada's farm communities strong.

John Addison, who lives on a farm in King Township and spent much of his life as a farm resident, while a successful business man, is concerned about farm problems. In Ottawa, he will give close attention to them if he has your support for Parliament.

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## Highland Park

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The Canadian Cancer Society's annual campaign is well on its way. Mrs. J. D. Walker, 90 Steeles Avenue, is this year's convener in the subdivision, and last week she entertained her canvassers. The Canadian Cancer Society is the only national voluntary health agency fighting cancer through research, education, and service to patients and its only source of funds is the voluntary gifts from the public collected during the annual campaign.

White Cross Workers Varied and numerous are the services provided by volunteer white cross workers to help rehabilitate mental patients. One thing that seems to give such a quick lift to female patients at the homes in Gormley and Newmarket are the perm parties provided by the combined efforts of Thornhill U.C.W. and friends who provide transportation, lunch and the much-needed hair-dos. Vi Johnson and her many assistants deserve a note of praise for their untiring work.

Neighbourhood Notes Edith Jones, former resident of this subdivision, is seriously ill in the Branson Hospital. Mrs. Davis of Woodward Avenue is getting about now, and was seen travelling to the Orthopaedic Hospital for therapy treatments this week.

Peggy Walker of Steeles Avenue celebrated her fifth birthday last week with a luncheon party to which she invited four friends from nursery school. Decorations were made by her brother Jim and his friends. An Ontario Municipal Board hearing will be held in Buttonville Municipal Hall, April 27, to deal with the proposed Highland Park storm sewers.

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