

# Thornhill and District News

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## Thornhill Notes

**Trinity Church News**  
 On April 12th, the W.A. of Trinity Anglican Church held their Lenten devotionals with the service conducted by Rev. Howden. Following the service, the ladies went to the church hall for the rest of their meeting and discussed as for a spring luncheon to be held on May 17th. Convenor of the luncheon is Mrs. Kravitz, with Mrs. Howden as co-convenor.

Miss Laura Wakeley spoke on aims of the World Council of Churches. Mrs. Elizabeth Bings also spoke on the subject of Christian endeavour. The service continued with their singing during the discussion meeting closed with refreshments, hostesses being Mrs. Leacock and Mrs. G. Wishart. The men's association of Holy Trinity Church is pleased to announce that Dr. O.E.A. Stephens, M.D. of Agincourt will be final speaker in the series "I Found God" following their communion and breakfast at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 29th.

**De And Brownie News**  
 Under the wing of Captain Wyn Turner of the 1st Thornhill Guides, a group of Brownies and Guides from the Thornhill Girl Guides of Canada, Gold

area attended a rally in honour of Lady Baden-Powell at the Queen Elizabeth Building of the C.N.E. on April 4th. Those attending were Nancy Wade, 1st Concord Guides, Linda Watt, 1st Concord Guides, Dawn Martin, 1st Langstaff Brownies, Evelyn Ennor, 1st Langstaff Guides, Lynn Hart and Susan Herbert, 1st Thornhill Brownies, Judy Ashworth and Patsy Simcoe, 2nd Thornhill Browns and Anne Blair, 1st Thornhill Guides.

Linda Watt of the 1st Concord Guides, and one of the two Gold Cord Guides in the area, was last week enrolled as a provincial cadet. This is a means whereby senior guides take further instruction in guiding by correspondence.

"On April 30th the Brownie and Guide leaders will hold their annual dinner in Richmond Hill. During the Easter holidays, several patrol leaders of the area will attend a leadership training course at Richmond Hill.

And in case you are wondering about your cookie order, cookie delivery day is to be May 5th.

On April 27th at the meeting of the Ontario Council of the Guides from the Thornhill Girl Guides of Canada, Gold

Cord Guides throughout the province will receive their certificates at the certificate presentation ceremony. The annual meeting is to be held in London, Ontario and both Linda Watt of 1st Concord Guides and Sharon Sturges of 1st Thornhill Guides will receive their certificates this year.

Both Guide and Brownie leaders are needed in the Thornhill area. Anyone who thinks they may have the ability to act as a Guide or Brownie leader is invited to call and discuss it with Mrs. Dennis Moore at AV. 5-1741.

**Presbyterian Church News**  
 The Forthrighters of Thornhill Presbyterian Church extend an invitation to the ladies of the district to attend their Maytime Tea on May 5th from 2 to 4:30 p.m. As well as a tea, there will be an arts and handcraft demonstration. Those talented in arts, rug hooking, pottery making and various types of needlework will be on hand to show you their work and tell you how it is done.

**Social Notes**  
 Anyone who had their TV set tuned to Channel 6 at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 15th may have recognized a familiar face. Mrs. Jo Davis of Campbell Avenue, one of a group discussing the question of married women working.

Mrs. Mary Wilson who has operated the Penny Wise Antique shop at 8009 Yonge Street in Thornhill for the past eight years tells me that she is retiring from business and has sold out to a Mr. Benson of Toronto. As well as carrying on with the antique business, Mr. Benson will do cabinet making and upholstery.

Mrs. Wilson will be holding an auction sale to dispose of some personal items of furniture and also some part of her antique stock. There will be several pieces of pine furniture as well as glassware, chinaware etc. The auction will be held on April 28th at 12:30. Following the sale, Mrs. Wilson is moving to Toronto.

The theatre night held by Thornhill Home and School Association at the Crest Theatre on April 18th was eminently successful, with all but 15 seats sold. Despite what some critics have said about the show, Spring Thaw was certainly enjoyed by the Thornhill people to judge from the hearty laughter and applause. Township dignitaries were well represented. Your reporter noticed Trustee Frank Tucker of the Thornhill Village Trustees, as well as Councillor Allan Sumner of Markham Township Council and Mr. Lionel Frost, chairman of Markham T.S.A. No. 1. Our local legaleagle, Bruce Ralph and Mrs. Ralph were also in the audience, as was realtor David McLean. Many other familiar faces were also there but unfortunately, I couldn't pin names to them. And for the benefit of all those of you who are accustomed to seeing me about the village accompanied

only by my little notebook, the tall, dark and handsome stranger with a white beard and hair. And by the way, we're thinking of awarding dear old Dad an Oscar of his own accord here—for showing unbelievable restraint under extreme provocation. When he staggered to the door one Saturday morning at 7 a.m. to answer a man-sized knock, he found a small-sized five year old who enquired, "Is your brother coming out?" He confined his answer to one word, "No".

**Thornhill Nursery School**  
 The tots from Thornhill Nursery School were the guests of Richmond Hill Public Library on the morning of April 19th. Here they were treated to a lively puppet show and had a delightful story told them by Mrs. Fred Israel. After this they spent a happy time examining the books in the young children's section.

And watching these happy youngsters who thoroughly enjoyed themselves but with no pushing, pulling, loud voices and no reprimands from any of the three teachers or half a dozen mothers present, it was hard to believe that they were the same group who had come to school last September. On their first day in school playground they quarrelled, snatched things from each other, slid down the slide on top of each other and ran crying to their mothers—just as any other group of twenty-odd three and four year olds meeting each other for the first time.

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When a choir which has developed a fine reputation in 30 years of traveling the western United States breaks the tour pattern with a trans-polar flight, one might guess that a man of unusual ability is involved in the decision.

That man is Dr. Bruce Rodgers, Director of the School of Music at the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, who will conduct the Adelphian Concert Choir in Willowdale, in Earl Haig Auditorium on May 3rd. The time will be 8 p.m. and the sponsoring organization the Thornhill United Church Choir.

The University of Puget Sound is an institution of approximately 1800 full-time students, with the liberal arts studies at the core of its program. The School of Music is one of five schools at the University, with 13 professors on its faculty.

Dr. Rodgers will soon end his tenth year as head of that faculty and as conductor of the Adelphian Concert Choir, which is singing 12 concerts in England, Scotland and Ireland on its current visit.

The news that the Adelphians would not be going to Pocatello, Idaho; Modesto, California; Winnemucca, Nevada; and Salt Lake City, Utah, among other places on its annual tour this spring, but instead would jet across the pole to the British Isles brought expressions of amazement from Dr. Rodgers' colleagues. A bustling individual with crewcut reddish hair, Dr. Rodgers met such expressions with a beaming smile, and the added news that the tour would include a concert in renowned Town Hall in New York City.

The questions followed quickly, the main one being whether Dr. Rodgers had found a financial "angel" to underwrite the trip. The director replied that a long-time enthusiast for the choir indeed had volunteered to help make the long-dreamed-of overseas trip a reality, but that the backing of the university and some payment towards their fares by the students themselves

would be necessary.

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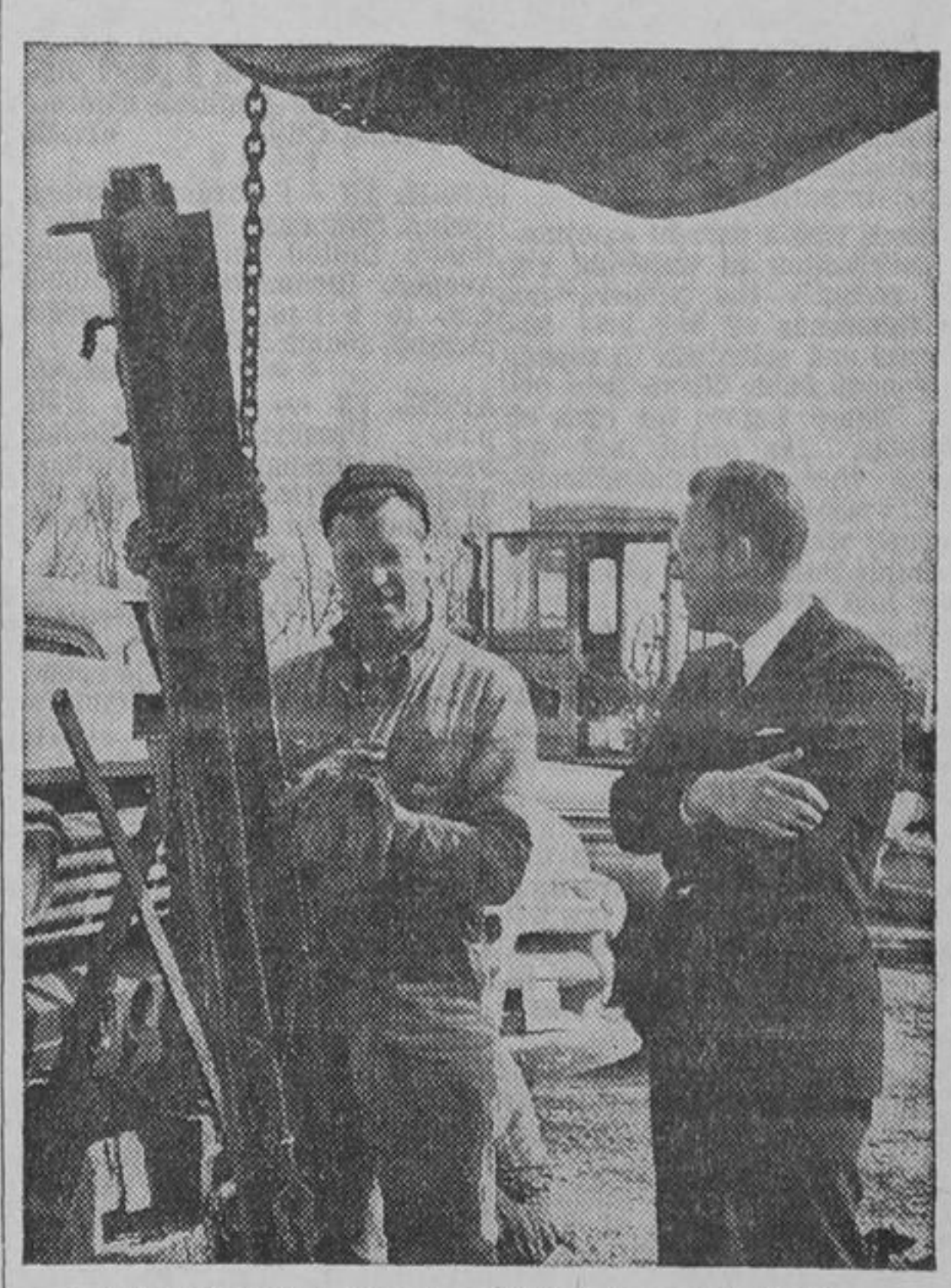
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**TOWNSHIP SCHOOL AREA OF VAUGHAN**

**Pre-School Registration**  
 Pre-school registration will take place in the following schools of Vaughan Township as listed below:

Friday, May 4 — Langstaff Public School	1.30 to 3.30 p.m.
Monday, May 7 — Concord Public School	9.30 to 11.30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 8 — Jefferson Public School	1.30 to 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9 — Ross Doan Public School	9.30 to 11.30 a.m.
Thursday, May 10 — Thornhill Public School	9.30 to 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.
Monday, May 14 — New Pine Grove Public School	9.30 to 11.30 a.m.
Monday, May 14 — Charles Howitt Public School	9.30 to 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15 — George Bailey Public School	1.30 to 3.30 p.m.
Thursday, May 17 — Edgeley Public School	9.30 to 11.30 a.m.
Thursday, May 17 — Powell Road Public School	9.30 to 11.30 a.m.
Friday, May 18 — Kleinburg Public School	9.30 to 11.30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 22 — Richvale Public School	9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

Children enrolling for Grade I for September 1962 must have reached the age of five on or before December 31, 1961. Children enrolling for Kindergarten for September 1962 must have reached the age of four on or before December 31, 1961. Proof of age of all children must be provided at time of registration and any immunization records also submitted. It is suggested that at Thornhill and Charles Howitt Schools, if possible, A to K surnames register in the morning and L to Z in the afternoon.

Parents are requested to complete the necessary form for presentation at time of Registration. In the case of schools not listed above, the completed Registration Forms should be returned to the Principal as early as possible.

It is understood that the Board will not provide transportation to the Kindergarten classes. It will be the responsibility of the parents concerned to get the children to and from school. It is also understood that morning and afternoon Kindergarten classes will be reversed on February 1st at the discretion of the Board.

Further details regarding establishment of the classes will be issued at a later date.

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**Protestant Churches Vacation Bible School**  
 Plans are well underway for an interdenominational vacation Bible school in Thornhill. Representatives from the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian and United Churches are co-operating in the school and a committee has been appointed by the Thornhill-Richmond Hill Ministerial Association. Because the committee did not feel the regular promotional literature quite suitable, a project has been started among the intermediate Sunday School children of the area to make posters advertising the school. The facts presented on the posters must be readable, but all other pictures and decorations are left to the discretion of the individual designers. The posters are to appear in June. The United Church has decided to produce 10 posters, with the help of senior Sunday school students.

The vacation school will be held from July 9th to the 19th at Holy Trinity Church. The staff will represent all denominations and the staff heads will be attending a leadership training course to be held in Toronto during May.

**Care & Growing Of Roses Featured At First Thornhill Show Of Year**  
 The April meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society was held in the Thornhill Public School on April 17th. It was the first show of the year and the entries of violets and house plants were outstanding. Mr. Gomme of the Ontario Horticultural Society loaned over fifty slides of roses which were viewed with delight. This was followed by a panel discussion on the six steps to success in growing roses. Mr. King spoke on the planting and pruning of roses. Mr. Stothers on the feeding, spraying and cultivating, and Mrs. Dolan on the preparing of roses for show. There were many questions and much discussion before Mr. King presented the right way to winter protect in this area. Mrs. Harris reported on annual visits to the rose society show and stated that blooms as fine if not finer have been produced in the Thornhill area. It was also reported that the "Rose Festival" at the Ellesmere Nurseries at Brougham compared most favourably with the Jackson and Perkins festival at Newark, especially in the number and quality of blooms. Ernie Kohler that good friend of the society brought along some lovely plants and seeds as door prizes, and many folk went home enriched with information and prizes after a social half hour of coffee and chat. Next month is "Option Night" be sure to renew your membership and then come along and pick up your option and hear Ernie tell you how to plant and care for it.

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**Mail Deliveries In Thornhill To Be By Carriers**  
 Thornhill is to have letter carrier service. It will probably start in the fall, said Richmond Hill postmaster Tom Willis. Houses and business places must be numbered and letterboxes installed. Walks will not start until this is done, he declared.

The area north of Carrville Road and 16th Avenue will have its deliveries looked after by the Richmond Hill office. From the C.N.R. by-pass under Yonge Street, north to Carrville Road, deliveries will be handled by the Thornhill office. While no announcement was made as to the present Thornhill office, this seems to indicate that it will remain in service.

South of the bypass deliveries will remain, as at present, under the Willowdale office. All residents of the area would be advised of the new system, said Postmaster Willis.

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But, our exports have been lagging. Our whole economy has been drifting. While Europe . . . devastated by the war . . . has been moving forward with seven-league strides, this country once called "Tomorrow's Giant" has been operating like a weakling.

**Bungling, Self-Contradiction**  
 In the April 7 issue of Maclean's Magazine, Peter Newman, its Ottawa correspondent writes: "After nineteen months of ministerial bungling, complicated by prodigious self-contradiction and genuine uncertainty, the Diefenbaker government has at last come up with a trade policy toward the European Common Market."

Then Mr. Newman adds: "The Canadian plan amounts to little more than a belated bow to the bold initiative of President Kennedy's trade expansion act."

The influential U.S. financial magazine Barron's this year said: "Canada's Conservative government for more than four years has adopted one misguided economic and fiscal policy after another."

The indecision, mal-administration and the lacking initiative of the present Conservative government in Ottawa has cost Canada 300,000 jobs and 14 billion dollars in lost production, based on the rate of growth Canada had developed prior to 1957. That works out to an economic slowdown of \$3,000, a family or \$800, per person . . . or \$100,000,000 a week and \$10,000 a minute. A lot of slowdown.

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