

Thornhill and District News

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"The Liberal" is always pleased to publish items of interest contributed by its readers in the Thornhill area. Our representative in Thornhill is Mrs. Margaret McLean, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-2331.

Thornhill Notes

Women's Institute
The April meeting of the Thornhill Women's Institute was held on April 19th at the home of Mrs. J. Fisher, 12 Centre Street. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. C. Thompson and 19 members and one visitor attended.

The motto for the month was "Every Privilege Carries A Responsibility" and in keeping with this, the roll call was answered by each member paying her fees for the year.

Plans were discussed for the holding of a dessert luncheon followed by bridge and euchre on Monday afternoon, May 14th. This will be held in the vacant store next to the I.G.A. and admission is to be 50c. Proceeds of the affair will be used for the scholarship foundation recently set up by the Federation.

Mrs. F. Williamson, who is president, Mrs. T. Empringham; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. Carroll; Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. F. Williamson; District Director, Mrs. C. Thompson; alternate, Mrs. C. Clifford; Branch

Directors, Mrs. H. Mizen, Mrs. L. Jamieson, Mrs. H. Carroll; Convenors: Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. B. Heslop; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. C. Cooper; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. L. Jamieson; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. H. Mizen; Community Activities and Public Relations, Mrs. P. Bone; Auditors, Mrs. Bone and Mrs. Heslop. Mrs. Holmes then asked Mrs. E. Zuefler, from Richmond Hill, a guest at the meeting, to install the new officers.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Queen, and refreshments were served. The hostess, Mrs. Fisher, was presented with a pot of violets.

The next meeting will be held on May 17th at the home of Mrs. C. Thompson, 103 No. 7 Highway East. The guest speaker at this meeting will be Mrs. MacKay of Richmond Hill who will speak on spices.

The ladies were glad to hear that their incoming president, Mrs. C. Sinclair of 8159 Yonge Street is now well on the road to recovery after two bouts of surgery during the past month. Mrs. Thompson has agreed to continue as acting president during May and June, after which time Mrs. Sinclair expects to be able to take over.

Social Notes
Mrs. J. T. Corkill of 27 Idlewild Drive entertained several of the members of the Wednesday night bible study class of Thornhill United Church at a luncheon on April 25th. Among the guests were Mrs. R. Whalley, Mrs. G. Kelson, Mrs. D. Davidson, Mrs. A. Beckwith, Mrs. W. Palen and Mrs. K. Brown.

A welcome visitor at the home of the George Kelsons Centre Street last week was son Sandy home for Easter vacation from Ottawa Teachers College. Sandy has achieved his education in a unique way, satisfying at the same time an evident urge to travel. He got his grade 10 at Thornhill High School and then joined the army. While with the army in British Columbia he took grades 11 and 12. Lacking languages, however, he took a year's leave of absence from the army and attended Meister-schaft College in Toronto and picked these up. Back in the army, stationed at Petawawa, he somehow wangled a job which allowed him four days a week free and attended Pembroke Collegiate where he took grade 13 last year. Resigning from the army he has used his accumulated army pay to support himself in Ottawa this past winter while attending the teachers college there. Congratulations Sandy! That's one way of having your cake and eating it too, but I'll bet it all added up to a lot of hard work.

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Obituary

Mrs. Florence Morrison
After a short illness, Mrs. Florence Morrison passed away at her home on Proctor Avenue, Thornhill on April 14th. Born in Todmorden in 1896, Mrs. Morrison lived in Thornhill for 35 years and was a member of the Zion Memorial Church.

Mrs. Morrison is survived by her husband, Mr. Claude Morrison, two sons, Jack and Ray and daughters Dorothy, Mrs. M. McKennie, Vera, Mrs. R. Henderson, and Sally, also by her mother Mrs. R. Trimble of Don Mills, and by five brothers and six sisters.

The late Mrs. Morrison rested at Kane's Funeral Home, the Rev. E. Young officiating at the services, with interment in Zion Memorial Cemetery.

Celebrates 85th. Birthday
Mrs. William Riddell
Remembers Pioneer Life

By Doris Fitzgerald
"Happy birthday" sang the guests as the big cake topped with lighted candles was set in front of Mrs. William Riddell on Friday afternoon, April 20th. Seated in an easy chair, surrounded by beautiful plants, bouquets and greeting cards, and looking very trim and smart, Mrs. Riddell was both pleased and touched by this tribute on her 85th anniversary. The party was arranged and prepared by Mrs. Verna Pollock, and Mrs. Mabel Bedford; the lovely cake was baked by a neighbour, Mrs. D. J. Kidd; and for each of those present there was a surprise gift - a pretty coffee mug, wrapped in tissue. One of the thirty or more friends and relatives attending was Mrs. Allan Fisher of Calgary, widow of Mrs. Riddell's youngest brother, Bertha Riddell, whose late husband was well-known in this area as a building contractor. Thornhill Village Trustee, and public school trustee, has lived in the village for 58 years, but was born and grew up on a farm in Huron County. Though confined to a wheel chair for several years she is a woman of great spirit, alert, and interested in what is going on. After the party we asked her what she did on her birthdays on the farm. "Nothing special" she said, "there were eight of us, five boys and three girls, and I don't remember any celebrations." "What about presents?" "There were no presents either. We had very few toys, and most of them were home made. I recall rag dolls, paper dolls, and a doll's cradle made for us by the hired man. But we all had plenty of work to do. One of my chores was to wash the dishes, another to feed the chickens, and chase the turkeys into their pen at night. The big birds roamed the bush at the back of the farm, picking up beech nuts, but always returned in the evening to be fed. I also helped my mother with the ironing, and when a very small girl could harness and hitch the team for my brothers." "No," she replied, "there wasn't a swimming hole, pond for skating near, but Fisher Farm. One of our favourite sports was jumping from the barn loft into the hay or straw below." "Christmas and New Year's," said Mrs. Riddell, "were the two big days of the year for us, and as we grew

Council Promises Industry Plan Extension Water Area No. 1

The community hall at Buttonville was filled to capacity on Wednesday night, April 25th, when an attentive group of ratepayers heard Councillor Allan Sumner and Township Engineer Dusan Miklas explain the proposed extension of Water Area No. 1. The proposed new water area will encompass an area bounded on the south by Steeles Avenue, and on the east by the hydro line east of Don Mills Road. The northerly boundary goes along Lot 15, just south of 16th Avenue to the proposed new Highway 404, then south to the first lot north of No. 7 Highway, then west to Yonge Street.

"You all know the need of industry," stated Councillor Sumner. "You won't get it until you have water. Once it is in, we hope they will pick up a good part of the tab." It would cost \$250,000 to extend the water area. The plan envisages the purchase of North York Wells No. 2 and 3, which are not presently in use, and would require considerable refurbishing. A total of \$89,351.00 would have to be raised annually to pay for the water. This would be raised by a 33c.00 from the metered sale of water, a frontage tax and a levy of seven mills on the enlarged water area.

On a 100 foot lot with an assessment of \$3,000 this would come to approximately \$25.45 frontage tax, \$24.00 on an average water consumption and \$21.00 mill levy, making a total of \$70.45 per year.

In discussing the proposed plan, Mr. Miklas stated that the extension of the water tower there, just south of No. 7 Highway would stabilize the pressure internally. This point was chosen as the best location engineering wise, being the highest point of the land. The main on Don Mills was for the use of the industrial area. This would attract industry which would in turn cut the rate.

"You are asking the taxpayers of this area to pay seven mills on their taxes now and they may not get the water for ten years," objected one ratepayer.

Mr. Miklas contradicted this and stated that if the area south of No. 7 Highway on Don Mills Road was not zoned commercial in the near future, the whole water services plan would be scrapped.

(A meeting to discuss this industrial zoning had inadvertently been called for the same night and was taking place in the Municipal building. It is probable that a proportion of the audience had intended going to the zoning meeting instead. As a result there were less than 20 people at the zoning meeting and no objections were raised to the industrial zoning of the land south of No. 7 Highway on Don Mills Road.)

When asked directly just how long would be after the zoning plan is passed that water would be provided, Mr. Miklas refused to say definitely, although he indicated that the plan called for its being done during 1962-63 and 1964.

"We are selling you this service which belongs to others in another part of the township," stated Deputy Reeve Lawson Mumberston. "We have to go back to the No. 1 Area and sell them on the idea. They have enough water and will have to pay two mills extra to let you in this water area," he continued, pointing out that the ratepayers in the original water area had paid extra mills for several years before they got water. "The industrial area does not go through water 10 or 15 years away for you. If they turn it down, you are out of luck" he stated.

People Must Decide
Councillor Charles Hooper also addressed the meeting. "We are not trying to push water down anybody's throat" he stated.

Footlights Club Stage Play Of "Pools Paradise" Is Smash Hit

by Margaret I. McLean
Although advertised as a farce, "Pools Paradise" as presented by the Footlights Club of Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill, on April 27th and 28th, had all the aspects of a small riot. The stage was a whirl of activity for over two hours and the audience thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it.

The play's director, Mrs. Betty Priestman gave what amounted to a tour de force in that not only did she direct the play, and that most capably, but when the leading lady fell seriously ill, she took the part over less than two weeks before opening night and went through her lines with nary a stumble.

The entire rest of the cast was equally capable and gave what I can only call a superb performance, certainly far ahead of any church players that this reporter has ever seen.

The amusing story concerns Penelope Toop, played by Mrs. Priestman, an ex-actress and the wife of Rev. Lionel Toop (hilariously portrayed by Harry Iddon). At the insistence of her maid Ida (Joan Iddon) and Ida's beau, played by Francis Baxter, Penelope has been persuaded to enter a football pool, and the play opens it seems as if they have won several thousand pounds. This fact must be concealed from Rev. Toop who is unalterably opposed to any form of gambling. When the Rev. Toop is laid up with a sprained leg, and being nursed to death by a rapacious nurse (Jane McLaren) a substitute clergyman, the Rev. Arthur Humphrey (Lloyd Saunders) appears on the scene. He has secretly taken to gambling on the football pools in order to rescue his wife from the ravages of the death-watch beetle. The fun begins when his coupon, with the wrong answers is mixed up

CARRVILLE
Correspondent
Mrs. Bert Middleton
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Rev. H. J. Veals was in charge of the service at Carrville United Church and baptized the children of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Sellen of Carrville Road West. The children were Abigail Jane Sellen and Daniel Marc Sellen. The Sellen's reside in the former home of Mr. McLaren. Elders Bert Middleton and Merrill Wilson stood with the Sellen's for the baptismal service.

The Schneider supper is to be held on Friday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. There will be two films shown following the supper.

We were very sorry to hear that Mrs. William Norris, Senator, passed away at the Easter week-end. We would like to express sympathy to Mr. William Norris and his family, Bill, Marjory and Bruce, in the loss of a dear wife and mother. Having lived near Mrs. Norris for a number of years, I found her to be of a very quiet disposition, but when you got to know her, admired her for her very lovely nature and found her to be a very loyal friend. Always very interested in family, friends and community. Very interested in the things pertaining to Carrville School, before the section was divided, as her family raised their public school education there.

Mrs. R. Bowes of Minden is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kirk and Mark for a few days and then leaves to visit Mr. and Mrs. Kirk, Revelstoke, British Columbia and also hopes to visit friends at Victoria, while out there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lewis and Paul of Stouffville visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barton, also at the Walter Reaman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barton, called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Madill, Lansing, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday. Then Mr. and Mrs. Barton had a turkey dinner, Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. David Barton and family at Richmond Hill. Mrs. John Ash of Concord was also present.

We were very sorry to hear that Mrs. John Melnic's father Mr. Melnic of Cobourg, passed away very suddenly just before Easter. We would like to express sympathy to her and her family in their sorrow.

Our former teacher of Carrville School, Mr. George Green has a birthday on May 1; May 5, Barbara Veitch has a birthday; May 6, Gretta Middleton; May 11, Beverley Morris; Mrs. J. Baker; May 13, Kenneth Baker; May 20, Nancy Manning; May 22, Ronnie Wilson, and Karen Wood; May 26, Mrs. A. Morris; May 29, Mrs. B. Middleton.

A number from Carrville, attended the euchre party on Saturday evening put on by the W.I. of Langstaff. Mrs. A. Head won first prize for ladies and Mrs. J. Barton the second prize.

stated, "It is up to you if you want water or not. There will be a hearing on this" he continued. Mr. Hooper stated that there were all kinds of prospects for the industrial land. The water might cost 10 mills or it might cost 4 or 5. "Every factory that goes up will pay from thirty to a hundred thousand dollars taxes. If this plan doesn't go through, we won't have these taxes. We can get all our taxes from this area here. But some of us will have to pay some money."

Mr. Hooper also reminded the audience that when the water goes by their doors, their insurance rates would be reduced and the value of their lots would go up by at least \$2,000. "We must spend some money to get his industry" he went on. "Now is the time. The more objections, the farther away it is."

Promises Industry
Reeve Dean was then invited to address the meeting and stated that he had just come from the meeting on the zoning by-law and that all the ratepayers were in favour of going ahead with the plan. A representative of Esna Electric had attended the meeting and signified the intention of the firm to erect a factory of 20,000 sq. ft. on two or three acres of land. Another enquiry had been received about building a 45,000 sq. ft. plant in the area. Reeve Dean stated that the planning board was very happy at the reception of the plan.

Although there were several objections to the water area plan, mainly because the increased mill rate would be paid for several years before the water was in, the majority of the ratepayers seemed in favour of it. "I have all the water I want, but for the benefit of the whole locality, I will vote in favour of having the water," stated one gentleman and was greeted with applause.

Councillor Sumner advised that the ratepayers would be advised of the municipal board hearing on the question, and the meeting then adjourned.

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Marguerite Hill
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Guides and Brownies
At Henderson Ave. School the house orderly badge was presented to Joanne Hughes and Mary Jane Sculthorpe of the Thornhill South District. On April 11 and 18 the skating badges were presented to Mary Jane Sculthorpe and Carol Page. At this meeting the girls had Easter baskets and dotted them to the children's aid in Willowdale. They were made from cup cake papers, dollies and pipe cleaners, and in them they put fudge and Easter eggs. They were very attractive in many colours. The girls made 28 of them.

There was a Girl Guide patrol leader conference in St. Mary's Anglican Church in Richmond Hill recently. All patrol leaders were invited. Sixty-six girls turned out from First Thornhill Company and 5 patrol leaders attended.

Here and There
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Newby are moving in at 21 Brightbay Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lemire and their three children have just moved in at 184 Grandview Ave.

BOLTON: Members of the Rotary Club operated shoe-shine stands throughout the town on the evening before Good Friday to raise funds for community work.

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William Ross Wallace, otherwise unknown, made this statement more than 100 years ago, long before women achieved the vote. How much truer it is today!

Women are interested in everything, including public affairs (and if you are running for political office their interest and support are absolutely essential). At the moment, with a federal election in the offing, women are vitally concerned about national politics.

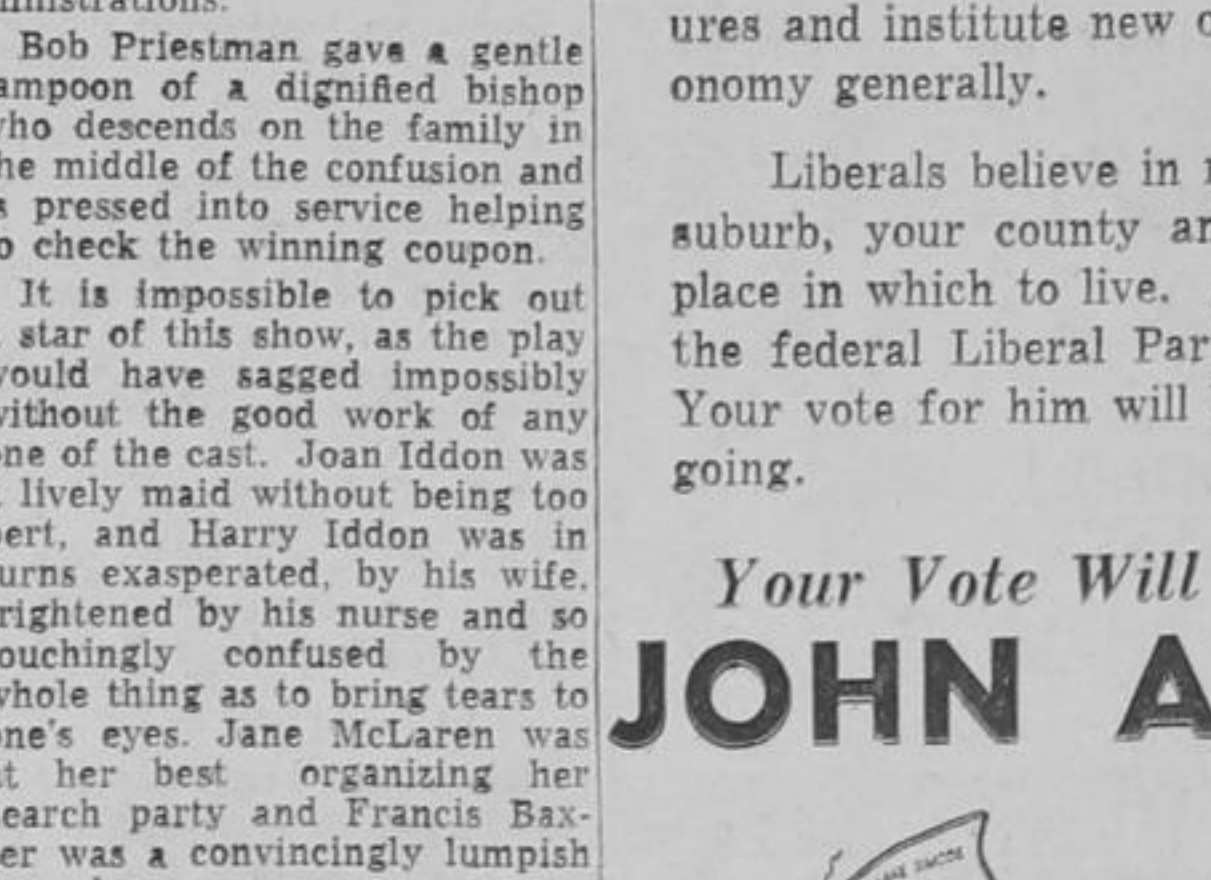
SOCIAL SECURITY
Women have a very special interest in social security, which was "almost invented" by the Liberal Party in Canada. It will be greatly improved and extended when that party is again elected to govern.

JOBS FOR MEN
But women are also interested in jobs for their men ... and often for themselves ... and are therefore interested in the national economy. They are interested in trade, which makes jobs. They are interested in the farm living, farm prices and farm conditions. They are interested in suburban living and commuter problems.

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with Penelope and Ida's coupon with the right answers to the pool.

In his consternation, Rev. Humphrey takes Rev. Toop into his confidence, who is won over to the idea of pools to combat death watch beetles, and agrees to help sort out the muddle if he gets a share of the winnings to buy new bells for his church. So the two groups pour over their coupons, which accidentally get passed back and forth between them, all very much handicapped in their endeavours by nurse Skillion, who has organized a military campaign using choir boys as troops to locate the missing Toop who was hiding in order to escape her ministrations.

Bob Priestman gave a gentle lampoon of a dignified bishop who descends on the family in the middle of the confusion and is pressed into service helping to check the winning coupon.

It is impossible to pick out a star of this show, as the play would have sagged impossibly without the good work of any one of the cast. Joan Iddon was a lively maid without being too pert, and Harry Iddon was in turns exasperated, by his wife, frightened by his nurse and so thoroughly confused by the whole thing as to bring tears to one's eyes. Jane McLaren was at her best organizing her search party and Francis Baxter was a convincingly lumpy farm boy.

The well designed and complicated stage set was the work of Ed Lean, Bob Priestman, Bert Funnell, Harry Iddon, Frank Baxter, Bill Iddon, and Bob Priestman Jr. and was most effective. The whole company deserves the heartiest congratulations. The community is indebted to them for providing such fine entertainment.

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