

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

Social Notes
Philip Howe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howe, Elgin St. reported last week to Uplands Airport for an 18 week training course, after winning an air-traffic controller competition. Later he will be posted to Malton International Airport.

Gordon received his matric from Thornhill High School two years ago and spent a year in the R.C.A.F. His new work is a civil appointment by the Department of Transport.

The "Kirk Drive Bridge Club" closed their season of bi-monthly bridge games with a barbeque dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Everist, 25 Kirk Drive, the 8th annual winner the group has had.

Those enjoying the fine steak dinner and social evening were Mr. and Mrs. John Gall, Mr. and Mrs. John Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kearns, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Springer, Mr. and Mrs. Don McGregor and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jones.

Mr. John Mayer of Arnold Avenue returned recently from a trip to New Hampshire. While there he made a side trip and spent some time with the Menozos who moved from Arnold Avenue last December. The Menozza family are all in the best of health and surprised and pleased to hear all the news from Arnold Avenue.

Thornhill Nursery School
Some 25 moppets from the Thornhill Co-operative Nursery School with almost as many mothers and their three teachers, Miss Broderick, Mrs. Kelk and Mrs. Ives, enjoyed their annual picnic at Centre Island on Tuesday of last week. In spite of a cool, cloudy day, the youngsters enjoyed themselves to the full. First there was the always-exciting boat ride, then the playground equipment, a hastily-eaten lunch, followed by a pony ride for each child and a visit to the farm animals. As usual, the mothers were prepared to come home long before the children were ready to leave such fascinating sights. However, the prospect of another boat ride was enough to coax them all away from the many delights the island has to offer.

The nursery school closed for the summer on Thursday and the playground at the rear of the Thornhill Presbyterian Church was the scene of many tender farewells as the children said good-bye to the friends with whom they have enjoyed so many happy hours year. Both boys and girls embraced with real affection — and of course could not leave without a kiss and a hug from their teacher. Along with their usual hand work, the children left with important-looking brown envelopes containing their class picture and a "report".

Enrolment for the fall term is almost completed but there are a few places left. If you would like your three or four year old to enjoy the happy introduction to school that nursery school provides, call Mrs. Cosentino at AV. 5-3766 and she will send you an application form.

Presbyterian Church News
Some 150 awards were distributed to 75 children at the church school graduation exercises held at Thornhill Presbyterian Church on June 17th. Dr. J. Stanley Glen of Knox College made the presentations. The awards were given for examinations which were written by all church school students from grade four up. There were also awards for attendance both at Sunday school and at church.

A scholarship was presented to Rosemary Clow as the best student in church work and also in mid-week activities, which entitles her to a two week stay at C.G.I.T. camp.

CBC Broadcast
June 17 at 4:30, CBC's "Church of the Air" featured a service broadcast from the Presbyterian Church. Both junior and senior choirs took part and Rev. Evans spoke on some Christian thoughts about the elections.

I am open to correction on this, but I believe this is the first time a trans-Canada broadcast has been made from Thornhill.

Rev. Evans is having a busy time fulfilling his many speaking engagements. On June 10th he was honoured by being invited to speak at the Ontario Historical Society's annual service at Paris Plains Church near Galt. This is a little church built by the pioneers in 1844 from the local stone.

On June 18th he addressed the Presbyterian men at the Toronto and Kingston synod, held at Beaverton. This week he was also invited to speak at the graduation banquet held by the Oakville Home and School Association.

Baptist Church News
Three members of the Anna Buck Mission Circle attended the BWMS convention held at North Bay recently.

Mrs. Minton Johnston, board member, Miss G. Stevens, and Mrs. H. Ellam shared in the three-day sessions with some 450 delegates from Ontario and Quebec. A number of home missionaries and some on furlough from overseas were also present and delegates had opportunity to meet them personally and ask questions about their work.

The Rev. R. M. Bennett, overseas secretary for the Canadian Council of Churches addressed the opening meeting on "Our Continuing Task in India". The Rev. John Gilmour spoke on the second day about the work of the Baptists in Quebec.

Mrs. Edgar Bates told about her work as president of the North American Baptist Women's Union and of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance.

Held in perfect spring weather and in the brand new First Baptist Church this time the Christian fellowship was much enjoyed by the delegates, who received a new insight into the work of the Missionary Society.

The Anna Buck Mission Circle of Thornhill Baptist Church concluded their season of activities with a sumptuous pot luck supper in the lovely garden of Mrs. R. Goadsby on Roosevelt Drive.

The meeting was conducted in the recreation room, and after opening exercises by the president, Mrs. J. Martin, a devotional was given by Mrs. H. Ellam on "spending and being spent for the master". Then followed an interesting report on the finances of the Women's Missionary Society from the convention she attended at North Bay.

A skit entitled "Mrs. Good-sensers Dream" was given by Miss H. Stringer, Mrs. Ellam, Mrs. J. Calvert, Mrs. W. Yeo, Mrs. J. Martin, Mrs. A. Kent, Mrs. H. Burlington, Mrs. T. Lawson and Miss G. Stevens. This was enjoyed by everyone. Miss Stevens, who also at-

tended the convention, then gave her report and Mrs. M. Johnston concluded with her impressions. It is hoped that the enthusiasm shown in these reports will induce others to attend conventions.

The meeting concluded with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and Mrs. E. Twine dismissed the meeting with prayer. Strawberries and raspberries with ice cream were served and this ended an interesting and enjoyable evening.

Peace Research Institute
A committee composed of Ruth Joyn, Betty Marsh, Sue Ball, Ruthann Walker and Joan Fairfield have arranged a dance in aid of the Canadian Peace Research Institute to be held at the Bayview Golf and Country Club on June 29th.

MC for the evening will be Bruce Marsh and door prizes have been donated by local merchants. A six-piece orchestra will be on hand from 9 to 12 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 per couple and may be obtained from Ruth Joyn at AV 5-3449 or Betty Marsh at AV 5-5797.

The group plans to hold a public meeting in the fall to organize a financial campaign in the Thornhill district. Meetings have been in several homes — at Ruth Joyn's, Ruthann Walker's and Betty Marsh's — this spring, and on June 13th group 6 of the Thornhill United Church Women held a white elephant sale and auction at the home of Mrs. R. C. Gibson at 63 Arnold Avenue.

Bertha Maude Riddell Passes On At Age 85

A respected resident of Thornhill since 1904, Bertha Maude Riddell, widow of William Riddell, died at her home on Yonge St., Thornhill on Thursday morning, June 14, 1962. Born on the family farm in Huron County, Mrs. Riddell celebrated her 85th birthday last April and was looking forward to casting her vote on the 18th of June. Until invalided by a stroke seven years ago she had taken an active part in community affairs.

Mrs. Riddell was predeceased by her immediate family. Her daughter, Hazel, and her husband William Riddell died within two months of each other in 1960, and her son by a previous marriage, George Watt, in 1961. Her second twin son Earl lost his life in the First World War. She leaves three great grandchildren, a brother James Fisher, Thornhill and a sister Mrs. Mary Reid, Willowdale. The Rev. Hugh R. Macdonald of Thornhill United Church conducted the funeral service in her home and interment was in York Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Henry Harper, Wilfred Dean, Harold Echlin, Wm. Fisher, Ed Riddell and Clifford Riddell.

Over 1,000 View Demonstration Sponsored By Thornhill United

A rug display, demonstration of rug hooking and braiding, held by the Thornhill United Church Women attracted almost 1,000 interested spectators June 8 and 9.

The exhibition was opened by Miss Wanda Nelles, of Chateaufort, who said she was very impressed with the work displayed.

The rugs were the work of Mrs. Lois Mark, Ottawa, and her pupils, 15 of whom were on hand demonstrating both hooking and braiding of rugs.

All the rugs were made from woolen wool, hand dyed. The braided rugs were made from strips approximately one inch wide, while the hooked rugs were made from wool scraps cut in strips of less than a quarter of an inch wide.

Possibly the most striking aspect of the display was the subtle blending of shades which Mrs. Mark has achieved in the braided rugs. The work was attractively displayed around the auditorium, together with several pieces of antique furniture loaned by Mrs. R. Neil, John St. Thornhill.

As well as the rugs, a demonstration of ceramic work was given by Gwen Sands, Uplands Gardens, Thornhill. She displayed her ceramic figurines and jewelry, ceramics and figurines by Nori Peters and leather-



Mr. and Mrs. David Bishop are seen leaving Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill, following their recent wedding. The bride is the former Doris Gayle Nicholson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nicholson of Helen Ave., Thornhill. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bishop of Downsview. The happy couple will reside in Kansas City, Missouri. (Photo by Lagerquist)

Associations Ask Board To Allow French Lessons

Thirty-seven ratepayers representing eight home and school associations in the township, attended the regular meeting of the Vaughan Township School Area Board Thursday night.

Most were present in support of a request from the Thornhill Home and School Association that the teaching of oral French be introduced into the schools of the township.

Mrs. H. M. Bungess, writer of the letter, introduced Mrs. Trow, who reported on the home and school sponsored classes in this subject in North York.

Teaching is provided by Sherwood Services, and the parents of the children attending these after school sessions pay the cost. The home and school members feel that Vaughan pupils in high school French will suffer in comparison with those of Markham TSA 1 where oral French is being taught.

Mrs. M. McLean of Concord spoke of the newly introduced course in Oral French of TSA No. 1, Markham, which she said was being received with great enthusiasm by children, teachers and parents. The board pays for the itinerant teacher, and all children in Grades 6, 7 and 8 are receiving instruction for 80 minutes a week, she told the meeting.

P. N. Trant spoke of the teaching of French in Etobicoke, where it begins in Grade 3. It is supervised by specialists but taught by the regular teachers with the help of films and work books.

If the board's finances do not permit the introduction of this course in the near future, he suggested that the home and school associations be permitted to go ahead on an after-school basis. "At least this would be a beginning," he stated.

In answer to a suggestion by Mr. Baker that any qualified teacher would be able to instruct in the simple basic conversational French provided by such a course, Mrs. K. K. Neely stressed the fact that it was of great importance that the teacher be a person who speaks French with a proper accent.

Many of these present, recalling their own struggles in trying to use French learned from non-French-speaking teachers, agreed with her.

Most of the group were in agreement that teaching of oral French should be included in the regular curriculum so that no child would be excluded from the classes because his parents were unable to pay the necessary fees.

However, members of the board pointed out that their budget will be quite rigid until assessment from the CNR marshalling yards and other development becomes available.

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Grandview Ratepayers Association sponsored a public meeting June 8 to hear the four federal candidates seeking office in York Scarborough.

Attending were Frank McGehee, Conservative; M. Moreau, Liberal; E. Phillips, New Democratic Party, and S. Birrell, Social Credit.

A question and answer period followed their speeches.

As in former years, Thornhill swimming pool is offering swimming classes to the area school children twice weekly during July and August. To help defray the cost a registration fee of \$2 per pupil will be charged.

The Grandview Sunday School cancelled their picnic scheduled for June 16 due to the changeable weather which has caused an outbreak of colds. The new date set is June 22.

Scouting News
On June 8 at 9 a.m. the 1st Thornhill Cubs under the leadership of Gordon Hill, Grandview Estates, embarked on their annual overnight camp at Ox Trail Camp in the Hockley Valley.

There were 55 cubs and 10 parents with the group. Four mothers were in charge of the cooking.

The program began on arrival with an hour being taken up on a special game. Hot chocolate and cookies were served before the Cubs bedded down for the night.

They were up at 7 a.m. sharp and a program which lasted all day was soon under way. Following supper the Cubs took part in a pirate program decked out in costumes of every hue and color, from one-eyed sailors to peg-legged pirates.

After cleaning up, a two-hour camp-fire program was held that included drinks, hot dogs and marshmallows, songs.

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Clifford Butler, 105 Clarke Ave., celebrated his second birthday June 16.

Robert Smith, also of 105 Clarke Ave., celebrated his second birthday June 17.

Charlote Evans, 115 Clarke Ave., celebrated her eighth birthday June 19.

The Heaton family of Scarborough Drive moved to Scarborough Monday.

Tour Of Gardens Taken By Group
The cavalcade of cars touring the Thornhill district Thursday night was not anything to do with last Monday's election, but the local horticultural society on the first of this year's garden visits.

At 7.30 p.m. 34 members and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Healey and spent 15 minutes inspecting their garden. They then walked a few houses south to visit the garden and greenhouse of Mr. and Mrs. Heaslop.

The group next inspected the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Bone but were about ten days early to see a showing of delphiniums. The perennial borders and vegetable garden were excellent.

The cavalcade then visited Mrs. Riley's home on Elgin Ave., where they were treated to fresh sugared strawberries, nuts and candy, and then inspected Miss Wakely's garden on Morgan Avenue.

The next stop was home of Highland Park subdivision to view a display of roses in Mr. Jenkins' back garden next door to the society president A. Foster. The last stop was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Briggs on Highland Park Blvd.

The group spent only a short time at each home as time did not permit a long visit. Two Saturday afternoon visits are planned for July and August. The society extends thanks to the members who opened their gardens and to Maxine Funnell who did the arranging.

The society welcomes anyone to attend their regular monthly meetings.

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The Doncaster Community Ladies Club will hold its annual tea and bake sale June 26. This popular yearly event will be held on the grounds of the A. Mizen residence on Sprucewood Drive.

For the pre-school and kindergarten children there will be foot races and games. The event will run between 2 and 5 p.m.

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