

# Thornhill and District News

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## Won Many Awards

# Talented Young Pianist To Teach At St. Thomas

(By Mona A. Robertson)

Lona Lorea Martin, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Martin, Wood Lane Road, Thornhill, has been appointed a member of the faculty of Alma College, St. Thomas, and will commence teaching junior piano there this fall. Miss Martin has just completed her Grade 12 studies at Thornhill High School. She received her LTCL (Licentiate of Trinity College) at London, England, earlier this year. She passed her ATCL at the age of 15 years.

Both degrees have worldwide recognition, for the same examinations are used in Africa or Hong Kong, as well as in Canada.

Now a pupil of Canada's top pianist, Warren Mould of Toronto, Miss Martin began studying piano at three years of age, with the Kelly Kirby Kindergarten Classes at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

At five, her teachers discovered she had 'absolute pitch' and at seven years she was studying Grade 5 piano with Mrs. William H. Mould, Warren Mould's mother, who was attached to Trinity College.

Her love of the piano has not barred her from other activities. This year she was presented with her Girl Guide Gold Cord by Mrs. Keiller MacKay at a rally held in London, Ont.

She also played clarinet in the Thornhill High School orchestra.

Lona became assistant organist at Thornhill United Church when she was 15, and this summer will be organist at Aurora United Church.

In 1961 she played a noon hour recital at the CNE, from which arose a scholarship to the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash. But she has postponed acceptance until she fulfills her Canadian studies and completes her duties at



**LONA LOREA MARTIN**  
(Photo by Lagerquist)

Alma College.

A lively teenager, with a beautiful smile and sparkling eyes, Lona's class of pupils in the Wood Lane area are sorry she is going away to college to teach. But they all wish her well in her career at Alma, for they recognize Lona's star of success is in the ascendancy and grows brighter year by year.

Among her many accomplishments to date are two other scholarships won at the Woodbridge Festivals of Music and the East Toronto Festival.

She has also won many gold medals and given two private recitals for the Ontario Teachers' Association at the North York Public Library and the CNE.

The eldest daughter of Hugh and Norma Martin, Lona comes from a family which literally eats, breathes and lives music. It comes as no surprise to her family that Lona 'relaxes' with a difficult concerto on the family piano, during her studies for final examinations at Thornhill High.

Hugh Martin is music supervisor for the 23 public schools in the township school area of Vaughan as well as being musical director at Thornhill United Church.

He is also a soloist from time to time in many of Toronto's larger churches, and has appeared on radio and television.

Lona's mother, Norma Martin, is a successful soprano soloist in Toronto.

Her sister Marion, 14-years-old, has just completed Grade 10 at Thornhill High School, as well as having passed Grade 10 piano with Mr. Mould.

And her blond little sister, six-year-old Helen, who was one of Lona's first pupils, is studying piano and violin. She attends Charles Howitt Public School.

## Crestwood Rd. News

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Powell Road Home and School Association held their executive meeting June 25 at the home of the new president A. Brown, Crestwood Road.

Principal Mr. McRoberts read a letter from the school board regretting they were unable to have French in the public school due to the cost.

Arrangements were made for next year's program, trying to make each month as interesting as possible. The executive would be glad to hear of new ideas or any suggestions you might have.

Another Christmas concert is planned for Dec. 14.

It is planned to have a night for the children to show off their home hobbies with one grade each month. Various activities, such as singing, a talent evening and progress in their school work are also planned for next year.

Mrs. Olive St. John was nominated as fun fair convener for this coming year. The date for the big fair was set for May 6, 1963.

A leaflet has been sent to each family to find out which evening of the week was most suitable for the majority to come to home and school meetings.

Fill out and send to Mr. Brown, 62 Crestwood Road, if you didn't get it sent back to school before closing.

Mrs. O. St. John and A. Miller were both made honorary vice-presidents.

Mrs. Newton is leaving us for Thornhill School in the fall to teach kindergarten.

**Neighborhood Notes**  
Nanda Konsmo, Crestwood Road, was rushed to Sick Children's Hospital, Saturday morning and operated on for appendix. She is now convalescing at home.

Barbara St. John celebrated her 16th birthday June 26. Freda Banas left Wednesday to visit her sister Irene and family for the summer in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Waite, Crestwood Road, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 1.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Purdy, Crestwood Road, left June 29 for a summer vacation with their daughter, Mary Lou in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred St. John announce the arrival of a baby daughter at Branson Hospital June 20.

## Thornhill Auxiliary Aids New Hospital



The Thornhill Branch of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary sponsored a Garden Tea in aid of the new hospital to be built at Richmond Hill. The setting was the lovely grounds of Mrs. Stuart Parker and Mrs. J. R. Sumner.

The charming ladies pouring tea were (left to right) Mrs. Sumner, Mrs. W. Anstey, Mrs. H. R. Howden, chairman of the

Thornhill Branch, Mrs. F. J. Maw, Mrs. W. R. Wesley, Mrs. R. H. Jeffery, Mrs. G. Zinkan, vice-chairman of the branch, Mrs. E. Boyden, secretary of the branch, and Mrs. R. J. Miller, president of the York Central Auxiliary.

(Photo by David Barbour)

## Thornhill Notes

**United Church News**  
The June meeting of unit 3 of the United Church Women was held at the home of Mrs. E. B. Hodgins with 20 active members present, with seven visitors, four of whom were wheel chair guests from the Villa Hospital. The meeting took the form of a picnic and the spacious lawns, and all the roses, flowers and shrubs were at their best and provided a beautiful background for a delightful evening.

The leader, Mrs. L. Denby conducted a short business session, after which a buffet was served — all diets conveniently forgotten! The hostess, Mrs. Hodgins was graciously thanked for letting the members enjoy her garden. Mrs. H. Veal pronounced the mizpah benediction. The next meeting of unit 3 will be held on September 6th.

At the 11 a.m. service on June 24th a picture, Sallman's "Head of Christ" was dedicated in memory of the Rev. and Mrs. John Locke. The picture which will be hung in the church parlour was presented by their daughter, Dell, and her husband, the Rev. George I. Stephenson. Mr. Locke was a former minister of Thornhill Methodist Church. He was pastor of the congregation from 1889 to 1892, at a time when the Thornhill circuit included also Buttonville and Zion. Mrs. Stephenson is their eldest child and was born in the former parsonage on the Yonge Street Hill.

During July and August, the junior and intermediate church school pupils are expected to worship with their parents in

the church. The kindergarten and primary pupils may attend an open session in the auditorium. Should parents desire that nursery and pre-nursery carry-on as usual, arrangements will be made.

**Earn \$200.**  
As a result of the garden tea held last week, the Thornhill Branch of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary was enabled to send the central auxiliary a donation of \$200 for the hospital fund, although the tea had not been planned primarily as a money-raising event.

**Women's Institute**  
The June meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. V. Cole, 46 Sprucewood Drive, with Mrs. C. Thompson presiding. Motion for the day was "One is Nearer God's Heart in the Garden, Than Anywhere on Earth" and the roll call all was answered by each member naming her favourite flower. The meeting, quite fittingly, was held in Mrs. Cole's lovely garden which was much admired by the ladies.

In the absence of the secretary, minutes of the meeting were taken by Mrs. P. Bone. Mrs. Thompson welcomed the guests by reading the following poem, entitled "Taking the Chair", which was written by Pat Ingraham:

Now who would imagine to see her there, So poised and calm in the president's chair. An hour ago she was ironing a shirt, Stopping a fight before someone was hurt, Heating the stew and going to the door, Wiping the mud off the bathroom floor,

Listening to Tom who has trouble with reading, While bandaging Bill who is suddenly bleeding, Greeting her husband, half an hour late, Frantically setting the living room straight.

No wonder she looks so contented there At last she has time to sit in a chair!

It was moved by Mrs. R. Holmes and seconded by Mrs. C. Sinclair that the corresponding secretary send thank you notes to all the local merchants who contributed prizes for the euchre last month.

The prizes were much appreciated and the ladies were highly gratified by the generosity of the various merchants in donating them.

**Mrs. C. Thompson and Mrs. C. Sinclair** were appointed delegates to the York Rally in Vellore this month. They were instructed to vote as they felt best for the W.I. as a whole.

Sympathy was expressed on the passing of Mrs. W. Riddel, a former president of the W.I. from 1930 to 1932. A tribute was sent at the time of her passing.

Letters of thanks were read by the public relations convener, Mrs. Sinclair also read a letter from Mrs. Swabey regarding the picnic. Happy birthday was sung to all members having a birthday in June, July or August. Mrs. Thompson reported on the Guelph Conference and said it was most interesting. A report on the district annual conference was also given by Mrs. Thompson.

Final plans were made for the picnic, after which the meeting adjourned and the members enjoyed a cup of tea and refreshments.

With a most congenial driver, and a perfect summer day, and some 30 ladies, members and friends of the Women's Insti-

ute started out at 10 a.m. on June 27 for their annual picnic. The picnic this year was held at the home of a former member of the W.I., Mrs. H. Swabey, at Ostrail Farms, Glencross, Mr. and Mrs. Swabey have 90 acres and have deeded 10 of these for a Boy Scout camp, each year some 5,000 Scouts enjoy this delightful spot.

After a coffee break at Orangeville, the group arrived at the Swabey's in time for lunch, which was much enjoyed under the beautiful shade trees. Following lunch, a lively games session was held and such games as spin the plate, kicking the shoe, carrying a peanut on a spoon and memory tests were much enjoyed, with many prizes and lots of laughter. The ladies then went on a tour of the grounds and rested at the outdoor chapel where they sang with reverence the "Song of Peace". Relaxing under the shade trees, having a game of cards, or just chatting, the afternoon passed swiftly.

At five o'clock, the ladies of the Hockley Valley W.I. appeared and served a delicious supper to some 40 ladies. These ladies had spared no effort, had brought their best china, silverware and tablecloths and had a tastefully arranged centerpiece of roses on the table. The food was delicious and the table so well laden that there were fears expressed that it might collapse under the load. On behalf of the group, Mrs. P. Bone thanked the Swabey's for their kindness in making the day such a pleasant one. She also thanked the Hockley Valley ladies for their kindness, and mentioned how fortunate they were in having Mrs. Swabey as a member, as her loss had been keenly felt when she left Thornhill.

After many good-byes, and leaving with reluctance, the ladies boarded their bus which

took them home by a different route, as they enjoyed a sing-song on the way.

The next meeting of the W.I. will be on the third Thursday in September.

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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### TO DISPENSE WITH A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS.

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

- The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Vaughan intends to apply to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval of the construction of the watermains referred to in Schedule "A" hereto at an estimated cost of \$199,795.00 which amount shall be raised by the sale of debentures payable over a period not exceeding 20 years and intends to charge the cost thereof including debenture charges and the cost of maintenance and management upon the lands defined as the Edgeley Water Area more particularly described in paragraph 3 hereof.
  - It is proposed to raise the annual payments by—
    - A special rate on all the rateable property in the said defined area not exceeding four mills in the dollar according to the assessed value thereof.
    - Charge water rates to consumers.
    - In the event that the receipts obtained from clauses (a) and (b) hereof or from any other source are not sufficient in any year to meet the debenture payments such deficit shall be levied and raised in that year by a special rate over and above all other rates on all the rateable property in the Township of Vaughan.

The following is an example of the annual charge upon lands in the said area having an assessed value of \$20,000.00. Special Rate (maximum, 4 mills) \$ 80.00  
\*Water Rates (present average) 140.00  
\*The water rates will be charged in accordance with Township Bylaw No. 2414.
  - The area upon which the special rate is to be levied and which is defined as the Edgeley Water Area is described as follows: All of the lands in the Township of Vaughan bounded on the west by the easterly limit of Provincial Highway 400, on the north by the northerly limit of Lot 5 in Concession 4 and the Northerly limit of Lot 6 in Concession 5, on the East by the Westerly limit of the Canadian National Railway lands being the dividing line between the East and West halves of Lots 4 and 5 in Concession 4 and on the south by the southerly limit of Lot 4 in Concessions 4 and 5.
  - Application will be made to The Ontario Municipal Board for an order to dispense with the assent of the electors and for approval of the said works and the said special rate. Any ratepayer may, within twenty-one days after the first publication of this notice send by post prepaid to the Clerk of the Township of Vaughan at the address given below, a notice in writing stating his objection to such approval and the grounds of such objection.
  - The Ontario Municipal Board may order pursuant to the statute that the assent of the electors shall not be required and may approve of the said special rate and the said works but before doing so it may appoint a time and place for a public hearing when any objections may be considered.
- Dated at the Township of Vaughan, this 29th day of June, 1962.
- J. M. McDONALD,  
Clerk,  
Township of Vaughan,  
Maple, Ontario.

### SCHEDULE 'A' TO FOREGOING NOTICE

Township of Vaughan — Edgeley Water Area

#### SCHEDULE OF WATERMAINS to be CONSTRUCTED

Street	From	To	Approx. Length	Size	Hydrants W/Valve	Valves
Doughton Road	Jane Street	Existing Main	170 feet	12 inch diam.	—	—
		Approx. 170' East				
Jane Street	Doughton Rd.	Highway No. 7	890 feet	12 inch. diam.	2	3
Highway No. 7	Jane Street	3,430' West	3,430 feet	12 inch diam.	9	4
Total Length			4,490 feet			

## School Built In 1874 Closes Doors For Ever

(By Margaret McLean)

While school closings were the order of the day last Friday, at German Mills School, a one-room school on German Mills Road, east of the Sabiston gravel pit, the closing held a deeper significance, for it is to be permanent.

The 17 pupils in Grades 1, 2 and 3 will be transferred to the new Bayview Glens School in September. Their teacher, Mrs. K. Duncan, who has been at the school since 1949, has retired.

Over 100 people attended the closing ceremonies held at 2:30 Friday afternoon. Don Sabiston, first president of the German Mills Home and School Association, presented Mrs. Duncan with a corsage of red roses. The pupils made her a present of an oil painting, presented by Sandra Tooley.

Alan Parker, representing the trustees of TSA 1, Markham, spoke briefly and gave Mrs. Duncan a token of appreciation from the board. E. Sand, supervising principal, also made a brief speech.

The ceremony was held outside the school at a decorated table. In the place of honor was a huge cake, decorated in the school colors with a picture of the school. The cake was served with ice cream, coffee and soft drinks.

German Mills was one of the earliest settled districts in Ontario and in the 1840's was a hive of industry with saw mills, grist mills, a tannery and a distillery.

In 1840, following the break-up of the Family Compact and the establishment of responsible government in Canada, a system of county administration was formed.

The area now comprising the counties of York, Peel, Ontario and Simcoe established a public school system of education. The townships were divided into several school sections and grants were reserved for them from county funds.

The original school at German Mills, however, was not free but was a direct charge on the parents of the pupils. The next school built by the section was of clapboard and situated on the south-west corner of Lot 5 on Con. 3. It was used until the present building was built in 1874.

Alfred Rush, one of the pupils who went into the school as a first grader when it was opened, attended the closing ceremonies Friday. Mr. Rush, who is 94, lives in Unionville. He remembers the school and its early teachers very well and recalled that the original German Mills School had been built of logs.

Information about the early history of the school was obtained from a short account found last week in one of the old registers. It was evidently written in the 1890's by a teacher who unfortunately did not sign her name.

The first teacher was Miss Arabella Hemingway whose father farmed on Lot 5. Con. 4. After seven years, she was succeeded by Samuel McKibbin who was later a medical doctor in Chicago.

He was responsible for the planting of the trees presently surrounding the school grounds.

Among the other early teachers of the school were: Leonard S. Klinck, who later became president of the University of British Columbia; and the Rev. Dr. D. McCarroll, who became moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The school has been well kept and is in excellent repair. The area board office will be moved into it this month.

Closing of the school was made imperative by the growth in the nearby area. It is also the board's policy to avoid multiple grade classrooms where possible.

Attempts are being made to locate other early school records.

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