

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

Vacation Bible School
Thornhill is more than usually deserted these hot summer days. Not only are large numbers of village residents holidaying at distant points, but every afternoon for the last two weeks, some 150 youngsters have been attending the vacation Bible school being held at Holy Trinity Church.

The vacation school is inter-denominational and is for children from 4 to 13 years of age. On enrollment day, July 9th, 112 youngsters showed up but each day last week saw an increase in numbers until by Friday, the harassed kitchen staff served juice and cookies to 150 children.

The children have been carrying on a variety of activities from Bible stories to group singing, handicrafts, and preparing for a play for the grand finale.

The school was fortunate in having had the services of Mrs. A. Foster of Woodward Avenue to assist in their musical program. Working with both the junior and intermediate classes, she has welded them into enthusiastic singing groups.

Games have been led in the primary department by Miss Queenie Allen of Toronto. This group has also been doing paper craft associated with their Bible stories.

A group of about 10 of the intermediate group—age about 10 to 13 have been working on a play under the guidance of Mrs. Minton C. Johnston. This is the story of the prodigal son and will be mimed with a narrating and a Phillips translation of the Bible.

The work and activities of the school will be demonstrated to the parents at the closing ceremonies tonight, July 19th, and I hope to have an account of this for you for next week.

Farmers' Market
The Thornhill Farmers' Market is just as full of good things as usual, but unfortunately not as many people as usual are there to enjoy the sight and smell of them. The bright, crisp lettuce and radishes are a sight to behold and the lovely local tomatoes are a real joy after the pale imitations we have had to put up with all during the winter and spring.

A particularly attractive stall these past weeks has been that of Mrs. Joan Boyer of Pine Grove. Mrs. Boyer offers for sale an attractive and specialized type of work — hand painted ceramic tiles, decorated with authentic reproductions of Canadian wildflowers and fungi.

As well as tiles — which can be had mounted on attractive walnut, oak or mahogany slabs or incorporated into charming patio tables with wrought iron framework — Mrs. Boyer has a wide selection of matching push plates, door handles and switch plates. A particularly lovely set carried a design in delicate colors of pussy willows. Each of these can of course be purchased separately, as well as in sets.

Mrs. Boyer, a native of England, was introduced to the charms of wildlife by her husband, the late George Boyer, during their stay in the Maritimes after the Second World War. Here she began doing her delicate water colors of the local wild flowers and fungi. She later enrolled in a painting and botany course while her husband was doing post-graduate work at the University of Illinois and was asked to illustrate a botany book.

Coming to Ontario in 1957, Mrs. Boyer began to investigate other aspects of ceramic work and began decorating and glaz-

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Terry Lynn Robinson of Morgan Avenue, celebrated her 7th birthday with a party July 13.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mason of Dudley Avenue, visited friends in Boston during the Dominion Day weekend.

Wedding bells will ring for John Cole of Sprucewood Dr., and his bride, Miss Carol Lacey, September 1.

The ceremony will take place at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church, Thornhill.

The bride is a Concord resident.

Miss Carol Lacey, of Concord, was honored at a bridal shower July 18, at the home of Mrs. Tom Smith, Sprucewood Drive.

Mrs. Chas. Jordan, Morgan Avenue, returned home from hospital on July 13.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Barbour, 140 Henderson Avenue, visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walsh, of Cobourg, on their 25th wedding anniversary last week.

Leading Students

Thornhill Secondary Prize Winners

Principal A. S. Elson announced this week the 1962 prize winners for general proficiency for Thornhill Secondary School.

Prizes General Course
Buttontown Women's Institute Grade IX, Robert Atkinson.

Board of Student Senators:
Grade X, Allan Reoch.
Grade XI, Terry Lazar.
Grade XII, Marilyn Clark.

York Central District High School Board, Lower School:
Grade IX and X, Allan Reoch.
Grade XI and XII, Marilyn Clark.

Bank of Nova Scotia, Middle School, Grade XI and XII, Alita Wise, Mary Ann Baker (equal) by reversion from Marilyn Clark.

Gordon Lake Memorial for Languages: Grade XII, Mary Ann Baker.

Thornhill Lions Club for Uniform Matriculation: Grade XII, Marilyn Clark.

VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS

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Explorers
The members of the Explorer group accompanied by their leaders, Mrs. P. Bennett and Mrs. J. Storey, and their guests Mr. F. McRoberts and Mr. Art Storey held their picnic at Greenwood Park, on Tuesday of last week.

Barbeque
The sr. women's institute members, their families and friends held a barbeque supper in the Victoria Square Community Centre Park on Tuesday evening of last week. Those who failed to attend missed a real treat, and the committee in charge Mrs. J. McCague, Mrs. H. Hill and Mrs. Earl Empringham are to be commended for planning such a treat.

Baseball
The boys of the Victoria Square Team of the Victoria Square Lions Softball League lost one game and won one game last game.

On July 19, it is Headford at Buttontown; Gormley at Victoria Square. On July 24, it is Buttontown at Gormley; Victoria Square at Headford.

Come and cheer the boys along as they need your support and confidence.

Birthday Party
On Wednesday of last week Miss Heather Dennie entertained Brian and Shirley Empringham, Lois Empringham, Margaret Empringham, Patricia Orr, Betty Sandie, Jean Runney, Mardi Tyndall and Cheryl Hood, the occasion being in honor of her seventh birthday.

Church News
Rev. G. Fitzpatrick was in charge of the church service on Sunday morning, On Sunday, July 22, at 11.30 a.m. Dr. A. F. Binnington will be in charge.

Vacation School Closing
On Friday, July 20, parents of the children who have been attending the Vacation school for the Victoria Square charge being held at Headford this past week are invited to an open house to view the children's work and attend a short program from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Costs, Teacher Shortage Rule Out French Lesson

Due to costs and problems of obtaining qualified teachers for the next year, Vaughan Township Public School Board has decided not to make oral French available in the schools for the 1962-63 school year.

It is suggested that local private organizations might better handle the problem.

This is the substance of a statement sent by Superintendent J. A. Gibson to all school principals, and which is to be made available to all interested groups or individuals.

Mr. Gibson suggested the concentration should be on listening and speaking, rather than grammar and syntax. He emphasized that it is imperative for local groups to secure teachers who could present the correct pronunciation of the language.

A suitable person with good speaking knowledge of the language would be preferable to an outside qualified teacher because of cost. Care should be taken to keep the costs of such a project within the limits of most parents, Mr. Gibson stated.

The need for such a program is most urgent in Thornhill and Powell Road Schools, according to Mrs. R. D. Stubble of Thornhill. Children entering Thornhill Secondary School have to compete with children from Markham Township who have taken French in public school.

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Flower Show A Success Despite Dry Weather

The July meeting and delphinium show held in the new meeting place of the society, The Thornhill United Church, was a surprise to the directors, who had very kindly consented to judge the show and was a most welcome visitor on July 10th. He expressed his pleasure on returning to the meeting and remarked once again the Thornhill Society came through with a wonderful showing in spite of the dry weather and resulting water shortage.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. M. G. Johnson, administrator of the conservation services division, for the Metro Authority. He gave a short talk and introduced the film "Legacy Of The Valleys". It was gratifying to see so many members present also the juniors, who came along and enjoyed the film especially the pictures of

the numerous areas for fun including Hart Lake, The Albion Hills, Greenwood, Conservation Area and "Happy Hollow." The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority with its increased financial budget and the increased interest since "Hurricane Hazel" is doing a tremendous job of providing delightful parks and lakes and picnic areas while alleviating the flood dangers in southern Ontario.

An Iris Auction will be held at Edwards Gardens on Saturday, July 28th commencing at 2 p.m.

The August meeting of the society will be held on Saturday, August 18th. This is the large annual show. Entries will be accepted from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Judging to take place then. The show is open to the general public from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Rev. Hugh R. MacDonald Accepts Call To St. Paul's In Port Arthur

Rev. Hugh R. MacDonald of Thornhill United Church announced this week that he has accepted a call to St. Paul's United Church in Port Arthur. He will take up his work there on September 30th.

In going to St. Paul's, Mr. MacDonald states he will be returning to the type of church in which he grew up — a large downtown church. St. Paul's is the largest church in the Lakehead and the second largest in the Manitoba Conference. It has 1,700 members and an annual budget of over \$100,000 per year.

BUTTONVILLE NEWS

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Mr. Douglas Hood's sister, Mrs. Irene Atkinson of Toronto, has been a guest at the Hood home recently. Mrs. Atkinson is nursing a broken right arm and has had a difficult time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maw are vacationing at Algonquin Park this week.

Another local teacher who is taking advantage of Summer Courses in Miss Beverley Burr Beverley is doing Phys-Ed. at Western University.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clark visited Buffalo last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke are vacationing with George, Jr., and his family at Cameron Lake this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jones were pleased to have granddaughter, Gail Vaughan, as their guest last week.

The Miller families spent last Sunday with Tibbles relatives at Lake Dalrymple. Bob and Mary Lou Miller, who now live in Scarborough, Jim and Rosemary Miller and their children, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Miller.

Betty Patterson was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower held at Brown's Corners United Church on Thursday evening of last week. Those present were community friends, and hostesses were Judy Hord, Joy Fuller and other Y.P.U. members. Margaret Patterson assisted her sister with opening of gifts. Betty's marriage to Murray Brown of Unionville takes place on Saturday, July 28.

One or two items have been missed in this column recently and one of these was the Sunday school picnic held recently at Musselman's Lake. This year's picnic was the best for quite a while, according to glowing reports, and much of the glow-

credit is due to planning by Sunday school workers.

Another picnic we missed was the one for Buttonville children, their parents, brothers and sister and friends in the community.

A large group attended this event at Greenwood Park, and a delightful day was spent, swimming, games, picnic lunch and visiting the order of the day.

German Mills School
At German Mills School the last school day this year was the last forever so far as that particular schoolhouse is concerned. Members of the home and school association had made this a special occasion, full of nostalgia, which will be long remembered by many in the community.

There was a special presentation to Mrs. Kathleen Duncan who retired with the closing of the school and Sandra Tooley, a former pupil (as well as daughter and great-granddaughter of former pupils) did the honors. E. J. Sand, superintendent for Area No. 1, Trustees Frost and Parker, brought greetings as did Donald Sabiston of the home and school who also presented Mrs. Duncan with a gift.

Mr. Dean Hughes, well known writer, brought his friend Mr. Alfred Rush of Unionville whose school days began at German Mills School when the school was first opened. Mr. Rush who is 94, spoke briefly to the children, telling incidents from his own childhood.

At refreshment time a beautifully decorated cake, depicting the school, was served with coffee and ice cream. The cake had been arranged for by a former pupil, Mrs. Velma Tooley Meads

Hazard Continues High To Extreme In Simcoe Area

Fire hazard is continuing high to extreme in the Lake Simcoe District and fire protection officials are again cautioning summer visitors, fishermen and persons travelling in wooded areas, to be extremely careful and avoid any carelessness with fire.

High temperatures and lack of rain have dried out forest fuels and many small creeks and pond holes already have dried up. Any campfires should be built only on bare rock or mineral soil away from debris, close to water and thoroughly extinguished before leaving.

Similarly, any carelessness with smoking materials, which is a very common cause of fires at this time of year, should be avoided. Be sure to use car ash trays for cigarette butts and pipe ashes.

If necessary to smoke when in the woods, a safe rule is to sit down in a safe place and grind out butts on bare rock or in damp earth.

Since beginning of the fire season six small fires have been extinguished by department rangers in the Severn River Management Unit.

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