

Thornhill and District News

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1,000 Children at Swimming Classes

Thornhill Pool May Have Busiest Summer Yet

(By Margaret McLean)

Thornhill Swimming Pool is in the midst of what may turn out to be one of its busiest summers. Week-ends, of course, find the largest numbers at the pool, and on a recent Sunday there were 950 paid admissions, with an uncounted number of season ticket-holders also present. By way of contrast, however, last Saturday, being cloudy and cool, there were only 160 admissions.

So that's the way it goes—all this making the job of having the right number of guards and counter staff on hand to meet the varying requirements a bit confusing.

Manager of the pool this year is 20-year-old John Hanna who has just completed his second year in dentistry at the University of Toronto. John has worked at the pool for several years in various capacities. His assistant is Brian McLean.

Swimming Classes
Over 1,000 children are registered for the morning swimming classes. As well as from Thornhill and vicinity, they come from Richmond Hill, Maple, Woodbridge, King, Concord and Willowdale. Swimming instructors this year are Pat Vlassoff, Ann Jeffery, Carol Martin, Ann Rogers, Clifford Nuttal and John Ravenhill. As well as giving the lessons in the mornings, five of these also fill in as senior guards in the afternoon and evening. They all hold their Bronze Medallion and Award of Merit for lifesaving from the Royal Life Saving Society and are qualified Red Cross swimming instructors.

The junior guards are Carol Martin, Cathy Percival, John Lambert and Jim Gibson. Junior guards watch the shallow end of the pool and the infants' pool, while senior guards watch the deep end. There is always a minimum of two guards on duty at one time.

Tuck Shop
The tuck shop, which is highly popular with the young fry, is staffed by Doug Windsor and Richard Jeffery, although in rush periods they are spelled out by the two members of the maintenance staff, Ted McGhee and Murray Hanna. Mrs. E. Lee

is again serving in the capacity of cashier.

Synchronized Swimming
A group of between 30 and 40 girls are busily practising synchronized swimming each evening after the pool closes. Leaders are Pat Vlassoff and Ann Jeffery. The girls are divided into junior, intermediate and seniors. The seniors with the co-operation of Mr. Jack Passmore, director of water safety for the Richmond Hill Branch of the Red Cross Society.

And while I said the members of the A.R.C. receive no pay for their work, I am sure they all feel themselves suitably rewarded in the knowledge that they have provided hours of healthful recreation for so many people and that each summer close to 1,000 youngsters learn how to take care of themselves and others in the water. Chairman of the A.R.C. this year is Mr. Jim Loughran. To him and all the others who have each served so many years on the committee—I would like to move a hearty vote of thanks. I am sure this will be seconded and carried unanimously by all Thornhill and district people.

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The opening prayer was given by Rev. H. R. Howden, who also introduced to the audience the director of the school, Mrs. Minton Johnston.

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Special thanks were given to Mrs. A. Foster for her work with the children's singing. Mrs. Foster is director of music at Haverhill College and it is easy to see that she is a talented and sensitive teacher. As she led the children in singing several hymns and rounds her whole face and figure radiated enthusiasm and affection, to which the children could not help but respond and which was naturally reflected in their singing.

As their share in the program, the kindergarten assembled on the platform and performed as a rhythm band, beating out the tempo of "Jesus Loves Me" with enthusiasm. Kindly Protector.

There were the usual cases of stage fright, of course. One small tot was reluctant to approach the stage until taken firmly in hand by her big brother whom I judged to be about 14. And not only did this young

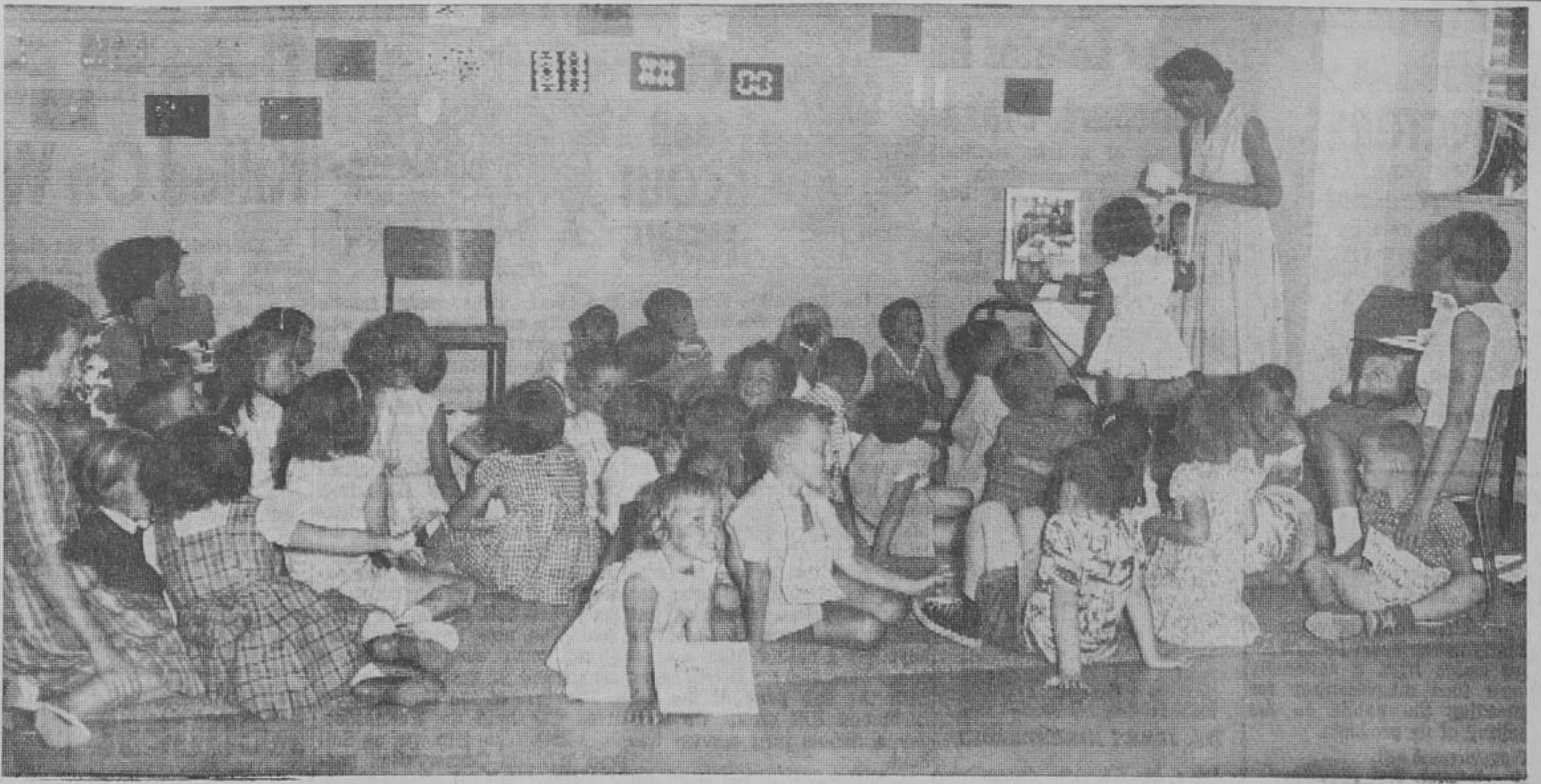
man escort his small sister to the platform, he assisted her to sit down, instructed her in the proper manner of folding her knees and saw that her dress was modestly arranged before leaving her. When the kindergarten class was dismissed, she stood confused at the bottom of the steps leading to the platform, he again went forward and brought her to her place beside him. Would that every little girl had such a kindly protector!

Primary Class
The primary class, under the direction of Mrs. John Wilson, disposed themselves about the platform as around a campfire and heard a Bible story read. They held up to the audience the posters and scrolls they had made and read the verses from them, closing their part of the program with singing "God Is Near".

Junior Class
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Mrs. Kojola showed some examples of clay modelling that her class had done. Seven children exhibited the costumes they had concocted for the three plays they had performed. Another group had worked at puppets and showed a scene, complete with puppet figures and scenery, illustrating the finding of Moses.

Intermediate Class
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Children Enjoy Thornhill Vacation Bible School

The kindergarten class of the Thornhill Vacation School are seen with their teachers. (Left to right) are teachers Mrs. J. McGowan, Miss E. Phinnemore, Mrs. A. Martindale, and Miss Lynda Henry. (Photo by David Barbour)

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Thornhill Notes

Presbyterian Church News

Friends and members of the Thornhill Presbyterian Church were given an opportunity to greet and visit informally with their former minister, Rev. Calvin Chambers and Mrs. Chambers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Patton on July 15th.

The guests visited and reminisced during the afternoon and evening reception in the garden which was bright with gay umbrellas and summer flowers.

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Pouring tea in the afternoon were Mrs. R. Watt, Mrs. P. Williamson, Mrs. F. Porter, Miss Francis, Miss James, Mrs. J. S. Glen and Mrs. D. Cooper. In the evening, tea was poured by Mrs. J. Kok, Mrs. H. Mizen and Mrs. T. Stothers.

Serving were Mrs. R. Penrose, Mrs. J. Boyd, Mrs. Symonds, Mrs. A. McKechnie, Mrs. N. Todd, Mrs. J. Arnot, Mrs. J. Ariss, Mrs. B. Henderson, Mrs. W. Hazell, Mrs. J. Mavor, Mrs. W. Sharpe and Mrs. G. Culley.

Mrs. J. MacKay and Mrs. D. Puddy assisted the hostess.

Rev. Chambers, now minister at First Presbyterian Church, New Westminster, B.C., is conducting morning services at Thornhill Presbyterian Church for the month of July. Services are being held at 10 a.m.

United Church News
Soloist at the Sunday morning service on July 15th at Thornhill United was Miss Janet Dalgleish.

The African Students Foundation is appealing to the church congregations of Canada for financial support. This foundation brings qualified students from Africa to study at Canadian universities. The need is urgent. For more information, please contact African Students Foundation, 146 Yonge Street, Toronto.

An interesting and appropriate parable was published last week in the Church calendar. The author of this little gem was not named, but I feel compelled to repeat it here for the

benefit of all members.

"Now it came to pass as summer drew nigh that Mr. Church Member lifted up his eyes to the hills and said, 'Lo, the hot days cometh, and even now are at hand. Come, let us go unto the heights, where cool breezes refresh us and glorious scenes await us.'

"Thou speakest wisely, quoth Mrs. Church Member. 'Yet three things, yea, four things must we do before we go.'

"Three things I can think of, but not four," responded Mr. Church Member. "We must arrange for our flowers to be cared for, our lawn to be cut and watered and the mail to be for-

warded, but the fourth eludes my mind."

"The fourth is like unto the first three, yet more important than all," said Mrs. Church Member. "Thou shalt dig down in thy purse and pay thy church pledge, that the good name of the church may be preserved and that it may be well with thee, for I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than when thou dost return."

And it came to pass that Mr. Church Member paid his pledge for the summer and the Treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying, "O! a truth, there are those who care for the Lord's work." And it was so."

HEADFORD NEWS

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Enjoy New Organ
Sunday morning the congregation of Headford United Church sang to the music of a Hammond organ, a pleasant surprise. Several months ago the Hi-C class decided on the project of getting an organ for the church. The achievement is a good demonstration of mountain moving. The young people presented their plan, they were sure it could be done. And there it is; no bazaars, teas or collection campaign, just faith and spreading the word.

Following the morning service Dr. Binnington asked the congregation to remain to hear the report from the organ committee and to discuss the organ of their choice. Mrs. Elmer Leek, Hi-C counsellor, told of the committee's investigation of equalizing, cost and terms of payment. She disclosed that about three quarters of the cost was at hand with promises of more. A vote was called and the result affirmed that the 'organ on trial' be kept.

Dr. Binnington's sermon was in harmony with the organ project. He spoke of Abraham's restless search for fulfillment of his dream; to set down roots and establish a permanent Canadian. "The dreamer," he said, "is practical. He sees the reality and the comparison of what is and what he wants inspires him to translate his dream into action or to inspire others to act."

Chit Chat
It may be that distance lends enchantment but certainly it provides no obstacle when junior farmers decide to go to a party. On July 19 Don Brodie and Albert Leek, along with a bus load of York County Junior Farmers were guests of Waterloo County Junior Farmers at a roller skating party held in Preston. The exercise was a fine conditioner for the weiner roast that followed.

Birthdays congratulations to James Ladouceur on his eleventh birthday and to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Calder on their twelfth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. A. Miller is visiting her daughter in the U.S.A. She was anticipating the joy of welcoming a new grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Wellman had as a weekend guest Mrs. Wellman's sister, Mrs. E. Meredith who is taking a course in auxiliary class work in Toronto. They visited on Sunday with Mrs. Wellman's brother Gordon Marshall and her aunts the Misses Marshall, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Marshall, Ottawa were also guests in the Wellman home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Calder and family enjoyed an overnight visit in Belleville.

Last week we reported that Albert Leek rescued a glider that had landed on their farm. The point of interest in the story was that the glider was from New York, U.S.A. not, as report-

ed from North York. The American was competing at the Agincourt meet. Albert was not at home when the owner called for his craft but he has since received a letter from him expressing his gratitude for the rescue and care.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie Cousins, Brussels, were guests in the home of their aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moory for part of the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Burton, Beeton, and their daughters were weekend guests of the Harry Burtons.

Keith and Richard Burton were excited spectators at the Buffalo-Toronto game Saturday afternoon at Maple Leaf Stadium. Keith's report was brief, "Buffalo, 7 to 6 darn it!" They were accompanied by their father and uncle.

Crestwood Rd. News

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At St. Paschals' Baylon Church, Steeles Ave., West, July 15, three girls of Crestwood Road took their first communion, J. McEwen, Jacqueline Jarvis and George McKeena.

Mrs. Doris Palin has returned home from Branson Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. A. Layzell, Crestwood Road, announce the arrival of a baby daughter last week at Branson Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Robertson who is over from Scotland, have taken a trip to Detroit and surrounding districts.

Mr. and Mrs. James King Sr., who are over from Scotland, staying with Mr. and Mrs. King, have just returned from a holiday up north. They spent a week at Riley Lake, near Gravenhurst, and another week at Minden.

Donna Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Webb, has returned home from a camping trip with Pioneer Girls at Walkerton, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills and children have moved into the district and are residing on Steeles Ave., West.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wilson have had Mrs. McCurry and Mrs. Thompson, Toronto, visiting them for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson have had relatives from Boston, U.S.A., visiting them this past week.

Mrs. Armstrong is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Fitchett, for a few days.

Invites Inquiries From Interested Art Groups

If the growing population of Richmond Hill ever decides the town needs an art society, they need not go far to find a trained, professional person to help them get off on the right foot.

Mrs. H. T. Girard, who lives at 11 Roosevelt Drive, Richmond Hill, is information officer of the Art Institute of Ontario. She is the only paid officer of her group.

Her job is to answer questions on art and supply art exhibitions from all across the province of Ontario.

In recent years, the institute has provided art exhibits for McConaghy Public School and at the Thornhill Public Library.

Mrs. Girard assured The Liberal she would be especially happy to answer inquiries and to provide assistance to local groups for any art projects.

The institute is an association of leading galleries, museums and art societies in Ontario operating under the Canada Council. It is especially interested in promoting art in the more remote areas of the province.

Some of the founding members of the institute include the National Gallery of Canada, the Royal Ontario Museum and Hart House.

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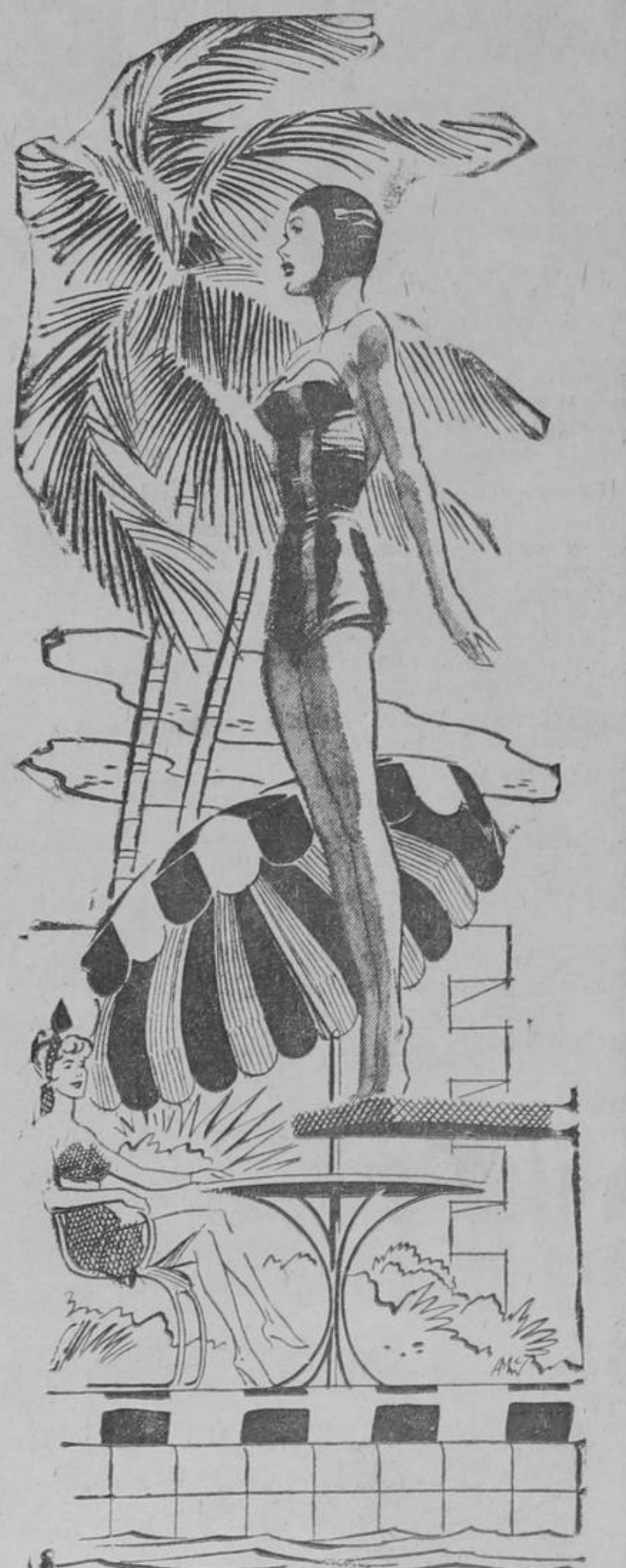
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THE GRAND PRIZE A SEVEN DAY TRIP FOR TWO TO NASSAU INCLUDING AIR TRAVEL HOTEL AND MEALS CONTEST STARTS AUGUST 2



Announce Change In Area Business

A recent change in ownership at Thornhill Smoke and Gift Shop leaves the store in the hands of a long-time local resident.

Bob Caesar, former assistant service manager of Wilson-Niblett Motors, acquired the business early in June. Both Bob and Mrs. Caesar received their education and have lived most of their lives in Richmond Hill and Thornhill areas.

Mrs. Caesar's family formerly owned Edwards IGA in Thornhill.

The shop will continue to carry everything from groceries to birthday cards, according to Mr. Caesar. First change in the business was the addition of a line of bicycle supplies.

No other store in the village carries such supplies at present. Mr. Caesar eventually hopes to expand to a full line of sporting goods.

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