

# Thornhill and Maple District News

## Thornhill Notes

**United Church News**  
 Guest soloist at the July 29th morning service at Thornhill was Mr. Phillip Cotton. Soloist was Mr. Hugh Martin who sang "Hear My Prayer" by Hamblen.  
 Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Macdonald are happy to announce the birth of a son on July 27th at the Branson Hospital. He has been given a good Scots name, with lots to live up to—Robert Bruce.  
 Mrs. J. L. Watters, who has served the church for some time past, has submitted her resignation. She will be greatly missed in all departments of the church life. Anyone knowing of anyone who is interested in the position of church secretary is asked to phone Mr. Ed Windsor, AV. 5-1456.  
 On July 29th, banners were published between the follow-

ing couples from the Thornhill area.  
 Mr. Roger Dee of Willowdale and Miss Karen Hunt of Thornhill; Mr. Jack Brass of Richvale and Miss Patricia Watters of Stouffville; Mr. Donald Mooney of Toronto and Miss Judith Kirjavainen of Thornhill.  
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 Juniors will swim one width of the pool, intermediates one length, and seniors two lengths. Ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners in each race and there will be trophies for the total points winners in each division.  
 As well as the races, there will be a diving competition, in which the juniors will make two dives and intermediates and seniors each make three dives. This will be followed by a diving exhibition given by Ted McGhee, Pete Nuttal and John Hanna, as well as some "clown" diving by the same trio.  
 An exhibition of synchronized swimming and a penny toss will complete the evening.  
 Competitors in the swim meet need not have taken lessons at the Thornhill Pool but must live in the area bounded on the south by Steeles Avenue, on the north by Carville Rd., on the west by Dufferin Street, and on the east by Bathurst Street. A separate swim meet for youngsters coming from outside these boundaries will be held on August 31st.  
 And as a veteran of several years' attendance at these meets, here's a word of advice to potential spectators; bring yourself a chair—the hill around the pool makes rather hard sitting—and also bring a sweater—the hollow in the park seems to attract a heavy fall of dew which can become clammy uncomfortable as the evening progresses. See you there!

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## Over 50 Attend Manning Reunion

Guests from Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Aurora and Willowdale were among the 50 attending the recent Manning family reunion in Don Mills.  
 The reunion, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Proctor, also attracted members of the family from Cooksville, Toronto, Guelph, Blackstock, Grand Valley, Kingston, Ottawa and Keswick.  
 Howard Manning, Guelph, was re-elected president of the group and his wife was named secretary.  
 Rain failed to interrupt the reunion in spite of the constantly threatening weather. Features of the day were the sports program and a buffet supper.  
 Oldest member of the family present was Mrs. Walter Proctor of Newmarket. Fred Proctor, also of Newmarket, was the oldest gentleman.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mountjoy, Blackwater, came from the greatest distance for the family gathering.  
 Next year's reunion, the 13th annual, will be held in Aurora at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fierheller.

# Concord People Won't Oppose Edgeley Water

**(By Margaret I. McLean)**  
 A group of eight ratepayers, the executive of the Concord Community Ratepayers Association, met with the Vaughan Township Council water committee for the second time within the week on August 2nd.  
 The group had been invited to meet with council members on July 30th as a result of their written objection to the setting up of the proposed new Water Area at Edgeley.  
 Their objection was based on the fact that the \$200,000 approximate cost of the project seemed excessive in view of the estimate of \$136,000 given them last year for the development of a water area at Concord, involving almost double the length of water mains.  
 This proposed water system had not been gone forward with because of the high cost to the 100 or so ratepayers in the Concord Heights subdivision, which would have been approximately \$130,000 per year for a 20-year period, and which the majority of the ratepayers felt was beyond their ability to pay. Having had to forego a water system in their own area because they couldn't pay for it themselves, this group felt somewhat aggrieved at a plan which would have them, as well as the rest of the township, paying the bulk of the cost of the Edgeley system.

Walter Norris had met on Tuesday afternoon with members of the Ontario Water Resources Commission. They had been advised that financing by the OWRC could be done at 5.75%. The last debentures issued by the township had been at this same rate. Mrs. McConkey then invited Mr. Harris of the township's auditors to explain the details of OWRC financing.  
**Explains OWRC Financing**  
 Mr. Harris explained that if the water area were developed by the OWRC the \$200,000 would be repayed over a period as long as 30 years. The township would be required to deposit with the OWRC an annual amount of principal repayment. The money would be invested and bear interest at the end of the 30-year period. This annual principal payment, together with the earned interest, would equal the amount of the loan.  
 In an area considered to be in a stage of rapid development, and which would thus have increasing assessment to draw from each year, the OWRC would permit a lower principal repayment for the first five years.  
 The township would also be required to set money aside in a sinking fund to act as a reserve for the replacement and renewal of equipment. This amount would be 3/4 of 1% of the total cost of the project and it would also earn interest. When the sinking fund was adequate for the repair or replacement of the system, it would be added to further.  
 It would also be required that the township put a further amount of money aside each year to pay for the operation of the system.  
**Township Financing**  
 If the system is controlled by the township, however, Mr. Harris stated that it would be financed by the issuing of debentures for a 20-year period. Interest on the debentures would be dictated by the market at the time of issuance. He prophesied that this would not likely be under 6% but could be as high as 7%.  
 (York County debentures last week sold at 6.45% while as reported in last week's paper, Markham Township accepted an offer of 6% for the first 10 years and 6 1/4% on the second 10 years.)  
 The operating expense would be carried by the township water department and the management of the system would lie completely with the township. It would be up to the municipality if they wanted to set up a reserve fund.  
**Majority Favours Sinking Fund**  
 Mrs. McConkey stated that as the oldest water system in the township was only seven years old, as yet they had never set

up a sinking fund but that they could well recommend this to future councils. Mr. Harris stated that financial thinking on the theory of sinking funds was somewhat divided, but that he felt about 60% of the thinking of informed persons was in favour of a sinking fund.  
 Mrs. McConkey pointed out that if the OWRC financed the water area that they would be in full control of the system, that they would hire their own engineers, would call their own tenders, open and award them.  
 "I would hate to see the control of our present water system taken out of the hands of our present staff and have them told in effect by the OWRC 'You're not good enough,'" stated Mrs. McConkey.  
 "It seems to me that statement is dictated by sentiment," interjected Mr. C. L. Gilbert of Vaughan Blvd., Concord. "And sentiment has no place in matters of finance."  
 In referring to the cost of the project, the Concord delegation advised that they had been misled by the township's first advertisement of the project which had mentioned only the 4,490 feet of watermain to be constructed.  
 Subsequent advertisements, however, detailed the exploration, reservoir and equipment. Mrs. McConkey reported that the cost of the additional mains to be constructed would be approximately \$63,000 of the total cost of the project.  
 The delegation was also informed the project had not been planned just to serve the new plant to be constructed by the firm of Geo. W. Crothers Ltd. at Highways 400 and 7.  
 On the contrary, Mrs. McConkey advised that the project had been made necessary by the insistence of the OWRC that the township improve the existing water system in the area by the improvement of the pumping station and the installation of iron removal equipment. Iron in the water had been forming objectionable compounds with the chlorine to the extent that the OWRC insisted the system be improved.  
 "I've learned something in the past three minutes that could have settled my objections from the first," stated Mr. C. L. Gilbert. The rest of the delegation agreed that a large portion of their objection had been based on the assumption that the entire project had been undertaken primarily to service the Crothers property, and enabling this firm to sell the larger part of the land it had purchas-

ed at a substantial profit.  
**Start Work In Oct.**  
 Reeve Rutherford stated that Crothers had shown them plans for a proposed plant to cost one and a quarter million dollars which when complete would bring \$100,000 in taxes to the township every year. Crothers expected to start construction in October, he added.  
 "What would be the effect if this group refused to withdraw its objections to the project?" enquired Mrs. R. M. McLean.  
**Need Public Meeting**  
 Mrs. McConkey replied that unless the township could show the Municipal Board how they had satisfied the objections to the project, the board could call a public hearing. It might take a month or more to hold the hearing and as long after to get their report. This would probably delay the start of the project until next year.  
 Mrs. McLean expressed the feeling that the Concord group would feel less inclined to object to the Edgeley system if they could have confidence that the township had an overall water plan which would include water for Concord at some future date.  
 "I feel quite sure that the construction of the Edgeley system will mean that water is closer to Concord," stated Councillor Windatt.  
 Mrs. McConkey advised that the township would have to have water in at the C.N.R. property by 1964 and would develop a well in the Keele Street area for this purpose. It was possible that this water could be extended to the Concord area at some time in the future.  
 When asked why the recently discovered well at Concord, with a rated capacity of a million gallons a day could not be developed instead and taken to the west, Mrs. McConkey advised that this well would be the most expensive to develop and that it was more economical to develop a well in the centre of the populated area and carry it to the fringes. She advised the Concord ratepayers that they should meet with the Planning Board to ascertain what plans there are for future development in the Concord area.  
 After some three hours of discussion, the Concord delegation withdrew, thanking the council for their time and consideration and promising that they would write the council immediately advising whether or not they would withdraw their objections.  
 The group then met informally outside the council chambers, decided that their questions had been fully answered and sent back word to the water committee that they were withdrawing their objections to the new water area.

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## Passes On At 85

**Late Percival Snider Was Edgeley Resident**  
 A life-long resident of Edgeley, Percival Snider, passed away at Branson Hospital on July 27, following a brief illness. He was in his 85th year. He was the youngest and last remaining member of the family of the late Joseph and Sarah Snider. Besides his parents, his brothers John and Henry and his sister Minnie (Mrs. Brown), and a sister in California predeceased him.  
 The funeral service was held on July 30, in the chapel of the W. L. Scott Funeral Home in Woodbridge and interment was in Edgeley Cemetery.  
 Pall-bearers were Frank Locke, Henry Stevenson, Allan Smith, Ross Anderson, Peter Craib and Fred Hendry.  
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**CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY**  
**Richmond Hill Unit**  
**FACT FOR THE WEEK:**  
 Since 1947 the Canadian Cancer Society has provided \$9,688,966 for research facilities.

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The annual Sutton Horse Show will be held Aug. 9, 10 and 11. This popular fair will feature classes for horses, cattle, sheep, swine, and as always the outstanding attraction will be horse racing.  
 J. D. Tate is president of the fair which has a continuous history dating back 107 years.

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