

# Thornhill and District News

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## Thornhill Notes

### Guide Training Conference

Mrs. Dennis Moore of Arnold Avenue district commissioner and Mrs. P. McTaggart-Cowan, Colborne Street, division commissioner will be among the many local guides who will attend the Guide training conference at Richmond Hill United Church on November 3. Division and district commissioners and guides from all divisions in the central area association will attend the all day conference and pick up valuable pointers and instructions on how to make Guiding both interesting and worthwhile to the Guides in the area.

### CWL of St. Lukes

A meeting of the Catholic Women's League of St. Lukes Church was held in the school auditorium on October 22 with President Mrs. V. DeMarco presiding. New members of the executive are Mrs. Florence Martiniuk, 1st vice-president, Mrs. Mary Harrinson, 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Hazel Norrish, secretary and 3rd vice-president, and Mrs. Lena Loughran, treasurer.

After a short business meeting, Mrs. Martiniuk introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Oxley of the Oxley Travel Service, Toronto. Mrs. Oxley has for several years conducted package tours to the Moosonee area and showed many beautiful colored slides of the area. It is from Moosonee that the weather balloons are released at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day and information from this weather balloon forms the basis of the Canada-wide weather forecasts. Several of Mrs. Oxley's pictures showed the Indians, the "unwanted waifs of our society", many of whom are poverty stricken and live in tents even in the winter months. Several of her pictures showed the Government Indian schools where the children are taught hygiene and meal preparation along with their three R's.

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over leadership of the Troop, assisted by Mr. Gordon Johnson. Meetings are held Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. For further information, call Bill Neale at AV. 5-1360 or Bob Gibson at AV. 5-1550. Several members of the

church enjoyed the turkey supper with members of Carrville United Church on October 24. Boys from 8 to 16 interested in playing on the church hockey team are asked to call the hockey director, Mr. E. Tobey at AV. 5-5216.

## Thornhill Secondary School News

In continuation of the plan followed last year, Mrs. Audrey Taylor, librarian at Thornhill Secondary, is arranging a series of lectures for senior students. The first of these was held on October 25 when Mr. Norman Phillips, Assistant Managing Editor of the Toronto Star addressed an interested group of students on the general topic "What is a Newspaper". Mr. Phillips spoke of the make-up of a paper, the different sections, and the gathering of news. He mentioned the front page which in the Star always includes one international, one national and one local story. He also outlined briefly how the editorial policy of a newspaper is established by the members of the editorial

board meeting each morning, discussing the situation and deciding what line they will take. Mr. Phillips outlined how a journalist writes and the extreme speed of composition which is often required. The star contains 160,000 words per day. A prime essential of a would-be journalist Mr. Phillips stated was an intense curiosity. A journalist should have a broad general background and any would-be journalist should read at least an hour a day, he stated. Mr. Phillips expressed opposition to training in a school of journalism as he stated each paper likes to train its writers in its own style. Mrs. Taylor hopes to have Mr. Robert Weaver of the CBC and editor of the Tamarac Review discuss writing for radio at the next lecture.

## Speaker Tells Meeting Of How Village Started

The Pioneer Village Festival Day held recently drew 17,000 people interested in seeing how the pioneers lived over 100 years ago.

The North York Historical Society meeting in the North York Public Library has an interest in the Pioneer Village which is in North York Township. Mrs. R. H. Neil, Thornhill, a committee member of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, addressed the members and told how Pioneer Village started. Mrs. Neil had for many years been interested in Ontario pioneer life and believed we should conserve the social history of the people who worked to clear the land. She felt this to be a part of conservation and in 1955 persuaded the conservation authority to purchase the Stong

farm of 18 acres at Steeles Avenue and Jane Street for a pioneer village. She paid tribute to Albert Colucci, the curator, and Napier Simpson Jr., architect, as well as Vernon Snider, Percy Snider and James Buchanan, for unlimited assistance in setting up the museum. She urged the audience to write a record of their family history including human interest stories such as tragedies, comedies, cures, even skeletons in the closet. The program was in charge of the churches and cemeteries committee. Mrs. H. A. S. Molyneux, committee chairman, outlined the activities of the committee. Mrs. G. Alexander Fee introduced the speaker and Miss Audrey Graham thanked her. Mrs. John Grimshaw was in charge of the refreshments.

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MR. AND MRS. WEILAND FEEDING MOTHERLESS KITTENS (STAFF PHOTO)

## Orphaned Kittens Thriving Well On Bottle-Fed Milk And Pablum

(By Doris M. FitzGerald)

When Pepi had been gone a little longer than usual Mrs. Weiland went in to the garden to look for her. Soon she was joined by a Thornlea neighbor who said sadly, "Rita, I am afraid that I see your Siamese lying on the road." It was only too true. Pepi, who rarely strayed to the street, had been hit by a car. Though shocked and deeply grieved by the death of her beautiful pet, Mrs. Weiland had to cope quickly with the problem of Pepi's five pedigreed kittens.

Only four days old, the helpless little pure white creatures weighed about two ounces each and would need nourishment and loving care if they were to survive.

Almost at once she was able to obtain a Siamese whose own kittens were just being weaned, but unfortunately this cat's milk gave out after five days.

In desperation the Weilands advertised in a Toronto paper for another substitute mother, and, while waiting for replies they installed the kittens in a high-sided box, warmed by an electric pad and began feeding them on a regular four hour schedule.

A special milk formula was

given to them at first by means of an eyedropper. The advertisement brought only several offers of help in raising the kittens but by that time the Weilands were managing very well and were reluctant to separate the little family.

Friends found for them a toy baby bottle with a tiny nipple. The kittens grasp with their forepaws and drain the milk with evident pleasure. Pablum has now been added to their diet and feedings have been reduced to five a day.

At the age of three weeks they are lively, lovable one-half pound kittens who roll and tumble together in their box.

Already they have cut some teeth and are developing distinctive characteristics of their royal Siamese ancestors such as bright blue eyes, black noses, and sleek pinky-white coats brushed with black on the heads, tails and feet.

The Weilands experience no difficulty in telling them apart and have named the two females Pepi and Sheba, and the three males, Ming, Bamb, and Bhiboul.

Siamese cats have rather delicate constitutions and Mrs. Weiland was warned that she would be lucky if she managed to save one of the litter.

"It was not much fun being roused by the alarm clock at night to feed them", she admitted, "but they have been well worth our trouble."

"At home in Holland we always had Siamese cats," she said, "and I often thought I would like to have one here. However, my husband did not care much for cats so I did not press the matter."

"Then about three years ago we heard of an eight-weeks-old Siamese kitten, and we went right out in the worst blizzard of the winter to get her. My husband became very fond of Pepi who followed him around like a dog and loved to sit on his shoulder. Now he thinks there is nothing like a Siamese cat."

Mr. and Mrs. Weiland were married in Holland shortly before coming to Canada five and a half years ago. An attractive young couple who speak English well, they seem to have made a happy and successful adjustment to their new environment.

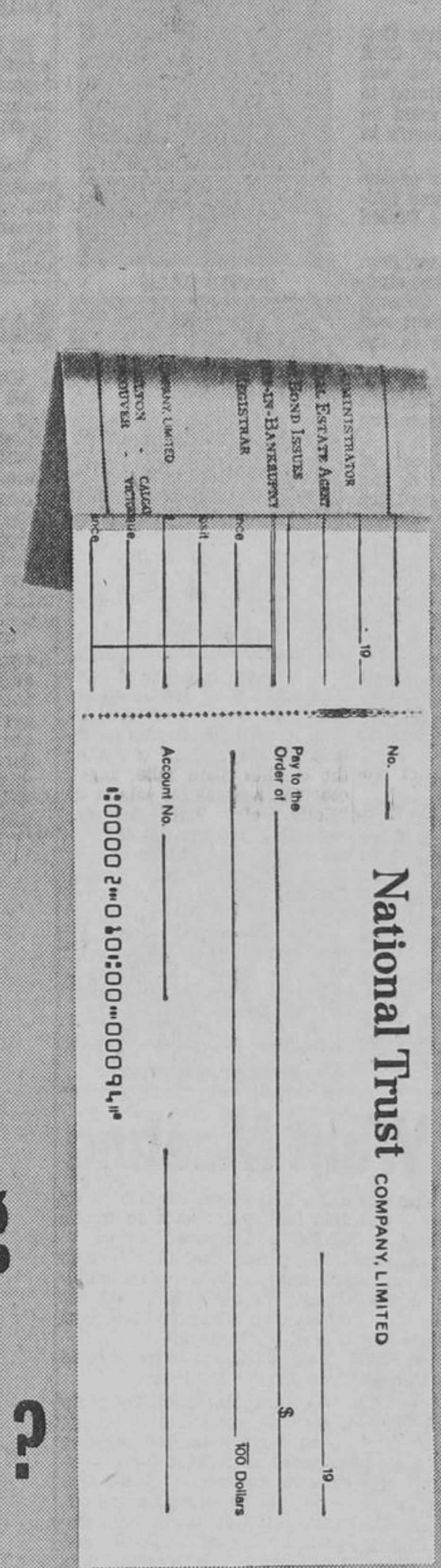
Rita Weiland studies oil painting as a hobby, and Martin, a yachting enthusiast, now has a Comet sailboat. Mr. Weiland who is with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce was on the staff of the Thornhill branch for a time before being transferred to a Toronto branch.

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