

Thornhill and District News

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Powell Road Grade 8 Graduates

These nine happy students were pictured recently at graduation exercises held for the Powell Road Public School Grade 8 class. Back row, left to right, Miss A. Palmer, teacher, Mr. A. McRoberts, principal, Peter Webster, Gordon Salt,

Barry St. John, Peter Zepp, James Miller. Front row; Lynda Higgs, Phyllis St. John, Heather Barrett, Melodee Bradbeer. (Photo by Barbour)

Thornhill Notes

Woodland Graduation Banquet
The Woodland Home & School Association played host to the 1962 graduating class of the school on October 22 and entertained the class to a banquet and dance.

The evening was Mrs. Elizabeth Stratton, the Association's president. A member of the graduating class, Miss Corinne Whitmore said grace before the dinner. Inspector Maynard Hallman replied to the toast to the school and superintendent E. Schand responded to the toast to the teachers.

The toast to the graduating class was given by trustee Alan Parker. Terry Tamblin gave the valedictory address. On behalf of the graduating class, Linda Brain presented a painting to the school's two Grade 8 teachers, Mr. Leon and Mrs. Windrim.

Presentation of pins was made to the graduates and special awards went to Linda Brain for the highest marks among the girls, and to David Bag for highest marks among the boys. Honourable mention for honours went to Michael Evans, Jane Henry and Julie Robinson.

The final part of the program took the form of a dance. A twist contest was won by Rosemarie Cordingley and Terry Tamblin, and Christine Evans and Garry George.

The next meeting of the association will be on November 20 when Miss Ann Wilson of Toronto Teachers' College will speak on the subject of primary education.

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Talking Shop
(with Doris Fitzgerald)
Temping New Merchandise for Christmas
Besides being an expert clock and watch repairman, dependable John Cole is helpful the year round as a retailer of giftware ranging from glass, china, silver, and leather goods, to costume jewellery, watches and diamond rings. The other day we dropped in to the store to see the first batch of his new Christmas stock, and especially noticed the attractive dressing table sets in chrome and gold color finish. Some sets consist of brush, comb and hand mirror, others include two covered glass jars. Nicely boxed, they were very reasonable in price. We also saw pretty earrings designed for pierced ears; distinctive silver pins, and pendants from Siam; and some burnished Indian brassware. In the latter collection are paper knives, candlesticks, strings of lucky bells and vases, perfect for gifts for each piece has such a cheerful, sunny glow.
JOHN F. COLE, Jeweller & Watch Repair AV. 5-3485 Yonge & Colborne Sts., Thornhill

Good Investments for Grass and Snow
After those October snowstorms, wives, thinking of their husbands, and husbands thinking of their hearts, hurried to Arne Ketola's to buy snow-blowers. These wonderful machines make light work of clearing snow from walks and drives, and Mr. Ketola is the agent for such well known makes as Ariens, Toro, Springfield, and Wheel Horse. He also sells, services and rents chain saws and other power equipment, and at the moment is offering a season's-end bargain in power lawn mowers, having marked his remaining 1962 models at less than cost price. This is a splendid chance to trade in your old mower on one of these brand new machines, and effect a real saving. If, however, you have a satisfactory mower, and want to keep it in good condition, telephone Mr. Ketola, or bring it to his shop. He is a master mechanic of long experience, and will clean and lubricate it, and make any necessary repairs before the spring rush sets in.
KETOLA POWER EQUIPMENT AV. 5-1538 7571 Yonge St., Thornhill

Something New and Different Every Saturday
A Toronto friend, who recently came up to shop at York Farmers Market for the first time, was most enthusiastic when discussing her purchases. "The flowers and food were wonderful," she said. "I liked dealing directly with the farmers, and parking was very easy. It was a real surprise though to find so many attractive handmade articles for sale. I mentally revised my Christmas list and began gift buying on the spot." We were curious to know what took her fancy, and she mentioned the ceramic door knobs and push plates, decorated with Canadian wildflowers, saying, "At the minute I caught sight of them I knew they would be appreciated by several friends." She also bought leather goods, dolls clothes, a handloomed tie, an apron and some unusual Christmas cards. "Next trip," she said, "I will have time for a better look at the handmade jewellery, paintings, and antiques." We were glad to be able to tell her that some of the handicrafts she admired were made in this district. The ceramic knobs, drawer pulls, and tiles, were painted by Jean Boyer of Pine Grove, who often receives commissions from interior decorators. The framed oil paintings exhibited on Mrs. A. Rumble's counter were painted by her talented daughter and son-in-law, Madeleine and Harold Howarth, Richmond Hill, who have both had considerable training in art. Mr. A. Steel of Richmond Hill made the tooled leather belts, wallets and key cases. The Happy Hands stall is supplied with dolls clothes, aprons, tea cosies, etc., by a group of handicapped women and girls in the Willowdale area. Mrs. Penneylegion who operates the stand called Peggy's Bazaar, has included ceramics by Gwen Sands, patchwork quilts by Mrs. Henry and paintings by F. Williamson, all of Thornhill, in her interesting collection of Canadian handicrafts. She also has a large selection of Christmas cards and at least five in the Canadian Studio series, are of local origin. Commercial artists Ron Duncan and Floyd Baillargeon, each designed one, and three evolved from an idea put forward by Mrs. R. H. Neil, our well known authority on pioneer times. She gave an artist friend some old recipes and suggested that they might be used in making novel cards. Lastly there are the lovely pieces of old coloured and pressed glass, china and jewellery which Miss H. Henderson of Richmond Hill brings to her antiques stand. We thought it wise to remind our friend that Mrs. Boyer, Miss Henderson and several of the other stall holders leave in the afternoon, so Saturday morning is the best time to shop.
YORK FARMERS MARKET Thornhill Yonge & Elgin Sts.

Coming From Victoria B.C. Name Rev. A. T. Higgins To Thornhill

Thornhill and Carrville United Churches have been advised that their call to Rev. A. I. Higgins of Victoria, B.C., has been approved and that he will be arriving during the last week of November. Rev. Higgins is expected to occupy the pulpit on December 2nd, with an induction service during the previous week.

Mr. Higgins has been minister of the First United Church in Victoria, B.C., for seven years where he was pastor to 2,400 members and created the strongest Sunday school and Young People's Union in the Presbytery. He comes highly recommended for his preaching ability, interest in the Christian family and the community and for his administrative experience.

Born in Truro, Nova Scotia, School with degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity, he served two pastorates in the Maritimes before entering the Royal Canadian Air Force. His many flights during the raids over Europe in World War II and during service in the Pacific made him known as "The Flying Padre". Following his service with the Air Force, Rev. Higgins was minister of McKay Road United Church in Ottawa for eight years, before going to Victoria.

Because of his Maritime upbringing, Mr. Higgins has a special interest in sailing. He is also an ardent curler and takes great pride in the furniture that he has created in his home workshop.

The congregation are looking forward to welcoming Rev. and Mrs. Higgins to their pastorates and introducing them to the community.

Village Trustees Meet New Street Lighting Thornhill Area

At the October 29th meeting of Thornhill Village Trustees, Mr. W. S. Urquhart, assistant area manager of Richmond Hill Rural Area of Ontario Hydro, outlined a plan for uniform highway lighting in the Thornhill area.

Mr. Urquhart informed the trustees that a new lighting area has been formed encompassing the area between Steeles Avenue, Yonge Street, No. 7 Highway, Bayview Avenue, Green Lane and Leslie Street. Through an arrangement with the Department of Highways and Markham Township, 400-watt mercury vapour lights will be installed on Highway 11 from Steeles to the southerly village limits and then from the northerly village limits to Highway 7. These will be installed at the expense of the Department of Highways and the township will pay only the operating costs, replacement and depreciation.

Mr. Urquhart pointed out that there are now in the village some 500-watt, some 300-watt, and six new mercury vapour lights. He stated that the Department of Highways would like to see a high standard of lighting right through the village and were accordingly prepared to make the same financial arrangements with the village as with the township, but only with respect of that portion of the village south of Centre Street. Because of the new Highway 7 by-pass, which will divert considerable traffic off Yonge and Centre Streets, they don't feel that the north end of the village is on the same basis, and have offered to pay 50% of the capital costs of installing the lights from Centre Street to the north limits of the village.

If the Department of Highways offer was accepted, Mr. Urquhart estimated that the lighting would cost the village about \$97.50 per year more for the area from Centre Street south and about \$275.00 per year more for the area from Centre Street to the northern limits of the village.

Chairman James Timmins felt that the trustees should not decide too hastily on the matter and asked that they be given further time to study it.

Christmas Lights
Mr. Urquhart also advised the trustees that the hydro had been approached by the Thornhill Business Men's Association with respect to the costs of a permanent Christmas lighting installation. The proposal is for 315 lights on the east side of Yonge Street between Colborne Street and the IGA store. The cost of the installation would be borne by the association as well as the estimated \$78.00 for consumption for 60 days. It would cost \$75.00 to remove the installation.

The trustees expressed themselves as willing to permit such an installation as long as they had a form of contract from the business men's association that they would remove the installation if the organization disbanded at any time. This would have to be guaranteed by some individual members of the association acceptable to the trustees.

Wild Life Preserve
Also attending on the trustees was Mr. Gordon Crutcher of 31 John Street who asked that the trustees consider the preservation of the flood plain lands at the rear of his property and others adjoining his as a park or wild life preserve. He pointed out that these lands adjoin the Cameron property which has been in the books as parkland for some time, and felt that some move should be made now to acquire the land while it is still available, instead of waiting three or four years until its value goes up.

Mr. Crutcher stated that he would be willing to give his land for such a purpose at a very nominal cost and felt adjoining property-owners would do likewise.

Mr. Timmins reported that he had spoken briefly with Mr. Taylor of the Administrative Branch of the Department of Municipal Affairs with respect to the village's problems and that he had promised to have someone come to discuss the matters with the trustees at a later date.

It was noted that election date was December 3rd and the trustees accordingly decided to hold the nomination meeting on Wednesday evening, November 21st, at the public library.

After passing several bills for payment, the meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Refuse To Share Watermain Cost
Cost of laying new watermain for the proposed widening of Yonge Street from Steeles Avenue to John Street will not be shared by Markham Township, Council decided Monday afternoon.

Reverend Wilfred Dean explained the municipality had only laid the mains in the last five years according to Department of Highway plans for Yonge.

"Now it should not be our responsibility to pay for new mains because they changed their plans," he said.

Delegates from Thornhill Baptist Church to the semi-annual meeting of the Toronto Association of Baptist Churches held recently in Bethel Baptist, were Miss Gladys Stephens, Mrs. Doris Cowie, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lennie and Dr. and Mrs. Minton Johnston.

Everyone was delighted to welcome back the choir leader and organist, Mrs. Phyllis Andrews, after a prolonged absence.

A class in classical ballet was started at Thornhill Public School on November 7th by the Lillian Dempsey School of Dancing. Mrs. Dempsey's school has operated at Roselawn and Yonge Streets in Toronto for several years and at the urging of several Thornhill residents has decided to open a class here. She holds an advanced teacher's certificate from the Institute of Teachers of Dancing in England and until coming to Canada in 1952 was a member of the Royal Academy Production Club.

Mrs. Dempsey has been teaching in Canada for the past ten years and taught in England for 15 years before that. With half a dozen youngsters enrolled before the class opened, Mrs. Dempsey already has plans for next year's recital and hopes to put on a miniature ballet, the Sleeping Princess.

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