

# Thornhill and District News

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"The Liberal" is always pleased to publish items of interest contributed by its readers in the Thornhill area. Our representative in Thornhill is Mrs. Margaret McLean, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-2331.

## Thornhill Notes

**Woodland Home & School**  
Dr. Z. S. Phimister, Director of Education for Toronto was guest speaker at the March meeting of the Woodland Home & School. Dr. Phimister spoke of his trip last year to Australia and had some very pertinent points to make in comparing the Australian system of education with that of Canada and Ontario. He found much to admire in the Australian system but reminded his audience that they were not dealing with the same conditions as we are in Canada. They educate fewer children and have a much warmer climate with resulting lower costs for schools, using, clothing, etc.

The main advantage of the Australian system, Dr. Phimister felt, was its centralization. This makes for complete equality of education from one end of the country to the other. Teachers colleges, teachers salaries and monies spent on schools and supplies are all federally controlled. This means that a top teacher from the teachers college could be sent to a remote school where a housewife would be provided for and she would receive the same rate of pay as a teacher in a city school and rural school. In every way, there is an equal educational opportunity with city children.

Education is not paid for by property tax in Australia, but consequent lower taxes on homes, but income tax is considerably higher than in Canada. On a \$4,000 income, an Australian would pay some \$100 in income tax while in Canada the income tax on this amount would be around \$60.00. In Australia, once a year professors of education, heads of private schools, the six state directors of education as well as teachers and interested lay persons meet at the Australian College of Education where they pool their ideas and experiences. Dr. Phimister thought such an annual conference of educators would be a good thing to have in Canada. Following his address, Dr. Phimister answered several questions put by members of the audience and an animated session was continued over coffee. Introduced by Mr. Alan Wood, Dr. Phimister was warmly thanked by Mr. Robert Amblyn.

The business portion of the meeting included the election of officers for the coming year. These were: President, Marie Bross; Vice Presidents, Roy Riden and Margaret Adams; Recording Secretary, Betty Jessop; Corresponding Secretary, Virginia Allison; Treasurer, Esther Bateman; Executive Members, Tony Tyler, Freda Murray, Carole Carter and Ella Woolley.

**United Church News**  
Rev. A. I. Higgins will make his final radio address on March 31st, from 9 to 9.30 p.m. He has been speaking over C.F.G.M. every Sunday in March on "Personalities of the Crucifixion." His final sermon in the Lenten series will be given at the morning service on March 31st and will be entitled "The Christian View of Hell."

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed on April 7th at the 11 o'clock service. Members will be received by profession of faith and by transfer at the same service.

On Good Friday, April 12th a three hour service, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church for all Protestants of the Thornhill district.

The Young People's Union will present "The Cup" a play centered around the crucifixion on Sunday night, April 14th at 8 p.m. in the Church sanctuary. 4th Thornhill Cub and Scouts Mothers' Auxiliary  
Many ladies of Thornhill and district spent part of a very blustery March 20th afternoon in a very pleasant manner when they were hosted by Morgans at a preview of their most attractive spring fashions. It was thoroughly relaxing, while partaking of afternoon tea, to watch the lovely models display the beautiful clothes. The mothers of the 4th Thornhill Cub and Scout pack who sponsored this fashion show and tea now wish to again thank all their friends and neighbours who by their kind co-operation and attendance contributed to making this project so successful.

**Socials**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Percival of Elgin Street returned last week from a week's holiday in Stowe, Vermont. Skiing was excellent they report and they were on the slopes every day but one during their stay in this charming Vermont village. Accommodation was wonderful, they had fine weather and lots of snow, all the factors necessary for a perfect winter holiday.

**Thornhaven School**  
I'm told that tickets for the

May 8th performance of Spring Thaw being sold in aid of the Thornhaven School for Retarded Children are going very well. Better get your order for tickets in soon with Lyn Law at AV. 5-3142.

**Holy Trinity News**  
The Parish Guild of Holy Trinity Anglican Church held their annual Lenten service on March 19th. Rev. H. R. Howden conducted the service and expressed the hope that the ladies would take time during Lent to pray and read the Bible for spiritual growth.

Following the service, the general meeting was held in the reception room of the parish hall. Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Molly Adams who gave an informative talk on the Y.W.C.A., telling about their hobbies, crafts, bridge parties and "swim and gym" program. She stated that baby sitting services are available to help mothers of young children enjoy these activities.

**Progress reports were heard on the arrangements for the annual rummage sale to be held at the church on March 30th at 2 p.m. The meeting closed with refreshments served by the Ophelia Group. At the next meeting of the Guild on April 16th, Rev. Howden will speak about the Anglican Congress.**



Enjoying A Cup Of Tea At Fun Fair

Henderson Avenue Public School was the scene of a successful spring fun fair last Saturday afternoon. Enjoying the hospitality of the tea court are (left to right): Mrs. Howard Veals, Guide Carol Redman, Rev. Veals, Guide Sandra Miller and Principal A. Martindale. Mr. Veals is the assistant minister of Thornhill United Church.

The fair was sponsored by the home and school association and the convener was Mrs. Al. Barton. The Guides and Scouts assisted. (Photo by Barbour.)

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## DONCASTER NEWS

CORRESPONDENT: DAVID BARBOUR  
Henderson Avenue - Avenue 5-2505

The Doncaster Community Ladies' Club met at the home of Mrs. J. Adkins, John St., on March 18 for their regular meeting and sixteenth birthday celebrating sixteen years of service in the community.

A brief business meeting was held in which it was decided to send a cheque to a family on Clarke Ave. who recently lost all their belongings in a fire.

A cheque for \$170 was forwarded to the Thornhill and District Hockey Club, a result of the successful euchre held recently at Buttonville. The club wishes to thank all those who generously gave donations to help this organization for the young people in the district.

Officers for the coming year were installed as follows:

President, Mrs. J. Barbour; Vice Pres, Mrs. D. Morrison; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Malinski; Secretary, Mrs. C. Russell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. Carle; Welfare Convener, Mrs. H. Flewelling; Social Convener, Mrs. J. Edgar; Membership Convener, Mrs. E. Knox.

A programme of games followed by a birthday supper, centered with a beautiful birthday cake, ended another year of activities for the club.

The L. German family who were burned out of their home last week have been given rent-free lodging for one month through the courtesy of the Thornhill Lions Club.

Fire at about 5 a.m. March 18th sent the L. German family fleeing their home on the corner of Clarke and Henderson Avenues. A request for a drink of water by their five year old son, Joe, fortunately aroused the sleeping family. The fire alarm was sent from Barbours, neighbours across the street, who also provided shelter until the stricken family could secure a temporary home.

The television set was saved, as well as a clothing cupboard and bed from little Joe's room. No one suffered injuries. How-

## Richvale News

Correspondent  
Mrs. Anne Hewitt  
78, 16th Ave.  
TU. 4-7645

During April, canvassers will be calling on houses in the district for the cancer society. The co-chairman is Mrs. Carroll. Captains of the area are: Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hamlyn, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. R. Campbell, Mrs. M. Barker and Mrs. I. Treharne.

On April 4, 16th Ave. Public School pupils are holding a spring concert at the school. Tickets are 50¢ per person and may be obtained by phoning the school TU. 4-5598.

Once again may we remind you of the fun fair to be held at Richvale School on May 4. Anyone wishing to donate rummage, white elephant, baking and etc. may phone Mrs. Eva Cheney at AV. 5-4233.

March 20, Richmond Heights Centre held a Blue Chip Night. Many residents of the area attended. Prizes were given away at every store. Donald Hewitt, 16th Ave., won \$10.00 worth of records from the Carlton Cleaners.

Mr. Geo. Bowden, Birch Avenue, underwent a nose operation at Central Hospital.

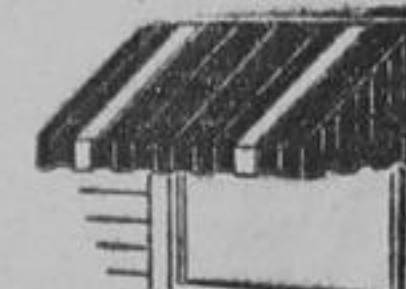
CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Mrs. J. O. Steele of 23 Morgan, who will be 92 years young on March 26.

Mrs. J. Baker of Clarke Avenue, is beginning to improve in Bethesda Hospital where last week her condition was described as gravely ill. It is expected that she soon may be permitted to have visitors.

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Miss Jane McLaren, who has been the librarian for some 11 years reports increasing interest in the library each year. Membership now stands at 958, 660 of whom are children. Last year the library's 6,000-odd books were circulated 19,220 times, an increase of over 3,000 from the year before.

Part of this growing interest is the result of Miss McLaren's visits to the local schools in the area. She has been making one school visit per week for the past three or four years, speaking to the children, two grades at a time, about books and the library, and reading to them.

Starting out at the library as a volunteer, Miss McLaren has "learned by doing" and has taken a summer course on library science. She recently spent two days at the Richmond Hill Library and was in effect, given a refresher course by the librarian there, Mr. F. Israel.

For those who are new to the area, the library is run by a nine member library board. The chairman of the Thornhill Village Trustees is automatically a member of the board, two members are appointed by Township School Area No. 1, Markham, two by the Vaughan Public School Board, two by the separate school board and two by the Thornhill Trustees.

This year the library board consists of Mr. Gaither Zinkan, chairman, Mrs. Kay Percival, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mrs. Helen Edwards, Mrs. Anne Regan, Mrs. Victoria DeMarco, Mr. James H. Timmins, Dr. Robert Jackson and Mr. Robert Fairfield. Board meetings are also attended by the librarian and the board's secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Marjorie Robinson.

Miss McLaren is assisted in her work at the library by a group of 10 or 12 volunteers who work on a part-time basis. The library is financed out of tax monies levied on taxpayers of the Village of Thornhill and by contributions from both Vaughan and Markham Townships.

New books are added to the library regularly. Miss McLaren advises that some popular new ones are "The Moonflower Vine" by Carleton, "The Distant Princess" by Corbett, "Seven Tears for Apollo" by Whitney, "The Moonspinners" by Mary Stewart, all fiction. A popular work of humour "A Herd of Yaks" by Eric Nicol is much in demand. "The Otters Tale" by Gavin Maxwell is a very popular book, a children's version of "Ring of Bright Water" by the same author.

Miss McLaren has at various times toyed with the idea of providing library service to "shelters in the area" but has never worked out any practical scheme for this, nor ascertain if there are in fact any persons in the area who would appreciate such a service. This seems like a good project for some group in the area and if anyone is interested in exploring the idea further, they are invited to call Miss McLaren at AV. 5-2746.

And for those of you who have been intending to join the library and can't seem to remember just when it's open - clip this out and pin it to your calendar. Library hours are: Monday, 7:30 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 2 to 5 p.m.; closed Wednesday; Thursday, 2 to 5 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 to 12 noon. And the library, by the way is situated at 10 Colborne Street - the first building east of Yonge Street on the north side, and Colborne Street is the first street south of the stop lights in the centre of the village.

## Crestwood Rd. News

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Willowdale  
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Powell Road Home and School Association will be holding their regular monthly meeting on April 1st at 8 p.m. Come and help get things ready for the fun fair.

Ladies get your rummage sorted out and ready.

St. Paschal's Church, Steeles Avenue West, held a bridge party last week in aid of the needy folk.

St. Paschal's Brownies held a "flying up" ceremony under their leader Mrs. Corbierre. There were quite a number of Brownies "flew up" to Guides.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. E. Morgan and Freddie, formerly of 67 Crestwood Road, in the loss of a beloved husband and father Mr. Thomas Morgan. After a lengthy illness the late Mr. Morgan passed away March 11 at Ripley, Ontario. Interment took place March 14 at Ripley Cemetery.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCarty on the arrival of their first child, a son Allen David, born March 18 at Toronto Western Hospital.

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