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Highlight Of Thornhill Music Show

Strumming up a storm, the "Deep Valley Boys" entertained during Thornhill Secondary School's recent music and fashion show attended by a capacity audience of parents and friends. The school's choir, orchestra and vocalists performed Broadway musical selections. (Left to right) the musicians are Jeff Edgar, John Crawford, Kingsley Butler, Glen Cooper and David Kennedy.

Shrub Size Important

BY MARGARET I. McLEAN

"Choose the right shrub for the right location" was the advice of Mr. Philip Delf, speaking at the May 21st meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society. "Don't plant a tree or tall shrub in front of a window" he cautioned. "Consider its ultimate size and get one that will fit". He noted that many shrubs would stand a good deal of abuse and you can keep "hacking them down to fit" but that in this case they would not make the twiggy growth that gives them a good appear-

> Mr. Delf is a past president of the Thornhill Horticultural Society and so was no stranger to a good part of the audience. Formerly with the forestry section of the Department of Highways, he is now with the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

Mr. Delf urged his audi-

ence not to worry if their shrub border or foundation planting looked a little sparse at the outset and advised that it would fill in in time. In the meantime, he suggested that the border could be filled in with annuals or even perennials. "Lilies look well in a shrub border" he advised. "They grow when shrubs are through flowering and will add colour." He cautioned that few shrubs would tolerate complete shade and that shrubs chosen for their coloured foliage would never achieve their full colour if grown in the shade.

Shrubs grow best in good earth of course and Mr. Delf suggested it was a good idea to dig the beds deeply and perhaps replace poor soil, unless you can work in all kinds of humus, manure, peat moss or compost. Although they don't require a great deal of care after the soil has been established, they do need a certain amount of feeding and

spraying. Shrubs do require some

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pruning, although Mr. Delf himself prefers to see a shrub allowed to assume its own natural shape without severe pruning. This emphasized again how important it is to keep the natural size and shape of the shrub in shrub won't outgrow its "Don't, for instance," he advised," plant a Chinese elm hedge and try to keep it down to three or four feet. In fact, don't ever plant Chinese elm" he said. "There are so many other good hedge plants available

which will grow well and

look well for years and

He mentioned the 100 year old cedar hedge which had been part of his responsibility at the Don Head Farms. Although a handsome and much admired hedge, it presented many practical difficulties as it was about 20 feet high, 12 feet wide at the base and four feet wide at the top. Cedars should be pruned in July to allow time for new growth and should not be pruned too hard.

Flowering shrubs should never be pruned too severely as this will result in loss of a good deal of bloom While fruit trees should be pruned in late winter. usually in March, flowering shrubs should be pruned immediately after flowering A flowering crab may be pruned immediately after flowering. A flowering crab may be pruned before too much growth has been developed in the spring but really requires very little pruning as their main function is to provide an abund-

ance of bloom. Grapes should be pruned rather late, not until the buds are showing on the maples, as otherwise a late frost may do damage. Grapes are pruned harder than any other plant, right back to the second or third bud of last year's growth.

Such shrubs as forsythia lilac, spireas, and mock orange should be pruned right after blooming. All that is necessary is to take out any thin, spindly shoots and remove wood more than three years old. Cut this old wood right down to the crown and this will encourage new growth which will produce more bloom and a better shape.

Shrubs that bloom later in the season, such as hydrangea, rose of Sharon, etc. are all pruned in the early part of the year as they produce bloom on the current

year's wood. Evergreens also may be pruned although people are generally hesitant to do this as they are so expensive to

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less a spreading juniper is pruned however, it will get bare in the centre if allowed to spread too wide. mugho pine also, unless it is pruned, can grow as high as 10 feet in 10 years. They may be pruned by pinching off the "candles" in early spring. Austrian pine and

buy. He cautioned that, un-

spruce also should have buds pinched off to encourage more compact and lateral growth. Leaders can also be cut back if desired and this is best done in late June or early July. Roses too require pruning

after the bushes are uncovered in the spring. Mr. Delf cautioned about doing this too early, however. "The best advice is, when you feel it is time to uncover your roses, take a trip to Florida and do it when you come back" he said. Choose a dull day, not too warm to uncover the bushes, waiting until you see signs of growth. Then prune and cut off weak shoots and winter killed branches. For an abundance of bloom,

rather than just a few show

type blooms, don't prune

and this should be done

roses too severely. Severe pruning weakens the plant. Mr. Delf also explained the meaning and function of done two years or even more before you intend moving a shrub or tree. A trench about three feet deep is dug about twenty inches or two feet from the plant. The first year three sectors of the circular trench should be dug. The second year the circle should be completed. Fibrous roots will grow where the roots are cut

making the tree or shrub

ready to transplant. This method can also be used to make lilacs or apple trees bloom. A trench about three feet deep should be dug around the apple tree early in the spring. In forcing an apple tree to bloom however, the variety of the tree must be kept in mind because some types such as the Spy may normally take as long as 15 years to bear

Following Mr. Delf's talk, Mr. R. D. Little of Richmond Hill commented on the spring show which he had judged. He wondered why there had not been more entries in the tulip classes as it had been a good season for tulips. He noted the beautiful branch of flowering crab, shown by Mrs. Tremaine and which won a first. He thought the arrangements entitled "Please Get Well" were very well done but cautioned against using too many kinds of flowers in one

In the juniors classification "Spring Flowers for the Teacher", he commented or Jennifer Leonard's tiny arrangement, feeling that a teacher's desk was apt to be crowded and a small bouquet would be most suitable. Prizewinners in the show

bouques

REPRINTS AVAILABLE

Readers may order reprints of staff photos appearing in "The Liberal" at the newspaper office, 63 Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill.

were as follows:

great deal of ability and exper- 5th Thornhill Brownies 3 single tulips, one colour: 1st Mrs. Riley, 2nd Mrs. Hodgins, 3rd the Whatleys. meeting Mrs. Brown as soon as able weekend at camp. The 15 able day. 3 single tulips, mixed colour: 1st The Mannings, 2nd possible. Mrs. Thompson.

6 single tulips, one colour learn from District Commissi- Camp Samac in Oshawa for the ing with a picnic on May 27th. 1st Mrs. Hunt, 2nd The Mannings. 6 single tulips, mixed col-Miss J. Watts, second lieuten- Owl Mrs. M. Page and Tawny on May 29.

our: 1st The Mannings, 2nd Mrs. Hunt. 1 double tulip: 1st the Guides have resigned. We hope ner and Mrs. Bartholomew ac- 1st Concord Guides Mannings, 2nd the Whatleys, 3rd Mrs. Riley. 3 lily tulips: 1st the Man- 1st Thornhill Brownies

I parrot tulip, any colour: Pack seems to be doing very how to make and light a fire. 1st Langstaff Guides Mrs. Hayes, 3rd the Man-

Thompson, 2nd the Man-

3 stems Dwarf Iris: 1st badges. Congratulations to the ing their well-earned badges receive this badge as well as Mrs. Hayes, 2nd Mrs. Hodg- 1st Thornhill Brownies ins, 3rd the Mannings.

the Kings. 1-3 stems any other per- Owl Mrs. J. Whitehead reports who has just had a baby girl. Henderson Avenue Parents ennial: 1st the Mannings, that they took along Mrs. J. 1st Concord Brownies

2nd the Kings. dale, 2nd Mrs. Tremaine.

During camp, three Brownies observing and enjoying the enue School. In section 2 of the show, passed their semaphor as part wild flowers and animals in On May 14th, the parents tion. root pruning. This is best decorative arrangements, of their Golden Hand test. On their natural abode. After-group committee had a meeting

and the Kings third. In the "Please Get Well" of fun was had by all. section, a gift arrangement On Tuesday, the Brownies 1st Langstaff Brownies tainer, the Kings won 1st Tawny Owl Mrs. L. Frost on have really been working on Thornhill Parents prize, Mrs. Hayes 2nd and Cerman Mills Road. Eighteen their badges this year. Two Mrs. Duder announces that Mrs. Hodgins 3rd.

Brownies turned up. Gillian girls, Barbara Marshall and there is to be a Girl Guide "Coffee Break" was an Duder, a Girl Guide laid a Gayle Carruthers obtained picnic on June 1st. arrangement in a cream trail to try for her tracking their golden bar. The golden The 1st Thornhill Brownie pitcher for a kitchen table, badge. The Brownies were able hand, the highest badge a pack and the 2nd Thornhill Here 1st prize went to Mrs. to follow the trail successfully. Brownie can get, was obtained Girl, Guide Company are going Thompson, 2nd to Muriel The Brownies then enjoyed a by Nora Wilson, Theresa Mac- to have a father and daughter Dean and 3rd to the Kings, weiner roast in the house. eachern, Ann Abbey, Barbara banquet on May 29th at Holy The Kings also won first Next Tuesday will be the Neale, Wendy Calladine, Laurie Trinity Anglican Church. This prize for a line arrangement last meeting of this pack and Dow and Cathy Bonner. Cathy should be very interesting and of tulips of one colour for at that time the Brownies will Bonner also received her house full of fun as it is the first

receive their service stars. orderly badge. Many Brownies time a father and daughter Mrs. Whitehead won first 3rd Thornhill Brownies prize in the group called The 3rd Thornhill Brownies a year's good attendance. "Spring Loveliness," an arrangement of spring flowers in a shallow container. 2nd prize went to Mrs. Thompson and 3rd to Mrs.

Mrs. Riley won first prize for an arrangement of flowering branches entitled "Silhouette."

In section 3, Vegetables, the Mowats won first prize for their asparagus, Mrs. Riley 2nd and the Whatleys 3rd. Mrs. Hodgins won first for her rhubarb, Mr. Williamson 2nd and Mrs. Riley

Mrs. Thompson won first prize for her green onions. In section four, for junior members, Jennifer Leonard won 1st prize for her arrangement of "Flowers for the Teacher" and Shelley Arnott was 2nd.

In a group of mantel arrangements using spring flowers entitled "Mothers Day", Ann Secord won 1st prize, Mary Riley 2nd and Mary Arnott 3rd. Before the meeting start-

ed members of the society were given their choice of a lovely group of annuals grown by Ernie Kohler - zinnias, marigolds, and mums and some fine healthy boxes of stocks grown by Mr. Elsey. Non-members were able to purchase them at 45c a box with proceeds going to

the society's treasury. The next meeting of the society will be on June 18th and this will be the occasion of their peony and rose

Finish Year With Surplus

Village Trustees Approve Budget-Discuss Dissolution And Road Paving

GUIDES

Mrs. S. Mather has received The 1st Thornhill

Brownies from this pack, along 2nd Thornhill Guides

also received service stars for banquet has been held in this

"We are quite convinced the roads will never be paved on a village basis. If we want Brook Street paved, the people will have to indicate this and do it on a local option basis" stated Dr. L. J. Saunders who headed a delegation of five Thornhill residents to the May 15th meeting of the Thornhill Village Trustees.

Chairman James H. Timmins recapitulated the work trustees had done last year on the road paving question, holding a public meeting and sending out a letter to every village ratepayer prior to the holding of a vote. The paving was turned down by a majority of approximately two thirds. Mr. Timmins noted that it was obvious because many of the ratepayers lived on roads already paved -Yonge, Centre and John Streets they had voted "no" out of self interest.

BROWNIES

Guide and a teacher and will had by all.

by Guide Erminie Jennings are pleased to announce that 1st Thornhill Guides

and, both of the 2nd Thornhill Owl Mrs. C. Sloan. Mrs. Trib- by Guide Judy Peters

Hands. Several other Brownies mother and daughter banquet have been earning new badges

The 1st Thornhill Brownie woods. The girls were taught Church.

Samac in Oshawa. Their Brown their Tawny Owl Mrs. V. Gill skater's badge.

MacKenzie is pleased to an- of their Brownie test.

2nd Thornhill Brownies

Mr. Timmins suggested how- taken this on before the muni- wood, which suggested he had ever, that if it really is the will cipality was ready to do it and vetoed. The other trustees of the majority of the people have done so at their peril" agreed with this, Mr. Timmins on the unpaved roads that they stated Chairman Timmins. He pointing out that the agreewant them paved, it might be suggested that the members ment with the A.R.C. contained possible to have the Ontario of the delegation form a com- the clause that the A.R.C. was Municipal Board approve the mittee to see how local option not permitted to "erect, alter road paving project without a is done but that no canvassing or make additions to the presvote. "This is common sense" for signatures be gone into ent buildings" without approval he said, but added "it is often until he has approached the by the trustees. He felt the fatal to look at legal matters OMB. It was agreed that Dr. glass in the doors was necesthis way". He suggested that Saunders should be notified of sary to permit police inspection the trustees could take the the next meeting of the trus- of the premises at night and question up with the OMB tees, at which a report would would also present a better apand get an expression of opin- be given on this. BUDGET UNCHANGED DISSOLVE VILLAGE APPROACH OMB FIRST Some discussion also took A budget for the year in the

"With respect to those who place with respect to the pos- amount of \$25,000 was prehave gone on local option and sible dissolution of the police sented and approved by the had their roads paved, I believe village. One of the delegates trustees. This is the same as the OMB pays little attention suggested that if being incor- last year. Mr. Timmins noted to them because they have porated as a police village miti- that the village had ended 1962

gated against them in the mat- with \$1,198 to the good, in ter of roads, perhaps it was spite of the purchase of a new mitigating against them in truck. Trustee Tucker suggestother areas.

Mr. Timmins agreed that at struct additional sidewalks to the present time there were no which the other trustees all outstanding debentures against agreed. the village and it might well It was reported that permissbe a good time to dissolve it, ion had been granted to the He reminded them however, Cubs and Scouts of York Sumthat there were many questions mit area to use the park on to be delved into before such June 8th, starting at 5 p.m. a step was taken and that he Some 600 boys and their leadpersonally didn't have time to ers are expected.

go into them. "How about the Trustee Wm. Judges brought park" he queried. "It is vested to the attention of the trustees in the trustees. If it is handed that the fence between the Division Commissioner Mrs. her Tawny Owl's warrant. Guides held a hike on May 20. P. D. McTaggert-Cowan is These Brownies are in for a The girls hiked to Robinson's Markham people would be up- and the small park on Riverpleased to announce that Mrs. treat next Wednesday. At 7.30 farm on Bayview Avenue, set if they had no control over side Drive had been removed E. M. Brown of 107 Clarke Av- p.m. this pack will be leaving Twelve Guides and one Guider it and that members of the golf

enue, is to be the new Thorn- for a tour of the Girl Guide attended for the purpose of POND hill South District Commisson- headquarters in Toronto. An trying to pass their 1st class

The pond too, he stated, al- cars on the park land. While it er. Mrs. Brown is a Gold Cord interesting evening should be hiker's test. They lit their fires though it was outside the vil- was generally felt that this and cooked lunch. The wind lage has been a Thornhill re- problem had arisen because of bring to her new position a by Guide Penny Tonks caused some difficulty here. Afterwards the guides had a sponsibility as Vaughan Town- the construction going on at ience. The Brownies and The 5th Thornhill Brownie scavenger hunt. They hiked ship refuses to take any re- the club, the secretary was re-Guides are looking forward to Pack recently spent an enjoy- back home after a very profit- sponsibility for it and the quested to write a letter to the agreement with the conserva- club asking members to refrain tion authority calls for the vil- from parking on the park land with others from Thornhill The 2nd Thornhill Guides lage to look after it. The trust- and asking for an explanation ees had accepted the responsi- for the removal of the fence. It is with regret that we district filled two cabins at are closing their year of Guidbility from the point of view Various bills were passed for oner Mrs. D. Moore that Mrs. weekend. Mrs. J. MacNeil was A father and daughter banquet of the welfare of the commun-L. Cull, first lieutenant and their leader, aided by Brown is to be held by this company ity and tried to keep the area for garbage collection, \$17.45

as nice as possible. The library to Wilson's Esso station for board also would have no gasoline and oil and \$18.32 to place to go if the village were the Thornhill Paint Store. that their places will soon be companied the group as cooks. On Tuesday the 1st Concord dissolved. "These are just three of the

NEED STUDY The Brownies had a treasure Girl Guides will hold their hunt and a nature walk in the banquet at the Maple United

problems involved in the dissolution of the village. Who is 1st Mrs. Thompson, 2nd well. Their Brown Owl Mrs. J. All 15 of them passed this part Captain Mrs. Brown and going to sit down and take the nounces that the 1st Langstaff hours necessary to figure this nounce that Lynn Hart, Doreen The Brownies and their lead- Girl Guide Company is having out" asked Mr. Timmins. "I 3 parrot tulips: 1st Mrs. Bolton and Heather Herbert ers have been kept very busy their banquet on May 21st and suggest you get some new

have all received their Golden practising their part in the most of the first class Guides trustees". Trustee Frank Tucker re-3 narcissi: 1st Mrs. Thom- have also received their min- to be held on May 28. The girls Lorrie Dawson has completed ported on his survey of the strel, swimmers and writer's are looking forward to obtain- her first class badge and will number of establishments in the village proper, that there and service stars at this time the laundress badge. Heather were 25 commercial establish-Dunbar will receive the relig- ments, five service stations, 1-3 stems any other spring The 2nd Thornhill Brownies The 5th Thornhill Brownies ion and life emblem and Eliza- five churches, 251 private resibulb: 1st the Mannings, 2nd spent last week-end at Camp and leaders are very proud of beth Ball will receive her dences, a public school, a separate school, a secondary school and a golf club. This informa-The 4th Thornhill Girl Guide tion was necessary to enable the trustees to call for tenders MacNeil, an ex Brown Owl and Instead of their regular Company and Parent's Group I head lilac: 1st Mr. Teas- district commissioner as their meeting, the 1st Concord Committee gave Christine for garbage collection. It was licenced camper and two ex- Brownies held a hike on May Knight a very interesting and decided to file the report until 1 branch flowering shrub: Guides Jill Whitehead and 15 in Mr. Baker's woods. They wonderful gold chord ceremony September when the question 1st Mrs. Tremaine, 2nd Mr. Nancy Tucker went as cooks. wandered through the woods on May 21st at Henderson Avcalled for 1964 garbage collec-

ed that any small surplus such as this should be used to con-

club have been parking their

MRS. R. L. MOORE Who is heading the annual

financial drive of the York The 1963 agreement with the County branch of the Canadian under the title "A little bit Saturday night, the Brownies wards, their leaders cooked at 1.30 p.m. to discuss and area recreation committee was Mental Health Association in of spring" Muriel Dean won lad a scavanger hike and a supper over a Coleman stove. make preparations for the motustees' representative on the lader of trustees' representative on the lader of the lade had skits and a singsong. A lot and after an enjoyable day which is to be held on May been suggested in the last A resident of Vistaview Dr., 28th and also to plan the re-freshments for the gold cord discount flace in the last A resident of Vistaview Dr.,

of flowers in a suitable con- had a hike to the home of their The 1st Langstaff Brownies ceremony for Christine Knight. should be really be really by the Cross Volunteers. (Photo by Lagerquist)



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Fierheller (second left) introduce models and their ensembles at the recent Thornhill Secondary School music and fashion show, students Susan Allan, Sharon Russell and Gail Howe parade the clothes they made in home economics classes; more than 75 girls took part in the (Photo by Barbour)