

Thornhill and District News

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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. Phillip 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 appearance.

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 audience not to worry if their shrub border or foundation planting looked a little sparse at the outset and advised that it would fill 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

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 mind when planting so the shrub won't outgrow its location in a few years. "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 years."

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 before too much growth has been developed in the spring but really requires very little pruning as their main function is to provide an abundance of bloom.

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 fruit.

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 bouquet.

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buy. He cautioned that, unless a spreading juniper is pruned however, it will get bare in the centre if allowed to spread too wide. A 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 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 and this should be done 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 showy blooms, don't prune roses too severely. Severe pruning weakens the plant.

Mr. Delf also explained the meaning and function of root pruning. This is best 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.

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Finish Year With Surplus

Village Trustees Approve Budget— Discuss Dissolution And Road Paving

"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.

Mr. Timmins suggested however, that if it really is the will of the majority of the people on the unpaved roads that they want them paved, it might be possible to have the Ontario Municipal Board approve the road paving project without a vote. "This is common sense" he said, but added "it is often fatal to look at legal matters this way". He suggested that the trustees could take the question up with the OMB and get an expression of opinion on it.

APPROACH OMB FIRST

"With respect to those who have gone on local option and had their roads paved, I believe the OMB pays little attention to them because they have

taken this on before the municipality was ready to do it and have done so at their peril" stated Chairman Timmins. He suggested that the members of the delegation form a committee to see how local option is done but that no canvassing for signatures be gone into until he has approached the OMB. It was agreed that Dr. Saunders should be notified of the next meeting of the trustees, at which a report would be given on this.

DISSOLVE VILLAGE

Some discussion also took place with respect to the possible dissolution of the village. One of the delegates suggested that if being incorporated as a police village mitigated against them in the matter of roads, perhaps it was mitigating against them in other areas.

PARK

Mr. Timmins agreed that at the present time there were no outstanding debentures against the village and it might well be a good time to dissolve it. He reminded them however, that there were many questions to be delved into before such a step was taken and that he personally didn't have time to go into them. "How about the park" he queried. "It is vested in the trustees. If it is handed over to Vaughan Township the Markham people would be upset if they had no control over it."

POND

The pond too, he stated, although it was outside the village has been a Thornhill responsibility as Vaughan Township refuses to take any responsibility for it and the agreement with the conservation authority calls for the village to look after it. The trustees had accepted the responsibility from the point of view of the welfare of the community and tried to keep the area as nice as possible. The library board also would have no place to go if the village were dissolved.

NEED STUDY

"These are just three of the problems involved in the dissolution of the village. Who is going to sit down and take the hours necessary to figure this out" asked Mr. Timmins. "I suggest you get some new trustees". Trustee Frank Tucker reported on his survey of the number of establishments in the village proper, that there were 25 commercial establishments, five service stations, five churches, 251 private residences, a public school, a separate school, a secondary school and a golf club. This information was necessary to enable the trustees to call for tenders for garbage collection. It was decided to file the report until September when the question will be discussed and tenders called for 1964 garbage collection.

The 1963 agreement with the area recreation committee was approved. Mr. Tucker, the trustees' representative on the A.R.C. commented that it had been suggested in the last A.R.C. meeting that broken glass in the doors at the pool should be replaced with ply-



BROWNIES

THORNHILL DISTRICTS



GUIDES

by Guide Erminie Jennings

Thornhill South Division Commissioner Mrs. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan is pleased to announce that Mrs. E. M. Brown of 107 Clarke Avenue, is to be the new Thornhill South District Commissioner. Mrs. Brown is a Gold Cord Guide and a teacher and will bring to her new position a great deal of ability and experience. The Brownies and Guides are looking forward to meeting Mrs. Brown as soon as possible.

It is with regret that we learn from District Commissioner Mrs. D. Moore that Mrs. L. Cull, first lieutenant and Miss J. Watts, second lieutenant, both of the 2nd Thornhill Guides have resigned. We hope that their places will soon be filled.

The 1st Thornhill Brownies Pack seems to be doing very well. Their Brown Owl Mrs. J. MacKenzie is pleased to announce that Lynn Hart, Doreen Bolton and Heather Herbert have all received their Golden Hands. Several other Brownies have also received their minster, swimmers and writer's badges. Congratulations to the 1st Thornhill Brownies.

The 2nd Thornhill Brownies spent last week-end at Camp Samac in Oshawa. Their Brown Owl Mrs. J. Whitehead reports that they took along Mrs. J. MacNeil, an ex Brown Owl and district commissioner as their licensed camper and two ex-Guides Jill Whitehead and Nancy Tucker went as cooks. During camp, three Brownies passed their semaphore as part of their Golden Hand test. On Saturday night, the Brownies had a scavenger hike and a campfire during which they had skits and a singsong. A lot of fun was had by all.

On Tuesday, the Brownies had a hike to the home of their Tawny Owl Mrs. L. Frost on German Mills Road. Eighteen Brownies turned up. Gillian Duder, a Girl Guide laid a trail to try for her tracking badge. The Brownies were able to follow the trail successfully. The Brownies then enjoyed a weiner roast in the house.

Next Tuesday will be the last meeting of this pack and at that time the Brownies will receive their service stars.

3rd Thornhill Brownies The 3rd Thornhill Brownies

are pleased to announce that Mrs. S. Mather has received her Tawny Owl's warrant. These Brownies are in for a treat next Wednesday. At 7.30 p.m. this pack will be leaving for a tour of the Girl Guide headquarters in Toronto. An interesting evening should be had by all.

by Guide Penny Tonks

5th Thornhill Brownies The 5th Thornhill Brownies Pack recently spent an enjoyable weekend at camp. The 15 Brownies from this pack, along with others from Thornhill district filled two cabins at Camp Samac in Oshawa for the weekend. Mrs. J. MacNeil was their leader, aided by Brown Owl Mrs. M. Page and Tawny Owl Mrs. C. Sloan. Mrs. Tribner and Mrs. Bartholomew accompanied the group as cooks. The Brownies had a treasure hunt and a nature walk in the woods. The girls were taught how to make and light a fire. All 15 of them passed this part of their Brownie test.

The Brownies and their leaders have been kept very busy practising their part in the mother and daughter banquet to be held on May 28. The girls are looking forward to obtaining their well-earned badges and service stars at this time also.

The 5th Thornhill Brownies and leaders are very proud of their Tawny Owl Mrs. V. Gill who has just had a baby girl.

1st Concord Brownies Instead of their regular meeting, the 1st Concord Brownies held a hike on May 15 in Mr. Baker's woods. They wandered through the woods observing and enjoying the wild flowers and animals in their natural abode. Afterwards, their leaders cooked a supper over a Coleman stove. The Brownies played games and after an enjoyable day went home.

1st Langstaff Brownies The 1st Langstaff Brownies have really been working on their badges this year. Two girls, Barbara Marshall and Gayle Carruthers obtained their golden bar. The golden hand, the highest badge a Brownie can get, was obtained by Nora Wilson, Theresa MacEachern, Ann Abbey, Barbara Neale, Wendy Calladine, Laurie Dow and Cathy Bonner. Cathy Bonner also received her house orderly badge. Many Brownies also received service stars for a year's good attendance.



Display School Fashions

While fashion commentators Judy Hallowell (left) and Diane 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 show. (Photo by Barbour)



MRS. R. L. MOORE Who is heading the annual financial drive of the York County branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association in the Thornhill area. The canisters will take place this year on June 3 and 4. A resident of Vistaview Dr., Mrs. Moore is chairman of the White Cross Volunteers. (Photo by Lagerquist)



FOR YOUR GARDEN

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