

Thornhill and District News

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Fall Flowers Feature Of Horticultural Show

In spite of quite heavy frosts some weeks ago, there was a fine showing of fall flowers and vegetables at the October 15 meeting of Thornhill Horticultural Society. Roses were particularly abundant and beautiful, as were chrysanthemums. Decorative arrangements contained a good variety of blooms, even some sweet peas in one.

At the front of the auditorium was a huge basket of 'mums, backed by tall spikes of delphinium, all from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Manning's garden, 145 Dudley Avenue.

Speaker for the evening was Mr. Reg Corlett. He has spent many years learning the art of photographing birds and flowers and gave the audience the benefit of his experience, illustrating his talk with beautiful coloured slides. He stated that a reflex type of camera was essential for this type of work and recommended both a short and a long tripod for long and ground shots. Mr. Corlett has specialized in photographing Ontario wild flowers in their natural habitat and for this work, he recommended a pair of over-the-knee rubber boots or a rubber ground sheet, as many of them grow in damp spots.

Mr. Corlett also gave a few pointers on photographing flowers indoors. He recommended the use of both a photoflood light and also a back light for accent, or side lighting. He illustrated this to perfection with a specimen rose from the show and it was readily apparent how the spotlight on the back of a flower highlighted the edge of the petals and gave them almost a transparent look.

The background of either an indoor or an outdoor shot is extremely important, Mr. Corlett emphasized. Paper of a complimentary colour can be used for this, he said, but cautioned that it must be far enough away that no shadows fall on it. In taking shots of flowers outdoors, he felt it was better to use a natural background. This can be darkened by casting a shadow on it or by making it out of focus.

In photographing birds, Mr. Corlett recommended doing this at a feeding station, or at a nest. It is possible to set up a camera at a feeding station and run an air release into the house through the door or window and take the picture from inside. An electronic flash is best as it is just about the only

thing that will catch the birds before they are frightened away by the click of the shutter. At a nest site, it is necessary to set up a blind. Some birds are very cautious and will not come back to the nest for several hours if disturbed, although they may come back sooner if there are young in the nest.

Mr. Corlett noted how difficult it was to get just the right shot of a bird and said often out of 20 or 30 shots, he would get only one which was satisfactory.

Pictures of Ontario wild flowers were extremely beautiful. One shot was of the yellow ladies' slipper which grows abundantly in the Wasaga Beach area. Another showed a large group of the cardinal flower taken in the Georgian Bay area. There was also a close-up shot of one of these beautiful scarlet flowers. Several pictures were of Ontario orchids. One in particular, the calypso orchid is considered very rare, but Mr. Corlett said that if you know where to go you can see them in thousands.

Other beautiful slides were of the showy ladies' slipper, both indoor and outdoor shots, the pink moccasin flower, jack-in-the-pulpit, double hepatica and marsh marigolds.

Mr. Corlett's shots of Ontario birds brought gasps of admiration. He had shots of both the male and female cardinal, the chickadee, one of a small sparrow hawk approaching the nest, taken at a five-thousandth of a second, the goldfinch, a killdeer and young, the Baltimore oriole, rose-breasted grosbeak, an angry great horned owl, two screech owls, a cardinal in flight, a cedar waxwing, scarlet tanager, ruby throated hummingbird, and many others.

Mr. Corlett was sincerely thanked for his fascinating exhibition by the president of the society Mrs. M. Harris. While the slide projector was still in position, Mr. Alan Sumner had the projectionist show some colour shots he had taken at the last meeting of the society and these were much enjoyed.

The audience then dispersed to see the results of the judging of the show, which had been done by Mrs. Majorie Dolan. Prize specimen of the whole show was an unbelievably beautiful "Peace" rose, exhibited by Mrs. Betty Hansen. This bloom was fully six inches across and in perfect condition. While the show had not included a separate classification for this variety, this entry so outshone the other hybrid tea roses, also of excellent quality, that the judge made a separate classification. Mrs. Hansen's was given first prize in this class, and the Mannings received second.

In class 1, hybrid tea roses, first prize went to the Kings, second to Mrs. Bridges and third to J. Hayes. Prizewinners in class 2, a Grandiflora rose, were Mrs. Harris, J. Hayes and Mrs. Riley. For a spray of floribunda roses, prizes went to Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Harris and Mr. Williamson.

In class 4, one double chrysanthemum, prizes were won by Mr. Whatley, the Mannings and the Kings. For a spray of chry-

santhemums — and the judge must have had a hard time choosing among these — prizes went to the Mannings. Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Hodgins. Section two of the show was for decorative arrangements, and there were several entries in each classification. For an arrangement of chrysanthemums for a mantel entitled "Mums the Word" Mrs. Harris carried off first prize with Mrs. Bridges second and Mrs. Thompson third.

For a coffee table arrangement called "Welcome", prizes went to Mrs. Thompson, the Mannings and the Kings. "Thanksgiving" was an arrangement for a dinner table, using accessories if desired. First prize here went to Mrs. Thompson for a beautiful and elaborate arrangement of flowers, fruits and berries on a large round platter. In the centre was a pumpkin shell filled with flowers, flanked on two sides by a candle. Second prize went to the Mannings in this class, and third to Mrs. R. M. McLean.

For "Bold as Brass", an arrangement of autumn flowers in a brass container, winners were the Kings, Betty Hansen and Mrs. Thompson.

Section three of the show was devoted to fruits and vegetables. Winners here were: for three apples, Mr. McCully, R. M. McLean and Mrs. Hawkes; for three pears, Mrs. Hawkes; for six beets, Mr. Whatley, Mrs. Thompson; for 1 pint brussels sprouts, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. McLean; 1 ballhead cabbage, Mr. Whatley, Mrs. Thompson; 6 carrots, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Whatley; 1 pumpkin, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. McLean; 1 squash, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Whatley and B. Boyden; a collection of late vegetables, Mrs. Thompson — for a basket of some eight or 10 beautifully arranged vegetables, of the highest quality — and Mr. Whatley; 3 spanish onions, Mr. Mizen.

There were two classes in the section for junior members. For "Witches' Brew", an arrangement of flowers and foliage in a teapot, first prize went to Mary Flanagan, second to Stephanie Hayes and third to Frances Bishop.

The arrangements entitled "Shell Out", suitable for a children's Halloween supper party, were quite imaginative, featuring pumpkins, candy kisses and peanuts in the shell among the flowers. First prize was won by Frances Bishop, second by Jennifer Leonard and third by Stephanie Hayes.



1963 graduates of Powell Road School, Vaughan Township, are seen above following their recent graduation banquet. Front row (left to right): Margaret Goddard, Brigitte Meri, Eva Silbergberg who holds the "Citizenship Trophy" she was awarded, Linda Petick and Judy Garnham. Back row (left to right): Allan King, Bob Geno, Brian Cummings, Larry Peters, Teacher M. Van Bommel, Principal M. McRoberts, David Nichols, Lewis Francis, Gary Willison. Absent was Louise Shuster. — Photo by Barbour.

Powell Road Graduates

Community Happenings In Thornhill

Presbyterian Church News
Evening service November 3 will be the WMS auxiliary's thank offering service. Speaker will be Rev. Earl Roberts, a missionary from Nigeria. Special music will be provided by the choir of Knox College at Toronto. A reception will be held in the Assembly Hall following the service.

Guest preacher at Thornhill Presbyterian Church October 20 was Rev. Hugh Davidson who preached at the morning service. Rev. Evans preached at the anniversary service at Knox Church, Oshawa the same morning.

The evening service was given over to the work of the Bible society and the service was conducted by Rev. W.H. Armstrong, secretary for the West Indies agency of the Bible society and by A. Brown of the Thornhill congregation.

On October 21 group C of the Fortnighters produced a most interesting meeting with their presentation of "Portraits from the Old Testament".

At the evening service October 27, a report was given by members of the young Peoples' who had attended the Thanksgiving conference at Peterborough. Then at 8:30, members of the congregation attended the production of a play, written by Rev. Minton Johnston "The Unshined Book" put on by Thornhill people at Thornhill Baptist Church as part of the Bible Society program. The play was well attended, with the Church almost completely full.

Various Thornhill people have made interesting trips this fall — I wish some of them would call and let me know about them.

Bert DeLong of 17 Valloncliff Dr. and **W. A. Doherty** of 77 Riverside Blvd. spent an interesting week in Winnipeg at the end of September attending a seminar on business management, arranged by the federal government. Ministers of Highways and their deputies of various provinces were in attendance. Mr. DeLong and Mr. Doherty attended as representatives of the Canadian Good Roads Association and were the only engineers present representing construction contractors. Mr. Doherty is with the Beamish Construction Co. and Mr. DeLong with Dufferin Construction.

And just who does Nathan Cohen think he is, anyway, trying to claim **Robert Reoch** as a Torontonian. Attending his first year at New Mexico State University, Robert played last week the leading role of Orlando in "As Like It", surely a great honour for a first year student and an appreciation of his talents. Bob graduated from Thornhill Secondary School last year, after having received much acclaim for his role as Mr. Frank in "The Diary of Anne Frank" produced by the school's drama club.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Aimone of 84 Proctor Ave. spent a pleasant (but surely exhausting?) five days with their good neighbours Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wiles moose hunting in the Harwood Lake area, southwest of Timmins. Of course they shot only partridge, but that is a mere detail. The Wiles' had just returned from a goose hunt in the James Bay area and

old hands at the business, but this was Mrs. Aimone's first time out and she reports that she enjoyed it very much.

"Why the giggle?" she queried when I snorted slightly at the information she had been moose hunting. However, those acquainted with the dainty and impeccable Louise will share my reaction at the thought of her foot-slogging it through brush and swamp, well accoutred in hunting togs including thermal underwear! The party was flown in and out of several small lakes and saw several moose from the air but were unable to get a shot at one on the ground.

Mrs. Aimone found the countryside unexpectedly beautiful with the bright gold of the poplars contrasting sharply with the dark green coniferous trees. On foot, she was amazed to find the forest loaded with trailing arbutus, which at this time of year is all decked out in new green leaves.

Only thing which Louise admitted discommoded her slightly was sleeping in a sleeping bag spread on a mattress of pine boughs. But even this didn't really discourage her, or the rest of the party, and they all had a wonderful time, with perfect warm, dry weather.

Langstaff Home and School News
At their October 16 meeting, the membership at large of Langstaff Home & School Association decided to withdraw from the Ontario Home & School Federation. The decision was made after considerable discussion and at a very well attended meeting — well attended, incidentally by fathers as well as mothers.

Theme of the meeting was "Meet the Teachers" and principal of the school Mr. Wells was on hand to introduce his staff. He also introduced instructor **D. R. MacDonald**, B.A. B. Paed. who spoke briefly and told of the work the township is doing for children with the lower I. Q.'s. Mrs. Cox school area's art supervisor also spoke and told of the art program in the schools.

Following the general part of the meeting, which was conducted by president, Mrs. William Doherty, the parents dispersed for refreshments and to visit individual classrooms where the teachers explained the work of their grades.

Mr. Wells' class won the attendance "A" for the senior grades and Miss Zimmerman's won it for the junior grades. Jim Kearns thanked Mr. MacDonald for his contribution to the meeting and Mrs. Cox was thanked by Ross Jolliffe, Vaughan Township School Board trustee.

On October 19, the association held a highly successful bake sale and "nearly new" sale, and skate exchange, as one of the association's two fund raising affairs of the year. Committee in charge was pleased to learn it had earned something in the neighbourhood of \$150. These funds are earmarked for the purchase of two tumbling mats, complete with hangers, for P.T. classes in the school.

Convener of the affair was Mrs. Babe Toms. Ruthann Walker convened the "nearly new" sale; baking was in charge of Pat Cunningham and Bev. Caruthers while Mary Kearns looked after the skate exchange.

Karen Pate, a former student of Langstaff School volunteered to come back and help out which she did by dispensing freshie and donuts to the young fry.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hutchinson of whose interesting work with fused glass and silver jewelry you read in last week's "Liberal" have been most gratified about the interest shown in their work. They are not properly residents of Thornhill, however, but live at 20 Doncrest Road, Langstaff.

The article caught them a little short, too, as the bulk of their work is presently at "The Artisans" an interesting little shop at 51 Gerrard St. West, in "The Village" at Toronto.

Nursery School Parents Meet
A group of over twenty mothers of children attending the Thornhill Co-operative Nursery School spent an interesting evening on October 21, when they heard Mrs. June Barber, A.R.C.T. discuss music and the preschool child. Mrs. Barber has recently retired as supervisor of music for North York Schools.

Rather than give a formal address, Mrs. Barber engaged her attentive audience in a free discussion of the question. She was of the opinion that every child has musical ability of some kind. One of the best ways to bring it out, she felt, was to have music in the home. Some of the suggestions she made were: play records of ALL kinds to your children; sing to them; when telling stories use as much inflection as possible and try to get them to do this also; Mrs. Barber gave some amusing examples of this technique; beat out the rhythm of familiar nursery rhymes and try to have them guess which one it is; use repetitive rhythms and use a different inflection for each repetition.

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Another amusing game she taught the parents, and one which will develop a sense of rhythm in children is to clap hands to the rhythm of various names. Here Mrs. Barber got the members of her audience to clapping out the beat of their own names and very quickly had a rhythm band under way.

Mrs. Barber noted that teachers usually do not accept children for formal music lessons before the age of six. When purchasing a musical instrument, she recommended that you purchase the very best one you can afford, or rent one. Let the child become acquainted with instruments of all kinds and let him try them himself until he wants to learn. The "Orff" approach to teaching music to children was highly recommended by Mrs. Barber. In this method there are a variety of instruments and the child tries them all.

several books the parents might get on this fascinating subject, among them "Let's Enjoy Poetry", "There's Music in Children", "The Magic Years" and "What to Listen For in Music".

This most enjoyable meeting was held at the home of Mrs. B. H. Carruthers, 22 Uplands Avenue with the new president of the parent's association, Mrs. Pam Brown, in charge. Several outings for the children were discussed and it was decided that the first one would be a trip to the Master Feeds farm on Highway 7.

Badminton Anyone?
The Thornhill Badminton Club has begun its fall activities and meets each Thursday evening at Thornhill Secondary School between 8 and 10:30 p.m. There are four courts operating each evening and there is room for a few new members. Anyone interested could call Miss Stowe at AV. 5-2219 for further information.

Food Fair & Hat Fashions
Fall flowers and plants, pies, pastries and delicatessen, bars, brownies and butter tarts, foods for the freezer — Christmas cookies, cakes, breads and muffins — all will be offered for sale at the Thornhill United Church Women's Food Fair, to be held this year on November 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the church.

A tea room, decorated in an Oriental theme will offer refreshments and proceedings will be interrupted at 20 minute intervals for a showing of hats. Two or three models have been lined up for the hats, but the remainder will be chosen from among the audience.

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Thornhill Baptist Church
"Talent Night", the theme of the W.A. meeting held in the church parlours on October 15, revealed some of the many talents of the south group.

The meeting opened with an inspirational devotional period by Mrs. B. Ellam and Mrs. J. S. Calvert, after which Mrs. A. Lennie made everyone hungry by the appetizing sandwiches displayed in her coloured film "Sandwiches Please".

Mrs. M. C. Johnston explained some of the characteristics of composition by Bach and Beethoven and then gave a very fine piano interpretation of each.

Mrs. W.J. Raeburn then described quilt making and displayed seven family quilts which were both beautiful and intricate.

Mrs. Calvert lamented her lack of talent in a poem she had composed, and at the risk of her coming down on me like a ton of bricks, I just had to include it here:

"And what are your talents, Jean?" they said.
I thought for a while and my face turned red.
For I do not paint and I cannot play,
And when I sing, it drives folks away.
The meals I get are seldom fancy —
I'm not a super cook like Nancy.
The sewing I do is mostly mending,
For holes in socks are never-ending.
And as you can see I am no poet,
When you've read this, you'll really know it!
What other talent can there be?
I've only one that I can see,
But it has brought me countless joys —
I have a talent for having BOYS!

And although the W. A. at Thornhill Baptist Church seems full of talent — Nancy Jardine and Helen Lennie are both dietitians, Belle Ellam composes beautiful poetry and Maxine Raeburn's talent with quilts is wonderful, Jean Calvert has certainly shown great talent in having six boys — and it takes even more talent to cope with them, as I well know from personal experience.

Prime Minister Names Walker Liberal Whip

In a press release dated October 3, Prime Minister Lester Pearson named James Walker, Member of Parliament for York Centre, official whip of the Liberal party.

Mr. Walker is a former North York Township councillor, and was first elected to parliament in 1962. In May of this year he was named assistant to Alexis Caron, M. P. for Hull, Quebec, who was then the Liberal whip.

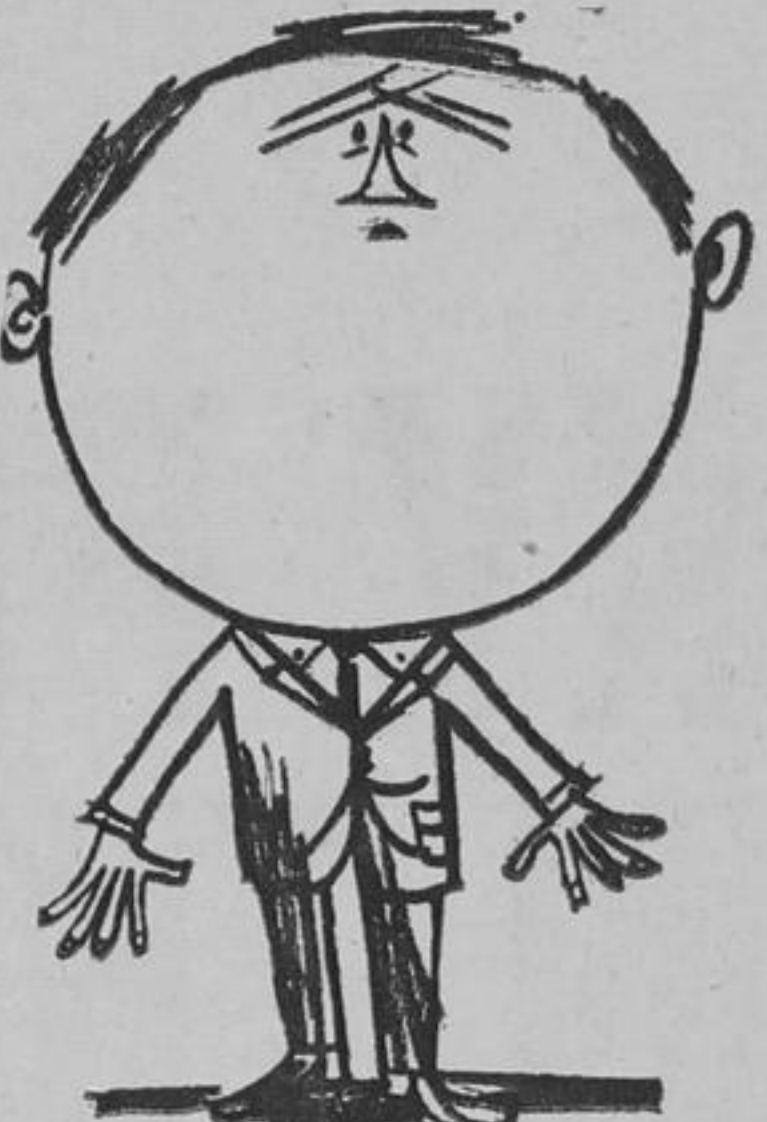
The function of a whip is comparable to that of a truant officer. It is his job to see that members are in their places when a vote is called.

Another function of the whip and his deputy is to bring any member who has been absent

from parliament up to date on what has happened during his absence.

The riding of York Centre covers all of North York Township plus that part of Vaughan Township lying south of Highway No. 7.

Mr. Walker stated, he is looking forward to the challenge of the job. He said that for some time he has been concerned about the status of private members and the need for them to be permitted to become more involved in introducing legislation. He feels that as whip of the Liberal party, he will be able to contribute to raising the status of individual members.



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