

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 Area Resident Centre In Olympic Figure Skating Hassle

Dr. Suzanne Morrow Francis, resident of the Thornhill area, served as a figure-skating judge at the 1964 Olympics at Innsbruck, Austria.

Dr. Francis was accused by angry German fans and press of costing the favoured German skating pair a gold medal by giving the German pair much lower marks than eight other officials.

Those who are aware of Dr. Francis' reputation for integrity point out that her markings were most consistent — and that even if she had placed the Germans in second position they would not have won first place. She placed the Russians in first place, Canadians Debbi Wilkes and Guy Revell of Unionville in second and the German pair in third place.

Dr. Francis is well-known in this area for her skating achievements and because in 1959 she assisted Dr. Allan Ripley in his veterinary practice for several weeks. At that time she was living in Arlington, Virginia.

Dr. Francis is now a practicing veterinarian with offices at 779 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto.

As Suzanne Morrow she won the Canadian and North American Pairs Championship, the Canadian Dance Championship and the Canadian Ladies Championship in the years between 1947 and 1951.

Retiring from active competition, Dr. Francis concentrated on judging. Her knowledge of and experience in figure skating and her reputation for fairness and honesty in arriving at her decisions have made her a very popular judge at skating competitions throughout North America during the past 10 years.

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Church Hockey Prospers

"Growing fast" is a term you can apply to a hockey league for youngsters in Thornhill which started out in small fashion for years and now boasts about 350 eager boys.

It's the Thornhill Church Hockey League consisting of five area representatives from Holy Trinity, Anglican, St. Edward's Roman Catholic, St. Luke's Roman Catholic, and Thornhill United and Presbyterian Churches.

"Our objectives are simple," explained League President John MacKay. "We strive to provide equal ice time for every youngster who plays in the league. It's recreation and we want to give every youngster a chance to enjoy himself."

The league currently plays every Saturday in Bradford Arena but plans are afoot to secure ice time at the new Doublerink at Concord.

"Our big problem," said Mr. MacKay, "is a familiar one with every team in the Toronto area — getting enough ice time."

The Thornhill league's ice-time problem is expected to grow with its membership.

"We've added another 50 boys since last season," said Mr. MacKay. "And we expect we'll be adding some more teams within a short time."

The league had its beginning when Holy Trinity Anglican Church of Thornhill and St. Pascal's Roman Catholic Church on Steeles Avenue sponsored church teams that were affiliated with the Toronto Hockey League system.

From this beginning the hockey picture expanded in

Thornhill until the two churches joined with others to form a league of their own. St. Pascal's Church has combined hockey forces with St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church.

While completely satisfied with the ice-time allotted to them in Bradford, the league feels the Doublerink in Concord would make it easier to get the youngsters' back and forth to games and in less time.

The majority of youngsters playing in the league belong to the Thornhill area churches but Mr. MacKay explained that when there are openings in the line-ups the league accepts boys not affiliated "or only slightly affiliated with churches."

"Our aim," he said, "is to give the youngsters a chance to play hockey."

In their efforts to be fair to every young boy, the league does not allow any of the teams to compete outside the league during the season.

"We don't have all-star teams because that would mean some players would be getting a chance to participate more than others. All of our teams finish in the play-offs. This way we avoid the tendency to play the better players in order to make the play-offs."

Mr. MacKay said the league employs the honour system which sees every boy on the ice only three minutes. The line changes then and someone else gets a chance.

Every church in the league pays its own way on contributions from the youngsters with the money going toward

equipment, ice-time, insurance and other sundry items. The league receives a grant from Vaughan Township, to help finance hockey ice-time and is hoping it will receive a similar one from Markham Township.

Mr. MacKay pointed out that some of the boys in the league live in Markham while others live in Vaughan.

He said he felt it was unfair toward the boys living on the Markham side of Yonge Street to go without a grant while those on the west side received one.

The league will close out with a banquet for all the players and coaches with special awards presented.

As for the immediate future, the league expects to keep growing but with the emphasis always on giving everyone a fair opportunity to play hockey.

The league is presently broken down into four divisions — tykes pee wee, atom, and bantams with plans to extend into the midget age-group.

Mr. MacKay, who is serving as president of the league on a one-year basis, is a trustee on Markham Township School Area 1 board. He lives at 167 John Street in Thornhill.

SCARBORO: Council has agreed to co-operate with the Boys' Clubs of Canada in establishing a \$400,000 boys' club on a six-acre site adjoining the Massey Creek Park at St. Clair and Pharmacy Avenues. The club will contain gymnasiums, recreation rooms and possibly a swimming pool.

Community Happenings In Thornhill

Horticultural Society

The members of the horticultural society are looking forward to an interesting evening on February 18 when Mr. John F. Clark will give an illustrated talk on his recent European garden tour. Mr. Clark is no stranger to the Thornhill society and those who have heard him speak before know the treat which is in store for them on the 18th. Mr. Clark is a former director of the Royal Winter Fair and a former director of the Horticulture Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

The meeting will be held as usual in Thornhill United Church and visitors will be

United Church News

Guest organist at Thornhill United Church on February 2 was Mr. John A. Shaw, F.T.C.L. Soloist was Mrs. Elaine Unto Costa who sang "Come Unto Him" from Handel's Messiah. A colour motion picture, "The Visitor" will be shown in the church on Saturday evening, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. Produced by Berkley Studios, this is a film with an impact and members of the congregation and friends are invited to see it.

The men of the congregation are invited to the first meeting of the men's club to be held at

the church on February 24 at 6:45 p.m. This will be an opportunity to get acquainted with the other men of the church and learn of the many important projects which the men of the church can undertake.

Dates To Remember

February 14 — World Day of Prayer to be celebrated at Thornhill Baptist Church at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19 — senior citizens meeting at Holy Trinity Church at 2 p.m.

Holy Trinity News

A very full program of events has been arranged for the Lenten season at Holy Trinity Church. For the Sunday mornings in Lent the rector has prepared a series of lectures on the theme "Christ Speaks from Calvary". The first of these, on February 16 is entitled "The Forgiving Christ"; on the 23 the subject is "The Compassionate Christ"; on the 29 the subject is "The Devoted Christ"; "The Forsaken Christ"; "The Suffering Christ" and on Palm Sunday, March 22, "The Victorious Christ".

Each Tuesday morning during Lent Holy Communion will be held at 7 a.m. for those on their way to work. On Wednesday mornings, Holy Communion services will be held at 10:30 in the morning. These services will all be held in the chapel.

A series of stimulating and inspirational addresses has also been arranged for the Sunday evenings in Lent. On February 16, the rector will preach on the subject "Do You Want Inward Power?". On February 23, Rev. F. C. Jackson will preach and there will be a church parade of Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies. "Is there a Cure for Fear" will be the rector's topic on March 1 and on the 8, Rev. F. C. Jackson will discuss "Is the Christian Faith Relevant?". On March 15, the rector's topic will be "Why Did Jesus Die?" and on Palm Sunday, March 22, the preacher will be Mr. John Blair.

A series of evenings of worship, study and discussion have been arranged for each Wednesday evening in Lent. The congregation will meet in the church at 7:45 p.m. for the worship service and then proceed to the parish hall for the presentation of the topic of discussion for the evening.

The congratulations and best wishes of the community are extended this week to Mr. Ernest A. White of 28 John Street, who yesterday, February 12, celebrated his 90th birthday. Mr. White has made his home for the past five years with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. H. B. White. Mrs. White has lived in the Thornhill and Langstaff area for 25 years.

His many friends in Thornhill and Thornhill Secondary School will be surprised to learn that Bob Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Horn of 56 Clarkehaven Road is presently working in the Virgin Islands. For the past three weeks Bob has been stationed at Christianstead, on the Island of St. Croix, said to be where Columbus first landed in the new world. Bob is employed by the Tropical Islands Development Enterprises, an organization that is building homes and other tourist attractions in the Virgin Islands. He is involved in the interior design of the buildings, having previously done this work here for Moffatts Associates, interior designers. Bob developed an interest in this type of work through his study of art at Thornhill and at Northview Heights Collegiate.

He finds life in the Virgin Islands quite to his taste, evidently, and has sent home glowing accounts of 80 degree water and air temperatures, with soft trade winds, beautiful sand beaches, etc., etc. He is also happy to be able to pursue his hobby of scuba diving and finds the underwater trails fascinating. He also finds the old ruins on the island of great interest.

Meanwhile, unable to bask in these balmy climes Mother and Dad are making do with the winter sports hereabouts, and recently spent an enjoyable long week-end at Kissing Bridge in New York State where skiing is available not only during the day, but also on flood-lit slopes at night.

Thornhill Home & School Association

The January 21 meeting of the Thornhill Public School Home & School Association was interesting in more ways than one. The fascinating speaker was Mr. F. L. Barrett vice-president and head of the publishing division of the Copp Clark Company. With a group of some 20 grade 7 students, Mr. Barrett illustrated the mechanics of reading and how to understand what you are reading.

The other excitement of the evening was the dramatic entrance of Brenda Gordon with her head swathed in bandages. On her way down to call for Kay Burgess to accompany her to the meeting, Brenda took a fall on the ice and split her head open. Temporary repairs were effected at the Burgess' kitchen sink, and undaunted the two went off to the meeting. However, while sitting in the warm room, the blood be-

Socials

Mrs. Sylvia and Miss Linda Hamblyn attended the Richvale Scouts and Cubs bazaar on Saturday.

Misses Beth and Anne Abbey attended Thornhill Baptist Church sleigh ride on Saturday.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. E. Lepkey is in Sunnybrook Hospital.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday, February 14, 2 p.m.
Thornhill Baptist Church



Home Rink Takes The Cake

Thornhill's own curling rink stole the thunder from neighboring rinks on their own home ice last Saturday when a team made up of Mrs. Harry Bowes (vice-skip) and Mrs. Dorothy Anderson (lead) seated left and right and standing (left and right) Skip Harry Bowes and Clare Anderson (second) won the J. A. and W. S. Smith Trophy at Thornhill Golf and Country Club. The trophy is for annual competition in the mixed invitation bonspiel's championship event.

RICHVALE NEWS

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Guides & Brownies

The 2nd and 4th Richvale Guides and Brownie Parents Committee recently met at the home of Mrs. Jean Simpson, Bryson Drive. A fashion show and tea will be held March 14 with Brownies, Guides and mothers taking part. Mrs. K. Hall, convener, reported Patti-Lu and the Children's Shop, Richmond Hill, will provide outfits for all models.

Mrs. E. Lunau will be in charge of the bake sale. Mrs. Pat Derry will convene the tea room. Mrs. Muriel Markie, publicity and ticket convener, reported tickets will be \$1.25 a person and will be given to every Guide and Brownie who in turn will give them to their parents to sell.

The fashion show and tea will be held at Roselawn School, Carrville Road, at 2 p.m.

Cubs & Scouts

Many thanks go to everyone in the area who helped make the 1st Richvale Cub and Scout Mothers Auxiliary bazaar on February 8 a success.

The annual meeting of 1st Richvale Cubs and Scouts will be held February 17 at 7:30 at Roselawn School. All fathers and mothers are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Bowling News

Team standings in East Richvale mixed bowling league February 4 were: Jetstones 24, Gones and Rumrunners 20, Petticoats 18, Wellwishers 17, Hillbillies and Sluggers 14. Sil-

ver dollars were won by Louise Anderson 757 and Max Hinton 854. Other three highs were Norma Brettell 756, Dorothy Brettell 640, Charlie Jones 705 and Bob Jordan 690.

Church News

A business meeting for all departments in the Richvale Chapel was held recently. Films were shown for both adults and children and a buffet lunch was served. Guest speaker for both services for the month of February is Ed Parker of Trenton.

The young people of the church and nearby areas are holding a conference February 12 at 4:30 and supper will be served.

Social

Related congratulations to Brenda and Victor Young, 16th Avenue, on the birth of their baby son, weighing in at 7 lbs. 11ozs. at the York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill (Jeffrey Scott).

Birthday greetings are extended to Sally Shipley, 14 MacKay Drive, who celebrated her sixth birthday on February 8.

Miss Shirley Dubkowski, 16th Avenue, Miss Donna McCarthy, Spruce Avenue and Miss Lois Loughbridge of Richmond Hill left February 8 for Kingston where they attended Queen's University open house. They were overnight guests of Miss Penny Parmenter who attends Queen's. They visited friends at the Royal Military College and returned home Sunday night.

MARKHAM: Council passed a resolution that future subdivision agreements will provide for the planting of a tree on each lot — size not specified.

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Due to the storm on Thursday the meeting was cancelled and will be held February 13 at the home of Mrs. Anne Mairer at 197 No. 7 Highway East.

Euchre

The fourth euchre of the season was held Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Glassey. Prize-winners were: Mrs. N. Hicks, Mrs. G. Bradley, Mrs. W. Rose, O.L. Brodie, H. Mizen and Mrs. W. Thompson. Mrs. E. Donner won the lucky draw prize.

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	1963	1962
New life insurance sold.....	\$ 459,393,000	\$ 432,044,000
Life insurance in force.....	4,024,532,000	3,754,260,000
Total income.....	129,681,000	120,748,000
Total payments to policyholders and beneficiaries.....	70,495,000	64,676,000
Surplus earnings for the year.....	20,725,000	19,938,000
Dividends to policyholders.....	16,887,000	16,033,000
Assets.....	830,634,000	774,061,000
Net rate of interest earned.....	5.47%	5.35%

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