

Thornhill and District News

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Community Happenings In Thornhill

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Elgie Yonge Street, well known in the village for their Village Hardware store and recently retired, are enjoying some freedom and a well earned rest. They are taking trips out of town over the weekends not possible before. Recently they spent a delightful weekend at Grand Valley where they attended the Grand Valley Fall Fair and harvest thanksgiving services at St. Alban's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Gordon and daughter Joan, Thornridge Dr. spent the weekend recently in Kenmore, N.Y. visiting friends.

Word has arrived that Marion Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Robinson of Arnold Ave. was married on October 7 in Auckland, New Zealand, to Andrew Woodcock, formerly of Thornhill.

Dennis Robinson, who married Katharine Elwood October 10 had to find a substitute for his best man, Erik Christensen

who had sudden orders to join the royal tour for the Globe Weekly. George Neeland, who was to have been an usher, came to the rescue.

Pilot Officer E. Jay, his wife and baby daughter were in town recently to attend the wedding of his cousin, Susan Mott, who married Kerry Buckingham October 3. Ed. is flying a jet aircraft now and is stationed in Ottawa.

It is noted that Dr. Harvey Doherty was an usher at the Weston-Dalglish wedding on October 3. Dr. Doherty was in practice in Thornhill before leaving to do post graduate work in radiology at Toronto Western Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Laycock, Arnold Ave. had Mr. Laycock's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Laycock, Joan and Peter, visit them from Hamilton over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Jim Jarrell, Arnold Ave. was home for the Thanksgiving weekend.

Mrs. C. Grant Gibson, 23 Thornbank Rd. recently spent two weeks with her mother in Victoria, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Large spent a week in Chicago at the dairymen's convention early in October.

Congratulations to Neil Enright of Brebeuf High School who is the student representing the Catholic high schools in this year's United Appeal. Neil was one of the speakers at the high school campus dinner held in the Westbury Hotel October 5 and gave a most interesting and informative talk on his recent visit to Bakerwood, operated by Canadian Institute for the Blind, which

is one of the agencies supported by the United Appeal.

Get well greetings to Mrs. Laverne Cameron recovering from a recent operation and now at home, and Master Keith Crawford, Calvin-Chambers Rd. who is minus his tonsils.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Millar and daughter Linda are visiting Mr. Millar's parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Millar, 142 Thornridge Drive.

An opportunity sale at Langstaff Public School, sponsored by the Langstaff Home and School auxiliary, will be held October 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Items for sale will be rummage, hats, baking, Halloween candy, skates, hockey and ski equipment. If anyone has such sports equipment for sale, please call Mrs. Mary Kearns at 285-1498.

Thornhill Nominations November 23

Nomination day for Thornhill Village Trustees will be November 23 and will be held at the Thornhill Public Library, Colborne Street. If an election is necessary, it will be held December 7.

The dates were announced at the October 6 meeting of Thornhill Village Trustees.

Although a letter had been received from Beamish Construction giving estimated costs of sidewalks on Arnold Avenue and Yonge Street, the trustees felt the matter should be gone into further and Trustee William Judges agreed to look into it.

Trustee Judges also agreed to investigate cost of a new tractor and to attempt to find a purchaser for the village's used snow plow.

Although members of the Thornhill Area Recreation Committee had been invited to the meeting, they didn't show up. As there are several matters of mutual concern to both the trustees and the committee to be discussed and decided on, recreation committee members will be invited to attend the November 3 meeting.

Discussion took place on the revised Markham Township by-laws which are presently before the Municipal Board.

Several bills were passed for payment, including L. W. Reid's account for \$983.50 for garbage collection for the last quarter.

NEWMARKET: A clause was inserted in the new by-law to restrict the keeping of fowl and other domestic pets within the town limits to provide that the by-law would not restrict those who are already keeping a few fowl but not allow further enlargement of present premises or provision for increased facilities.

The opening luncheon of the ladies curling section of the Thornhill Golf Club took place October 15 in the clubhouse.

The Branson Hospital Auxiliary Open House will be held October 21 from 1:30-4 p.m. Many Thornhill ladies do volunteer work for this hospital.

Churches, Schools Have Busy Round Of Activities

St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church
A pot luck supper and square dance for the parish, arranged by the Catholic Women's League, is being held October 19 in St. Luke's auditorium. It will have "Hard Times" as the theme to tie in with the Halloween season. This promises to be a fun evening for the whole family.

Plans are shaping up for the wig demonstration and Hair Fashion Show to be held on October 27 in St. Luke's auditorium at 8 p.m. and sponsored by the Catholic Women's League. The Rialto Beauty Boutique, Yonge St., Thornhill is putting on the show. A Clairrol technician will discuss hair coloring. Miss Rogers of Wig Creations of Canada, will demonstrate wigs, pastiche and switches, and Mr. Don Perry, clever hair stylist of Rialto Boutique, will do the styling. Mistress of ceremonies for the evening will be Mrs. June Malon, president of the Catholic Women's League. There will be door prizes and refreshments will be served. Proceeds will go to the C.W.L. Plan to attend this interesting program.

Holy Trinity Church
A reminder to all women of the church to attend the Royal Doulton new pattern china display October 16 starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing on through the day. There is no charge. Coffee will be served and there will be a door prize. The event is sponsored by the Harmony Group of the Parish Guild.

Woodlands Home and School Association
The October meeting will be held October 19 at 8:15 p.m. York County nurse, Mrs. Assas, will be guest speaker. She will show a film and give a short talk. There will be a panel discussion on the question of whether or not to remain with the Federation of Home and School Association. Mrs. McKenzie from the federation, and a member from one of the schools who have broken away, will give their respective views on the question. The executive would like to see as many parents as possible turn out for this meeting as a vote will be taken.

Thornhill Public School Home and School
The home and school had their second meeting of the season on October 13. Dr. Keith Neely gave a very interesting talk on "Audiology" and speech therapy in schools.

United Church
The C.G.I.T. under the leadership of Mrs. Jean Bruce and Mrs. Marie Curnock, met in the church hall at 7:30 Tuesday evening and the new executive is as follows—President, Sue Allan; Vice-president, Rosemary Forster; Secretary, Bonnie Maston; Treasurer, Arlene Andrews.

The girls are going to sell candy at the "Indian Market Place Bazaar" to be held November 7 from 11:30-3:30 in the church hall. The girls support a foster child in Hong Kong and the money raised will be used for this boy. In December the C.G.I.T. girls will be selling chocolates for this same cause.

The Hi-C are holding their pot luck supper October 18. The Session Retreat will be held October 31 at Albion Hills Conservation park.

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White and yellow chrysanthemums and gladioli formed a lovely background in Northlea United Church, Leaside, when Katharine Anne Elwood of New York was married to Dennis Ross Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Robinson, Thornhill, October 10 at 3:30 p.m.

Rev. J. M. Butler officiated at the ceremony. Mrs. W. Simpson sang Handel's "Wedding Prayer."

Among the many out of town guests were, Mr. and Mrs. H. Beckett and daughter from Ancaster, Ont., Mrs. W. H. Monk from Hamilton, Dr. and Mrs. H.

A. Leckie, Dundas, Mrs. T. W. McGinn, Judy McGinn, London, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson, Chicago, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke and Nancy from Port Sydney.

The bride's mother wore a beige lace gown, re-embroidered with ribbon, fashioned on "A" lines, a watermelon shade organza petal hat and beige accessories.

The groom's mother wore a blue embroidered lace frock, fashioned on sheath lines, with long tight sleeves and modified scoop neckline. She wore a turban hat in three shades of blue and matching accessories.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Westbury Hotel.

The bride's going away outfit was a pink and beige wool check suit, pink feathered hat and brown accessories.

The young couple will have a delayed honeymoon in December at Nassau and will reside in Don Mills.

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Lions Bingo Games Finance Variety Welfare Projects

Who's for bingo? The Thornhill Lions Club have begun their popular Wednesday night bingos at the North York Farmers Market, Thornhill, and are always glad to see new faces.

For a very modest sum you can enjoy a relaxing evening, have the excitement of playing for the big jackpot and at the same time make a contribution to the welfare of your community.

The Wednesday bingos are the main source of revenue for the Lions Club and proceeds are used to finance a variety of projects.

The handsome swimming pool facilities which Thornhill youngsters have enjoyed for several years past were made possible by the Lions Club who sponsored the project and were largely responsible for raising the money for it.

The Lions have several times sponsored safety campaigns in the area, particularly bicycle safety.

The club was also one of

the biggest original sponsors of the Thornhaven School for Retarded Children when it was located in Thornhill.

Most of the welfare work of the Lions is done quietly without fanfare and few people other than the recipients are aware of it. They own a hospital bed which is loaned free of charge to anyone requiring one in their home for short periods. In the same manner, they circulate three wheel chairs wherever there is a need for them.

University students are also given financial assistance by the Lions with interest-free loans and at the present time three students in the Thornhill area are being helped in this way.

At Christmas time the Lions Club provides baskets of provisions for needy families and also holds a Christmas party each year. In between times, they are always ready to lend a helping hand to any family in temporary

difficulties. In the past year, they paid for \$400 worth of dental work for a youngster whose parents were unable to pay for it at the time but are now repaying the loan.

Nor is the work of the Thornhill Lions confined only to their own community. They contribute \$400 each year to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind to help support their camp and training centre at Lake Joseph. They also conduct the annual Easter Seal campaign to help crippled children.

All these worthy enterprises are paid for out of the quarters and dollar bills contributed by the bingo players.

And you may rest assured too that any money contributed to the Lions Club is used entirely for these and other welfare projects, with nothing deducted for overhead or salaries, etc. as all the Lions contribute their time and skills free of charge.

So be at the market any Wednesday night at 8 and be a part of this fine work.

Chairman Suggests New Auditorium

A portable will be made available at Powell Road School as soon as one is available, Vaughan Township School Area Board promised residents of that area last Thursday evening. In the meantime Business Administrator Norm Jackman was asked to furnish the group, which wishes to use the portable for area recreation purposes, with estimated moving costs, rental, and means of heating.

Trustee Lorne Wells noted that negotiations to sell a portable at George Bailey School in Richmond Hill Public School were already underway when the request was received on September 17.

A further request for the use of a classroom in Powell Road School for instruction in Oral French from a private teacher after regular school hours was recommended. However the

board learned the group was meeting in a private home. Chairman Sam Kaiser touched off a rather heated debate late in the meeting when he suggested the board study the advisability of adding an auditorium-gymnasium to Thornhill Public School next year.

He noted that Thornhill and Charles Howitt Schools, the largest in the township are both without

these facilities, and that one in Thornhill would serve a wide area of the community. The chairman said he felt the five year forecast of needs in the school area was two years delayed, but felt the building progress is such the board can now consider extending the facilities at Thornhill.

Trustee Ross Jolliffe asked why the five year plan has not been discussed. He was answered by Trustee Wells who noted the basic function of providing sufficient classroom space for the school population has consumed a great deal of the time of the board. He felt the board had exceeded the five year plan with the new school at Maple and the proposed addition to the New Pine Grove School.

"Unless the township is opened up for housing development we are within shooting distance of our objective", he claimed, "and it looks as if a future board could well look into the matter."

Mr. Jolliffe felt that all needs should be considered on a definite planned basis.

Terry Goodwin charged Mr. Wells with practically refusing Mr. Jolliffe's suggestion of orderly development. He said that although a general purpose room is badly needed at Thornhill, he would not like to see it built at the expense of other children who are being taught in classrooms completely without facilities. "You can make this plan," he said. "But you certainly have not made an effort to do so this year."

Chairman Kaiser noted that the board would be busy with a committee meeting until at least 11:30

after the open board meeting that it meets at least one night every week and sometimes two or even three.

Mr. Wells stated he was not opposed to the plan, but the board has had too many other things to consider which needed immediate attention.

Mr. Kaiser then noted there are 344 pupils in Thornhill School and 427 pupils in Charles Howitt School and felt the auditorium was needed and needed now.

Mr. Jolliffe stated "I, for one, will not go along with building an addition to Thornhill or any other school until we have time to look at the whole township. There should be no more stop-gap operations."

Mr. Wells noted that before a suitable overall plan can be drawn up, complete co-operation between planning board, council and the school board is necessary. "There will have to be a firm understanding among the three bodies," he said.

Mr. Jolliffe contended the plan could be started at once, "even if we're only 50% correct, we will have a base to start with."

AURORA: The town experienced the deaths of two of its best known citizens within a day of each other. Percy Brodie, a veteran employee of Collis Leather Co. Ltd., died suddenly at the age of 71. Elmer Yake, owner of Yake Appliances died the following day at the age of 48.

Thornhill Cancer Branch Reports On Active Year

In their report for 1964, the Thornhill branch of the Canadian Cancer Society shows total donations of \$3,777.60 from the Thornhill area. This included donations of \$672.50 made as "in memoriams".

These funds were raised in their annual campaign, the opening of which was marked by a display of daffodils in the sanctuaries of all the Thornhill churches.

The Thornhill area, between Bathurst and Bayview, from Steeles Avenue to Highway 7 north, was divided into 26 sections for the purposes of the campaign and team captains were appointed for each. Team captains were responsible for enlisting canvassers and conducting the canvass in the assigned area.

A total of 1500 copies of the brochure "Smoking and Cancer" were distributed to primary schools in Vaughan and Markham Townships and to Thornhill Secondary School with co-operation of school boards and principals.

The Welcome Wagon supervisor was given 200 copies of the leaflet "The Services We Render" and Cancer Society bookmarks were placed in the Thornhill Public Library. Cancer Society leaflets were also placed in two Thornhill banks, and in doctors' and dentists' offices.

A committee is being organized to reach church groups and other organizations in Thornhill, offering the use of Cancer Society film strips and movies at meetings.

All these activities were carried out through the publicity and education committee under the guidance of Mrs. Minton C. Johnston.

Mrs. J. J. MacKay of the Women's Services Committee reported on the wide range of services the society provides. The local unit is empowered to provide drugs at the request of a patient's physician, furnishes dressings, visits homes and provides home nursing services in special cases. Perhaps the most active service provided is that of transportation, taking patients to the treatment centre or other hospitals as required.

Mrs. R. Byford, Mrs. Douglas Gram, Mrs. Bruce Robinson, Mrs. J. Jarrell, Mrs. Peter Morse and Mrs. R. Mote were among the busy housewives who helped provide this service.

To acquaint people with these services, cards have been plac-

Thornhill United To Celebrate 161st Anniversary On Oct. 19

The congregation of Thornhill United Church, one of the oldest in the area, will celebrate its 161st anniversary on October 18.

Guest preacher at both the morning and evening services will be Rev. S. B. East, M.C., B.A., B.Paed., M.B.E., minister of Islington United Church.

The anniversary committee, chaired by Rev. A. I. Higgins, consists of Harris Redmond, Tompkins, Mrs. Marion Duncan and Mrs. Gladys Gage. They have planned an anniversary party for Monday, October 19 to which all members of the congregation have been invited.

Dr. D. Ouchterlony, organizer at Timothy Eaton Memorial

Church will address the congregation and the choir will provide musical interludes. Pie and coffee will be served by the ladies of the U.C.W.

In the 161 years of its existence, Thornhill United Church has progressed from a small gathering at a farmhouse near Bayview Avenue and Highway 7, served by an itinerant circuit rider to its present congregation of over 1800 members, housed in the modern brick building built on Dudley Avenue since 1958.

A total of 27 ministers have served the congregation since 1803. Present incumbent is Rev. A. I. Higgins, who is assisted by Rev. H. J. Veals.

Thornhill Girl Sandra Stewart Enjoys European Way Of Life

Sandra Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stewart, Arnold Ave. left in September to teach at the RCAF base in Metz, France. Sandra is living in Metz in an apartment with three Ontario girls, all teachers. Sandra reports France not nearly as clean a country as Germany, but a fascinating place. The crystal is gorgeous and the meals unusual and delicious. One evening the girls were treated to a feast of wild boar, champagne and an exotic dessert made with sixteen egg yolks and whipped cream, truly out of this world. The view from their apartment window on the third floor, overlooks many church spires and is a beautiful sight.

Recently the girls took a trip to Luxembourg passing through three borders in one day to get there. Germany is modern and clean writes Sandra and you can drive for miles and see nothing but vineyards covering the rolling country side. They stopped to feed on some grapes, and the sweet plump fruit was like nothing they had ever tasted before. They were fascinated to watch the pickers load the metal vats on their backs and carry them to a large round barrel, into which the grapes were dumped, and from there, taken to the caves where the wine is made. There is no stomping machine there to do the work. Everything in Germany closes at 2 p.m. which is quite a change

from Canadian ways. The girls arrived in Luxembourg in time for the wine festival. This year they were celebrating the best crop in fifteen years. They reserved a table at the Wine Hall for that evening to join in the fun. The hall is like a reception hall with a stage and dance floor, rows of tables and chairs. Everyone turned out in their finery. By 9:30 the hall was packed. They had a real "oom-pa-pa" band, the wine flowed but tasted like vinegar to the girls. During the evening there were fireworks, a folk dancing skit and the king and queen of the festival were crowned. The queen was the belle of the village, a real sour puss who didn't smile once even after several glasses of wine!

An interesting note on the cost of living in France, was that although their apartment was very reasonable to rent, it cost them \$55 to have their electricity turned on.

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