

Thornhill and District News

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Thornhill Notes

Thornhill residents should make a note to order "The History of Thornhill" by Doris M. Fitzgerald, now being printed. It outlines the village history from 1793 to 1963 and is about 70,000 words in length, illustrated with 16 photographs, two maps and a number of line drawings by Thoreau MacDonald. The book also includes some interesting boyhood memories written by Willard Simpson, as well as reminiscences of Thoreau MacDonald.

For those planning to give the book as a Christmas gift, announcement cards are available. Price of the book is \$4.50 and it can be ordered from Mrs. Fitzgerald, 7616 Yonge Street, Thornhill.

Mrs. W. Murphy and her daughter Sharon, former Thornhill residents, recently spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Moore, Campbell Avenue.

Congratulations to Debbie Burkhardt who last week won the "After Four" sweetheart of the week contest sponsored by the Telegram. Debbie lives in Thornhill and attends St. Joseph's Morrow Park School.

Mrs. J. G. Montgomery, 53 Longbridge Road, had her brother Dr. E. S. Allin from Edmonton as a house guest for five weeks recently.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mallon, Limcombe Drive, Bayview Glen are entertaining at a sherry party on December 20 for their friends and neighbors.

"The Val Sovereigns" band, consisting of Fred and Hans Held, Robert Wilson, Bob Bonnell, Dave Harris and Mike Furnpenny, have been engaged to play at the Richmond Hill High School Christmas dance on December 18.

Congratulations to Mrs. Vera Moore on winning a turkey at the Newtonbrook United bowl-

ing league turkey roll held last week. Mrs. Moore bowled three games for a total score of 749, and that is good bowling!

Congratulations are also in order for "Wiggles", the Moore's bull terrier, who won third prize in six different breeds class at the Sanction Dog Show, held at the farmer's market in November.

Many young people will be home for the Christmas holidays, some have arrived and others are due in next week. Among the many home to spend Christmas with their families are, David Iverson, Michael Harrington, and Ralph Finkle from Waterloo University, Leonard Lee from Western University and Ralph Mason who drove back from Denver University in Colorado. Susan Alcock will be spending a few days at home from Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing, Jan Cruise from the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, and Victoria Blunk from the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. Merry Christmas to you all and have a wonderful holiday.

Barbara Boyden, who has been living in London, England since last spring will be spending her first Christmas away from home with the family of one of her room-mates just outside London. Barbara has had her Christmas day phone call booked for days to her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Boyden of Arnold Avenue.

Mrs. J. Fielding and her daughter Linda are flying over to England for the holidays. Mrs. Fielding will meet her daughter Susan in London, a resident over there for the past year, and they plan to spend Christmas with relatives in Birmingham.

Sandra Stewart, now teaching in Metz, France, leaves on a glamorous fourteen day Christmas vacation on December 20.

All 25 of the junior horticulturists had attended the party, she said — and all went home with a prize. Shelley Arnot had exhibited in every show and won top place with 24 points. She received a cup donated by Mrs. Jack Manning.

Runner-up with 19 points was Mary Arnot who won a flower holder donated by Mrs. Harris.

Top winner among the boys, reported Mrs. Riley, was the group's youngest member, Ian McLean, who had 15 points. He was given a book on wild flowers donated by Mrs. Riley. "Ian's garden was away at the back of the lot next to the fence," said Mrs. Riley, "but he had beans before his Dad did."

Other top winners among the juniors were Frances Bishop with 17 points, Mary Riley 17, Jim Walker 11, Steven Burnett 8, Kim Arnot 8 and John Bishop 6.

Ernie Kohler had donated a box of plants and these were given to the top eight winners while the other children received narcissus bulbs for winter growing.

The children saw Mr. Kohler's colored slides of the Rose Bowl parade and also enjoyed games and refreshments at their party.

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The prize for the highest points for fruits and vegetables, donated by the Swift Canadian Co., went to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McLean. The Robert Simpson Company prize for the highest points in the decorative classes was won by Mr. and Mrs. John King and the prize for highest points in specimen classes by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Manning. The Mannings also won highest points for roses and their prize, appropriately enough, was a box of rose food.

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Prize money at the rate of 10¢ per point was presented to 19 members. Points were accumulated throughout the season.

26 Prizes Presented To Local Horticulturists

Over 60 members and friends of the Thornhill Horticultural Society enjoyed the annual Christmas party and prizegiving, held December 8 at the Yangtze Pagoda Restaurant, Richmond Hill.

Presiding at the head table was Mrs. E. Harris, the retiring president. As a token of thanks for her fine work over the past two years, Mrs. Harris was presented with a ribbon-bedecked garden fork by the new vice-president of the society, Allan Sumner. "This is in appreciation of the firm but charming manner in which you got work out of the members — and I hope you put it to good use," said Mr. Sumner in making the presentation.

New President Joseph Wain spoke amusingly about how he had been "railroaded" into the job. "I feel we need something just a little different in this society," said Mr. Wain and outlined his plan to have a photographer explain good flower photography at an early meeting. The new class for professional growers he felt would offer a challenge to members who would like to compete against the professionals.

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Sandra will enjoy a Mediterranean cruise to the Canary Islands.

Get well wishes to Mrs. G. Thackeray, Mrs. J. Davidson and Mrs. Bruce Ralph, all of Arnold Avenue and now recuperating at home after being patients in various hospitals.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Robson on the birth of their second son on December 11 at the Toronto General Hospital.

Congratulations to Ross Joffe of 73 Riverside Blvd. who was re-elected to the Vaughan Township School Board on December 12, and to Terry Goodwin, 112 Thornridge Drive also elected to the board.

Holy Trinity Church The Christmas pageant was presented December 13, directed by Mrs. Roger Priestman, and was much enjoyed by the children of the parish and their parents. The children brought white gifts for needy families and the final film of the Billy Graham series was shown after the pageant.

Shut-ins will be entertained December 19 when members of the junior choir, the AYPA and some adults will do their annual Christmas carolling.

The annual joint corporate communion breakfast of the AYPA and the men's association will be held December 20. Speaker will be Rev. Joseph G. Hennis from the diocese of Antigua, West Indies.

At the December 20 candle-light carol service, the choir under the direction of Mrs. R. Markham will sing "Bethlehem's Babe" by D. Ratcliffe. There will be scripture readings of the Christmas story, interspersed with carols and hymns sung by the congregation. The junior auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Betty Tyson will resume weekly meetings January 9.

United Church The second Cedar Glen "at home" was held December 6.

Children of the nursery, kindergarten, primary and junior Sunday school departments enjoyed Christmas parties December 12.

The couples club met December 12 at the church and enjoyed a delicious pot luck supper.

Guides of the 2nd Thornhill company held a Christmas party at Holy Trinity parish hall December 14 and after the party supplied the color party at the enrolment ceremony of the Langstaff Guide company.

Mental Health Association Mrs. Vi Johnson and Mrs. Vera Moore, White Cross volunteers, attended the party for volunteers held at the Gormley Nursing Home on December 16.

In the write-up of the party held November 17, Mrs. Marg Slauenwhite was omitted from the list of volunteers who assisted at this event, held at the home of Mrs. Vi Johnson, 43 Woodward Avenue.

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Rink At Ross Doan School

Improving the ground base of the skating rink at Ross Doan School has been undertaken by Vaughan Township School Area Board at the request of the home and school association of that school.

The maintenance supervisor, R. Kyle, reported the ground had been levelled and sand fill supplied and that the rink was in much better condition than last year.

At Roselawn Board Approves Humane Program

Mrs. Bruce Wark was granted renewal of her permission to use a classroom at Roselawn School by Vaughan Township Area Board Thursday night.

The classroom will be used from 4 to 5 p.m. on alternate Tuesdays for classes of children on behalf of the Ontario Humane Society.

A further request from Mrs. Wark to use the auditorium for a "Humane Education Night" for parents and other interested people was also granted. Although no provision for such cases is made in the schedule and regulations governing school rentals, the board's property committee reported that it was sympathetic to the request and recommended approval be given in this instance for issuance of a permit.

STOUFFVILLE: Police Chief Orlando Keating has asked residents to report any suspicious characters that might fit the description of a "Peeping Tom" currently at loose in the village.

Public Spirited Citizen Gives Protection To Local Wild Life

BY JO CRUISE The Oakbank Pond on Centre Street is known to every Thornhill resident, especially

the children. Most people are unaware that there is a very modest figure who plays a large part in the upkeep of this landmark. Tom Stothers, 298 Centre Street, retired from a banking career, spends many hours protecting the wild life who make the pond their home. As well, he tends the 200 foot terrace on the west side of the pond and through loud speakers he had erected, supplies music from his own hi-fi set for skaters in the winter months.

Thornhill Lions Give \$3,000 To Crippled Children

The Thornhill Lions Club recently turned over a cheque for \$3,000 to the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. This was the surplus in the club's Easter seal account after taking care of medical and treatment needs of crippled children in this area.

In acknowledging receipt of the money, J. R. Sarney, supervisor of the Easter seal campaign for the society wrote, in part, "Please express our thanks to all members of the club for making these funds available so that some other club can be given financial assistance for their work with crippled children when they have too many cases to be able to handle locally."

The society has over 16,000 children in the province under constant care. The Thornhill Lions were very pleased that their recent light bulb sale received such generous support from the community.

Proceeds from the sale will finance the Lions Christmas party and gifts for needy children to the extent of \$250, provide Christmas hampers for needy families to the value of approximately \$485 and give financial assistance for the senior citizens' bus tour to view Christmas lights.

In the summer months, school children can be seen collecting butterflies and specimens for science projects at this well-known spot. Scouts and Cubs find the pond an ideal place to pass their badge tests for identification of birds and shrubs. In sunny months, bird watchers seek out the hundreds of birds that nest there every year.

This past year, bird watchers were able to observe more birds than ever before. Eleven flocks of ducks spent the summer on the pond and were fed by Mr. Stothers and other interested neighbors. At present, eight muskrats have built their winter homes there and can be seen from the banks.

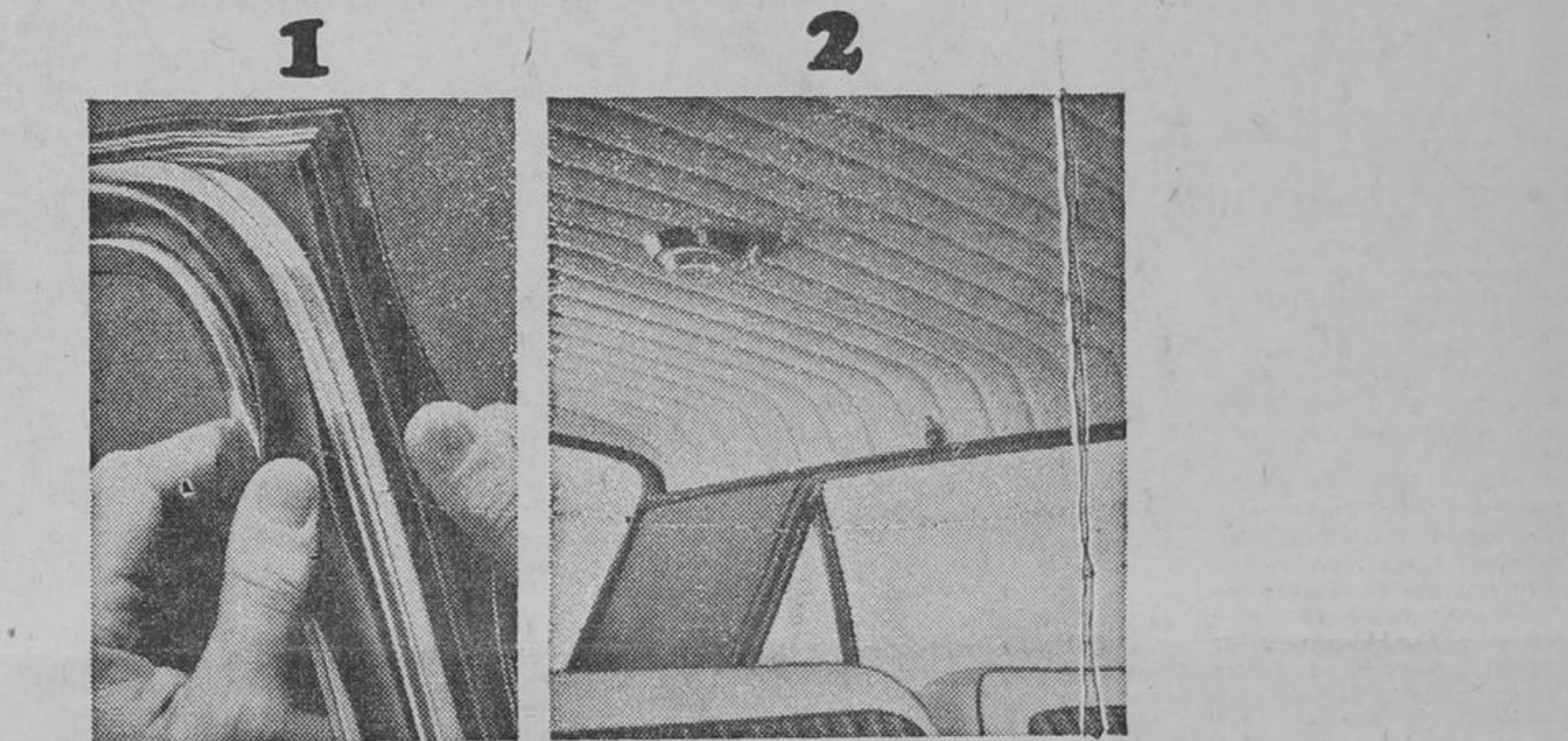
The people of Thornhill are fortunate to have such a public-spirited citizen in their midst as Mr. Stothers. He is to be commended for helping to protect Thornhill's naturalists' paradise.

AURORA: Mrs. Lorne Cousins, wife of a prominent local dairy operator, was killed in a train-car collision on Cousins Drive on a route she travelled at least twice a day. A resident for more than 40 years, she and her husband had just celebrated their wedding anniversary.

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