

Thornhill and District News

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(Photo by Barbour)

Thornhill Lions Christmas Party

One of the 115 children treated December 21 to an evening of supper, films, entertainment and gifts by the Thornhill Lions Club is shown above clasped firmly by a stalwart Santa who bears a striking resemblance to Lion Jack McCallum. Santa's helper who saw that each child received a handsomely wrapped Christmas gift and a well-filled stocking is Lion Bob Adams. Two clowns, Bunky left, and Bobo, right helped make the evening a gay one for the children.

Members of the Lions Club served the meal which was prepared by the ladies of Holy Trinity Anglican Church where the party was held. Lion Eilert Sand was master of ceremonies and entertained the children by playing his violin and leading a sing-song.

Thornhill Notes

Mrs. D. R. Dillane of the Rialto Beauty Boutique, and resident of John St., had a most enjoyable birthday celebration early in December held at the Constellation Hotel.

Two university students who travelled long distances to return home for the holidays were Glen Hooper, who attends the University of British Columbia, and David Wood who attends Washington State University.

Open house was held December 19 at Thornhill Public Library. This is a Christmas custom carried out for the past three years. People gather at the library and enjoy a cup of coffee and cookies over a lively discussion and friendly conversation. Special thanks are extended to Mrs. J. Kearns who served the refreshments.

On December 17 a group of children played havoc on Brooke St. and Arnold Avenue when they removed light bulbs from gaily lighted trees and bushes. One house reported forty bulbs destroyed. This may have seemed a lark to those children who participated, but was a costly act of vandalism to the many people who were the victims. Surely the children responsible can find a better source of amusement. It will make those affected wonder if it is worth the effort to light their homes, a delightful custom, but one soon to end if this sort of thing is allowed to continue.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Moore of Campbell Avenue with their three children Christine, Ken and Paul enjoyed Christmas in St. Claire Shores, Michigan, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen McKean, sister of Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. Moore and son Ken, travelled down after Christmas to Montreal, with six carloads of hockey hopefuls, to play an exhibition game in Pointe Claire, Que.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Murn Walker, Longbridge Drive on the birth of their daughter on December 22 at Branson Hospital, and to Mr.

and Mrs. Rex Sevenoaks, Kirk Drive on the recent birth of their daughter, Kirsty, at York Central Hospital.

A message to parents of Thornhill Public School students was recently issued by Principal R. C. Urquhart. Parents are reminded that the circular drive at the north end of the school is very often in a slippery condition these days, and a child struck by a car while supposedly safe on school property, could entail quite an expense.

Parent interviews have been held up because of the Christmas concert and should be completed by the middle of January.

Look for news of a coming event in 1965 when the Rialto Beauty Boutique will be putting on another hair fashion show with all the latest styles.

Don't forget to mark January 9 on your calendar. That is the date set for the bottle pick-up by the Rovers, Scouts and Cubs. Have those soft drink bottles ready.

Guides Early in December the Girl Guides of the 2nd Thornhill Company made serviette rings to be used on Christmas morning on the trays of the patients at York Central Hospital.

On December 14 a most enjoyable Christmas party was held by the Guides when Gillian Duder, Joanne Mitchell and Denise Atkins, prepared and served the dinner as a requirement for passing their hostess badge. Guests and examiners who enjoyed the meal, were Mrs. H. R. Howden, Mrs. Peter Morse and Miss Kay McMurray.

On December 21 at the regular meeting, the Guides took food for a basket to be sent to a needy family in the district. A delicious ham was donated by the Thornhill IGA.

Scouts Scouter Harry Baker was presented with a 33 year service star by Rev. H. R. Howden at the recently held church parade at Holy Trinity Church. Scout badges earned are First Class and World Friendship, Scott Tremaine; Stamp Collec-

Eminent Speaker At Anniversary Services In Thornhill Baptist Church

The Deacons' Board of Thornhill Baptist Church spent a great deal of time choosing a guest speaker for the anniversary services January 10. They looked for a speaker with something for every listener, be he average or super-intellectual, a man who is a living example of what he preaches, a doer, not an onlooker and a man who has achieved a great measure of distinction in his aims as a minister of the gospel.

World War II, author of the book "Twenty Four Hours to Live", composer of the lyrics for the delightful "Mary's Lullaby", member of the publication committee of the Canadian Baptist and also a contributor to its interesting new column, "Ask the Panel" and had a large audience for many years on his CBC radio program "Lift Up Your Hearts". In short, the deacons' board chose its own minister to preach at the anniversary services. They invite residents of Richmond Hill and Thornhill to come and share the warmth and humanity of Rev. M. C. Johnston, BA, BD, DD on January 10 at Thornhill Baptist Church.

Rex Sevenoaks In CBC Production Of "Scrooge"

BY JO CRUISE
A Thornhill resident, Rex Sevenoaks of 29 Kirk Drive is a man of many accomplishments.

Eric "Rex" Sevenoaks was born in South Africa, the son of the commissioner for native affairs. He was educated in England and made his theatrical debut at the age of six. At that time, Charles Wyndermere wrote a Christmas play for Rex, his brother and the small daughter of Charles Owens Taylor. Out of this, a series of three plays developed with two professional actresses, Mr. Owens Taylor and the three children appearing in all.

Mr. Sevenoaks performed occasionally during his teens and was a member of the Oxford University Drama Society. He later attended the Webber Douglas School of Drama.

Rex even managed to keep in theatrical trim while serving as an officer in the British army during the war. He directed a group of officer cadets in a production of "Journey's End."

Then the bright lights of theatre dimmed and the grimness of war took over. He became a commando and a member of the special services branch, ending up as a staff liaison officer to General H. D. G. Crerar, chief

of the Canadian General Staff. At the close of hostilities Lieut. Col. Sevenoaks had been awarded the OBE, MC and Belgium's Croix de Guerre and Legion of Leopold.

Before returning to England and the London stage, he spent a year in France and Belgium where he acted in French plays. Back in London, he joined the Barry O'Brien Company and toured England, playing in such productions as "Dr. Clitterhouse", "French Without Tears" and many others.

The next step in his career took him back to Africa, his birthplace, where he directed and played the lead in "Chiltern Hundreds" by Douglas Hume. This play toured all over the Gold Coast and played to mixed colored and white audiences. A percentage of the take went to the setting up of a leper colony in what is now Ghana.

Back in England in 1949, the versatile Mr. Sevenoaks

became a member of the Wimbledon tennis team and toured the Caribbean area playing in competition. His tennis tour brought him to Canada and after playing in Montreal he came to Toronto and settled there in 1952.

While working during the day at a local department store, he worked with Toronto's first professional theatre company, "The Jupiter". It was during this time that Tyrone Guthrie made him an offer to go to Stratford. Because he felt that at the time Stratford was a precarious venture, Rex turned this offer down. He became art buyer for Simpson's and remained in this capacity until 1962 when he felt ready to return to the theatre full time. (During this period he was active with the Richmond Hill Curling Club, both as actor, producer and director.)

During the past two years, Rex Sevenoaks has appeared in 69 television shows, his face has become familiar to

thousands from appearing in numerous commercials and he took part in six films. He has written and adapted a play for the CBC and appeared in their December 21 production of "Mr. Scrooge" this year. He is now busy taping two shows for 1965 viewing, "Ladies Man" for "Show of the Week" and "No Gain Like a Game" by Eric Till for Festival Productions.

In 1962 Rex Sevenoaks formed his own company but not a theatrical one. For Kerry Craft of Canada, he designs and makes hand-crafted jewellery. He has since added sealskin prod-

ucts from Newfoundland, Eski Seal, woodcrafts and hand blocked prints to his own lines.

The firm was named after four-year-old daughter Kerry. The Sevenoaks family also includes along with wife Trish, seven-year-old Guy and Timothy, 9, as well as a brand new daughter, Kirsty, born December 17th at York Central Hospital.

Thornhill's very own celebrity, surely a man of many talents, also finds time to teach a drama course to night students at Stouffville High School and is a member of the Langstaff Home and School Auxiliary.

Crestwood Road Parking Banned

Parking on both sides of Crestwood Road at all times will be prohibited by a Vaughan Council by-law.

Crestwood ratepayers petitioned council recently through their home and school association to ban parking because of its hazards to the school children.

According to Police Chief J. W. Davidson, the Crestwood road shoulders vary from six to eight inches wide, somewhat insufficient for parking other than mainly on the road. He recommended that in the interests of safety, parking should be prohibited.

AURORA: Reports of vandalism, broken windows at the municipal swimming pool and destruction of trees planted by the parks department on Aurora Heights Drive disturbed Aurora council recently.

Thornhill Rover Gives Impressions Of Europe

(Peter Tytler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tytler, Dove Lane is a member of a Thornhill Rover crew sponsored by the 2nd Markham Rover Crew. He spent last summer overseas and below gives some of his impressions of his trip. Ed.)

Recently I was able to visit the old country and was overcome by the beauty and quick-changing nature of the area. Most of my time was spent working in the bulb fields of Holland. I was very fortunate in being able to meet a fairly large number of brother Scouts and Rovers who showed me the country and its many points of interest.

I noticed how much more spirit and vitality these members had with respect to the world order of scouting. On the whole they were more interested and enthusiastic about the Scout program than most Canadian boys.

I think this may be due to the smaller size of the European countries. It is not uncommon for an Italian Rover crew to go camping in Belgium

or Switzerland, while here in Canada it is only occasionally that a Rover crew or Scout troop is able to support camping trips to distant areas of our own country, let alone to the United States or Europe. It seems that only in the case of a Jamboree is enough spirit raised to provide the support, both financial and emotional, to enable a single Scout or Rover to participate. One can therefore imagine the greater interest drawn by functions of the European scouting movement.

On the whole though, I think it is safe to say that boys are the same the world over and this idea is supported by the fact that even with my limited command of the Dutch language, I was able to communicate my ideas and impressions to the Scouts and Rovers with whom I made contact during the summer. They in turn impressed their thoughts on me and asked that I express their greetings to all Canadian Rovers, Scouts and Guides.

Rover Peter Tytler.



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