

Thornhill and District News

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Lions Auction Brings \$650

The third annual Thornhill Lions' auction, held at the North York Farmers' Market May 29 raised approximately \$650 for Lions' activities in the district. Shown in action at the sale, which collected a good crowd, is local Auctioneer Alvin Farmer, while Lion Roy Bick holds up a box of articles being sold.

Dear Mr. Editor

Markham Planning Bd. And High Rise Apartments

The residents of the Thornhill District were treated to a prize display of "how democracy should not work" when they attended a meeting in the Thornhill Secondary School on June 1 at which the genial but very evasive Markham Township Planning Board unfolded an amended zoning by-law for the area.

The big surprise to everyone at this overflow meeting was that the amended plan presented by the planning board still included provision for high rise apartments after such overwhelming proof, even by a vote in the presence of the board, at a previous overflow meeting held in the same place only last December (the day following the election — ahem) that more than 95% of the residents were adamantly opposed to apartments of any kind, let alone high rise monstrosities such as have been inflicted on the hapless homeowners of North York in the Yonge-Cummer area.

It is quite incomprehensible how a planning board, supposedly representing the interests of the taxpayers would have the effrontery to show such complete and callous disregard of the wishes of the community, so emphatically expressed only a few short months before, particularly when the only feeble excuse they could offer for such folly was that "if high rise apartments are going to be built anywhere, Yonge Street in the Thornhill area is as good a place as any". Long live the bureaucrats!

What the planning board, in their great lack of wisdom, seems to overlook completely is (a) that Markham Township desperately needs more commercial and industrial assessment to counter-balance the top-heavy residential and farm assessment, now out of all proportion, and the resultant burden presently being borne by the homeowners for educational costs—as has been stated so many times by past and present councils; (b) that the same property zoned community commercial would produce very valuable assessments without having to provide for additional schools, roads, police, fire and other services—which would be of direct benefit to the area and the township as a whole; (c) that the land is suitable only for high rise apartments sounds like an argument which might be presented by the three or four land owners involved to enable them to make a "killing" instead of just a nice profit; (d) that more than twenty different types of business establishments and schools are allowed under land zoned as community commercial any or all of which, would be suitable for the area at present or in the foreseeable future; (e) that the erection of apartments on Yonge Street, with their dense population per acre, would only aggravate further an already serious traffic problem, particularly during rush hours; (f) that the local residents are noted for their pride in the area and naturally do not want to see it become a jungle of apartments; (g) that the erection of apartments would only depreciate the homes of people who have been taxpayers in the area for many years—at a time when the speculators had no interest whatever; (h) that the erection of high rise apartments would benefit only three or four land owners and the subsequent landlords (none of whom would likely be residents of the area).

It will be interesting to see how democratic Markham Council is when the planning board presents the amended plan for ratification and, whether or not, they really represent the taxpayers, as they so emphatically proclaim at election time.

Yours truly,
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Louise Langman Becomes Bride Of Edward Docherty At Holy Trinity

A pretty summer wedding took place June 12 at Holy Trinity Anglican Church when Louise Diane Langman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Langman became the bride of Edward Cecil Docherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Docherty.

Rev. H. R. Howden officiated and Miss Barbara Dinner sang "Wedding Prayer" and "The Lord's Prayer" during the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor length white gown of lace over satin designed with a fitted bodice, full skirt, long sleeves and a scalloped neckline. She wore a waist length tulle veil and carried a cascade bouquet of pink sweetheart roses and lily-of-the-valley.

Attending the bride were a maid of honor, two bridesmaids, a junior bridesmaid, a flower girl and a ring bearer. The maid of honor was Miss Irene Moore, the bridesmaids Miss Louise Rowbottom and Miss Barbara Dinner, the junior bridesmaid Miss Jeanette Rowbottom. The

reception was held in Holy Trinity Parish Hall where the bride's mother received wearing a yellow brocade dress with matching jacket. She wore a yellow hat and bone accessories. The groom's mother wore a blue peau de soie frock fashioned with a lace bodice and matching jacket. She wore white accessories.

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Thornhill Notes

Thornhill residents welcome Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Montgomery and their daughters Pamela and Barbara who recently moved to 190 Arnold Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dowker, Thornridge Drive, entertained recently at a party for Bob Horn and his fiancée Miss Peggy Hendricks of Hamilton who are being married on June 19.

Get well wishes to Jackie Duncan who is recuperating after an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Perry, Arnold Avenue recently spent a few days in Montreal.

Henry R. Cruise attended a 25th reunion weekend on June 4 at the Sherwood Inn, Muskoka. The reunion was of his RCN class of 1940. Named the "Raleighites," the class consisted of 64 members of the Royal Canadian Navy who were sent over to England on loan to the Royal Navy for their training and active service.

Fifty four members from all parts of Canada and the U.S. attended the reunion. The weekend was spent sailing and renewing friendships. Among the distinguished members of the class who attended were Premier John Roberts, Judge W. A. E. Sheppard and many other now prominent business executives.

Mrs. R. Byford entertained at a luncheon recently for Mrs. Jean Campbell, former Thornhill resident of Arnold Avenue.

Sympathy is extended to Robert Law, Oakbank Road on the death of his father last week.

The caterers of Holy Trinity Church had a presentation for Mrs. R. Byford recently in the reception room of the church. Mrs. Byford has been president of the group for many years and will be greatly missed when she and her family move to Toronto this month.

Congratulations to Mrs. Marg. Heron who graduated from York University recently. Mrs. Heron majored in French. She intends to go to OCE next fall and later teach. Mrs. Heron is to be especially commended and will be remembered as "the mother" who went back to school. She went to Thornhill Secondary School for grade 13, graduated in 1962 with honors and then entered York University. Mrs. Heron, her husband William T. Heron and her three children reside at 11 Oakbank Road.

An enjoyable closing luncheon was held by a Thornhill ladies' bridge club recently at the Inn on the Park. Those attending were Mrs. E. Bowyer, Mrs. W. Laycock, Mrs. C. Wood, Mrs. W. J. Perry, Mrs. M. J. Walker, Mrs. Rae MacLeod and Mrs. H. Spafford.

Congratulations to Gillian McTaggart-Cowan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Patrick McTaggart-Cowan, former Thornhill resident now living in B.C. Gillian, age 22, was one of Trinity College's top graduating students this year. Gillian graduated in geophysics and was the first girl in ten years to take the course. She plans to work on a Ph.D. in geophysics at the University of British Columbia next year.

A very successful coffee party was held June 10 at Holy Trinity Church by the Parish Guild.

Members of the church were glad to see Fred Hartland assisting behind the screens again after his recent illness.

The Rialto Beauty Boutique, Yonge Street once again made members of the Park Avenue Approved Home in Newmarket very happy when they gave the patients new hairdos. White Cross volunteer Mrs. Jean Gain assisted the hairdressers, Miss Peggy and Mr. Don, and Mrs. Helen McNally drove the patients and arranged for icecream to be served during the afternoon.

A trip to Niagara Falls is planned for the patients later this month.

Help is desperately needed by the Cub pack of Thornhill United Church, male or female, between the ages of 18-50 to become Cubmaster's assistants with service training provided. If you can spare an hour on Tuesday evenings your help will be greatly appreciated.

Contact any of the following members of the group committee: J. Phillips, 285-2545; Lynn Mitchell, 285-2117; G. Toms, 285-2211; Mrs. W. Doherty, 285-1549.

The congregational picnics of the Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Churches are to be held on June 19.

The Presbyterian picnic will take place at Albion Hills Conservation Area. A full program has been planned to make this a huge success so plan to attend.

The Holy Trinity picnic will take place in the area of Highway 7, east of Bayview, beyond the water tower. Races are planned for all ages and pony rides will be a special treat for the children. Special thanks are extended to the management of the Master Feeds Experimental Farm, who through Dan Price-Jones, are generously making the picnic site available.

The last meeting of the season for the "Anna Buck" circle of the Thornhill Baptist Church was held at the home of Miss Gladys Stevens, Unionville. A large number of ladies attended the meeting. President Mrs. H. Ellum chaired the meeting and led the worship period basing her thoughts on the motto of the missionary convention "Go Forward with Christ". Mrs. J. Martin, Mrs. H. Ellum and Miss G. Stevens reported on highlights of the convention and stressed the need for more workers in the foreign fields. In word and pantomime.

glimpses into the life of A. V. Timpany and his family were portrayed by several of the ladies. They portrayed how the family, through the years has and is still serving, Christ in India. It was in 1876 that A. V. Timpany first called ladies to organize mission circles. The work still goes on because the need for help in the mission fields is greater than ever.

After the benediction a happy time of fellowship was enjoyed and the social convener, Mrs. H. Burlington, served refreshments.

Many parties have been given for bride elect Mary Elizabeth Gage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Gage, Bayview Avenue, who is marrying Gary Norris Post, son of Mrs. R. Coupland of Toronto, July 1 at Thornhill United. Among those who have entertained at showers for Miss Gage are Mrs. George Cox, of Markham, aunt of the bride, who gave a kitchen and pantry shower, Miss Sharon Sturges, of Scarborough, who gave a linen shower and Mrs. Herbert Post, of Islington, aunt of the groom, who gave a miscellaneous shower.

Mrs. Gage extends an invitation to friends to attend a trousseau tea for her daughter Mary to be held June 27 from 2 to 5 pm at their home 7490 Bayview Avenue.

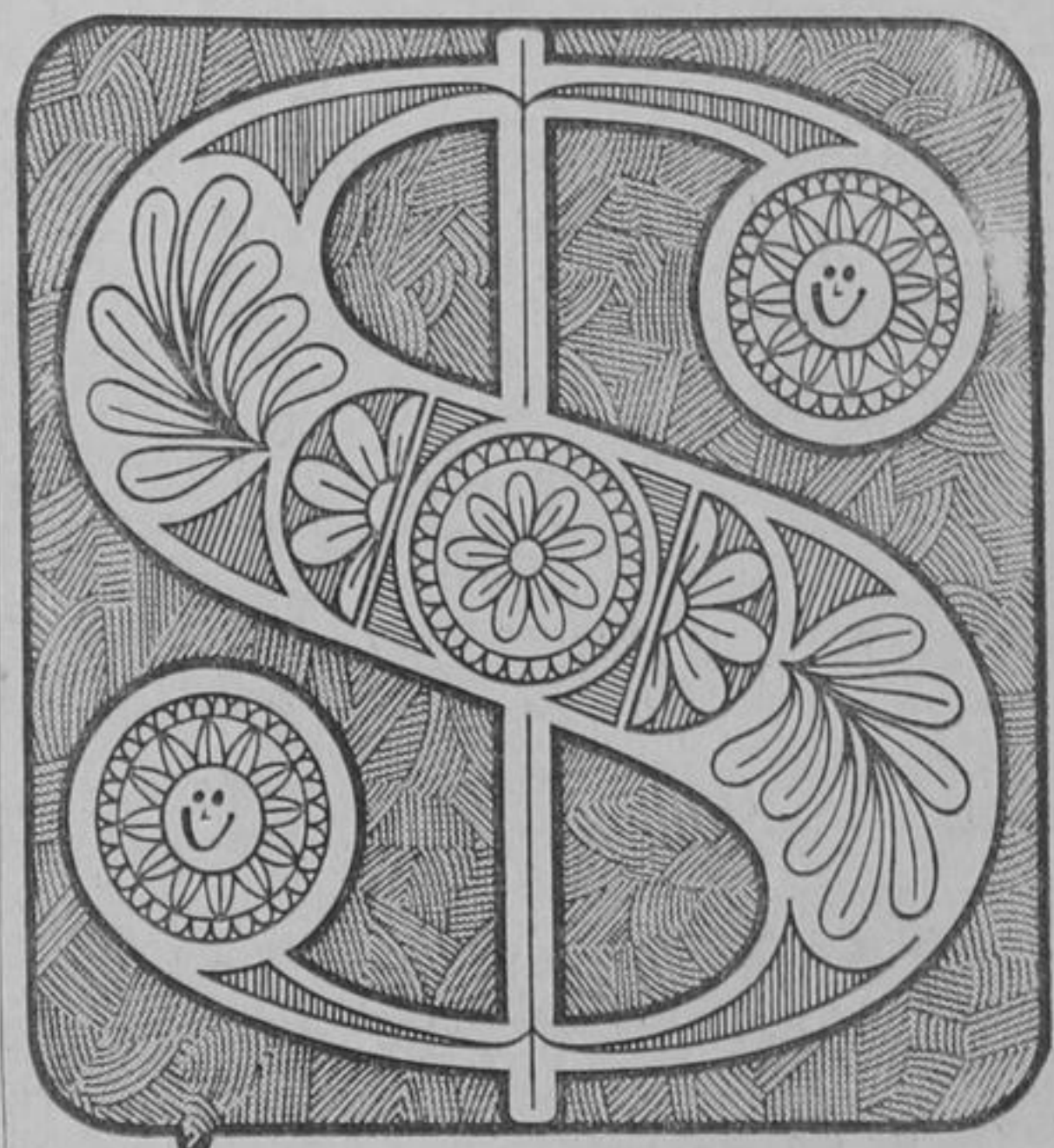
Keep the date June 23 marked on your calendar when the U.C.W. of Thornhill United Church are holding their strawberry social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tamblin, Littlebrook Farm, Green Lane from 2 to 5 pm.

Tickets are \$1.00, children 50c. Men as well as ladies are invited to attend. There will be a swimming demonstration by some local girls to make the program an interesting one. Transportation may be arranged by calling Mrs. M. Dobson at 285-2668. If inclement weather prevails, the event will be held on June 24.

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CANADA'S NEW LABOUR CODE/Hon. Allan MacEachen, Minister of Labour, answers some questions:

"Our new Canada Labour Code has been called a 'first', Mr. MacEachen. Would you agree?"

"Yes, and it is one of the most all-embracing. Canada has a right to be proud of it. It sets higher standards than have been set for any other country I know. Other countries are taking note of the way Canadian Parliament is ensuring that more workers share in this country's growth."

"Briefly, who does this new Code apply to?"

"It applies to industries which fall under Federal jurisdiction—and may well prove to be a guide for other industries. The Government itself, which is a large employer in its own right, will take the lead by applying the Code's standards to its own federal employees."

"Let's get down to specifics. What, exactly, does it promise to those employees who are affected by it?"

"As we said, it sets minimum standards—and I stress that these are minimum, because, of course, a lot of workers already enjoy higher standards than the Code sets. First, it sets a standard 8 hour day and a 40 hour week, with overtime limited to 8 hours a week, and paid for at time-and-a-half. Second, it sets the minimum wage rate for all men and women over 17 years of age at \$1.25 an hour. Next, it provides for two weeks annual vacation with pay, after one year's service; or 4% of wages as vacation pay for those with from 30 days to a year's service. Finally, it stipulates that each employee shall get eight statutory holidays with pay a year—or get a full day off in lieu of the holiday."

"You said the new Code applies to industries under Federal jurisdiction. Would you name them?"

"The Code covers interprovincial or international rail and highway transport, primary fishing where the fishermen work for wages, air transport, radio and TV, shipping, banks, uranium mining, grain elevators, flour and feed mills and warehousing, seed cleaning mills, interprovincial or international pipelines and ferries, interprovincial or international telegraphs and telephones, most Crown corporations and one or two other smaller industries."

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