

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. Jo Cruise who may be reached by phoning 889-3190

Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Your correspondent is now settled in her new home at 27 John Street, Thornhill. For anyone who sends news by mail, would they please make note of the new address. The phone number remains the same, 889-3190.

After a very active and exhausting weekend of moving and getting settled I'm afraid the news is not too plentiful. A few people phoned in news but I was unable to gather too many items. Next week I trust I shall have a more interesting column.

The Red Cross Society, blood donors service, will hold a clinic at Thornhill United on December 29. The clinic will be held during the hours 2-4.30 in the afternoon and 6.30-9.00 in the evening.

This early notice is given so that donors living in the area who might be donating elsewhere will wait for the local clinic. A special appeal will be made to the high school students in the area to attend.

A meeting for the co-chairmen will be held in mid-November to formulate plans.

The Canadian Bible Society is conducting a drive for funds that began October 17. The funds

will provide Christian bibles and literature to many countries in the world printed in hundreds of different languages. Do assist in this very worthy drive, your dollars can do so much.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Alfred Ecclestone and Donald Smillie of Thornhill on the sudden death of their sister Mrs. Marion V. Sharpless, wife of E. Bryan Sharpless, of Willowdale. Mrs. Sharpless is also survived by her daughter Mrs. Gerald Hill (Joan) and two grandchildren, Ricky and Julie. Funeral services were held on October 13.

Mrs. Sharpless will be sadly missed by her many friends in Thornhill and by Thornhill United where she was a very active member.

A coffee party will be held October 22 at 10.30 am at the home of Mrs. Alan Maston, 35 Longbridge Drive to introduce Don Martyn, the Progressive Conservative candidate for York North in the November 8 election. Do come out and meet this energetic candidate who is doing his best to meet all the voters in York North.

United Church
A hat show featuring exclusive designs will be one of the highlights of the Chrysanthe-

num Fair to be held at Thornhill United November 6. After luncheon has been served at 12.30, hats will be modelled and offered for sale. These hats will be all originals, designed and made by Mrs. Hugh Martin.

Mrs. Martin has been interested in millinery creations for many years and is most professional in her work.

Of special interest will be the "Three B's" — baking blitz, bazaar bonanza and bathroom boutique. These booths will feature articles for Christmas shoppers, baking, gifts and accessories.

Mrs. A. Martindale is going to demonstrate the making of chrysanthemum corsages. The ladies of the U.C.W. plan to open the fair at 11 am. The booths will close while luncheon is being served and reopen again at 2 pm.

Tickets are \$1.00 for the luncheon and hat show and may be obtained from Mrs. F. Kellam at 889-4352.

The usual fall turkey dinner at Carville United will be served on October 27 from 4.30 - 8 pm.

The men's club will hold their monthly meeting on October 25 at 6.30 pm and it is to be Ladies' night. There will be an interesting travelogue by Mildred and Jack Naylor.

The newly-formed group of young people will meet in the evening of October 24 at 7.30 pm in the church parlour. Parents of juniors age 9-11 are invited to attend Sunday school on October 24 to see the new curriculum in operation.

The congregation welcomed two guest soloists at the morning and evening services on October 17. Miss Patricia Snell, an outstanding singer of the Canadian Opera Company was soloist at the morning service and Robert Bygrave, an accomplished singer and soloist of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Toronto was guest at the evening service.

Baptist Church
The thanksgiving meeting of the Anna Buck Circle commenced with a pot luck supper in the Sunday school hall at 6.30 pm Mrs. H. Burlington, social convener, had salvaged some autumn flowers to decorate the tables and the variety of food

made a delightful supper. The meeting opened with the singing of a harvest hymn and the president, Mrs. H. Ellam read a poem on thankfulness. A reminder was given of the Baptist World Day of Prayer to be held in Yorkville Heights Church on November 1. Some of the ladies will be taking part in the program. Miss Hazel Stringer led the worship period and her theme was "I am the door".

Carey Spurgeon showed pictures of his recent trip to India where he visited his daughter and other missionaries in Teleque Province. The ladies saw the beautiful school all built by hand and recently opened. A visit to Hong Kong and Singapore with their modern buildings and wide streets was a great contrast to the narrow and crowded streets seen in India but the need of the gospel could be just as great.

Mrs. Ellam thanked Mr. Spurgeon for a very interesting evening and expressed pleasure at the prospect of seeing his daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carder at Thornhill Baptist Church in the near future.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. McGowan on November 9.

White Rose Ball
The YCHA White Rose Ball will be held December 3 at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club. Dancing will take place from 9-11 to the lively music of "The Rhythmaires." A delicious buffet dinner will be served with appetizers, and cold cuts, salads, rolls, dessert and coffee. During the dinner there will be surprise entertainment. A lucky draw will take place for a silver tea set and a diamond ring. Tickets for the draw are \$1.00 and may be obtained from all auxiliary members.

Tickets for the ball are \$15.00 a couple and they are limited. Organize your party now to be sure and not miss this outstanding event. Tickets can be obtained by calling Mrs. A. Simpson at 889-4516. Dress is optional.

This promises to be the event of the season and all proceeds will go toward the hospital. Don't delay, order those tickets now.

Find 8-Week-Old Baby Suffocated
An eight week-old Thornhill baby was found suffocated in its bassinet by its mother about 8.15 am Friday.

Dead was Peter John Michael Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Baxter, 34 Laureleaf Road. According to Markham Township Police, the baby had been dead about four hours when found. Mr. Baxter was away at the time.

Dr. R. Johns of Willowdale, attended. There will be no inquest.

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New Teachers At Thornhill Secondary

Among the new faces at Thornhill Secondary School this term are those of fourteen new teachers and a new principal. Shown above are, front row (left to right): Mrs. M. Ormsby, who teaches English and history; Mrs. M. Adersparre, commercial subjects; P. Peart, English; Mrs. T. Kubayashi, art and history; R. Sears, draughting and math; Mrs. I. Clemson, French.

At the rear are, same order, D. Hill, science; H. Fersht, head of the science department; R. E. Seltzer, English and guidance teacher and administrative intern; T. Fitzgerald, history and geography; Miss I. Swinden, home economics and science; J. W. Kippen, new principal, formerly at Bayview and J. Gilchrist, physical education.

Absent when the picture was taken are Mrs. M. Lutes, part time mathematics teacher and Mrs. H. Spector who teaches French and German.

Dear Mr. Editor Thornhill's Peace And Quiet Threatened By Apartments

Dear Mr. Editor:

The campaign the Thornhill Citizens' Committee has waged against the erection of apartments on Yonge Street is not the hysterical outcry of a reactionary group against progress. Our objection is based on the sad fact that Thornhill can only be ruined once and it can never recover as a village from the proposed apartment onslaught. Up to now there has been room in Thornhill for independent living. We have all benefited from the openness of our landscape and the lack of pressure this affords.

Why do we fight the traffic battle to live in Thornhill? We drive the extra distance because Thornhill is a unique and historic village whose green and open places have not all been planted with homes, no imposition from our township council to force landowners to cut up large lots into tiny ones. If we had wanted to live in the squalor that accompanies overcrowding, we would have remained in the city.

Who wants apartments? Does some altruistic group really care about providing housing for people, or is it that their land-owners involved will make more money selling their land for apartment use than selling for any other use? The apartment developers want to build on Yonge Street, not because they really care about providing housing for retired couples in our village, but because existing transportation will make it easier for them to rent their suites.

Our efficient, but expedient planning board upholds the right of the three land-owners to sell for this purpose, and the right of the three developers to build, and hundreds of village residents will pay the consequences in lack of privacy, increased local traffic hazards, serious overcrowding of local public and high schools, etc., etc.

Apartments will quickly multiply Thornhill's population. No preparation has been made to accommodate these tenants in their leisure time. A child growing up in Thornhill lacks proximity to cultural institutions, skating rinks and recreational centres where athletic activities can be enjoyed. To make up for this, many fathers and mothers drive many miles to supply their children with paid lessons and opportunities to round out their children's education.

Who will these tenants be? Many will rent in Thornhill because the rents will be lower than in Toronto. Two and three bedroom suites are to be featured prominently so can naturally expect a large increase in our juvenile population. Is it fair to accept many new tenants in a place where no provision for their leisure time has been provided? If we ultimately have a delinquency problem on our hands because too many young people have nothing constructive to do with their leisure time, shall we blame the land-owners along Yonge Street or the builders of the proposed apartments? How shall we then solve the problem — more police? Think of the cost in human misery this quick solution implies. As parents, this potential problem above all others should give us concern.

Apartments are coming to Thornhill north of the village for people who wish to rent. The land south of John Street can be sold for community commercial and light industrial purposes etc. This latter use would keep our educational taxes down while providing employment for the limited number of job opportunities now available.

We have been considerably heartened to note that other communities have successfully fought against apartments at the Beaches in Etobicoke, etc. We sincerely believe that it is in the best interest of the village as a whole to remain an island of quiet living, while the eddies of over-population swirl all around us.

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Mkham. Twp. Hesitant In Granting Fuel Licence

An application by Public Fuel matter later in the meeting to discuss a letter from the Oil Transmission Systems Limited, (B.A. Oil Co.) to distribute oil throughout a Markham Township subdivision, was turned down by council last week despite two earlier recommendations in favor.

Discussion on the proposal followed presentation of a report of a special meeting of council October 6, in which representatives of the company and Dolphin Developments, subdividers for Markham Highlands Subdivision, appeared before council in support of the application.

After the meeting, council recommended approval of the application and agreement with the company. Last month, council also gave approval to allow underground oil services in the township, with each application to be considered on its own merits.

However, Tuesday of last week council decided against the recommendation at this time. Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble said he felt council should "negotiate" a bit more, while Councillor Allan Sumner suggested council come right out and tell the company that it was unable to come to a decision in its favor.

Council then came back to the matter later in the meeting to discuss a letter from the Oil Transmission Systems Limited, (B.A. Oil Co.) to distribute oil throughout a Markham Township subdivision, was turned down by council last week despite two earlier recommendations in favor.

NORTH RICHVALE NEWS
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Hi Neighbors

Happy wedding anniversary wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bounds of Yongehurst Road, who were married 24 years ago on October 11. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Jensen celebrated their wedding anniversary on October 12.

A quick recovery is wished for Mrs. J. Schoute of Walmer Road, who is in York Central Hospital with a slipped disc in her back.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groves of Brampton were guests Sunday at Wedrick Road Baptist Church. Mr. Groves was speaker at the evening service and he and his wife sang a special number accompanied by the latter on her accordion. A solo was sung by Miss Mabel Baker.

Pupils of grades 4 and 5 of Ross Doan School under the leadership of their teacher, Miss Carol Vango, donated five Thanksgiving baskets to the Sick Children's Hospital. The children decorated the baskets and each donated fruit and cookies with which to fill them.

DONCASTER
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Birthday greetings to Michael O'Donnell of 93 Henderson Avenue who turned 11 years old on October 20.

Best wishes to Charles Bencie of 113 Henderson, who became 15 on October 11, and to his brother John who turned six on October 17.

Happy anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Browning of Clarke Avenue, who celebrated on October 19.

The Richmond Hill Baseball League is holding a dance and awards presentation night on October 30 in Richmond Hill Lions hall. Tickets are available from David Barbour, Henderson Avenue, manager of "The Liberal" team which plays in this league.

To Be Held October 27 Descendants Of Charter Members At Hort. Society 50th Anniversary

Thornhill Horticultural Society celebrates its 50th birthday on October 27 with the holding of an anniversary dinner at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Parish Hall.

During the year 1915 some of the residents of Richmond Hill organized a horticultural society and the members invited their friends from Thornhill to a meeting. However, car service at that time of the evening was not convenient, so Mrs. David Boyle thought it would be an advantage to have a society in Thornhill.

A. W. Galbraith of Newtonbrook, an ardent photographer of gardens, was also interested. After discussions with several friends, a meeting was held at the home of F. Simpson. E. Francis was appointed chairman for the evening and Miss Mary Simpson acted as secretary. A copy of the charter or constitution of the Toronto Society, presented by Mr. Galbraith, was adopted.

The following officers were elected: President R. A. Nesbitt (who lived at "Annswell" Yonge and Elgin Sts.); Vice-President A. W. Galbraith; Directors Mrs. O. Boyle, Rev. S. A. Lawrence, Mrs. Robert Thompson, N. Smellie, R. Simpson and Miss Mary Simpson, secretary. These people may be considered charter members and it is interesting to note that children of some of these original members still support the society. Morgan Boyle and his sisters the Misses Agnes and Marguerite Boyle and Don Smillie, Willard Simpson has given faithful support since early days when he was the first secretary-treasurer of the junior society with Dr. Ross Wesley as president.

Public plantings have been carried out by the society over the years including trees and shrubs at Thornhill Public School, shrubs, trees and flower beds at Thornhill Park, flower beds along Yonge Street and a flower bed at Thornhill United Church where the society presently holds its monthly meetings. Plans for a Centennial

planting will be made soon. A display exhibited at Markham Fair this fall won fourth prize, despite the ravages made to members' gardens by the sudden early frost on September 27. An entry at the district annual meeting held at Schomberg entitled "Indian Summer" won second prize. This was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bone who attended as delegates for the Thornhill society.

Ernest Kohler, a long time member of the society remarked at the last meeting he attended in June, before going home to Switzerland. "The society has its ups and downs throughout the years, just as in any human life". The membership, starting at 25, had risen at one time to nearly 200 and is now down to 100, but with more leisure time that automation will provide, how better to spend one's time than growing prize flowers and vegetables and enjoying the fellowship of like minded neighbors?

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