

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

Miss Shaaron Lewis, Arnold Avenue, was guest of honor at several parties recently in honor of her forthcoming marriage to David Hay. Those entertaining for Miss Lewis were Mrs. C. F. Sowdon and Miss Wendy Sowdon of Brooke Street who gave a kitchen and

linen shower. Mrs. W. E. Briggs, Arnold Avenue, who entertained at an evening gathering and Mrs. G. Mowat, Arnold Avenue, at a pantry shower.

Anyone interested in a mixed folk dancing group, please call Miss Jane McLaren at 889-2746. The group meets every Wednesday evening from 8:30 - 11 pm in Woodland Public School, Doncaster.

Organized ten years ago, the folk dancers previously met at Cherry Hill Farm and Buttonville before moving to their new location. Dances of many nations are taught by two very able instructors, Mr. and Mrs. George Webb. Last week a visitor introduced some Hungarian and Israeli dances to the group.

The price is \$1.00 per person and this includes refreshments served after the dancing. Join the group for an evening of fun, exercise and the opportunity to meet interesting people.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. A. A. Brillinger, 10 Elmbank Road, on the occasion of her 85th birthday, celebrated recently. Mrs. Brillinger is a long time resident of Thornhill and is still blessed with energy and good health.

Mac Tennyson, well known proprietor of Mac's Variety Store, Yonge St., sparked the interest of local boys by conducting a model car contest. This was the second contest that Mac has sponsored this year. There were twenty entries in the contest and Bruce Westerbury of Toronto acted as official judge.

Owen Burgess was the grand prize winner with his excellent model of a 1932 Ford car. In the full race or strip class, Dean Moffatt won first prize for his 1932 Ford V8 race car and Billy Wilcox won second prize for his Ford GT.

In the mild custom class, Keith Brotherhood took first place honors for his turbine Chrysler and John MacLeod won second prize for his Corvette model.

Mac awarded model cars as prizes to the winners. It is always pleasing to hear of merchants in the area interested enough in young people to encourage their interests.

Get well greetings to H. Laurie, Bayview Ave., and Elliott Sand, Maryvale Cres., both patients in York Central Hospital.

The annual meeting of the Thornhill Golf and Country Club will be held November 29 in the curling lounge at 8 pm. Elections of new officers will take place at this time.

The Len and Mae Shore Bonspiel took place on November 19 at the club. This was a mixed event and a large number of curlers turned out for it.

It was with deep regret we learned of the death last week in North Western General Hospital of Mrs. Jack Manning, Dudley Avenue. Mrs. Manning will be sadly missed by her many friends in the area and especially by the horticultural society where she was a very active member for many years.

The YWCA winter swim club held at York Mills Collegiate Pool every Monday evening is looking for winter swimmers for their January-April sessions. Children, ages 8-12, swim from 7:30 - 8 pm and the mixed adult splash swim from 8-9 pm. Instruction is available if desired.

Chairman of the board of Shouldice Surgery, Thornhill since 1953, Dr. C. Noble Black passed away in the Toronto General Hospital last week after a short illness.

Dr. Black, who lived in Toronto, was in his 74th year. He had been a high school and medical chum of the founder of Shouldice Surgery, the late Dr. E. E. Shouldice and the two men had shared an office in the Medical Arts Building before the surgery was opened in 1945.

After the surgery had been opened only a few months, Dr. Black joined the staff and served as a physician, doing patient contact work right up until he went on holiday last June. He worked also for a few weeks this fall but had to discontinue because of ill health.

Fees are \$6.00 for children with a 50c membership and \$6.00 for single adults or \$10.00 a couple with a \$2.00 membership fee. Medicals are required. Register during the week of December 6 from 9:30 - 11 am or 8 - 10 pm on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. For information call 884-4811.

Mrs. Gay Robertson now has an antique booth at the Farmer's Market every Saturday morning. Mrs. Robertson was a former resident of Arnold Avenue, Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Clark, 36 Kirk Drive, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary November 20 with an open house held in the afternoon and evening.

Bronze and yellow chrysantheums decorated the table and an anniversary cake with candles and flower holders formed a decorative centerpiece. Mrs. Douglas Bradley who was Mrs. Clark's maid of honor and Mrs. Robert Brooks, her junior bridesmaid, poured tea. Junior members of the family helped receive and serve the guests.

Out of town guests who attended were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Clark of Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wilson from Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Mackay from Whitby, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnston from Belleville and Mr. and Mrs. W. McCann from Gravenhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark were married on November 23, 1940 in Glebe United Church, Toronto and have two children, Bruce and Christine.

The Christmas Gift Campaign for the York County Branch of the CMHA is now underway. Collection deposits have been set up in the United, Presbyterian and Anglican Churches or gifts can be taken to Mrs. E. Bean, 179 John St., Mrs. J. McNally, 14 Steele Valley Road or Mrs. L. Moore, 16 Vista View.

Gift suggestions are stamps, puzzles, cake, cookies or candy, clothing, toiletries or cigarettes. Please do not wrap your gifts.

Your thoughtfulness will help to brighten a lonely patient's Christmas day, so please don't delay in assisting this yearly project.

There is still time to see the exhibition of J. E. H. MacDonald's paintings and sketches at the Toronto Art Gallery. This exhibition of the famous Group of Seven founder has special interest to Thornhill where Mr. MacDonald painted some of his pictures and where his artist son, Thoreau MacDonald, still lives. A trip down to the gallery would be well worth your while and your children would enjoy it too. The exhibition closes on November 27.

Bob Bridges, twelve year old son of Ray Bridges, gunsmith of 55 Rockview Gardens, was a lucky hunter last week when he bagged a 5 1/2 pound mallard with his pellet gun near King Township. A four pound mallard is considered to be a very large bird. The explanation given for the one Bob shot was that it must have been crossed with a domestic duck. Regardless of the circumstances, Bob was a mighty thrilled young man and even made headlines in a Toronto daily outdoors article.

Metro Board Rejects Langstaff Zoo Site

It looks as if Markham Township won't get a zoo after all. At a recent meeting of the Metro Planning Board, Planning Commissioner Eli Comay had recommended the 635-acre, Toronto-owned Langstaff Jail Farm as the site for an eight million dollar zoological garden. However, at last week's meeting of the board, the emphasis was on the need to develop park areas before they all disappear and the board agreed that parks be given priority over the new zoo.

It was agreed to study a 25-year park development program drafted by Parks Commissioner T. W. Thompson. It proposes intensified development of Toronto Islands, the Humber, Don and Rouge River valleys, Highland Creek, the waterfront and nine big recreational parks. Also included in the plan is a 100-acre sports area at Midland and Finch Avenues, to include Olympic standard facilities for swimming, tennis, football, hockey and track and field events.

Mrs. J. Morris TV Winner

Mrs. J. H. Morris, 3 Huckleberry Lane, Bayview Glen, delighted many local residents with her television appearance last week on the program "Password" seen every afternoon at 2 pm on channel 4 with host Alan Ludden.

Mrs. Morris, the mother of five children ranging from 2 to 11 years of age, won both the quizzes partnered with first actor Elliott Read, and then with actress and well known television personality, Arlene Francis.

Mrs. Morris looked composed and as lovely as any professional performer and Thornhill feels proud to have had such a delightful representative. Judging by the many people who called "The Liberal" correspondent, many Thornhill residents were cheering for Mrs. Morris in front of their TV sets and were all thrilled to see her win \$600.00.

Joe Wain Accepts Second Term As Horticultural Society President

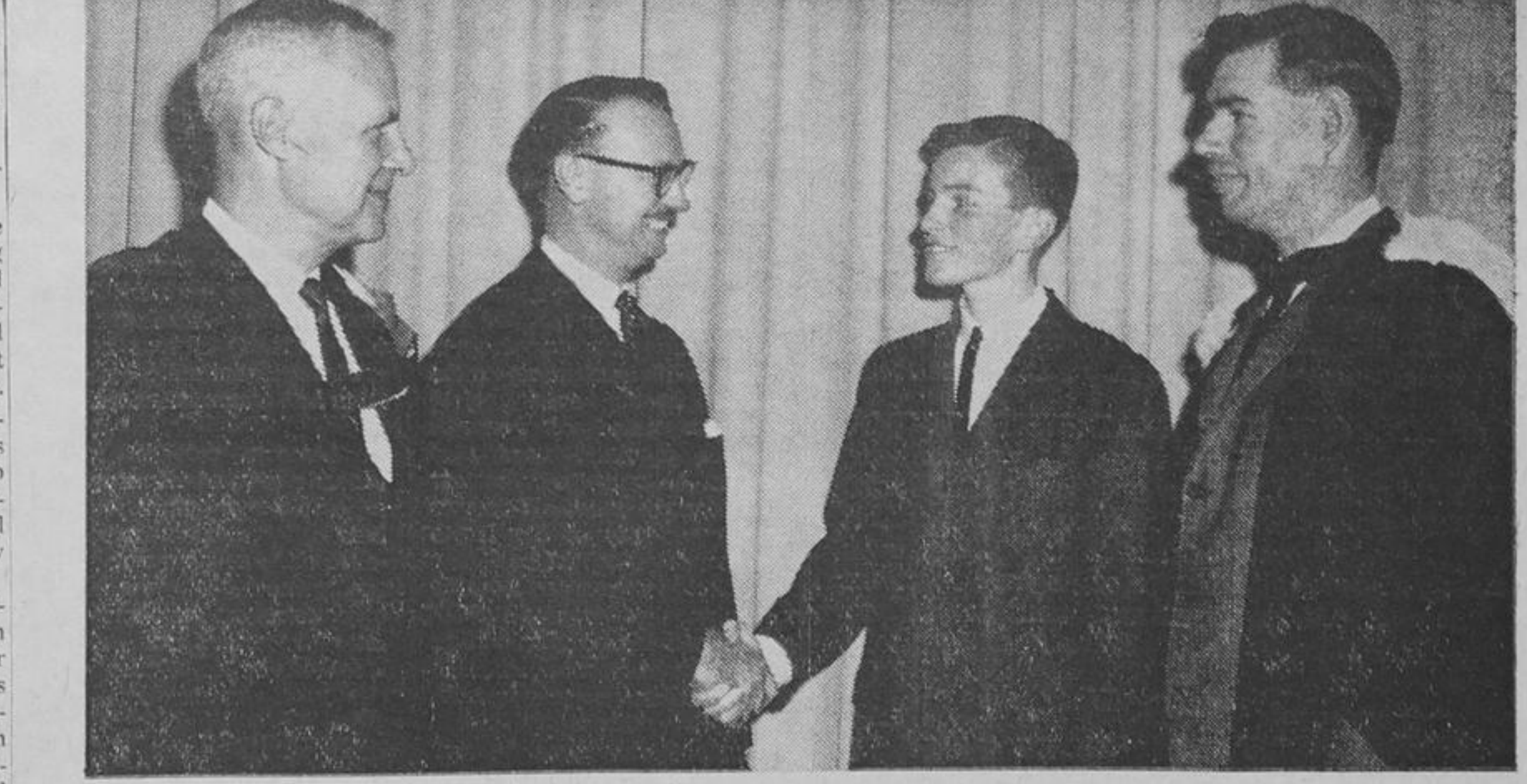
Mrs. J. Bridges, a past president of the Thornhill & District Horticultural Society, conducted the election of officers at the November meeting of the society. Those duly elected were: President J. Wain, Vice-President A. Summer; Directors for two years 1966-67, Miss Muriel Dean, A. R. Funnell, T. Harrington, Mrs. J. King and H. Millar; directors remaining for another year of office, Mrs. C. Bishop, Mrs. G. Sikorski, J. Manning, C. Williamson and R. Whitley; Treasurer C. Jones, Secretary Mrs. M. Riley.

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A letter had been received from Ernest Kohler, a past director of the society and former gardener at Shouldice Surgery. In his letter he told of how he is enjoying life in his native Switzerland and intimated that he hoped to visit Canada next summer.

The Kings and the Mannings had gained points of 134 and 132 respectively throughout the monthly shows held from April



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Ian Calvert, valedictorian at Thornhill Secondary School's 11th commencement exercises, is congratulated by T. S. Roebuck, of the Department of Education who made the commencement address.

Looking on are, left, A. S. Elson who retired as principal of the school last June, and J. W. Kippen, the school's new principal.

Thornhill Secondary Graduates 150 Students

At its 11th and largest commencement exercises, November 12, Thornhill Secondary School awarded 90 honor graduation diplomas to successful grade 12 students, together with 40 secondary school graduation diplomas to commercial students, and 20 to technical students.

A further 89 secondary school graduation diplomas were mailed out to last year's successful grade 12 students. Previously these had been presented at the commencement exercises, but increasing numbers have made this impractical.

The commencement address was given by T. S. Roebuck, MA, former master teacher of English for York Central high schools and now an inspector of English with the Department of Education.

Mr. Roebuck advised the young graduates that the world needs their enthusiasm, energy and idealism and urged them to have the courage to live up to their ideals.

He also reminded them that true happiness is not found in the brief gratification and gaiety of mere self indulgence.

"Happiness is not a laughing matter" nor is it found by looking for it.

"Happiness is not a reward, it is a consequence," he said. "Serve wherever you are able, give your best to those who need your service, and you will find that happiness has come to you, unbidden and unsought."

Greetings from York Central District High School Board were brought by its chairman, John Honsberger. "We have made a substantial investment in this school," he told the graduates, "and now we see some of the dividends from our investment. We like what we see. At the same time, he told the parents, the board is not complacent with its schools but is truly committed to developing a school system that is second to none.

"We have made great strides and we are within marching distance of our goal of being one of the first class systems in the country."

Valedictorian Ian Calvert recalled the many highlights of school life which had centered around the gymnasium in which he was speaking, the basketball triumphs, drama club's presentations, the fun of Health's 'A' Poppin', all of which had contributed to the students' development. He thanked members of the staff who had given them guidance and understanding through their tolerance, patience and faith in humanity, paying special tribute to former Principal A. S. Elson. "He was an inspiration to us all and a credit to his profession," he concluded.

As well as receiving an Ontario Scholarship for having attained over 80% in his final year, Ian Calvert was presented with a gold pin from the Societas Honoris for having attained first class honors for five years; the York Central District High School Board award for general proficiency and the highest marks in grade 13, B100 and a book; the Beamish Construction Company prize in mathematics and science, \$100; and a university entrance scholarship from the University of Waterloo.

An Ontario Scholar also, Gloria Hall received as well, the Department of Education's Sir John A. MacDonald award for outstanding achievement in Canadian history; the Helen Furse memorial prize in Latin, \$25, presented by Mrs. H. Furse; the A. S. Elson award for proficiency, \$50, presented for the first time; a university entrance scholarship and a gold

pin from the Societas Honoris. Laurel Sabiston was presented with the Morley Kinnee Plaque for proficiency in English, an Ontario Scholarship and a gold pin.

Other Ontario Scholarship winners were Richard Heron and James Pigott. Societas Honoris gold pins also went to Peter Tremaine, Gary Fox, Allan Reoch and Susan Green.

Silver pins for obtaining first class honors for four years were given to Barbara Mollard and James Pigott, Jeanne Buffett, Richard Heron, Barbara Mollard, Allan Reoch and Peter Tremaine also won university entrance scholarships.

Societas Honoris awards for grades 9 to 12 went to: Marion Gardhouse and Inge Strauch, silver pins; Carol Buchan, Wendy Chidley and Hendrick Jansen, bronze pins; and honor crests to Marilyn Barrett, Carol Buchan, Wendy Chidley, Dianne Eisey, Marion Gardhouse, Hendrick Jansen, June Maynard and Inge Strauch.

York Central District High School Board awards for general proficiency were presented by Dr. L. T. White of the board to: Beverley Wybro, grade 9, 91.9%; a book and \$25; for grade 10, to Ann Matheson, who had 94.3%; for grade 11, Jeff Coleman, 92.9%; for grade 12, academic, Wendy Michinson 85.3%; commercial, Carol Buchan 80.7% and in science, technology and trades, Hendrick Jansen, 82.5%.

The Board of Student Seniors' awards for grade 12 were presented to Carol Buchan in the commercial course, and Hendrick Jansen, technical.

Hendrik Jansen also received the Canadian Manufacturers' Association award for the best technical student.

The A. S. Elson award to the outstanding technical student, presented by Mr. Elson, went to Roy Benton. David Wright received the Gordon Lake Memorial prize for languages.

Principal J. W. Kippen made the opening remarks of welcome and the prayer of invocation was given by Rev. T. M. Watson of Langstaff Baptist Church.

Musical selections were presented throughout the evening by the school orchestra under the direction of the music department head, Eugene Lazar.

Thornhill Architect To Address Historical Society. A Thornhill resident, B. Napier Simpson, Jr. will be the speaker at tonight's meeting (Thursday) of the North York Historical Society.

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Parents Must Permit Their Children To Grow Up

"If you want to make him a psychological cripple, tie your child to your apron strings until he is 40 years of age," was the advice given to a group of parents of grade 12 and 13 students at Thornhill Secondary School November 16.

The speaker was Richard Shooter, a clinical psychologist at St. Michael's Hospital and lecturer at the University of Toronto. Mr. Shooter had previously given two lectures to grade 12 and 13 students at the school, discussing such topics as how to establish a satisfactory self identity, develop self understanding, achieve self control and relate effectively to others, particularly in the family unit.

With the parents he discussed the same subjects from the point of view of the difficulties young people often have with their parents when they are attempting these essential steps in reaching maturity.

It is of major importance that teenagers be emancipated from home control, which must give way bit by bit, to self control, said Mr. Shooter.

Shortly after puberty, about the age of 14, children reach what he called the "stage of identity." The questioning, rebellion and seeming disrespect for parents at this stage are universal

phenomena and are related to biological changes. For the first 15 years of their life, certain demands are made on children and too often parents continue to look at them as children instead of helping them to find a new role and adjust to an adult way of life.

Because of the teenager's basic insecurity as to just what his role is, the herd instinct emerges at this stage and such things as long hair and particular styles of dress become important to the youngster. This is just a part of teenage grouping, advised Mr. Shooter, and such conformity is almost an inevitable consequence of growing up. Many aspects of this behavior which cause so much conflict between teens and their parents are merely a reflection of the young person's need to belong. This may continue for two or three years, but the vast majority, if left reasonably alone, Mr. Shooter stressed, will grow out of it.

In the next stage, which Mr. Shooter termed the "young adult" level, sexual urges seem to dominate. This is a fact of life which parents must face, he said, and is very important for the later development of adult maturity. If the young person does not learn between the ages of 16 and 20 to deal with his emotions in a proper

manner, his ability to relate to others heterosexually in adulthood is sometimes impaired.

The individual must learn first, self-intimacy, must learn not to be afraid of himself and must also learn to accept his emotions. A teenager at this stage has a vast range of emotions, Mr. Shooter emphasized, and the important thing was for parents to realize that the teenager is capable of emotions as intense as those of any adult, and as meaningful to him, whether or not the parents consider them suitable.

During this time, the young person learns to relate to other people, develop friends and strong attachments. If this does not happen, if the young person doesn't have sufficient freedom to do this and difficulties are imposed from without, there is a danger that he may retire into himself, become emotionally isolated, and as an adult, may have difficulty in knowing how to relate to others.

"Accept a deep crush for what it is—part of a normal process," advised Mr. Shooter. "Nature is a wonderful caretaker and most times will work things out directly. I often tell parents to leave things alone for six months and see what happens."

Mr. Shooter stressed too that while between the ages

of 10 to 14 or so young people are normally attracted to those of the same sex, bit by bit they become attracted to the opposite sex. Fixation at this level can lead to homosexuality, he said. "When he is interested in the opposite sex, we should be happy."

Together with emotional and social development, teenagers also undergo intellectual development. While at the earlier stages they have had many transient interests, as is natural, most adolescents become more stable in their interests. Former glamorous vocational ideas give way to more practical vocational choices as with self understanding, the young person accepts the fact that he has certain inherited characteristics, interests and aptitudes.

Mr. Shooter stressed at this point that parents should not attempt to dictate a choice of vocation. "The kind of work we do and the satisfactions we get from it are of paramount importance to good mental health," he said. "We want to relate the occupation to the needs of the individual."

While making all these difficult adjustments, it is also important that the teenager have leisure time to do what he wants to. "Some parents feel boys should be working most of the time," he objected.

As adolescents develop their own sense of self-identity and become more and more adult, they realize too that their parents are not the gods they have thought them. "They know you are not Jehovah and you are questioned in every area," warned Mr. Shooter. They often don't really like the realization that Dad is wrong, he said, although it is simple for some to resolve this.

During a lengthy question period, Mr. Shooter advised mothers that it is important to inculcate in a girl the determination to be herself and work out a career for herself. Roles are changing in the modern world, he reminded, and being a wife and mother is no longer the only aspect of a girl's life. "So many girls have been conditioned to being mothers that they think it doesn't matter what they do in between. We must assume that a girl will do what she wants with her life, independent of being a mother or wife."

Mr. Shooter was introduced and warmly thanked by Donald Anderson, head of the guidance department at Thornhill Secondary School. The series of three lectures was arranged with the cooperation of the York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association on the initiative of Miss Ruth McConaghy of the school's guidance department.

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Are you in favour of moving pictures, theatrical performances, concerts and lectures after 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of the Lord's Day to be regulated by municipal by-law under the authority of The Lord's Day (Ontario) Act, 1960-61?

Are you in favour of public games and sports for gain after 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of the Lord's Day to be regulated by municipal by-law under the authority of The Lord's Day (Ontario) Act, 1960-61?

Are you in favour of a by-law to provide for biennial elections of members of the Council of the Township of Markham?

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the vote upon the said questions will be taken at the same hours and at the same places as for the Municipal Election on the 6th day of December, 1965.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Thursday, the 2nd day of December 1965, at the hour of 10:00 in the forenoon, at the Township Municipal Offices at Buttonville, in the Township of Markham, shall be the time and place for the appointment of persons to attend at the polling places, and at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk.

Dated at the Township of Markham this 8th day of November, 1965.
H. C. T. Crisp,
Clerk, Township of Markham,
R.R. 2, Gormley, Ontario.