

Thornhill and District News

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One-Time Resident Of Thornhill Carole Hunt Is Wed In Toronto

An evening wedding of interest to local residents took place August 23 in St. Andrew's United Church, Toronto, when Carole Marsha Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harvey Hunt, former Thornhill resident and now of Leaside, became the bride of Michael Baron Hutson, son of Mrs. Baron Hutson and the late Mr. Hutson of Toronto.

Rev. William Briggs performed the candlelight ceremony against a background of yellow chrysanthemums.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length white crystalline gown fashioned on A-lines with a lace bodice, short straight sleeves and a boat neckline. Her chapel train of tulle illu-

sion fell from a bouffant tulle headpiece and she carried a nosegay of yellow sybium orchids and baby's breath.

Miss Barbara Boyden was maid of honor, the attendants were Mrs. D. Hutton and Mrs. J. Hunter, sisters of the bride, and junior bridesmaids were the Misses Debra and Karen Hutton, nieces of the bride.

The attendants wore floor length Swiss tissue yellow gowns fashioned on A-line with fitted bodices and round necklines. They wore matching pouff headpieces and carried semi-cascades of lime green sybium orchids and baby's breath.

Major George Hutson, cousin of the groom was best man and the ushers were Donald Hutton and John Hunter.

Following the wedding ceremony a reception was held at the Old Mill Restaurant, Toronto, where the bride's mother received wearing a street length turquoise blue crepe sheath frock with an overcoat of lace, a green and turquoise flowered hat and a corsage of green orchids. Mrs. Hutson wore a silver and blue sheath frock with matching jacket, a draped tulle blue hat and a corsage of snow white orchids.

For the honeymoon trip to the Caribbean the bride wore a French corded brown frock with a hip length white jacket, a wide brimmed white straw sailor hat and white accessories. On their return the couple will reside in Toronto.

The bride attended Langstaff Public School, Thornhill Secondary and is a recent graduate of Toronto Teachers' College.



JACQUELINE FERGUSON

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Ferguson, Willowdale, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Audrey to Mr. Roger Boyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Boyle, of Oakville, Ontario. The marriage to take place at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, Willowdale, on October 21, 1967 at 4 o'clock.

To Register Langstaff Cain With Government

The new cairn at the Langstaff Public School, which supports the bell from the 1896 school, will be registered with the historical board of the Ontario Government.

This move, suggested by the principal and approved by the Vaughan Township School Board, will ensure that maintenance of the cairn will become the responsibility of the provincial government, it is claimed.

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The news of Doncaster, Highland Park, Grandview

With The Sick
Friends and neighbors of Mrs. Jessie Blackley, Glen Cameron Road, are pleased to hear she is home after two months at St. John's Convalescent Hospital. Joanne Carle, Morgan Avenue, was rushed to Branson Hospital one evening recently for emergency treatment of a cut on her head.

Friends and neighbors of R. Fleming, Highland Park Avenue, are sorry to hear that he is in Branson Hospital.

Mrs. Karen Smith, Woodward Avenue (near Welland) is home from York Central Hospital with her new daughter.

Mrs. A. Kirkman, Clarke Avenue and new daughter are home from York Central Hospital.

Don't forget the blood donor clinic September 6 at Thornhill United Church from 2 to 4 pm and from 6.30 pm on.

Birthdays

A belated happy birthday is wished Betty Gail Vollenburg, Henderson Avenue, who was 10 years old July 16.

Congratulations to Stanley Wilson, Morgan Avenue, on his fifth birthday, August 6 and to Wayne Cripps, Centre Street, who will be 13 on August 16.

Birthday greetings are extended to Jennifer MacDuffie, Clarke Avenue, who celebrated her 14th on August 20.

Neighborhood Notes

Mrs. O. Anstey, Steeles Avenue, has returned from a week's holiday at Eagle Lake, South River.

Mrs. Margaret Adam, from Offenbach-on-the-Main, Germany, is spending another week at the home of her niece, Mrs. Merk, and Mr. W. Merk, Morgan Avenue.

Mrs. Adam's visit to Canada has included a trip to Ottawa and Expo, one to Niagara Falls, and a shopping trip to Yorkdale. She arranged a family party in honor of Oliver Merk's third birthday, August 1, attended by her son and daughter-in-law and three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Howson, Morgan Avenue, and two children spent two weeks camping along the St. Lawrence River and in the Thousand Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Carle and family, Morgan Avenue, camped on Manitoulin Island last week. They crossed to the island from Tobermory on the ferry and re-

turned home via Sudbury. Mr. and Mrs. C. Jordan and sons, Morgan Avenue, enjoyed a week at Expo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Sprucewood Drive, spent a week at Expo. They visited Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith in Montreal. The Smiths formerly lived on Sprucewood Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Barkwell, and children, Morgan Avenue, have returned from a trip to Sudbury.

The wedding of Shirley Dean, daughter of Mrs. W. Dean and the late Wilfred Dean, to Douglas Young, will take place at Thornhill United Church, August 26. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Young, High River, Alberta. The reception will be held at Summitview Gardens Restaurant, Richmond Hill and at 8 Ladyslipper Crescent.

Bonnie Dean, John Street entertained at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stow and daughter Jennifer, Henderson Avenue, spent part of their vacation visiting the former's sister in New Hampshire. The Stows then camped in the White Mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. A. MacDuffie and children, Morgan Avenue, have returned from a four week tour of Western Canada. They visited the Calgary Stampede, Lake Louise, Banff and the Columbia Ice Fields. They then spent some time with relatives in Prince George and Vancouver and visited Mr. and Mrs. K. Haverlock, formerly of Morgan Avenue, who now reside in Victoria. They report the weather was perfect for camping out.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cartwright and their four children have recently moved from their home at 110 Woodward Avenue to Vancouver. The Cartwrights had lived on Woodward for the past six years. Mr. Cartwright is associated with the Canadian Linotype Company.

What about next week?

There's only one way for you to be well-informed about important local events and your special interests. That's by reading "The Liberal" every week.

Nathan Chapman Descendant Of Pioneers Died July 6 In 74th Year

By DORIS FITZGERALD
Nathan Chapman liked to recall that he helped to plant, and take in, fifty crops before rheumatoid arthritis forced him to retire from active farming on the north half of Lot 37, Concession 1, Vaughan Township, about 12 years ago.

It also pleased him to think that the sturdy sidings and beams from an old house on his property were continuing to give good service as part of the re-constructed flour mill in the Pioneer Village at Edgeley. When his father commissioned Richmond Hill contractors, L. Innis and Son, to build a larger home for his family, the old brown frame house was moved back and used as a barn. In recent years, due to sale of land to Col. George Webster, the Langstaff Secondary School, the Falconbridge Nickel Mines Laboratories, and for road purposes, the original 105 acres have dwindled to a 20 acre frontage. The barn was no longer needed and its fate was hanging in the balance when representatives of Metro Conservation Authority came looking for good weathered timbers.

In the new house, built of brick and lumber from their own bush, Nathan grew up happily with his brothers and sisters — John Arthur, Lyman Robert, Florence Elizabeth (Mrs. Arthur Phillips), Andrew, Jean (Mrs. Clark Street), Hannah Eva (Mrs. John Valliere), Emma (Mrs. H. Einboden), and Georgia (Mrs. Alex Murison). And in the same house, now numbered 8764 Yonge Street he died on July 6 in his 74th year. He was the youngest son of Robert and Elizabeth Boyle Chapman, who in 1864 bought the south half of Lot 37 through which Garden Avenue now runs, and who built the large white clapboard house just south of the present Emerald Isle Motel.

A little later, with his sons in mind John Chapman bought the north half of the same lot. This farm had previously belonged for many years to Samuel Arnold and his descendants and members of that family often returned to visit. It is remembered that one of them walked alongside of Robert Chapman when he was ploughing, for the sheer pleasure of being on the land again.

Nathan Chapman went to Langstaff Public School where one of his favorite teachers was Miss Harrison, daughter of William Harrison, the Richmond Hill historian so often quoted

in "The Liberal", and he attended Thornhill Methodist and later Thornhill United Church.

Always a farmer, he grew mostly grain, table turnips, and apples, and shared the property with his brother Lyman. When Lyman died nine years ago Nathan resolutely refused all invitations to move in with relatives. He continued to live alone but was visited regularly by his youngest sister, Mrs. Murison, and other members of the family who were concerned for his welfare. Lately because of his painful disability he became almost a recluse but friends remember Nate as a kindly man who was always loathe to speak ill of others. Fond of music he played the mouth organ and enjoyed programmes such as "Hymn Sing" on TV.

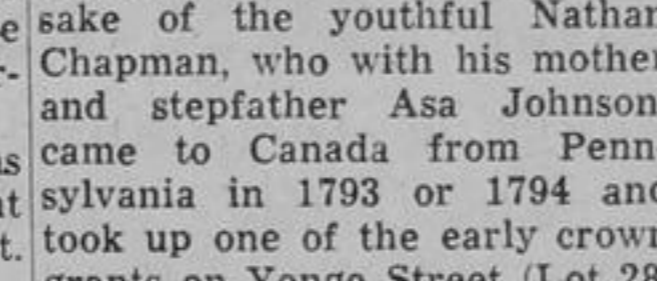
Mr. Chapman leaves three sisters, Hannah, Mrs. John Valliere, Willowdale; Emma, Mrs. H. Einboden, Rexdale and Georgia, Mrs. Alex Murison, Rexdale, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The services in the chapel of the Pipher Funeral Home, Richmond Hill, July 10, was conducted by the Rev. James Burn of St. Matthew's United Church, Richmond Hill, in the absence of the Rev. A. I. Higgins of Thornhill United, and interment was in the family plot in Thornhill Cemetery. The pallbearers were four nephews, Roy Phillips, Richmond Hill, Harold Street, Willowdale, Clifford Einboden, Weston and Stan. Whitmore, Langstaff, and two family friends Darrell Goulding, Elgin Mills and Lorne Shannon, Langstaff.

Nathan Chapman represented the fifth generation of the Chapman family to farm on Yonge Street. He was a namesake of the youthful Nathan Chapman, who with his mother and stepfather Asa Johnson, came to Canada from Pennsylvania in 1793 or 1794 and took up one of the early crown grants on Yonge Street (Lot 28, Concession 1, Vaughan), land which remained in family ownership until 1937.

TRANSPORTATION ROUTES

for the 1967-68 school year for VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS will appear in the next issue of "The Liberal".



Tom Loney

STOUFFVILLE: Councilor Tom Loney has asked out recently at Council's lavity in entering the village's building bylaw after he learned a home had been built on Manitoba Street almost two feet out of line. The house has been sold and the builder has submitted an application for approval to the committee of adjustment.

Vaughan School Board Selling Lots, Pianos

Sale of vacant lots at the Charles Howitt School has been approved by Vaughan Township Public School Board. A formal offer to purchase has been received from Howard W. Snow, Willowdale, in the amount of \$36,000. Completion of the agreement is conditional on the purchaser receiving approval from municipal authorities for division of the land into four parts.

Six used pianos, removed from abandoned schools in the township, will also be sold and the proceeds used to purchase new pianos.

LANGSTAFF NEWS

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Emmanuel Church

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Thatcher are moving to Mindel at the end of this month. Mr. Thatcher will celebrate his last service as minister of Emmanuel Anglican Church August 27.

A reception will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Howard, 30 Maryvale Crescent, August 25 to which all parishioners are invited.

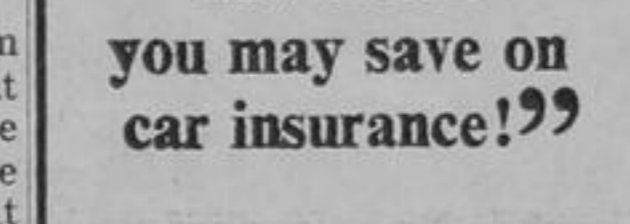
Social News
While the children were at camp, Marg and Jim Corse enjoyed several days on their boat sailing around familiar parts of Lake Ontario.

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Canadiana Collection Of John St. Resident Seen At CNE

By MARGARET McLEAN

Anyone interested in Canada's early history would do well to visit the Queen Elizabeth Building at the CNE this year. Here they will have the privilege of seeing the re-creation of a room in a settler's home, furnished with pieces collected over several years by a Thornhill resident, Mrs. Jean Smith of 99 John Street.

Along with raising a family of four children, and accumulating 12 credits for a BA at the University of Toronto through extension courses, Mrs. Smith has collected something like 300 pieces of Canadiana and can tell you the detailed history of each. Not content with knowing the general area from which a piece comes, she has spent hours and days trying to find the particular family which owned some of her pieces, with gratifying results.

The little straight chair in the room furnished at the CNE for instance, was made at Vellore around 1840 by Thomas Julian and was given to Mrs. Smith by his great granddaughter, now in her 70's, Mrs. Norman Gibson of Woodbridge. Of a primitive chicken coop design, it is of pine, deeply stained red, with a thick plank seat.

Mrs. Smith notes that the chair was in very poor condition when she received it and was lovingly restored by Ernest Bonnell of Bonnell Antiques, 8009 Yonge Street, Thornhill.

The lovely Welsh dresser on display at the CNE, Mrs. Smith found at Port Colborne. It has been completely restored as it was in very poor condition and has been painted a dark red. Mrs. Smith objects somewhat to the fashion of having all early Canadian pieces restored with a natural pine finish. "These were always painted," she points out. "When we get these pieces they have inches of paint on them."

Displayed on the dresser are several pieces of ironstone china. Mrs. Smith has an extensive collection of ironstone, many items dated, some as early as 1853. All are pure white with a pattern in relief. The large tureen on the dresser is dated 1870. The covered vegetable dish on the right hand side of the second shelf is dated 1858. It has an interesting final or handle made in the shape of a cob of corn. The undated vegetable dish on the left hand side has a handle shaped like a butternut.

Mrs. Smith uses the dresser in the dining room of her home and the ironstone is used for family meals. As a consequence, the Smith home has a somewhat bare look in places and will have for the duration of the CNE.

Another handsome item on display is a sturdy wooden laundry tub and washboard. Mrs. Smith uses this at Christmas time in her home, filling it with pine cones and pine boughs.

In arranging the room at the CNE, Mrs. Smith has tried to dramatize the role of women in pioneer days, showing the multiplicity of tasks they carried out. Thus dried herbs are hanging from the rafters, corn is drying, newly dyed wools are in evidence, as well as samples of hand dyed linsey-woolsey. The items on display have all been hand done using natural dyes such as were available to the pioneers. The dark rusty red, for instance, is obtained from cedar bark.

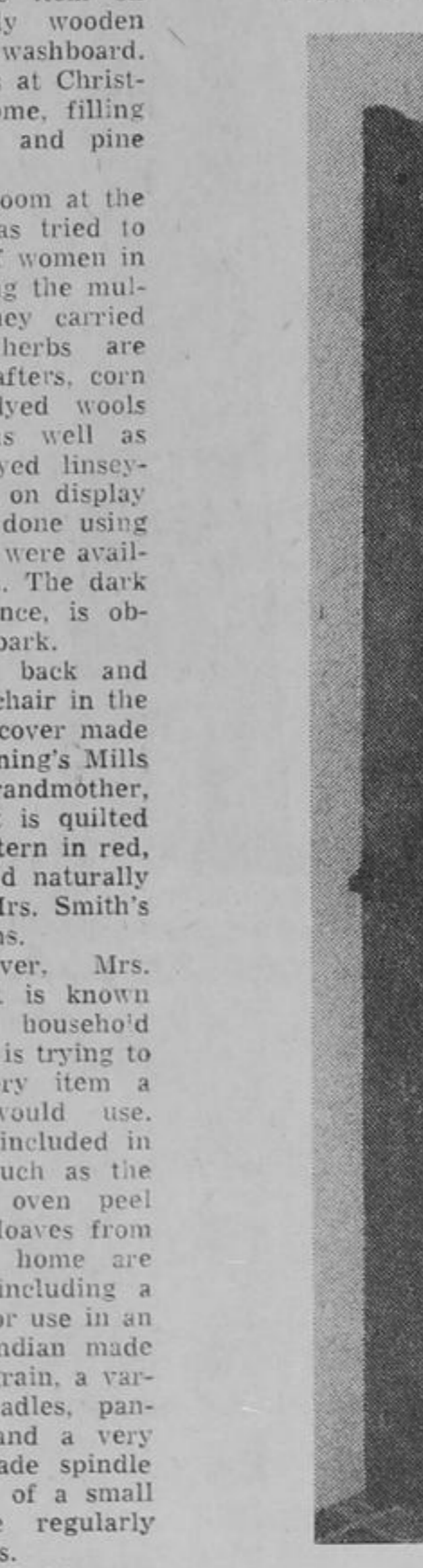
Thrown over the back and seat of the rocking chair in the display is a bolster cover made in the 1880's at Horning's Mills by Mrs. Smith's grandmother, Mary Ann Irwin. It is quilted in the log cabin pattern in red, brown and black and naturally enough, is one of Mrs. Smith's most treasured items.

Primarily, however, Mrs. Smith collects what is known as "treen", wooden household implements and she is trying to collect one of every item a pioneer woman would use. Many of these are included in the CNE display, such as the handsome wooden oven peel used for removing loaves from the oven. Still at home are many more such, including a long handled peel for use in an outdoor oven, an Indian made scoop for flour or grain, a variety of spatulas, ladles, pancake turners etc. and a very interesting hand made spindle made from the top of a small tree, utilizing the regularly spaced top branches.

Some of course are whimsies, small items whittled in wood to pass the long evenings. One such is an elaborately carved "courtship spoon", evidently of Scandinavian origin, with an attached wooden chain. Another is a tiny pair of wooden pliers, quite operative, but made from a single piece of wood. This and four links of a wooden chain, also made from one piece, were made in Vaughan Township.

Mrs. Smith advises, for those

interested, that her entire collection of some 300 pieces will be on display at Pioneer Village in October of this year. It is interesting to note that her first interest in Canadiana was aroused by the original founder of Pioneer Village, also a miniature antiques, doll's Thornhill resident, Elsie Neil



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

who was formerly a close neighbor of the Smiths. Mrs. Smith's interest has been communicated to other members of the family too and her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Browne of Etobicoke collects of Pioneer Village, also a miniature antiques, doll's Thornhill resident, Elsie Neil

Part of Elizabeth's collection is being borrowed by the local Sayvette store for a Christmas window display.

The Smiths collect other types of antiques too and handsomely displayed on a wall of the family room are a collection of Saracen shields brought back from a trip to Europe. With them are a pair of medieval metal gauntlets and a pair of hand forged spurs.

However, comfort is not sacrificed in any way and the Smith home is a charming blend of modern and antique pieces. For instance, a charming curved church pew, with back rests of wrought iron follows the contours of the bay window in the living room and faces a well stuffed chesterfield. Hanging just inside the front door and glowing with old, world color is a Boticelli print.

At the moment, one room in the Smith home is being completely rebuilt and decorated around a handsome red and white bedspread made in 1860. This was woven on a jacquard loom and has no seams, is made of wool and is reversible with a pattern called "double rose". A canopy will be built over the bed, the room will be paneled and include such touches as wooden candle sconces.

Ever ready to share her enthusiasm with others, Mrs. Smith has at various times gone into the local public schools to demonstrate to the children the story of light, describing and demonstrating where possible how man has progressed from the use of first only sunlight and firelight, through smoky lamps of grease in the skull of a small animal or clam shell smoky rush lights utilizing rushes soaked in grease, to more sophisticated oil and gas-line lamps, candles and finally electric light.

This year she will visit Richmond Hill schools to tell this story. She finds this work with school children most rewarding and feels that seeing and handling the actual articles used brings the subject much more alive to the children than merely reading about it.

As she darts about bringing out various items of her collection — dressed in a very modern, gaily patterned mini-skirt dress — Mrs. Smith certainly communicated her enthusiasm to this reporter and we have no doubt will have a similarly "electrifying" effect on all the school children who are privileged to hear her.

Mrs. Jean Smith, John Street, Thornhill is seen above with just part of her extensive collection of ironstone china well displayed against the dark red color of her antique Welsh dresser.

The dresser and china are on display in the Queen Elizabeth building of the CNE in the early settler's room which Mrs. Smith has furnished from her collection. Visitors will be given a small brochure describing contents of this room and the others which illustrate different periods in Canada's history.