

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

Elizabeth Ball, Pat Onyette, Marcia Oppenshaw, Darryl Roberts and Susan Scott of the area recently entered the York Regional School of Nursing of the North York General Hospital. The girls are at present in residence at Sunnybrook Hospital until the nurses quarters are completed.

Mrs. G. Mowat and her daughter Sue of Arnold Avenue returned recently from a holiday out west. The Mowats visited friends in Vancouver and Victoria and thoroughly enjoyed the beauties of the west coast.

While on their holiday Mrs. Mowat and Sue visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ross and their son David and daughter Margot, former Arnold Avenue residents and now of West Vancouver. It was interesting to learn that David is now in his last year of university.

A gala dance is being held October 13 at 8.45 pm in St. Basil's Hall, Sheppard and Weston Road and is being sponsored by St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church. Tickets are

\$10.00 a couple and may be obtained by calling Mrs. Jean McDonald at 223-7732 or Miss Francis Malton at 889-5816. Dress is optional. Proceeds from the dance will go toward the purchase of a new sound system for the church.

The dance will feature Benny Louis and his 8 piece orchestra and a European buffet will be served at the dance. A bar will be available for pre and post libation. Many prizes will be awarded during the evening with a color television set as the most coveted door prize.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Cruise, 27 John Street, enjoyed a visit with Mrs. Cruise's brother, William Hodgkinson, his wife and son Geoffrey, of Westport, Connecticut, over the weekend.

Brownies of the 2nd Thornhill Pack who meet in the Presbyterian Church are asked to make a note of the day

change. Brownies will now meet on Monday afternoons at 4.30 pm.

Welcome is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lawrence who recently moved to Thornridge Drive from Willowdale. Mrs. Lawrence is an old school friend of another Thornhill resident, Mrs. S. J. Finch, Arnold Avenue. Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Finch attended school in England prior to their arrival in Canada.

Among the college students not previously mentioned in this column are Lyn Goodchild and Clive Dobson who entered the Ontario College of Art this month.

A kick-off breakfast for area Progressive Conservative workers was held September 23 at 8 am at Glen Shield Golf Club. The breakfast was an organizational meeting when plans

were outlined for the October 17 campaign. The area chairman and poll captains from 35 polls attended. York Centre Tory Candidate Lorne Wells was guest speaker.

Sympathy is extended to Dennis Moore, Franklin Avenue, on the recent death of his mother in England, and Mrs. Pat Bush, Arnold Avenue, on the death of her sister.

Congratulations to Moira Trant on winning her first class badge and to Merry McLean on winning her second class badge. Both Girl Guides are with 2nd Thornhill Company.

A warm welcome is extended to new Thornhill residents, Cynthia and Tom Viersen of 115 Arnold Avenue. The Viersens have two children, Gayle Margaret and Leigh Ann and come to Thornhill from Willowdale.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

300 At YCHA Carriage Collation Luncheon

In spite of a torrential downpour that practically inundated the entire countryside just at lunch time, over 300 people attended the carriage collation luncheon held by York Central Hospital Auxiliary at Tintern Farm, Bathurst St., last Thursday. Because of the rain, the affair was held indoors and above, the photographer has caught just part of the crush. Part of a collection of antique horse-drawn carriages which are usually housed at Casa Loma had been brought up for the day and were parked in the driveway in front of the house although the heavy rain prevented close inspection of them. A highly successful feature of the day was the sale of hand made articles from the hospital gift boutique. Particularly in demand, and completely sold out, were the attractive small pot pourri jars. Ladies of the Richvale branch of the auxiliary collected rose petals for these during the summer and they were very popular. Convenors of the luncheon were Mrs. Sandra Silcox of Aurora and Mrs. Ruth Coxford of Richmond Hill.

Holy Trinity Outreach Project

Georgetown, Guyana, Youth Centre

The best way to avert a major war is to assist the underprivileged countries of the world, the Rev. Canon C. Bishop told the congregation of Holy Trinity Anglican Church September 17 at the 11 am service. Canon Bishop was guest preacher on "Guyana Day", a special day set aside to focus attention on the country of Guyana and on the diocesan youth centre at Georgetown, the capital city. The centre is one of the 1967 outreach projects of Holy Trinity.

Canon Bishop opened his address by geographically locating the small country that is situated on the north-east coast of South America. Before the country achieved its independence in 1966 it was known as British Guiana. The population is made up of two main racial groups, East Indian and Africans. Europeans, Chinese, Portuguese and Amerindians make up the rest.

Distances have been shortened by air travel, Canon Bishop said, and now the people can be given the help and education they so desperately need. God's world takes in all

people over the world and it is up to the more prosperous nations to give assistance in order to upgrade their present standard of living.

He spoke of the City of Georgetown where political and racial tensions have caused riots resulting in large areas of the city being destroyed by fire and thousands killed or injured. These uprisings leave scars in the form of unemployment, poverty, malnutrition and disease. Indifference to moral standards is encouraged by these social evils.

Canon Bishop gave an excellent picture of the situation in Guyana and told how the country is being helped by the Anglican World Missions and of the youth centre that Holy Trinity is helping to maintain.

Mrs. Barbara Khan, a native of Guyana and now associated with the department of missions, was a special guest at the service. Mrs. Khan introduced a film strip, "A Nation in the Making", that was shown to the Sunday school classes during the service. Mrs. Khan also delivered greetings from Guyana to the congregation at the coffee hour that followed the service.

The Right Rev. Donald B. Marsh, Bishop of the Arctic, attended the service and Sister Lyn Hefferman read the lesson.

At the coffee hour in the parish hall the stage was artistically decorated with palm trees, flowers and grass matting with a large colored photograph of St. George's Cathedral mounted on one side of the tableau.

Informative placards were exhibited around the hall that gave information on Guyana. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Adamson, William Demsey, Miss Martha Serson, Ian Brown, Fred Shaw, Mrs. Barbara Calvert and the young people of the church are to be commended for the exhibition.

The placards informed the people of pertinent facts about the country. They learned that the church's chief problem in Guyana is a shortage of trained personnel, to assist the young people (66% are under 25) and to bridge the gap between the racial groups.

Interesting facts about the youth centre told that the centre is providing a priest to work closely with delinquent young people and plans are being made to provide a library, discussion rooms, a coffee bar, etc., where interdenominational groups can meet. Seminars will include youth from the Communist political party to have discussions and exchange views. The centre also has close association with Roman Catholic young people.

Through envelope contributions of Holy Trinity support is being sent to Guyana as well as to outreach projects in the Arctic, Uganda, and the Diocesan Board of Christian Education in Toronto.

Coffee and refreshments were served by the Anglican Church Women during the hour of fellowship.

Guyana Day was a most successful venture and it gave the people of the church a closer and more personal look into the little known country of Guyana.

A young peoples pot luck supper was held at 5.30 pm followed by a youth service at 7 pm when Sister Hefferman gave the address.

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Centennial Woodlot Opening

Kenneth W. Strasser a naturalist with Metro Conservation Authority will be guest speaker at the official opening of TSA's Centennial project, the woodlot and nature trail at Woodland Public School.

Official ceremonies will take place at the site at 1.45 pm on October 4.

All area residents are invited to attend.

Purpose of the project was to retain an area of natural beauty in its wild state but also make it available for nature study. To this end, the area has been fenced but trails have been laid out through it on the advice of conservation authority personnel and specimen trees, shrubs, etc. have been labelled.

Obituary

Burt Heslop Passes Suddenly Thornhill Resident 40 Years

Burton A. Heslop, esteemed long time resident of Thornhill died suddenly September 9 in his 83rd year. Mr. Heslop, a Life Member of Thornhill Horticultural Society, was cutting flowers for a basket of dahlias to be entered in the society's flower show when he suffered a fatal heart attack.

The only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Heslop, he was born near Aurora, attended school in Bogartown, and when the family moved to Willowdale, went to Richmond Hill, the nearest high school. With his father he farmed for 30 years on the land which is now York Cemetery and which once belonged to Joseph Shepard Jr., who was implicated in the Rebellion of 1837. When his father retired from farming in 1926, Mr. and Mrs. Heslop and their small son moved to her former family home on Yonge Street, Thornhill.

The village was then, and for years afterwards, a small place where everyone knew everyone else. Just recently Mr. Heslop had remarked rather regretfully that he now seldom saw a familiar face on the street,

and that only two of his neighbors had lived in the district for any length of time.

Burton Heslop was the well-liked maintenance man at Langstaff Public School for 20 years, retiring in 1957. Gardening was a favorite hobby and his flowers and vegetables won many prizes at local shows. He was a member of Thornhill United Church, and a former member of Thornhill Lions Club. Mr. Heslop leaves his wife of 48 years, Annie Chapman, his son James B., two grandsons Ted and Blair, two sisters, (Mary), Mrs. C. R. Willis, and (Edna), Mrs. E. S. Cox.

The largely attended service in the Pipher Funeral Chapel, Richmond Hill, on September 12, was conducted by the Rev. A. Higgins of Thornhill United Church, and interment took place in York Cemetery; land which had formerly, many happy memories for the late Mr. Heslop and his family.

Palbearers were two nephews Gerald Cox, and Howard Stewart, Nathan Hicks, Ralph Curtis, Jhn Brodie, and George Cricton.

Townsley's Garden Admired

By JO CRUISE
Len Townsley's beautiful garden at 178 Clarke Ave., has given pleasure to many over the years and it is not unusual to see cars full of people stopping at his door during the summer months to admire his colorful display of flowers.

Len bought five acres of land in 1943 and built his house on the property himself with the assistance of outsiders for the larger jobs. He set his house 30 feet back from the road and started his garden facing the street at that time. At the same time he planted 300 spruce trees that he described as spindly little twigs. The trees have matured over 24 years and are now tall and hardy.

When Len started his hobby he admits that he knew nothing about gardening, but as his enthusiasm grew so did his garden. At the beginning he planted his garden from seedlings that he bought but as this be-

came more costly he decided to grow them from seed himself.

He invested in floral tubes and made tables that he mounted on casters to keep them on. He then bought florist bulbs to give the seedlings the artificial sunlight so necessary to grow healthy plants. The basement of his home now resembles a well equipped greenhouse.

Planting begins for Len in February. When the seeds have grown into little plants he transplants them two inches apart into 70 flats and by the spring he is ready to start his outdoor garden.

Since Len's retirement he spends from 8 am to 6 pm in his greenhouse at his hobby. He said it is most rewarding and something that more retired men should enjoy. Mrs. Townsley has a hard time getting her husband out of the basement but he certainly is never at a loss to find things to do. The Townsleys

don't have any children of their own but Len is loved by all the children in the neighborhood who call him "Uncle Len".

Over the years Len has sold most of his property but he has retained his 90x263 foot lot. The township bought a large piece of the land for a park which he offered to maintain. However this was rejected and it saddens him that he is unable to keep it the way he would like to see it.

This year Len's garden featured over 200 geraniums along with a mass of petunias, marigolds and dahlias and the colorful array of flowers was a sight to behold. Now that fall has arrived many of the blooms have faded but Len is already making plans for next year. It will remain a surprise until once again his garden will become a showplace for the many people who will drive by and be rewarded by the beautiful floral display.

Sale, Pot Luck Supper, Skate Exch. Events Scheduled For Coming Weeks

Baptist Church
Oscroft Farm, Gormley, jointly owned by Messrs. C and F Ward was the setting September 19 for the first fall meeting of the women's auxiliary.

The ladies with their escorts were privileged to view lovely carriages and a stage coach used by forefathers of Ontario. They saw a wonderful collection of tools, implements and cooking utensils of bygone years in the spacious farmhouse that has been preserved in its original state.

An added pleasure was the viewing of paintings by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Willocks, Rev. J. Smith and the Messrs. A. McLeod, W. Yeo and W. Raeburn. Also on display was an outstanding sampler worked by Mrs. R. Jardine's grandmother when she was nine years old.

A long dining table of home baking was an added feature and was quickly emptied by the guests.

Sloppy Joes and cookies were served by Nan Jardine, Edna McLeod, Elaine Parsons and Maxine Raeburn and the evening closed with a singing of old-time songs accompanied by Carl Parsons on his guitar.

President Miss Gladys Stevens expressed thanks on behalf of the WA to the Ward families and others who helped to make the evening so enjoyable.

Holy Trinity Anglican
Good used clothing is needed for the opportunity sale to be held in October. Please call Mrs. G. Ackenhurst at 889-2225 for pickup.

A planned pot luck supper will open the new season of Anglican Churchwomen September 26 at 7 pm. This will give the women of the parish an opportunity to enjoy an evening of fellowship and a chance to meet the many new members of the congregation. Ladies are asked to please call Joanne Crandall at 889-5979 or Peggy Lean at 889-1320 if they plan to attend.

Dedication of the new organ will take place October 29 at 11 am. The Right Rev. H. R. Hunt, Suffragan Bishop of Toronto, will be special guest at the service.

Presbyterian Church
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed October 1 at both the morning and evening services.

Teens and Twenty Chapel will resume October 1 when the young people of the community meet together.

Junior high school Sunday school staff training session will take place September 30 with guest Leaders Douglas Gray and George Meek in charge.

The monthly prayer fellowship will open October 4 at 8 pm at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ormiston, 25 Dalmeny Road.

Presbyterians and YPS are reminded of the Thanksgiving weekend conference in Orillia October 6-9.

United Church
The official board is called to meet October 11 at 8 pm in the church parlor. Each organization of the church is requested to have a representative present.

Unfortunately the former leader of the CGIT is unable to continue this fall. The Wednesday night meetings will resume once a new leader can be found.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be held October 8. Please contact the church office if you wish your child to be baptized.

All boys from age 7 to under 16 (as of May 31, 1967) who are interested in playing hockey in the Thornhill Church League are asked to please register October 1 following Sunday school. They will meet at the rear of the auditorium.

1st Thornhill Cub and Scout Ladies Auxiliary is holding a

skate and hockey equipment exchange September 30 at 1.30 - 3 pm at the church. Please tie together and tag with name, address and phone number, size and price of each pair. Take or send items to the church September 29.

Substitute Sunday school teachers are needed and anyone volunteering is asked to call Mrs. N. Payne at 889-5302 or the church office.

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