

# Thornhill and District News

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## Socially Speaking in Thornhill

**Population Explosion**  
A population explosion was recorded on Helen Avenue two weeks ago when a French poodle, Duchess Suzette, became the proud mother of 10 perfect puppies, six males and four females. The one-year-old miniature black poodle is owned by Mrs. Percy Skipper and was a gift from her grandchildren. Mrs. Skipper had decided to let Duchess Suzette have one litter (she never dreamt she would produce so many) before having her spayed. On the night of the birth, Mrs. Skipper stayed up till 4 am when the mother had delivered her seventh puppy. She said that in the morning she couldn't believe her eyes when she counted 10 and had to run and get her glasses to make sure. She has been busy ever since, keeping the puppies and their mother warm and has had to assist with supplementary feedings.

Jill Goddard, well known poodle fancier in the district, said she had once had a miniature that produced several litters of nine. Ten, she stated, certainly is outstanding and most assuredly an exceptional event worth noting. Ten puppies could well be a record litter for a miniature poodle.

**Division Commissioner Mrs. R. J. Fleming** presented Mrs. Moore with a gold thank you pin. Mrs. Moore thanked everyone and told the group how much she had enjoyed her six years as commissioner. She said she was particularly pleased with the tremendous enthusiasm shown by leaders in the local association. The new Guide Commissioner Mrs. Terry Goodwin, was introduced during the evening.

**Honor For DeMarco**  
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent DeMarco, Baycrest Drive, attended the Builders Ball November 10 held in the Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. DeMarco were special guests November 11 at the investiture ceremony of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem held in St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto. The order is given in recognition to laymen who have given special service to the diocese. Both Mr. and Mrs. DeMarco were invested with the order in January 1965 for contributing many years of active service to their church.

Following the ceremony a luncheon was held at the Ports of Call Restaurant. Seated at the head table were Mr. and Mrs. DeMarco, Dr. G. McEwen, psychiatrist at St. Michael's Hos-

pital, Dr. and Mrs. Paul MacNamarra, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clancy, the Right Rev. J. A. Belanger, of Sacred Heart Church, Dr. and Mrs. P. Andrachuk of the Metro Separate School Board, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Graham, Dr. F. Leddy, president of the University of Windsor, Archbishop Philip Pocock and Bishop Francis J. Allen.

Local residents were thrilled to see Thornhill's own Debbie Burkart, Delair Crescent, as one of the five finalists in the Miss Canada Pageant held at the O'Keefe Centre, November 13 and covered by national television.

Debbie, along with four finalists from Prince Edward Island, Muskoka, Vancouver and Edmonton, performed, paraded in evening gowns and bathing suits and answered an impromptu question. In the talent segment Debbie showed outstanding ability as a vocalist. For the final spontaneous speech Debbie answered her question, "Who is your favorite actress and why?" by naming Elizabeth Taylor as her choice, who incidentally Debbie resembles strongly.

At the November 6 meeting of St. Paschal Baylon CWL, President Mrs. M. Jackson announced that a Hydro Show Time, quick trick cooking demonstration and film will be held November 30 at 8 pm in the church hall, 92 Steeles Avenue West.

Mrs. I. Herbener, zone chairman for United Appeal thanked many women who assisted in the current drive.

Mrs. J. N. Flahiff, Toronto Archdiocesan CWL membership and leadership convener encouraged the women to continue in their efforts to be of service to the community through the CWL.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## TSA 1 School Openings

It was a pretty tight schedule for members of TSA 1 Markham November 13 when official opening ceremonies for their three new schools were all held on the same night.

To enable them to get around to all schools, what but a school bus was brought into service? Above they are seen after the ceremonies at Baythorn School, ready to board for the trip to Royal Orchard and then on to Woodland Senior School, where ceremonies commenced at 9.30 pm.

Left to right are Trustee Peter Rossi, Supervising Principal Eilert Sand, Board Chairman Bryan Leonard, behind him in the bus Trustee T. M. Lynd, in bus doorway Area Superintendent Maynard Hallman, Rev. D. T. Evans of Thornhill Presbyterian Church who gave the prayer of dedication at each school, Vice-Chairman John MacKay and Trustee Mrs. Louise Aimone.

Markham Township Reeve Stewart Rumble also spoke at each school and N. G. McArthur, secretary of the Public School Trustees' Association of Ontario presented a Bible to each school. After the official party left, principals arranged a further program at their schools.

Brebeuf High School held its annual scholarship dance November 18 at the school with 200 couples in attendance. The auditorium was decorated with a Christmas theme and was a most successful and enjoyable evening.

## Former Doncaster Man Starts New Business

Bill Mitchell, resident of York County for 34 years (except for four years in the Canadian Army overseas) has announced the beginning of a new contracting service to homeowners.

Formerly a partner in Walker & Mitchell, general contractors, Bill has had 20 years' experience in the building trade. "We are starting under a new name, (Bill Mitchell Construction) but will give the same service, if not better, to our customers, old and new," he said when interviewed by "The Liberal".

A member of Patterson Lodge No. 265, AF & AM Bill was a resident and businessman in Doncaster for 17 years before moving to Newmarket district in 1964.

## WI Reads Of 14¢ Per Pound Sirloin In 75-Year-Old Paper

In 1892 a modern house on Parliament Street, Toronto, could be rented for \$7 a month, WI members were told at their monthly meeting held November 16 at the home of Mrs. Percy Bone, Kirk Drive.

Mrs. H. Mizen, convener for historical research and current events, read some startling economic facts from a 75-year-old edition of a Toronto daily newspaper and showed some interesting photographs at the meeting. Advertisements in the paper showed a five room solid brick home with a garage on a 40-foot lot in north Toronto sold for \$2,300 with taxes running at \$37 a year. A four bedroom home in Moore Park on a ravine lot was priced at \$7,500.

Sirloin beef was priced at 14 cents a pound at the family butcher shop and at St. Lawrence Market it was priced at 10 cents a pound. Other bargain market prices showed a dozen cabbages at 35 cents and eggs at 18 cents a dozen.

In the same daily an article reported on an inquiry into sweat shop conditions where girls were employed for \$1.50 and \$2 a week.

Mrs. Mizen showed an interesting photograph of Sherborne Boys' School in Dorsetshire, England, said to be the oldest school in the world. Cardinal Thomas Wolsey taught physics there and Sir Walter Raleigh was a pupil.

Benjamin Thorne, the man Thornhill was named after, also attended Sherborne School. Mr. Thorne gave the land for Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Yonge Street, where it was originally built, and was a prominent business man.

Mrs. Mizen told the ladies of her visit to Dorsetshire in 1963 when she and her husband located two distant relatives of Benjamin Thorne.

Another interesting photo shown at the meeting was of a group of nurses attending the unveiling of a memorial to Canadian nurses who lost their lives in World War I.

Mrs. Bone read an interesting wriepout of a wartime local WI meeting and a poem on the beauties of age. The program concluded with members repeating "Song of Peace".

President Mrs. R. Holmes opened the meeting with the reading of the creed and institute ode. Motto for the day was "A Backward Glance May Encourage Forward Strides". Mrs. Holmes commented that by

Guests at the head table included Ontario Agriculture Minister William Stewart, Dr. R. Loudon, Sick Children's Hospital and A. Mains who was the guest speaker.

Mr. Stewart congratulated the WI on its progress and thanked them for their help. Dr. Loudon was presented with a cheque for \$2,000 for the hospital. In thanking the institute for the generous amount Dr. Loudon said that the money will buy a microscope with an engraved plaque.

Mr. Mains' topic dealt with social problems of today. He talked about the atom bomb, Vietnam, Yorkville, flower children, Russia and racial problems to illustrate how the country is behind in social services. To love one another is imperative he stated and quoted appropriate passages from the Bible to emphasize his statement.

Mrs. A. Small, president of the federated women's institutes of Ontario, thanked members for their good work. She told them how leadership plays an important part in the WI and members shouldn't be afraid of holding office in their branches. Try to increase membership, she said, as a tribute to Ontario and Canada. Show the world that the WI is still very much alive.

Members adjourned for dinner and returned for an enjoyable evening of entertainment.

The program included a solo by Mrs. Irwin Maltby, selections by the Centennial choir from South Dufferin and a colorful pageant "On Guard For Thee". All the ladies participated in the final grand march.

Flowers used to decorate tables at the convention were given as prizes. The prize for the member attending from the furthest distance went to the member from Vancouver, BC.

Following Mrs. Jackson's excellent report the branch meeting closed with "The Queen" and refreshments were served by Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Holmes.

Many local WI members attended the district institute euchre party November 16 at Victoria Square Hall. Various branches in the area served refreshments to 25 tables of card players at the close of the evening.

Among the lucky prize-winners at the party were Herbert Glassey, a winner for euchre, and Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Holmes winners of prizes in the draw.

Proceeds from the party will go toward WI projects.

**Guides and Brownies**  
Enrollment ceremonies took place at Presbyterian Church Hall November 13 and 20 for 2nd Thornhill Brownies. Brown Owl Mrs. G. Mowat enrolled Nadine Vockerott, Susan Steele, Linda Patton, Cathy Schoeler, Pamela Kertland, Lynn Gray, Jane Gardiner and Janet Belch, Guide Commissioner Mrs. Terry Goodwin assisted at the ceremonies.

Badges passed by 1st Langstaff Brownies are as follows: Nancy Palmer, house orderly; Sandra and Patti Lewis, collector; Sharon French, golden bar.

**Brebeuf High School**  
Over 100 mothers attended the opening meeting October 4 of Brebeuf Ladies' Guild held at the school. Father R. Meagher was guest speaker and his topic was entitled "Up The Down Staircase".

Father Meagher referred to grade 9 and 10 boys specifically in his talk and discussed their attitude and reactions as they progress from the junior to senior level. He emphasized the need of good study patterns and discipline in the early high school years.

The next meeting will take place November 29.

**Baptist Church**  
Ladies of the Anna Buck Circle voted to send Christmas gift money to a retired minister this year at its monthly meeting held November 14 at the home of Mrs. D. Ross.

The meeting opened with prayers led by President Mrs. Ross. Members were informed that the missionary allotment had been raised considerably and the ladies all agreed that it would be a challenge to each and every one to meet it.

Miss Gladys Stevens reported on the annual association meeting held in Yorkminster Park Church recently. She stressed the need to pray for the national church leaders who are taking over work previously done by missionaries.

A skit was presented at the meeting to promote the missionary paper, "Link and Visitor". The skit was written by Mrs. Ross and performed by Florence Martin, Hazel Stringer, Isobel Burlington and Norah Taylor. Their performance resulted in obtaining many new subscriptions for the paper.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. Burlington following prayers led by the president. The circle will join the WA for a buffet supper and Christmas Concert December 12.

**United Church**  
The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered December 3 at 11 am.

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**Crestwood Rd. News**  
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**Engagement**  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Banas, Crestwood Rd., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Freda Mary to Stein L. Hoff. A spring wedding is planned, following the couple's graduation from the University of Guelph.

**Fire**  
Flames were visible for miles around in the early hours of Sunday morning when firemen from Vaughan, Markham and Willowdale answered a call at the Loblaw's store on Yonge Street just north of Crestwood Road.

The meat storage area at the back of the store was completely destroyed and will have to be rebuilt while contents of the rest of the store received water and smoke damage.

Cause of the fire is as yet unknown and is under investigation.

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