

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

Residents welcomed back Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mote, their daughter, Willyanne and son, Brian, to the village early in December. The Mote family recently moved to 49 Blue Spruce Lane.

The staff of Thornhill Golf and Country Club was entertained at a Christmas Party last month at the club.

Thornhill Librarian Retires

After 17 years of service to the community, Thornhill Librarian Miss Jane McLaren has retired as of January 1, it has been announced by Markham Township Public Library Board.

Miss McLaren was honored at a luncheon December 17, held at the Colborne Street home of Gaiher Zankan, a long time member of Thornhill Public Library Board and now a member of the recently formed township board.

Taking over as head librarian at Thornhill will be Mrs. Alan Sumner, wife of Markham Township Ward 1 Councillor Alan Sumner. Mrs. Sumner has been on the staff of North York Public Library for eight years.

Third Thornhill Rovers, Scouts and Cubs will hold their annual bottle pick-up January 6 between the hours of 8 am and 12 noon. Kindly remember to save and place returnable bottles in a conspicuous place by 8 am.

Rovers, Scouts and Cubs will appreciate your donations and co-operation. Areas expected to be covered include Arnold Avenue to Longbridge Drive; Elgin and John Streets; Thornhill Green east of Yonge.

Proceeds from the drive will go toward Third Thornhill Scouting activities.

Get well greetings are extended to David Large, Arnold Avenue, who was involved in a car accident prior to Christmas; David is a patient in York Central Hospital.

The public library held its annual Christmas Open House December 23 from 10 am to 12 noon. This is a Christmas custom carried out for the past six years. People gather at the library and enjoy a cup of coffee along with friendly conversation.

Librarian Miss Jane McLaren, workers and volunteers were on hand to greet the many people who dropped in to collect holiday reading material. A special word of praise goes out to the many teenage volunteers who work cheerfully and efficiently as assistants to the library staff in their spare time.

Friends were sorry to see Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lock move to a smaller community last week but wish them well in their new surroundings. Mr. and Mrs. Lock were active parish work-

ers of Holy Trinity Anglican Church. A presentation was made last month to Mr. and Mrs. Lock by the Bible Study Fellowship and Mrs. Lock by the Winchester Group, ACW, of which she was president.

Many old friends of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Byford, Kensington Tower Apartments, former Arnold Avenue residents, enjoyed visiting the Byfords at their Christmas Party last week.

"Festival", seen over Channel 6 December 27 presented Danish choreographer and dancer Erik Bruhn's new version of the Tchaikovsky classic "Swan Lake", performed by the National Ballet of Canada.

George Crum, a resident of Laureate Road, is musical director for the ballet company and conducted the orchestra for the television presentation. Mr. Crum is to be commended for his superb direction in the magnificent production. The production ran one hour and thirty minutes, without distracting commercial advertising and was enhanced by the expert camera technique used. It was the 11th ballet Norman Campbell has produced with the company since 1955 and was the most outstanding.

Your correspondent and her daughter, Cindy, were among several residents who attended "The Nutcracker" at O'Keefe Centre during the holidays. The colorful performance was a de-

light and had special appeal for a young audience.

I have never been a part of an audience so dominated by children between the ages of three and 12 and experienced the complete rapture that these very young people gave to the performers.

An added feature of the National Ballet of Canada is the many young delightful ballet students of the school who perform the children's roles in this ballet, usually danced by adults.

Following the performance, Cindy was treated to lunch at the Royal York Hotel and a trip to Toronto Dominion Centre to view the city from the observatory on the 54th floor. For those who haven't yet seen this magnificent sight, it is well worth the trip downtown.

The next meeting of the WI will take place at the home of Mrs. E. Burt, 8159 Yonge Street, January 18. Motto for the meeting will be, "Wholesome Homes Are Stepping Stones To A Great Community".

The annual congregational meeting will be held January 29. Secretaries and treasurers are reminded to have reports in this week.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at both morning and evening services January 7. Elder P. Williamson assisted this week at the Presbytery communion services.

SOUTH THORNHILL

The news of Doncaster, Highland Park, Grandview
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Owen Peak

Thornhill residents were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Owen William Peak on December 22 at his home 16 Morgan Avenue.

Owen Peak was born in Norwich, England, in 1894 and came to Woodstock, Ontario, with his family when he was 16 years old. A year later he moved west and spent 12 years as a cowboy in Alberta and Saskatchewan. He worked in Montreal as a commercial artist for one year before settling in Toronto.

Mr. Peak was a resident of Thornhill for 18 years. At the time of his death he was with the Globe and Mail as an artist in the engraving department, where he had been on the staff for 10 years.

He is survived by his wife, Robina Chapman, a son, Roderick of Stouffville and two daughters, Barbara (Mrs. Charles Yeates) of Stroud and Virginia of Thornhill.

A private funeral service took place at Pipher Funeral Home, Richmond Hill.

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(Ontario Hydro Photo)

These six attractive young ladies, dressed as Hawaiian dancers, gave a demonstration of colorful Hawaiian dance numbers recently at Charles Howitt Public School in Richvale. They took part in a Hawaiian Luau program presented by Ontario Hydro. Seen in the above photo are, back row (left to right) Dancers Joanne Laidman, Wendy Straumann, Kelly Patten, and Donna Newbold. In the front row are Debbie Thomas and Susan Mallory.

Hawaii Comes To Richvale

Ontario Hydro's Central Region economists have a new, intriguing "bag of tricks" for their presentations on using small electrical appliances.

They have expended on the original "Quick Tricks" program and now offer such interesting innovations as the "Hawaiian Luau"; "After 10 Refreshments"; "Epicurean Arts for Men"; "Seafood Demonstra-

tion"; as well as a general small appliance demonstration. The various programs show the "magic" of using electrical appliances effectively, said Gwyneth Reed. She presented the colorful Hawaiian Luau, at Charles Howitt Public School, Richvale, recently to a capacity audience. The program was sponsored by the auxiliary of Richvale Brownsies.

One of the highlights of the evening was a colorful Hawaiian dance by students of a local dance class garbed in Hawaiian costumes. This set the mood for the program which also included a spectacular color and sound movie on Hawaii.

Following this Gwyn Reed prepared delectable polynesian type food and explained the preparation giving valuable cooking hints.

John Van Weelden, Hydro's Richmond Hill area sales representative, gave a brief talk on Hydro's services and also drew for the door prizes. Mrs. Joyce Walters acted as mistress of ceremonies.

The Thornhill Sports Scene

Hespeler Peeewe Tournament December 22
North End Cleaners 2, Hamilton 2

Ernie Takeuchi and David Courtemanche handled the scoring for Thornhill in the opening game of the tournament. Assists went to Chris Sutton, Bernard Souche, and Barry Howson.

December 23
North End Cleaners 0, Barrie 6
A league game. Enuff said.

BANTAMS December 20
W. A. Stephenson 3, Barrie 5
A two-goal effort by Bill Law with Randy Bagg coming through with a goal and an assist; Bob McIntosh, three assists; Mark Woolnough, one assist.

December 23
W. A. Stephenson 6, Unionville 2
Michael Coyne came through with two goals and an assist; Rick Hartwick, two goals; Hugh Matheson, one goal; Bill Law, four assists; Randy Bagg, two assists; Mark Woolnough, two assists.

JUVENILES December 19
Dems Diesel Electric 2, Woodbridge 2
A new sponsor and a tie.

John Stevens and Paul Lethbridge took turns scoring goals and assisting one another in this match.

December 23
Dems 3, Beeton 3
Scoring were Angelo Di Vincenzo from Mike Stratton; Chris Sills from Di Vincenzo; and Stratton from Di Vincenzo. Gary Petronick was in goal for DEMS.

DEMS juveniles are sorely missing Dave Large who is in York Central Hospital suffering from injuries received in a car accident. A speedy recovery.

THORNHILL CHURCH LEAGUE
TIKES
Thornhill Presbyterian 3, Thornhill United 2; Holy Trinity 6, St. Edward's Eagles 1; St. Luke's 9, St. Edward's Cubs 0.

ATOMS
Holy Trinity 1, Thornhill United 1; St. Edward's 2, St. Luke's 2.

PEEWEEES
Holy Trinity Terrors 8, United Warriors 0; St. Luke's 9, United Invaders 0; Presbyterian Cougars 7, St. Edward's Tigers 0; St. Edward's Lions 6, Holy Trinity Rockets 0.

BANTAMS
Holy Trinity Rifles 4, United Bears 1; United Wolves 1, St. Edward's 6; St. Luke's 3, Thornhill Presbyterian 1.

Special Classes Christmas Meal Is A Very Special Celebration

Christmas came once again to the junior special classroom of Thornhill Public School just before the holidays.

It was the annual yuletide dinner of the junior and senior special classes under the guidance of their respective teachers, Mrs. Hazel Hill and Carl Bailey.

Flocks of happy-faced youngsters greeted arriving guests at 12:30 pm with gifts of holly which they distributed to one and all. Others gave out name cards and a chorus of "Merry Christmas" greetings flooded the room. It was a very merry December 22.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. D. R. MacDonald; Mr. and Mrs. C. Grant; Dr. and Mrs. Minton Johnston; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wells; Mrs. Brenda Gordon; Mr. and Mrs. C. Mandelbaum; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Martin; Mrs. Claire Hodgins; Mr. and Mrs. J. Westerhoeck; Mrs. G. Kelson and A. Hill.

The junior special classroom was a veritable Christmas palace. The children of the special classes had used their artistic talents turning out beautiful decorations for the tree along with gay lanterns strung over the buffet table. The centre pieces and napkin holders which adorned the tables were also made by the children.

Some of the children this Christmas, unknown to Mrs. Hill, transformed the blackboard into a beautiful mural of the Bethlehem story.

It was complete with the Nativity scene depicting the arrival of the shepherds and wise men. Over all was the huge Star of Bethlehem and a myriad of lesser stars shining forth in the black night. Hosts of angels were suspended in the heavens in honor of the great event.

If someone had softly played "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" the mural would have been unforgettable.

The serving table was a conversation piece. A nut tree dominated the centre and the table was loaded with relishes, nuts, candies and other Christmas goodies.

The space age also zoomed onto the scene and planetary effects were achieved at the guest tables via gold styrofoam balls and gold toothpicks. The serviette holders were in red or blue and sprinkled with sparkle dust.

All agreed that the dinner cooked and served by Olive St. John and her helpers Bea Good, Doreen Marks, Beth Yule and Mabel Crawford was superb.

The dinner was traditional fare with roast turkey, cranberry sauce, and all the fixings topped off with a delicious Christmas pudding with cream sauce.

Presiding over the event was Dr. Minton Johnston. The children distributed gifts to the guests, the teachers, and one another following the dinner.

And, of course, there was the inevitable arrival of Santa Claus full of bounce and big bags of favors. Santa was Olive St. John.

Hugh Martin, music supervisor for Vaughan, led the singing of the carol "O Come All Ye Faithful." Robert Richardson, assistant music supervisor added his appreciation with "I Wish You A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Vaughan Township Public School Superintendent D. R. MacDonald expressed his sincere appreciation to Mrs. Hazel Hill and Carl Bailey and the special classes and to Mrs. St. John and her helpers for making such a memorable Christmas happening. His appreciation was echoed by Dr. Johnston in his closing remarks.

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