

# Thornhill and District News

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## Socially Speaking in Thornhill

Isabelle Bradbury, Orsi Crescent, entertained a group of friends April 20 at a birthday luncheon. Guest of honor at the party was Debbie McIntee who was also celebrating a birthday.

Mrs. Wilfred Laurier McKinnon (nee Scale) returned home from Bakersfield, California, after 11 years, for a family reunion and the wedding of her niece, Miss Carol Cade, 50 Coney Road, Toronto.

Accompanying Mrs. McKinnon was Mrs. Joseph Eyraud, also of Bakersfield. They are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scale, 143 Thornridge Drive, Thornhill and Mr. and Mrs. William Cade, 50 Coney Road, Toronto.

### Fashion Show

Village residents are invited to attend a fashion show cabaret style, May 1 at 8 pm in the United Church Hall.

The fashion show is being presented by the CGIT girls and will feature fashions, a floor show, favors and refreshments.

Tickets are \$1, available from any CGIT member or at the door. Teenagers are given a special welcome to the show.

### Maytime Tea

A Maytime Tea is taking place May 4 from 2-5 pm at the beautiful home overlooking the golf course located at 71 Thornbank Road. The tea is being sponsored by Unit 5 under the leadership of Mrs. G. Bennett and will also feature candy, cakes and candles. A limited number of tickets are still available and may be obtained by calling Mrs. R. Roberts at 889-3361. Tickets are priced at \$1.

### Anglican Church Women

Mrs. Laurie Jones, volunteer worker at the Distress Centre, Toronto, was guest speaker at

the first annual meeting of the ACW held April 16. Mrs. Jones, a mother of five, told of the many phone calls the centre receives from troubled people in need of talking to a sympathetic listener. There are 68 volunteers working five shifts, seven days a week, 24 hours a day at the centre.

Volunteers work in pairs, Mrs. Jones told members, and come from all walks of life. The majority of calls come from people having domestic and alcoholic problems with other calls from people contemplating suicide and others from lonely men and women just wanting to talk.

The centre was opened November 1 and since its inception 2,561 calls have been received from people in trouble. Mrs. Jones told the audience that the results of the calls have shown that many people have been helped. The telephone number is listed under Distress Centre in the Toronto telephone directory. The centre is located at 10 Trinity Square and is open during the day to anyone wishing to talk in person.

A lively question period followed the talk. Mrs. Roger Priestman introduced the speaker and Mrs. H. Burgess thanked Mrs. Jones and presented her with a plant in appreciation of the ACW.

Mrs. D. Marsh led the devotional period at the opening of the meeting and President Mrs. R. Moore gave a short resume of what the ACW means and a report of last year's activities.

Annual reports were read by Mrs. J. Robinson, hospitality and membership, Mrs. C. Devy, ways and means, Mrs. V. Tremaine, housekeeping, Mrs. R. Cox, newsletter, Mrs. H. Iddon, secretary and Mrs. G. Davie, treasurer.

Mrs. D. Ball reported on the chocolate Easter egg project of the Alpha Group. She told members that 786 eggs were sold this year with a profit of \$183.85.

Mrs. H. R. Howden told members of the satisfactory first year of the ACW. She thanked Mrs. Moore for her work and leadership after taking over from H. McArthur who moved out west shortly after taking office. Mrs. Howden stressed to members the importance of doing a job when asked in order to make the ACW a success. She then moved an adoption of the reports be made and was seconded by Mrs. J. Shaw.

Mrs. Devey made a presentation of a folding umbrella to Mrs. Howden on behalf of the ACW. Rev. and Mrs. Howden are soon to embark on a trip abroad in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary and Mr. Howden's 30th anniversary in the ministry.

The meeting adjourned for coffee and refreshments and this was followed by the installation of 1968-69 executive officers. Mr. Howden installed the following officers: President Mrs. R. Moore, 1st Vice President Mrs. R. Cox, 2nd Vice President Mrs. D. Jones, Secretary Mrs. H. Iddon, Treasurer Mrs. G. Davie, Housekeeping Mrs. L. Elvidge, Membership and Hospitality Mrs. J. Robinson, Publicity Mrs. H. Cruise, Ways and Means Mrs. C. Devey.

**Baptist Women's Auxiliary**  
Mrs. A. Jennings, national convener of Save The Children Fund, was guest speaker at the WA meeting April 16 held at the home of Mrs. R. Jardine, Richmond Hill.

Miss Gwen Ball introduced the speaker by telling of her many activities and concern for the world's underprivileged. Her latest trip was to the Gaza Strip regions and Mrs. Jennings had many pictures to show of

the plight of the hundreds of refugees there.

Mrs. Jennings opened her talk by giving a few facts about Save The Children Fund. She told members that the organization was started in England over 50 years ago and works in conjunction with the United Nations and UNICEF at 27 centres.

Canada is taking over some of the work from Britain, Mrs. Jennings told members. The land in the Gaza Strip is very barren, needs irrigation and the people lack modern machinery. Everything is worked by hand, she stated, even to clearing the ground of stones. Canada is helping these people by sending badly needed equipment.

Until one visits these countries and sees the utter poverty there, they can't realize how fortunate they are to be in Canada, (the land she described as having the highest standard of living with the largest garbage cans.)

President Mrs. Ross Cowie conducted a short business session prior to the talk. Mrs. A. Lennie opened the meeting by reading a poem and led the worship by reading from Peter 2. The scripture readings gave thought to how God prepares man for his eternal home.

Mrs. Cowie thanked Mrs. Jennings for her informative talk. Many questions were answered by Mrs. Jennings at the social period at the close of the meeting. A suggestion was made at this time for the WA to adopt another child.

The May meeting will take the form of an auction sale and will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Parsons, Riverside Drive.

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## Spring Is The Time For Flowers

With the spring growing season full upon us, seemingly overnight, York Farmers' Market, Thornhill is a colorful and exciting place to be each Saturday morning.

Above is just a small part of the beautiful corner occupied by Hanson's Flowers, Elgin Mills as seen on the Easter weekend with Mrs. Hanson's niece, Mary Lou Evison, Elgin Mills Road West, smiling over the many-hued display.

## Six Churches Plan Joint Vacation School

### Mother and Daughter Banquet

A mother and daughter banquet was held April 17 for 2nd Thornhill Brownies and 3rd Thornhill Guides in the Presbyterian Church Hall. Mrs. M. Grey, president of the mothers committee, welcomed the mothers and special guests and Mrs. Dillwyn Evans proposed a toast to the Queen and said grace.

Special guests at the banquet were Guide Commissioner Mrs. Terry Goodwin, Rev. and Mrs. Evans and 1st Thornhill Rangers and their Leader Mrs. P. Whitehead.

Guide Jane Sues thanked the auxiliary at the close of the banquet and Mr. Evans addressed the group.

Individual tables were decorated with yellow tablecloths and yellow rosebud centrepieces. A delicious smorgasbord menu of casserole dishes and salads was enjoyed by the guests.

Guides and Brownies presented a program following the dinner. The Brownies, "A Modern Cinderella" in costume and the Guides' playlet on the Guide laws were well received. A campfire and singsong concluded the evening.

Badges recently awarded to Brownies in the area are as follows: 1st Thornhill Brownies, Judith Snider, Janice Hermachuk, Karen Parker, Ann Antonacci, Linda Dauncey, Judy Burke, house orderly; Wendy Longstreet, skater; Judy Burke and Julia Finch, golden hand, 1st Langstaff Brownies, Judy Martin, intermediate swimmer.

### Senior Citizens

"Down Memory Lane" was the topic of an interesting and nostalgic program presented by Mrs. Mary French, representative of the Bell Telephone Company, to the senior citizens at their April meeting.

President Charles Clifford opened the meeting followed by minutes read by Mrs. R. Holmes in the absence of Secretary Mrs. C. Walker.

Members were reminded of the bus trip to Christie Bread Company May 8. The bus will leave the Farmers' Market at 12:30 pm. A few tickets are still available and may be reserved by calling Mrs. Baker at 222-3604.

Suggestions were given at the meeting for the June picnic. The senior citizens will travel by bus to Niagara Falls or Stratford for their annual outing this year. Plans will be finalized and announced at the May meeting.

Mrs. Holmes introduced the guest speaker to the audience. Mrs. French showed 76 slides from the past including the funeral of Edward VII, Pearl White of silent serial movie fame, Birth of a Nation, King George and Queen Elizabeth in Canada, hats, clothes and cars from many years ago. The events of the past were vividly refreshed in the memories of all the senior citizens. Tape recordings of Harry Lauder, Churchill, Hitler and excerpts from the end of the world radio program conducted by Orson Wells in the 30's were also enjoyed.

President Clifford thanked Mrs. French and the meeting closed with "O Canada".

### ecumenical vacation school,

sponsored by the Thornhill Ministerial Association, to take place July 8-18 in the area.

The third discussion meeting was held last week in Holy Trinity Anglican reception room with representatives from six area churches in attendance. Mrs. Minton Johnston, chairman of the committee, presided.

Those attending were Lloyd Webber, Thornhill Baptist; Mrs. B. Lever, Richvale Emmanuel; Sister Lyn Hefferman, Mrs. N. Girard and Stanley Raymond, treasurer of the committee, Holy Trinity Anglican; Mrs. Helen Mabley, Christ the King Lutheran; Gerald Culley, Presbyterian, Sister Margaret Ellen of St. Joseph's College and Mrs. E. Malone, St. Luke's Roman Catholic and Jack Murphy, United Church.

The vacation schools will be held in four locations. Thornhill Green area will meet in Christ the King Lutheran, Richvale residents will attend in Richvale Emmanuel, and the central residents will attend Holy Trinity on the west side and Thornhill United on the east side.

The vacation school is for children ages 4-11. Finances for the project were derived from offerings received at the joint ecumenical Lenten services.

### Women's Institute

Election of officers for the WI for 1968-69 took place April 18 at the home of Mrs. T. Empringham, 26 Benson Avenue, Richmond Hill. Mrs. R. Holmes was re-elected president for her third year in office and all other officers agreed to continue in their present positions.

Motto for the day was "To Live Without Neighbors Is Like A Garden Without Flowers". A poem, "Things Money Can't Buy", by Vida Williamson of

### Edgar Avenue, was read in refer-

ence to the motto. The ladies answered roll call by paying their annual fees. Yearly reports were read by convenors.

The May 16 meeting was announced and members were asked to take a bring and buy item. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Jackson, 5 Erica Road.

Plans for the June picnic were discussed and will be held at the home of Mrs. H. Mizen, 77 Sprucewood Drive.

Mrs. E. Burt, Mrs. A. Jackson and Mrs. R. Holmes will be delegates at the district annual to be held May 28 at Victoria Square. Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Clare Thompson will attend the women's advisory committee meeting, sponsored by the Department of Economics and Development April 24 at the Royal York Hotel.

Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Thompson reported on the food forum, sponsored by the Home Economics Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Food, held recently. The ladies told of the many interesting dishes they saw prepared at the successful forum.

Two guests from England at-

### tended the meeting and told

members interesting stories about their life in the village where they lived.

Members were asked to please send cards and greetings to Miss Alice Hudson who is undergoing surgery in Branson Hospital.

The meeting closed with "The Queen" and refreshments were served.

### Mental Health

Canvassers will be calling in the Thornhill Green and Bayview Glen areas for mental health donations. If anyone is interested in canvassing these two areas for the mental health association then please call Mrs. R. Moore at 889-3553.

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OWRC Managing Director David S. Calverley came in for severe criticism at the last meeting of Markham Township Council when it was learned that neither he or other members of the commission would be present at a meeting to discuss the township's third well at the John Street plant.

The meeting had been originally set for April 11 but when council members learned it was to be only with OWRC staff members considerable indignation was expressed. Disgusted at what he called the commission's "sloughing us off on staff", Councillor Allan Sumner moved that the commission's letter be rejected. "Some weeks ago Calverley charged that the township moved too fast; he should be at the meeting to hear what we have to say," he said.

LINDA JEAN GUNN  
  
FRANK A. MAW  
**Announce Engagement**  
Mr. and Mrs. Garnet R. Gunn, 14 Greystone Crescent, Brampton, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Jean, to Mr. Frank Alexander Maw, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Maw, 14 Thornbank Road, Thornhill, Ont. The marriage will take place May 17 at 7.30 pm in Christ Church, Brampton. Frank and Linda will be graduating from the University of Western Ontario in June.

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