

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

Presbyterian Organist

Village residents welcome Mr. and Mrs. Franz Loesgen and their children Brian and Caroline who have recently moved into the community.

Franz Loesgen is the new organist and choirmaster of the Presbyterian Church. He replaced Walter Stothers July 14 when Mr. Stothers moved away. Mr. Loesgen came to Canada from Germany in 1952. He is an accomplished musician and trained at the Music Academy, Berlin, Germany, under the renowned Edwin Fischer.

While his reputation is established as a concert pianist he is also a brilliant organist. He studied organ with and later became an associate of Professor Anton Novakowsky, one of Germany's foremost teachers.

Mr. Loesgen was organist at Richmond Hill United Church for eight years prior to his new appointment. He plans on opening an academy of music and fine arts to be conducted in the education wing. Times and dates will be announced in September.

Choir rehearsals commence September 13 at 8 p.m. Mr. Loesgen would be delighted to hear from prospective choir members as well as from the present members.

Friends in the area were interested to learn that Dr. Robert B. McClure was recently made moderator of the United Church of Canada. This is the first time in history that a layman has been given the appointment.

Dr. McClure is the father of Mrs. Bruce Taylor (Jo) a former Helen Avenue resident. Mrs. Taylor was a substitute physical education teacher at Thornhill Secondary and also taught swimming and diving at the Thornhill Swimming Pool several years ago. She now resides in Toronto.

Fashion Show
A fall fashion show sponsored by Anglican Church Women is being held September 25 at 8:15 pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Brook Street. Mrs. Ruth Gall is convener.

The show is being presented by Warwick House, Richmond Hill, with Rick Butt as commentator. The latest fashions in sportswear, casuals, afternoon frocks, curling outfits, sweaters, blouses, jewellery and accessories will be modelled by Thornhill ladies.

Tickets are \$1.25 and include exciting door prizes. Tickets may be ordered now by calling

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Mrs. Mabel Crawford at 889-1427. Make up a party and plan to attend this outstanding event of the fall season.

Get well greetings are extended to Mrs. Jack Ritchie, Arnold Avenue, who is recovering from an operation in Wellesley Hospital.

Get well wishes are extended to Dick Stewart, Arnold Avenue, who is recovering from a heart attack in Branson Hospital.

Friends were sorry to see the McMaster family, Art and Marg and their sons, Blake, Clarke, George and Jeffrey, move to London, Ontario, last week from their home, 35 Kirk Drive. Mr. and Mrs. McMaster resided in Thornhill for 18 years and will be missed by the community and the United Church where they were active members.

In Prague Just Before The Invasion

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Hofmann, 199 Arnold Avenue, with their three sons, Martin, Tony and Peter, returned recently from a six week holiday abroad. The Hofmanns flew to London from Montreal where they spent the night before journeying to France.

The family rented a car and drove through Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany en route to Switzerland. Here they visited with Mr. Hofmann's mother at her home near Zurich.

Mr. Hofmann travelled to Prague for four days to attend the European Bio-Chemical Conference. Fortunately his visit in Czechoslovakia took place before the recent Soviet invasion.

Mrs. Hofmann and the boys spent a weekend mountain climbing trip at Sulzshul, visited relatives and a day in Lucerne while Mr. Hofmann was in Prague.

After leaving Switzerland the family spent a day in Paris before departing from Calais for London. Four days were enjoyed in London where the boys were shown all the points of interest in the city. Mr. Hofmann had a side trip to Oxford and Cambridge Universities during this time where he met with professors and old friends.

The latter part of the Hofmanns' stay abroad was spent in Scotland. They rented a car in Edinburgh and drove to Aberdeen where Mrs. Hofmann's mother and sister live. Here they enjoyed ten perfect days of weather touring the area and visiting relatives.

The family drove back to London via Sheffield, Birmingham and Liverpool where they boarded their flight bound for Canada.

Theo Hofmann is past president of the parent-teacher association at Thornhill Public

Mrs. J. A. Budge, Franklin Avenue, returned recently from a visit to Boston.

Mrs. E. M. Bean, John Street, Mrs. J. S. Burridge, Jane Street, and Mrs. R. L. Moore, Vista View, spent a delightful day last week at Stratford where they saw "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This has become a yearly outing for the trio. A visit in Kitchener en route with friends and dinner at Preston rounded out a most enjoyable day.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Denise Florence Humphrey and John Hamilton Watson on their forthcoming marriage. The wedding will take place in Eglinton United Church at 7 pm on September 21.

Miss Humphrey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Humphrey, Toronto, and Mr. Watson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McKay Watson, Riverside Boulevard, Thornhill.

Will Reside In Richmond Hill After Honeymoon In Northern Ontario

Yellow and white gladioli formed a pretty background in Newtonbrook United Church, August 17 at 3 pm when Heather Anne Hillen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hillen, became the bride of Douglas Sidney Langman, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Langman, all of Thornhill. Rev. Donald Pratt performed the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length white organza over taffeta gown fashioned on empire lines. The bodice had a scalloped neckline with lace applique across the shoulders and decorating the longilly pilot sleeves. Her shoulder length veil of tulle illusion fell from a headdress of white roses studded with pearls and she carried a cascade of yellow roses and white baby mums.

Mrs. William Hillen, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor and the attendants were Mrs. Edward Docherty, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Robert Anderson, Miss Carolyn Hillen, the bride's five-year-old sister, who was flower girl.

The senior attendants wore sleeveless gold peau de chame floor length gowns banded at the waist with green velvet ribbon. The gowns were fashioned on A-lines with round necklines and their headpieces were clusters of mint green flowers with short pale green veils. The matron of honor carried a cascade of bronze and yellow mums and the attendants carried cascades of apricot and yellow mums.

The flower girl wore a mint green floor length frock fashioned on the same lines as the

attendants and she carried a nosegay of apricot and yellow mums.

Edward Docherty was best man and the ushers were Bill Finnegan, William and Rodney Hillen, brothers of the bride. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the North York Social Club, Willowdale, where Mrs. Hillen received wearing a green lace coat over a matching crepe frock, a green tulle and flowered headpiece, matching accessories and a corsage of deep pink carnations. Mrs. Langman wore a navy and white crepe frock, matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

For the honeymoon trip to Northern Ontario the bride wore a cherry red frock trimmed with lace, white accessories and a corsage of white carnations. On their return the couple will reside in Richmond Hill.

Special guests at the wedding were the bride's grandparents, Mrs. J. Rutledge of Toronto and H. Hillen of Peterboro, and the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Snell of Port Hope.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hillen and family of Orillia, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cokell of Niagara Falls, Mr. and Mrs. L. Peterson of Ottawa and Mr. and Mrs. E. Cable of Rochester, New York.

"Mallon's Dump" Scene Of Charity Hobo Party

A hobo party is planned to take place September 12 from 6-10 pm at the home of Mrs. Albert Mallon, 53 Lincombe Drive, Bayview Glen, with all proceeds going to the aid of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd Refuge who feed, clothe and shelter Toronto's indigent men regardless of race or creed.

The hobo party to take place in "Mallon's Dump", so named for the event, will feature chow, buffet style, served on the patio, dancing to the swinging sounds of the "Filthy Four" and games.

Prizes will be awarded for the "worst dressed hobos" as well as door prizes, elimination dances etc.

It is hoped that the weather will co-operate for the occasion with sunny skies and balmy temperatures.

Proceeds will be used to equip the Good Shepherd Refuge with pyjamas, towels, sheets and other needy articles. The supply is extremely low as more men than ever are being looked after at the refuge. These necessities are urgently needed for the fall and winter months ahead.

Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Mallon at 889-5816. Tickets are \$5.00 a couple. A bar will be set up for the evening.

Assisting Mrs. Mallon with the arrangements are Mrs. Robert Griffin and Mrs. Joseph Murray.
Last September a very successful fashion show was held in the Mallon's garden for the same cause.

Mrs. Herbert Floyd, Bedford Park, Toronto, entertained at a surprise miscellaneous shower August 23 for bride-elect Miss Susan Allan, Franklin Avenue.

A centerpiece of pink carnations with pink candles in silver candlestick holders decorated the tea table set with a white lace over pink broadcloth. Miss Allan will marry David Clubb September 14 in Newtonbrook United Church.

Tom Moore who is visiting his brother Dennis Moore of Campbell Avenue appeared on the Elwood Glover Television Show last Friday to promote his south of England Quad tours.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Angus have left to take up residence in Vancouver, B.C. Mrs. Angus is the former Jacqueline Homes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Homes, Uplands Avenue.

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By JO CRUISE
Former Arnold Avenue resident Jack Buckler is making a name for himself in and around Toronto as a specialist in teaching very young children to swim.

One of Jack's assignments this summer has been to teach four Thornhill youngsters, along with three from other areas, to become water babies. Jack's classes have been held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Young, "Keegunoo", John Street, in their private pool. Young Fraser Young, four years old, has proved to be an outstanding pupil.

Other children participating in the classes are three year old Jason and nine year old Jodi de Boer and seven year old Alex Kostik of John Street. Warren Dean and Brett Egginton both four years old and Leslie Shuber aged five travel from Willowdale, Agincourt and Woodbridge.

Jodi has been crippled from the age of 19 months as the result of a car accident. She is paralyzed from the neck down and has no clutch muscles but can do a front arm pull. Jack has taught Jodi to go 50 feet underwater with him and she has complete trust in her instructor.

Jack emphasizes underwater ability with very young children as he feels that going underwater is the greatest fear the child has. One of the first lessons Jack's pupils learn is to hold their breath underwater.

Parents are not permitted in the water with their children as Jack requests that he be given full discipline privileges. He is gentle with his small charges but firm and lets them know he means what he says. Very young children sometimes cry at first but they soon

learn that there is nothing to fear. Jack believes in personal contact with the parents and includes a weekly phone conversation with them.

At a recent water safety show, one of Jack Buckler's three year old pupils swam eight lengths of the pool on her back, much to the amazement of all the spectators.

Jack's youngest pupil to date was 14 months old. He taught her to float on her back for 30 seconds. He has a wonderful way with little ones and can take frightened three year olds and teach them to dive underwater and float after two or three lessons.

As far as it is known, Jack Buckler is the only person specializing in the Toronto area in this type of swimming.

He doesn't confine his teaching to babies and young children. He also teaches pregnant mothers who want muscle control and adults wanting to learn to swim.

He has a mute child from the Clark Institute and has taught him to say three signal words. Although not a therapist, Jack spent two summers at a crippled children's camp while a student at Ryerson and has had training in Sick Children's Hospital with crippled youngsters.

Two gynecologists and five pediatricians are among his clients. He has also been assured by physiologists that the early swimming lessons do not cause physiological injury to a child.



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