

Thornhill and District News

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Guides and Brownies
To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Guiding in Canada and also Thinking Day, birthday of the founder of the movement, Lady Baden-Powell, a mother and daughter banquet was held at Holy Trinity Church on February 20 for 1st Thornhill Guides and 3rd Thornhill Brownies.

Hosted by the mothers' committee under President June Finch, guests at the banquet included mothers of the Guides and Brownies as well as members of the Thornhill District and their Commissioners.

The parish hall was beautifully decorated in a nature theme with mobiles of jubilee crests hung from the branches of a tree. All the decorations had been made by the Guides and Brownies themselves.

Guest speaker for the evening was Sandy Barnard, who challenged everyone in Guiding to live by the Guide promise and law and to work and play together as sisters in the spirit of Guiding and meet life as an adventure. Her invigorating talk really wound up the Guide carousels to start off the Diamond Jubilee of Guiding celebrations in Thornhill.

The mothers' committee presented a birthday cake in the colors of the special jubilee crest and Area Commissioner Mrs. Marion Currie and Divisional Commissioner Mrs. Mary Chambers cut the cake and wished the Guides and Brownies a happy year. Canon Reginald Howden then thanked the girls and their leaders for the strong spirit of Guiding which prevails in Thornhill. Former Rangers Captain Joy Whitehead, was presented with a small gift by Mrs. Currie from the Thornhill district in recognition for her service to the Guides and Brownies in the area.

A short skit on the history of Guiding was presented and the Brownies gave a demonstration of semaphore skill in song, which had been written by Brown Owl Ruth Resner. The spirit around the camp fire was strong with fellowship as the Guides and Brownies joined together in a singing.

The evening was very special and thanks are offered to Guide Captain Pat Frantz, Lt. Marion Ashley, Lt. Carol Snider, Brown Owl Ruth Resner, Tawny Owl Louise Dockerty and June Finch and her committee for the great success of the banquet.

Congratulations to the following Guides and Brownies who have recently been awarded badges: 2nd Thornhill Guides, Sherry Hubbard and Beth Reid, first class; 3rd Thornhill: Marilyn Belch, Anne Comery and Elizabeth MacLeod, Hostess and emergency Helper, Alison Boyd and Heather Ann Culley, Hostess and Joan Barker, Collector; 1st Langstaff Guides, Margaret Ball and Patty Lewis, Skier, Debbie Jant, Ann Leslie

and Barbara Johnson, Hostess; Sandy Stewart, Swimmer; Meredith Hill, keep fit and skier; 1st Thornhill Brownies, Cathy Harrison, Janice Heramchuk, woodworker, Laura Langman and Eileen Robey, Collector, and Patsy McLean, Skier.

Third Thornhill Guides held a mother and daughter skating party last Wednesday evening which was a great success. Guests were served coffee and dessert which was a very delicious jubilee cake — the recipe for which had been specially developed for the Guides' 60th anniversary this year.

On Sunday February 22 a special church parade was held at Holy Trinity Church for Cubs, Scouts, Rovers, Brownies, Guides and Rangers to commemorate the birthday of the founders of their movements. Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. As well as members of the Holy Trinity groups, the congregation was joined by Guides and Brownies from South Thornhill district and Bayview Glen as well as Scouts and Cubs from the 7th Thornhill group.

Canon Howden gave a particularly inspiring sermon which was especially appropriate for the occasion and for the young congregation. The lesson was read by Rover Adrian Dickson. A special feature of the service was the guest choir, the Salty Shamrocks from St. Patrick's Anglican Church in Willowdale. They were accompanied by a flute and guitar and they sang some of the more traditional church music in a swinging mod style, much to the delight of the young congregation.

Spring Flower Show
Three local ladies are busily engaged in preparations for the Spring Flower Show to be held at the O'Keefe Centre, March 4 to March 8. Mrs. Flavia Redemeyer is 1st vice-president of the Garden Club, Mrs. Doris Spaford is in charge of the horticultural section of the show, and Mrs. Helen Griffin will be exhibiting in the flower section. The theme of this year's show is "Toronto Today", and a special feature will be daily lectures to be given in the auditorium by well known gardening experts.

Program for the lectures is as follows: Wednesday March 4, 8 pm "Balcony and Container Gardening" by Lois Wilson and Fred Dale; March 5, 8 pm "Gardening In The Shade" by Lawrence Sherk and Art Drysdale; March 6, 8 pm "Lawns" by John Bradshaw and Dr. Milton Carleton; March 7, 2 pm "Roses", also by John Bradshaw and Dr. Carleton.

In addition there will be a band concert twice daily. The spring flower show is open weekdays from 10 am to 10 pm and 1.30 to 7 pm on Sunday. Admission is \$1.50, senior citizens 75 cents and children 50 cents.

SENIOR CITIZENS
Forty-two senior citizens met at the Thornhill Presbyterian Church Hall February 18 to enjoy a delicious pot luck lunch. A delightful array of tempting dishes were offered all of which were supplied by the members. The business session opened with the singing of O Canada and then President Anne Holmes welcomed members to the meeting. Plans were discussed for the sixth birthday party of the club to be held at 1 pm March 18. In addition, a very interesting talk on pensions was given by Mrs. Corabell Penfold and her assistant Miss Cheevers of Pensioners Concerned. This is a voluntary group who are trying hard to awaken the federal government to the needs of pensioners. The meeting closed with a singing accompanied by Clifford Wilcock at the piano.

Lions Club
The annual Easter Seal Campaign in aid of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children will run this year from February 26 to March 29 and Thornhill District Lions Club will once again be sending mailings to all homes in the Thornhill area. All time and effort in doing this is donated by Lions Club members. Last year over 7,000 letters were sent out and these included a supply of Easter Seals and a blank donation cheque which raised \$3,262. This year the objective is \$3,750.

Every little bit helps so let's try to enable the Lions to reach their goal. The Ontario Chairman for the Easter Seal Campaign for this year is Whipper Billy Watson, well known wrestler who has done a tremendous amount to help crippled children. "Timmy" for 1970 is 10 year-old Stephen Francis of Toronto who suffers from cerebral palsy. Stephen is in grade 5 at Sunnybrook Public School.

On March 1 CBC radio will air the annual Easter Seal Variety Show at 4 pm. If you do not receive a mailing at your home and wish to donate to this very worthy cause, donations may be sent to the Bank of Nova Scotia, Thornhill, c/o Thornhill and District Lions Club.

In a lighter vein the Lions Club had a busy week socially. Last Thursday a group travelled to Tottenham, near Schomberg to spend a social evening with the Tottenham Lions Club. Highlight of the evening was a pie eating contest which was won

by Red Smith.

On Friday, 180 members and guests held a fun night at the Heintzman House. During the evening a delicious buffet supper was served. The supper was prepared and presented by the Lionettes.

Horticultural Society
A good crowd was on hand on February 17 to hear Don Wain of Wain's Florists give an expert and candid opinion of many of the new annuals coming on the market. Most of the popular bedding plants from A to Z (Asters to Zinnias) were covered as well as a fair number of those not so widely grown. Their superior qualities were praised, but any unfavorable characteristics were also pointed out by Mr. Wain. Gardens where these recent introductions might be viewed were named.

Following Mr. Wain's talk members were given an opportunity to present problems regarding house plants and solutions were suggested for various problems.

A draw was held for door prizes and about 20 people were happy winners of a geranium, a cactus or a begonia. A most enjoyable evening ended with the serving of refreshment.

WILLOWDALE — A Willowdale resident fighting expropriation of six feet of his front lawn for a road widening will get another chance to plead his case.

Metro Council February 10 delayed final action on the expropriation for two weeks, and instructed its executive committee in the meantime to grant the owner, Basil King of 25 Finch Avenue West, a hearing.

Robinson - Holman
Valentine Day Wedding Ceremony
In 140-Year-Old Holy Trinity

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holman of 31 Pineway Boulevard, Willowdale and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robinson of Thornlea Farms Ltd., Thornhill.

The groom's family has lived in Thornhill for 150 years and has continually attended Holy Trinity Church for the past century. His parents were married on St. Valentine's Day in 1942. The bride's parents were born in this area.

Officiating at the candlelight wedding ceremony which also included Holy Communion were Canon Reginald Howden and Canon William Askew. Organist Estelle Markham played the Mendelssohn Wedding March and the junior and senior choirs of the church sang "O Lord Most Holy" during the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a traditional white gown, fashioned with a lace bodice with puffed sleeves tight to the wrist and a full-length satin skirt and train. The veil was also full-length and trimmed with lace. She carried a white prayer book.

Bridal attendants were Deborah Anne Holman as her sister's maid of honor; Robin Edwards, Kathryn Cox and Marilyn Hawker as bridesmaids and Hayley Wymes as flower girl.

The maid of honor's dress was of red velvet, fashioned on the princess line, floor-length with sequined pearl trim. Her headpiece was a matching veil carried with red roses and carnations. The bridesmaids' dresses were coachman style red velvet complemented by white fur headpieces and muffs.

Gentlemen attendants included Roy Robinson as his brother's best man; Bradley Holman, Elgin McMurphy and Albert Leek as ushers and Blair McMurphy as ring bearer.

A reception for the 200 guests followed the ceremony in the church hall and included a buffet dinner. During the reception, the bride's sister, Deborah Anne, and the groom's brother, Roy, (maid of honor and best man) announced their engagement.

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Thornhill SS Fire Costs \$175,085
Insurance on Thornhill Secondary School fell \$17,000 short of paying full costs of restoring the section of the building, damaged by fire last October.

In a staff report to York County Board of Education on February 9, trustees learned that total cost of restoration is estimated at \$175,085, but the board will have to assume part of the cost.

These include \$12,550, for an additional fire exit required by the Ontario Fire Marshal, \$850 for a change of ceiling tile to a non-combustible material, and \$1,100 for miscellaneous changes.

The fire on October 10, 1969, broke out at night when the building was vacant and was attributed to faulty electrical appliances in the home economics department.

After some re-scheduling of classes, the school was able to carry on and no class time was lost, but the cost of restoration is estimated at \$175,085.

This includes \$9,585 for clean up after the fire, \$150,000 for building repairs, and \$15,000 for replacement of equipment.

Activities in the school's south wing are almost back to normal, and it is expected that all work will be completed by April 15.

Roof and supporting steel has been replaced, and aluminum windows will replace the wood windows originally in the building.

Books and personal belongings destroyed or damaged in students' lockers were covered by board insurance.

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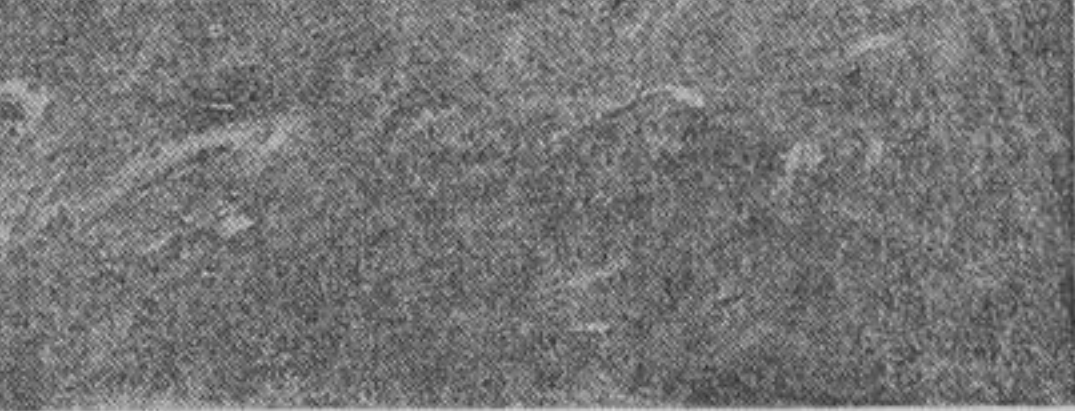
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THE TANGLED GARDEN

Posthumous Award To Thornhill Artist J. E. H. MacDonald

BY DORIS FITZGREALD
In 1916 the late J. E. H. MacDonald painted The Tangled Garden in his garden on Centre Street Thornhill. At that time this decorative, and dargly colorful picture earned for the gentle, red-haired artist a torrent of critical abuse and ridicule. It also established him as a founding member of the Group of Seven who pledged themselves to paint Canada as they saw it, and so exerted a profound influence on Canadian art. Appreciation of the Group of Seven has greatly increased since then and sketches sold by the members for token sums now command very high prices.

For the past seven years the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, founded by H.R.H. Princess Louise and the Marquess of Lorne, has awarded medals to persons who have made notable contributions to the visual arts in Canada. This year at the opening of the 90th Exhibition of the academy in Ottawa on January 29 the council honored the only living member of the Group — A. Y. Jackson and at the same ceremony posthumous awards were made to the other six original members of the Group, Lawren S. Harris, J. E. H. MacDonald, Frank Carmichael, Franz Johnston, Arthur Lismer, and F. H. Varley.

From 1928 until his death in 1932 J. E. H. MacDonald was principal of the Ontario College of Art. The National Gallery in Ottawa now owns more than a dozen of his beautiful pictures, including The Tangled Garden. Many others painted in the Thornhill area, Algoma, the Rocky Mountains, Georgian Bay, etc. are in the public and private galleries, and his smallest sketches are avidly sought by collectors.

Unfortunately he is no longer here to know of this public acclaim, or to receive his medal from the Governor General.

J. E. H. MacDonald was born in Durham, England in 1877 and came to Canada at the age of 13, but actually had an interesting Canadian background. His grandfather served in the garrisons of the Maritimes, Quebec, and York (Toronto) and his father was born in St. John's, Quebec and attended school in Toronto and Fort Garry. As a youth "Jim" MacDonald studied art in Hamilton and Toronto, was apprenticed to a Toronto lithographing firm and from there went to the art department of Grip where he became a distinguished designer. At first he was only a "Sunday painter" but in 1911 after his initial well-received exhibition of sketches at the Arts and Letters Club, Toronto, he decided to devote full time to painting.

In 1912 he moved to Thornhill, to the house now occupied by Dr. Peter Morse's offices. A few years later he bought the Wilson property on the south side of Centre Street where his artist son Thoreau still lives.

A New Vaughan Firm Makes Tasty Foods
A new firm which will batter-dip, deep-fry, package and freeze chicken parts for home and institutional consumption began operations in Vaughan Township in January. It is occupying 6,000 square feet of space at 2160 Highway 7 (just east of Keele Street, next to the Bank of Nova Scotia) and is known as Grimm's Foods Limited. Lem Janes and Len Parry are co-managers of the new company.

The formula for both products have been developed by Grimm's Foods. At present the plant employs 17 people.

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A questioning mind will find much to satisfy with the following list of non-fiction for children. As the titles indicate the contents are varied and different and not of the general run of project reading.

"How The World's First Cities Began" by Arthur Gregor, "Silent Sentinels" (of vaults and locks) by Robert Kraske, "Clocks From Shadow To Atom" by Kathryn Kelly Borland, "Banner Forward" (seeing eye dog) by M. & S. Rosenberg, "New Parts For People" (transplants) by E. A. Rosenberg, "Lightning And Thunder" by Zim, "Before You Came This Way" (Prehistorical Indian Stone Carvings) by Byrd Baylor, "Great Accidents In Science That Changed The World" by Jerome Meyer.

North Thornhill's Roy Muldrew Fills Markham Twp. Planning Board Seat

Roy Muldrew of 53 Romfield Circuit, North Thornhill, is the new member of Markham Township's Planning Board.

He fills the vacancy created when William Masters resigned from the board to take a seat on township council.

Mr. Muldrew was the founding president of the Thornlea Community Association last October. An active Jaycee in Hamilton for seven years, he was first vice-president of the Junior Board of Trade there before being transferred to North York six years ago. A salesman for Canadian Westinghouse Co. Ltd. for 20 years, he moved to Thornhill Green two years ago.

The Thornlea Community Association is a citizens' community organization which includes both leaseholders and ratepayers.

Mr. Muldrew first became active in community affairs during four years at North Bay, when he participated in citizen efforts which led to a municipal amalgamation there.

"I'm very pleased to hear of this very interesting appointment by township council," Mr. Muldrew told "The Liberal".

"I've always been interested in community

planning and I am quite enthused since living in Markham Township."

"The people in North Thornhill are a new urban breed in Markham Township. It's nice to see the township has recognized the area's part in planning," he said.

Planner Muldrew sees North Thornhill as the most important expansion area in the township in the immediate future. This is where the most growth is to come and where a lot of hard work needs to be done in planning, he said.

Roy and Joyce Muldrew have three daughters, aged 17, 15, and 14. Two are attending Thornlea High School and one is at Royal Orchard Public School.

The Markham Township Planning Board now includes the following: Chairman Napier Simpson Jr. of 24 Deanbank Drive, Thornhill; Harry Maynard of Unionville; Harold Chambers of 7095 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill; Mr. Muldrew; Councillor Eldred King of RR 2, Markham; Councillor James Jongeneel of 11 Milmar Court, Thornhill; and Reeve Stewart Rumble of 7471 Yonge Street, Thornhill. The planning director is Kunio Hidaka of Markham.

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