

Thornhill and District News

"The Liberal" is always pleased to publish items of interest contributed by its readers in the Thornhill area. Please Call Mrs. Margaret Lawrence at 889-2804



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

"The most interesting speaker I have ever listened to," was the way one Richvale Lion described Lion E. V. Joseph from India, who held the Lions and their ladies enthralled March 2 as he spoke on India, Its Problems and Its Future. He also sang for his hosts without accompaniment, "His Eye Is On The Sparrow," which revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

In the above picture (left to right) are Richvale Lion Ian Coxworthy, in charge of the club's publicity, Lion Joseph and Past President Lion Wally French, program chairman.

This Lion Comes From India

Mr. Joseph has been totally blind since the age of six and did not attend school until he was 12. He then proceeded to gain his university entrance with only six years of formal education.

He planned to become a lawyer, but after a meeting with the famous Helen Keller, decided to devote his life to social work and now holds a number of university degrees in this field. In fact, although unable to take notes in Braille of the lectures, he achieved

top honors in a class of 300 and now speaks four languages fluently.

Lion Joseph came to Canada in January and is now taking a course in administrative work at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Bayview Avenue, Toronto. Providing for his living expenses during that time are four Lions Clubs, two from this area — Richvale and Victoria Square.

The guest is the only blind candidate to enter the University of Madras and receive his

MA and PhD. He is a speaker and debater of unusual talent and has won many competitions in these areas.

The subject of his talk was simply "India," but what a scope he covered! He told of the millions of blind in India, especially children. A large percentage of blindness is caused by inadequate nutrition, he said. Millions of people do not get sufficient protein. He fore he left India he was welfare officer for the handicapped in Kerala State. He was

honorary secretary of the National Association for the Blind and president of the National Christian Service.

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Select Principal - New Thornhill Separate School

York County Roman Catholic School Board has chosen a name and appointed a principal for a new school scheduled to open next fall on Kirk Drive in Thornhill. At their regular meeting on March 3, the trustees considered three names: St. Anthony's, St. Matthew's and St. Michael's, but rejected the third suggestion because of possible confusion with St. Michael's College School in Toronto. Many boys from York County attend St. Michael's and two of the trustees are alumni.

St. Matthew was rejected after a trustee facetiously commented that, as a tax collector, the apostle saint might not be very popular. Dr. William LaCroix, Thornhill Trustee, suggested that St. Anthony was particularly appropriate as a patron of a school. "He was a church who preached the love of God. He was a saint to whom the children could relate, a humble man pictured with a book in his

hand. St. Anthony is very appropriate." "He also helps find lost articles," a trustee added. Superintendent Joe Hodge told the board that a number of applicants had been interviewed, and recommended that John Dennis Elliott be appointed principal for the new school.

A graduate of University of Western Ontario, Mr. Elliott has completed one course toward his master of education degree at the Ontario Institute For Studies in Education on Curriculum development and is now working on a course on film education.

He has had eight years experience teaching grades 2 to 8, two of these years in a one-room schoolhouse, and two as vice-principal of St. Albert Love Separate School in Oshawa. The school has an open space area in the primary-junior wing.

The new Thornhill School will have two open space areas in the primary division. It will also have a kindergarten, and grades 4, 5 and 6 in regular classrooms.

Pupils going on to grades 7 and 8 will attend the nearby St. Robert's School. Staff will include the principal, who will teach half-time, a half-day kindergarten teacher, a part-time teacher-librarian, plus six regular teachers.

The school will contain a general-purpose room, storage rooms with showers, stage and kitchenette facilities. A library-resource centre will contain audio-visual and guidance areas, and the office complex will consist of a principal's office, a second office for testing and counselling, a health room, a storage and ditty room, and a waiting area beside the secretary's office space.

There was some discussion about the need for showers in a junior school, but the trustees were informed that the Department of Education requires showers in all schools that include grades 7 and 8, and, although they do not plan to have these grades in the school next year, they might be included in the future and it will be cheaper to put them in now than to have them installed later.

The primary grades will use the two open-space areas equal to four classrooms in size, which will be divided into two areas by a seminar room and a teachers' work room. The seminar room will also double as a visitors' observation area.

The kindergarten class will have a separate area for coats and storage, toilet facilities and an outside entrance will make this self-contained area.

The staff room, or teachers' lounge, will have kitchen facilities which can be screened off from the "living room" atmosphere in the rest of the room, and will be used for teachers meetings as well as giving staff a place to relax within easy reach of professional books and magazines.

The plan includes carpeting for the library, foyer, kindergarten, office complex and open-space teaching areas, as it is probable, said Mr. Hodge, that pupils will be working on the floor as much as at the tables.

Assistant Superintendent John Zupanic told the trustees that the administration hopes this school will serve as a modern school for the board.

It will have a completely equipped library with qualified teacher-librarian half time, basic book collection, and audio-visual materials.

The science room will have up to date science equipment, and there will be "language experience" centre, physical education equipment, piano, public address system, curtains for the stage, and duplicating and copying equipment.

There will be a special budget to provide basic supplies and instructional material above the regular school allotment for this year only.

South Thornhill And Bayview Glen News

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Friends and neighbors of Tony Hutton, Sprucewood Drive, are happy to hear he is recuperating at home after surgery at Toronto General Hospital.

Jim Dysart, Morgan Avenue, is recovering from surgery at Branson Hospital. We hope to see him up and around again soon.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Stevenson, Willowdale Avenue, on the arrival of a son, Robert Scott, at York Central Hospital February 22.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Bayview Avenue, have just returned from a vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marchiori, John Street, have also enjoyed a vacation in Florida.

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The white elephant sale was a tremendous success last Thursday evening with Vi Johnson acting as the capable auctioneer. The draw for the cushion was held and it was won by Mrs. Doris Stow, Henderson Avenue.

The leftover items have been delivered to the Indian Centre, 210 Beverley Street, Toronto.

The next meeting of the Don-

caster Ladies' Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Marie Jacobson, Clarke Avenue, April 10 at 8 pm.

Friends and neighbors of Geoff Dempster, Woodward Avenue, are pleased to hear that he is progressing nicely. He has returned home from Hamilton General Hospital and will be entering the Workmen's Compensation Board Hospital at Downsview in a few days.

The community is sorry to hear that Jess Baker, Clarke Avenue, is in York Central Hospital. They wish him well.

Congratulations are extended to Carla Fuller, Crestwood Road and John Carver, who were married at Doncaster Bible Chapel March 14. They will make their home in Willowdale.

Saturday, April 11, cast your cares away and have a "Whopper of a Day" at Sand Memorial School (Woodland Junior) Fun Fair. The fun starts at 9:30 am and continues until 12:30 pm. It is sponsored by the parents' group. There will be games, movie shorts, hot dogs and other refreshments, handicrafts, a bake sale, white elephants and a garden centre.

The Explorers who meet at Thornhill United Church on Tuesdays at 7 pm are continuing their study of "Reconciliation in Our Broken World". There will be no meeting during the holiday week.

The girls have invited the two little Indian girls from the Poplar River Reservation to be their guests March 31.

Monday, March 23, the Ex-

plorers and CGIT will have a blitz selling boxes of chocolates to raise funds for Camp Big Canoe, York Presbytery of the United Church of Canada.

Brochures for the camp will be available shortly at the Thornhill United Church. The camp is inter-denominational and boys and girls from eight years old and up are welcome.

At the Thornhill United Church, the CGIT girls are working hard in preparation for their fashion show to be held April 15 at 8 pm. It will be put on by Gillme's Fashions, Steele Heights Plaza.

The show will include entertainment, a raffle, refreshments. The girls and their mothers will be models. Tickets at \$1 each may be obtained from any CGIT member or by calling Mrs. Marion Martindale at 889-1690.

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This Sunday Rev. Fred Jackson of St. Mary's Anglican, Richmond Hill, will celebrate Choral Eucharist.

With reference to the spring supposedly coming someday, remember when doing your cleaning and sorting Emmanuel ACW members are holding a rummage sale April 11 and would be pleased to accept donations. Please call Eileen Hamilton at 889-2989.

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Neighborhood Notes Are you looking for an interesting diversion for your children during the mid-winter school break? Richmond Hill and District YWCA has planned two swimming trips to Slater's Pool, Vanderfont on March 24 and 25 for swimmers and non-swimmers. Register by calling 884-4811 and then meet at the "Y" at 1 pm on either date, with swim suits and caps, for the bus ride to the pool. On March 26 they have arranged a cook-out at the Mill Pond area and you may register for this by calling them, then meeting at the parks and recreation building at 10:30 am with 10 cents for hot chocolate plus a lunch to cook and eat at the campfire.

The note in last week's column concerning the flower arranging by Langstaff Public School Home and School Auxiliary did not include the date — April 9 in the auditorium. Tickets are \$1 from your correspondents and include refreshments following Mrs. Cameron (Rita) Monture's display. The arrangements will be awarded to the winners of door prizes.

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Christ The King Lutheran Church

Pending government approval, a nursery school will be opened at the church in September 1970. A qualified staff will be hired by the school which is hoped will operate five days a week with both morning and afternoon sessions. The nursery school committee is interested in hearing from anyone who wishes to help by way of assistance to the supervisor and in the building of equipment for the school such as easels and bookshelves etc.

If you would like to help in any way please contact Mrs. D. Keffer (889-6805), Mrs. G. Krupa (889-3876) or Rev. Arnold Weigel (889-0873 or 7216).

Don't forget the used clothing drive which began last Monday and which will run through to April 15. Sponsored by the women of the church, the clothing will be donated to the Lutheran World Relief Organization. Your contribution may be left at the church.

Thornhill United Church

The regular monthly meeting of Unit 1 U.C.W. was held at the home of Group Leader Mrs. Murray Smith last Thursday. The meeting opened with devotional period offered by Muriel Robinson. Subject of Mrs. Robinson's devotion was the Lord's Prayer and how much is known about it. Mrs. P. Lowery, at one time stewardship secretary for the Dominion Board of WMS, then talked about the hospitals sponsored by the United Church in various parts of the world. With the aid of maps Mrs. Lowery explained to the meeting the locations of the hospitals and the areas they serve.

Following Mrs. Lowery's interesting talk, Mrs. Smith introduced her husband, Murray Smith and the meeting continued with a showing of Mr. Smith's beautiful colored slides taken on a trip to Ireland last summer. In introducing the slides Mrs. Smith read the following poem which she composed herself:

IRELAND Ireland has forty shades of green. In the glens, on the hills, a sight to be seen. Ireland has girls with eyes of blue Ringed with lashes of blackest hue. Ireland has roses, the firm of McGreedy, Roses to please the eye of my lady. Ireland has drama, earthy and witty. From the Abbey Players of Dublin City.

At the end of the Smiths' beautiful photographic journey through Ireland Mrs. Smith gave an Irish blessing.

The meeting continued with the reading of a message of thanks from the Toronto Leprosy Mission for support the

United Church had given to their various projects. In 1969 over \$6,200 was raised to equip hospitals in India and this year all monies collected will assist in constructing and outfitting another hospital in India.

Members brought to the meeting a good donation of used stamps which are given to the Mission. Also brought to the meeting by members were used nylon which are sent to Korea where they are unravelled and reweoven into warm clothing.

On March 10 Unit 2 U.C.W. met in the church parlor for their regular monthly meeting. Guest speaker was Mrs. Margaret Sawchuck, a volunteer representative of "Street Haven" a private, non-sectarian organization operating a day centre to meet the emergency needs of female offenders.

Mrs. Sawchuck gave an extremely interesting and informative talk on "Street Haven" how it was founded and how it operates.

"Street Haven" was founded in 1965 by Peggy Ann Walpole, who was then a nurse at St. Michael's Hospital. Through some of her nursing experiences in this downtown hospital, Miss Walpole came to realize the very great need for some point of contact for female offenders where they would not be condemned after they were released from hospital or prison, often with nowhere to go.

So, in March 1965 "Street Haven" was founded by Miss Walpole in a beverage room downtown. Since that time the haven has moved to larger premises in an old home at 87 Pembroke Street and now has on its files over 1,100 case histories.

There are six permanent staff members and 80 volunteers, of which Mrs. Sawchuck is one. The average age of those coming to Street Haven for help is 25 years and they may be drug addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes or ex-prison inmates.

The Haven provides emergency shelter, clothing and food as well as sympathetic listeners. Mrs. Sawchuck visits the Vanier Institute once a week where she makes contact with females about to be released. She tells them about "Street Haven", offering this as a friendly point of contact on their release.

The fact that Street Haven fulfills a very great and worthwhile need in the city is emphasized by the fact that it is supported by the following organizations: The Addiction Research Foundation, the Federal government, Metro, T. Eaton Company and the United Church of Canada, as well as church and service organizations and private donors.

Mrs. Sawchuck closed her remarks by mentioning that "Street Haven" will hold an open house on the fifth anniversary of its founding, March

22, between 4 and 9 pm. The public is invited to attend.

The money went to the serving of refreshments. Next meeting of Unit 2 will be April 14 when the guest speaker will be Mrs. Neida Freestone a worker with the blind.

Mrs. Herbert Rodgers, Thornbank Road, was hostess to Unit 3 U.C.W. last Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. David McCall led a very interesting and lively discussion on the youth of today and particularly the drug situation and young people. Mr. and Mrs. McCall are both well qualified to speak on the subject since they are teachers who have had a great deal of contact with the younger generation. Mr. McCall holds a master's degree in applied psychology and is a guidance counsellor.

Following the discussion refreshments were served by Mrs. Claire Hodgins. The meeting closed with an inspiring devotional period offered by Mrs. Edith King.

On Friday, April 24 and Saturday the 25th at 8:15 pm a concert will be given by the Adelpian Choir at Burton Auditorium of York University. Tickets are available from the United Church office on any weekday morning. Accommodation is being sought for members of the choir and if you would like to billet one or more of the young singers please contact Alan Maston for details (889-1040).

On Tuesday, April 7 at 8 pm Unit 5 U.C.W. will hold their annual spring bridge and euchre party. A few tickets are still available and anyone wishing to make up a table is invited to call Mrs. Alyce Roberts (889-3361) for information.

A rummage sale will be held at the church on April 18. More specific details will be forthcoming later.

Scottish Country Dancing The Children's Scottish Country Dance Class at Thornhill United held a parents' day on March 14. A large audience of family and friends of the pupils enjoyed a delightful display of Scottish dancing given by the pupils ranging from the junior class of six and seven year olds to the intermediate and senior classes.

It was interesting to see how the children had progressed from the first basic steps to social dancing and their teachers stressed the fact that regular attendance is essential as something new is taught each week.

Following the display of dancing the four teachers at the umbrella as gifts of appreciation from the parents and Mrs. Jean Shelston, who is in charge of the school, was presented with a beautiful piece of Wedgwood china. Making these presentations were Elizabeth McLeod, Julia Finch, Marilyn Belch, Susan Boyd and Mari-

anne Ball. Mrs. Betty Thompson, one of the teachers, then thanked the parents and friends for coming and she gave special thanks to Stan McKee, the pianist who accompanied the dancers.

Mrs. Thompson then went on to recommend Scottish dancing to all as being good for strong legs and strong lungs. She added that there is an adult class under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. T. Hofmann which meets every second Friday in Richmond Hill. They would welcome new members. The Hofmann's phone number is 889-1554.

Pupils from the Thornhill school have been invited to give a demonstration of Scottish country dancing at Spring Garden Home and School Association's International Night on April 24. For information on the classes call Mrs. Jean Shelston at 889-4131.

Public Library On display in the village library for the next few days is a beautiful scale model of the new St. Lawrence Arts Centre. Created in pottery by Mrs. Joyce MacKay of Thornhill, the model was commissioned by one of the executives of the centre and its completion represents many hours of painstaking work by Mrs. MacKay, a gifted artist.

Mrs. Maude Carruthers, chief librarian, advises that she has just received a supply of order forms for Stratford Festival performances for 1970. In view of the great popularity of the Festival each year it is advisable to order tickets early so pick up your order form from the library on Colborne Street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Burgess, Thornridge Drive, have just returned from two beautiful weeks at the Coconut Creek Club, Barbados, where they had a wonderful time.

The family of Mrs. Ellie Pearson, Helen Avenue, would like to wish her a belated St. Patrick's Day happy birthday.

Lions' Auction Thornhill Lions have secured permission to use the parking lot at the Dominion Store, corner of John and Yonge Streets, for their mammoth auction sale Saturday, June 6, beginning at 12 noon.

All donations of good saleable articles (except clothing) will be most welcome and will help the club to carry on its regular program of community service.

A phone call to Thornhill Paint Supplies at 889-1169, Nels Gage at 889-1526 or Bryon Ring at 889-6016 will enable you to arrange for your surplus articles to be picked up or for their delivery to available storage.

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