

Thornhill and District News

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

White Rose Ball

Among those from Thornhill who enjoyed the White Rose Ball at the Inn On The Park last Friday evening were Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Pamenter, Dr. and Mrs. Peter Morse, Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Robson, Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay Belch, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pickthall, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marks, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Moffatt.

Dr. Robson and Mrs. Gordon were the happy winners of door prizes. The ballroom was decorated with a daisy motif and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner before dancing the hours away to the music of Frank Borgart and his orchestra.

Art Show

The ladies of 7th Thornhill Cub and Scout Mothers' Auxiliary are to be congratulated for a most successful art show and sale at the Heintzman House last Sunday. Among the local artists represented were Leo Mallet, Kay Chute, Al English, Gisela Mital, Shirley Foster and John Joy. Joyce McKay presided over a display of her beautiful

pottery in the conservatory and Mrs. A. Blackburn of Pioneer Village demonstrated spinning.

Don't forget the Lionettes Display of Young Thornhill Art which will be held tonight at the Heintzman House beginning at 7 pm. Tickets will be available at the door.

Ted Wilson of Esso Service Station, Yonge Street at Arnold Avenue, has sold the station and is retiring on May 15 after 12½ years in Thornhill. He would like to thank all his customers for their kind patronage over the years. Ted Wilson will be residing in the area and therefore hopes to keep in touch with the many friends he has made.

Two dates which are well worth marking down in your diary for next fall — October 13 at 8 pm Women of Christ the King Lutheran Church are holding a very special fashion show. The show will be presented by Miss Rosar, fashion coordinator of the St. Regis Room of Simpsons. Admission will be

\$1 and this will include dessert and coffee. Tickets go on sale September 1, with all proceeds going to the work of Women of the Church.

Then, on November 16, the Cross-Canada Caravan will be at Thornhill United Church. The caravan is something very new in bazaars and will feature boutiques to represent each province of Canada. More details will be available later, but in the meantime, do mark these dates down.

Lansing Amateur Art Show
The 22nd Annual Art Show will be held by the Lansing Amateur Art Group at Willowdale Presbyterian Church, 38 Ellerslie Avenue, May 22 from 2 to 10 pm. Several students from the Thornhill area, both children and adults will participate in the show which will include a display of paintings, sculpture and other crafts. A special feature will be live portrait sketching by some of the students. Admission will be 50 cents (children 25) and refreshments will be served by ladies of Westminister Group WA of the church.

Marks 90th Birthday

A very special birthday party was held at the Willows Nursing Home in Aurora on April 22. The party was in the honor of Mrs. Eliza Ellard who was celebrating her 90th birthday. Mrs. Ellard has been a Thornhill resident for over 50 years and she came to Canada from Belvedere, in Kent, England over 75 years ago.

A special guest at the party was Pastor Tom Cowan of the Langstaff Baptist Church of which Mrs. Ellard has been a long time member. Several members of the congregation were also present. The delighted guest of honour was presented with a lovely birthday cake by the staff of Willows where she has been a resident for the past month since breaking her hip.

Branson Hospital WA

The April 28 meeting of the Branson Hospital WA was chaired by president Mrs. Beth Yule, Thornbank Drive and featured a hospital fashion show, which was held in the auditorium. Mr. Jack Gallop, personnel manager spoke about the various job opportunities in the hospital and the uniforms associated with each position were shown. Mrs. A. Matko of the nursing office talked about the fashions of the nursing department. The show provided an excellent opportunity for members of the auxiliary to learn about the hospital and the functions of various departments.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Mabel Crawford and her social committee. Plans are now underway for the auxiliary's annual tea to be held June 9 at the home of Dr. Leon Bloom on Bayview Avenue, Thornhill.

Presbyterian Church

The WMS of the Presbyterian Church met on the afternoon

of April 21 for their spring Thankoffering. Guests were present from Aurora, Stouffville, Newmarket, Markham and Richmond Hill. Mrs. N. T. Nixon opened the meeting with the following verse which set the theme for the afternoon, which was "peace"—"The peace of God that passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Mrs. A. Thomas, president of the East Toronto Presbyterial, sang "Wonderful Peace" and the speaker, Mrs. Glen Thompson, vice-president of the Presbyterial, spoke on "Peace For The Whole World In The 70's". Tea was served in the assembly hall where the ladies viewed a crib quilt and knitted articles for the COC (Child of the Church) bale. There was also a display of literature and books on hand.

Holy Trinity Anglican

Celebrations to mark the 140th anniversary of the founding of Holy Trinity Church will commence this Sunday with a special Pioneer Service. Don't forget to come out and wave on Canon and Mrs. Howden, together with other church officials, as they drive to the church in an old-fashioned horse drawn "democrat". They will be dressed in clothes appropriate to the 1830's and if you too can dress up it will add to the authenticity of the occasion.

The procession will leave the rectory at 9:45 am and travel to the church south on Yonge Street to Centre, west on Centre to Brook, arriving at 10:15 am. Following the service, a coffee hour will be held featuring an historical display.

Thornhill United

The Couples Club of both the United and Presbyterian Churches are holding a square dance on Saturday beginning at 8 pm. Tickets are available from V. Johnson, 889-2569, for the modest price of \$1.50 per couple.

Christ The King Lutheran

Registration is now being accepted for Lutheran church summer camps. The camps are Camp Edgewood, Guelph, Camp Lutherlyn in Eastern Ontario, and Camp Mush-a-Mush, in Nova Scotia. All camps cater to grades 4 to 9 and Lutherlyn and Mush-a-Mush also include family camping facilities. Rates range from \$15 to \$25 per week and registration forms are available from the church office.

Don't forget the spring bake

is to be held at the church this Saturday between 1 and 3 pm.

"Harvey"

Tickets are still available for the Footlights' Club presentation of "Harvey" May 20, 21 and 22 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. The cast will include Judy Hartland, Edith Jones, Robert Priestman, Jane MacLaren, Fran Bishop, Philip Trow, Neil Crowe, Ed Morarity, Joan Iddon, Bert Funnell, Lloyd Saunders. The show will be directed by Betty Priestman, Bernie Hartland is stage manager, Diana Iddon and Jane McEaren are in charge of props and advertising is under the wing of Bert Funnell. Tickets may be obtained by calling Clare Moore 889-3553, or Fran Priestman 889-1810.

Late Ruth Mary Collins

Older Thornhill residents were saddened this week to learn of the death of Miss Ruth Mary Collins at Riverdale Hospital April 30. Miss Collins was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. R. H. Collins who came to Thornhill from England before World War I. Mr. Collins was at one time part owner of the historic old Greenbush Inn.

The deceased was a student of the Ontario College of Art and was employed by the T. Eaton China Department for many years.

Miss Collins was a gifted illustrator and writer and had written and illustrated at least three children's books. She also illustrated the book "150 Years at St. John's Church, York Mills". She was an active member of Holy Trinity Church and an enthusiastic participant in the Footlights Club. Funeral services were held at Holy Trinity last Saturday with interment in Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Perry, Arnold Avenue, have returned from 10 days at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where they enjoyed a delightful vacation.



(Photo by Bernard A. Lawrence)
Mrs. Joyce MacKay of Baymark Road, Thornhill with one of prize winning pieces.

Potter Models Buildings Of Old Thornhill

By MARGARET LAWRENCE

So popular is her work that she finds she is hard pressed sometimes to keep up with all the requests she receives. This is not surprising for in addition to her work at the potter's wheel, Mrs. MacKay has a husband, Vernon, and three small daughters to take care of. The MacKays, with Laura 9, Lisa 7 and Lucy 3, live on Baymark Road, and have done so for the past two years after moving to Thornhill from King City. Mrs. MacKay works in the basement of her home which houses a potter's wheel and a large kiln.

Among the many lovely articles she has made are candle holders, vases, lamp bases, casserole dishes, coffee sets, and planters, but anyone who has seen the exquisite model of the St. Lawrence Centre which was in the library recently with the lovely street scenes, all of which were sculptured in pottery and mounted on wood, will agree that these are her specialties. They are quite unique in Canada since Mrs. MacKay knows of no other person doing similar work.

The St. Lawrence Arts Centre Model was specially commissioned by one of the executives of the Centre and the street scenes are eagerly sought by architects. A few years ago Mrs. MacKay was asked to make a model of the buildings at Pioneer Village and this was one of her first attempts at this type of pottery. She was so delighted with the result and received so many compliments that this has become one of her specialties. Owners of old homes about to be torn down have often asked for a copy of the house in pottery so that they may have something to remember it by.

Mrs. MacKay is currently working on models of some of the old buildings in and around Thornhill, and she has received much inspiration from the paintings of Michael French, talented local young artist. Among other models she is creating are two old churches, both of which are called St. John's incidentally. One is the oldest church in British North America, built in the Maritimes in 1753, and the other is St. John's in Willowdale at Hogg's Hollow, which was built in 1816.

The sculptures of Henry Moore are also providing some inspiration for Mrs. MacKay in the creation of a series of planters, vases, candle holders and lamp bases. It is interesting to see a piece of pottery created from start to finish. First of all the clay is formed into the body of the article and then left to dry for as long as one or two weeks, after which it is fired in the kiln at a temperature of 1742 degrees.

After cooling, which can take about 12 to 18 hours, the item is glazed and then returned to the kiln at an even higher temperature — 2300 degrees, for about eight hours. Finally the kiln is opened and the finished article removed and cooled. It can be a very tense moment when the kiln is opened finally, for the slightest error in temperature control could have caused the pottery to crack — a heartbreak after so many hours of work.

Mrs. MacKay's work has been exhibited in many places, including the O'Keefe Centre during the annual Spring Garden and Flower Show, the outdoor art exhibit at City Hall, the

Carling outdoor art show, North York Library, and of course the CNE. Her next local exhibit will be at the Heintzman House on May 3.

Mrs. MacKay has taught pottery and thought it is hard to imagine how she would have the time, she says she would be interested in doing so again if there was enough interest.

Gord Risk Again Head Of York West Liberals

Vaughan Township Councilor Gordon Risk has been re-elected president of the York West Riding Liberal Association last Friday evening. His wife, Irene Risk was elected recording secretary. The Risks live in the Downsview area of North York.

Former Mayor of Toronto Philip Givens, who represents the riding in the House of Commons, declared "The White Paper in its present form will never pass Parliament — no way. Too many Members of Parliament, including many Liberals are opposed to the present proposals for the tax reform to gain passage."

Mr. Givens said he expected changes in the unrealized capital gains provision and a compromise on the proposal to end the present maximum of 21% tax on the first \$35,000 profits on small businesses. He also warned that the American invasion of Cambodia may well wreck the Canadian Government's anti-inflation campaign.

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(Photo by Stuart's Studio)
"Gypsy" Showed Them How!

Everyone loves a musical and judging from the final rehearsals of "Gypsy", the second production of the Thornhill Theatre Of The Performing Arts, the show has all the ingredients for an excellent evening of entertainment.

"Gypsy" is based on the story of the early years in the career of the most colorful characters in showbusiness, the great Gypsy Rose Lee, and seen above from left to right, in a show stopping number, are the three strippers, Susan Sambleen, Gordene Simpson and Nesta Campney, going through their paces.

Musical director for the show, being presented this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Earl Haig Collegiate, is Lou Snider and Lou and his orchestra will provide the music, with Walter Balay as drama director.

Thornhill Lionettes
Are Sponsoring A
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In announcing the opening of the centre, Manpower Manager William Kelly said the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, through co-operation of its local branches and the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto is seeking to provide the maximum number of employment opportunities for students during the summer.

"We hope that this joint effort will provide a focal point for students who require employment and for employers who wish to list any job vacancies," said Mr. Kelly. Orders from employers can be phoned directly to "Operation Placement" at 223-9311 or through the local Canada Manpower Centre at 221-9343.

A number of students have already registered with the North York CMC and their applications were transferred to "Operation Placement" for the opening day on Monday.

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Neighborhood Notes

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A note of interest to those of you who do not enjoy travelling too far on a weekend to participate in outdoor activities. Eight of the conservation areas are open on weekends for fishing with speckled and brown trout there waiting to be caught. The nearest one is Bruce's Mill, and at Glen Haffy there are two fishing ponds. Black Creek Pioneer Village at Jane and Steeles has opened for another season. During May demonstrations of sheep shearing, wool dyeing, rail splitting, candle dipping, plowing, harrowing and seeding will be held. The village is open to the public daily from 9:30 am to 6 pm and from 10 am to 6 pm on weekends. For further information call the conservation offices at 889-3425.

The Lions played host to their offspring on a recent Monday evening when fathers and guests alike had an enjoyable time.

Church News

On Saturday the Maypole Tea will be held at Emmanuel Anglican and features gifts for Mother's Day and candies, home baking, plants, treasures, cotage table and tea room. A ticket at 50 cents entitles you to tea and a chance to win the draw prize.

The spring bake sale by the women of Christ The King Lutheran Church, Baythorn and Royal Orchard will take place in the church hall on Saturday from 1 to 3 pm.

Family Reading
THORNHILL LIBRARY
Markham Twp. Public Library System
Here is a list of a few of our luxury books which provide good reading and fine illustrations to feast the eyes.
"Great Films" — fifty golden years of motion pictures, Brave Stravinsky, Karsh Portfolio, Taming Of The Canadian West, The Canadian Indian, Age Of Expansion, Birds Of The Eastern Forest, Canada, Year Of The Land and Early Furniture In French Canada by Andrew Wyeth.

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