

# Thornhill and District News

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## Socially Speaking In Thornhill

**Lions Village Festival**  
Plans for the Village Festival are now well under way. The festival, which will take place in Thornhill Park on July 1 between 12 noon and 6 pm is sponsored by the local Lions.

Among the many interesting activities planned are a science and hobby show, an arts and crafts show and a cider garden which will feature live entertainment. Also planned is a folk festival featuring young local talent and there will also be pony rides for the children.

Entertainers or exhibitors who would like to take part in the festival are invited to contact the following Lions Art Dorker 889-1343 in charge of entertainment in the cider garden; Gord Davie 889-2287 is convening the arts and crafts show and he would welcome calls from anyone wishing to exhibit a work of art, sculpture, or other craft; Lloyd Elvidge 889-2974 is your man if you would like to take part in the folk festival either by singing or playing an instrument.

The tennis club as well as the swimming pool are also planning special events to tie in with the event and all village residents are urged to come on out on Dominion Day and enjoy the fun.

**Women's Institute**  
The 70th annual meeting of the York District WI took place recently and over 100 representatives of 14 local branches attended. The meeting was held at Cliffcrest United Church, Scarborough, and members enjoyed a delightful luncheon on tables decorated in the branch colors, blue and yellow. Election of officers was held and Mrs. Elva Thompson of Thornhill WI was named district president and Mrs. Violet

Drew of Concord was named 3rd vice-president. On June 8 Thornhill WI held a pot luck picnic luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Mizen, Sprucewood Dr.

**Iris Blooms**  
The garden of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Smith, Thornhill Avenue, has been a truly beautiful sight these past few weeks, with hundreds of multi-colored iris in full bloom. To Mr. Smith, a retired high school teacher, the study and cultivation of the iris has become a fascinating and absorbing hobby and he has over 700 varieties growing in his garden.

In addition to being an active member and secretary of the local horticultural society, Mr. Smith is also chairman of the Toronto group, Canadian Iris Society and in this capacity he was one of the judges at the society's annual show at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, last week.

Also last week, the Toronto group held their own show at Edwards Gardens in which Mr. Smith received the second highest number of points out of approximately 14 exhibitors.

**Presbyterian Church**  
A recent guest of the Fortnighters, women's group of the Presbyterian Church, was Mrs. Mina Tamblin, public health nurse on the advisory committee of the York County Board of Education and Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centre. The topic of Mrs. Tamblin's remarks was "Drugs - The Fall-out of Poor Communications At Home" and some of her interesting comments I think bear repeating: "... Why Drugs?"

To experiment and to escape - a "climate in our society for kind of results drugs pretend to give" - a decline in the influence of religion, with only psychiatry to substitute, and there are not enough psychiatrists - dissatisfaction in the home - empty lives (people measured by what they DO not what they ARE, possessions rather than themselves as people) - lack of communication between parent and child - homes where husband and wife play "the game of conflict", the rules of the game always changing and the children cannot mature because they are always busy figuring out the "new rules".

A "check list" for parents:  
• How many of your children's friends do you know by child's friend in a family outing?  
• How often do you attend your teens' events? (sports or other participating activities)  
• How many of your teen's teachers have you met and can call by name?  
• Have you had a teen's teacher to the house socially?  
• Do you and the children take holidays or trips together?  
• How many hobbies do you share?  
• Are you afraid to forbid your child from doing something?  
• Do you know what your teen wants for his next birthday?  
• Do you know what your teen's goals in life are or what his career interests are?  
• Do you know where your teen is, who he is with and when he will return?  
• How often do you include a name?

• Would your child confide in you if he had a problem?  
A recent study of a group of successful children revealed:  
• A slightly Victorian upbringing, they had been taught to accept responsibility, not too much stress on material things, religion played an important part in their lives.  
Mrs. Tamblin then went on to point out the response of the community to the drug problem, and mentioned the following two places from which help could be obtained: Family Life Centre, Richmond Hill. Rev. Carl Moore, chaplain of McMaster University is the counsellor and appointments can be made through referral of minister or doctor or by calling the Toronto Institute of Human Relations, 51 Bond Street, Toronto; Addiction Research Foundation (Drugs and Alcohol) 55 Doncaster Avenue where the method of treatment is - drying out, therapy, psychiatry, taking approximately one month.

Mrs. Tamblin also indicated that a course in behaviour deviation is now being introduced into the social science courses in school.  
The June meeting of the Fortnighters was held at the

home of Mrs. Edith Pontin, Maryvale Crescent, and took the form of a pot luck supper at which the ladies had an opportunity to chat with new ladies of the congregation.  
At the recent annual meeting of the House of Concord the board expressed "profound gratitude" to the ladies of the Presbyterian Fortnighters for their long and consistent service to the school. Each Wednesday the ladies go to the school and do mending and sewing for the boys, but this was not the chief fact mentioned. It was the friendship shown to the boys and their willingness to listen to them that was so much appreciated.

The congregation of Thornhill Presbyterian welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Dilwyn Evans back from the 98th General Assembly in Halifax (June 7) with a congregational luncheon held on the lawn of the church Sunday. A presentation was made to Dr. and Mrs. Evans which came with love and affection from the members of the church. Dr. Evans has been elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The church family picnic was held at Boyd Conservation Park Saturday with many happy families enjoying a day of races and games as well as a picnic supper and ice cream.

**Guides**  
Lisa Boron, 2nd Thornhill Guides was recently presented with the fortitude award at a special ceremony held in St. George's Church, Willowdale. The fortitude award is awarded to "Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Cadets who have shown great courage and endurance under suffering". Lisa, who has not enjoyed very good health recently was especially deserving of this award.

**Scouts**  
Congratulations to the following Cubs from the 4th Thornhill, who recently moved up into the Scouts: Michael Herbert, Stephen Linton, Robert Martin and David Winspish.

**Graduates**  
Congratulations to the following local 1970 graduates: Jane Henry, Toronto Western Hospital, John Mavor, University of Toronto, Ted Broadstock, York University, Hugh Hunt, Seneca College, Keith Moffat, Ryerson, Richard Sand, University of Guelph and Daniel LaFleur University of Toronto.

**Holy Trinity Anglican**  
The following pupils of the church school were presented with examination certificates on Sunday: Trevor Holliday, Paul Robertson, Scott Martin, Kevin Green, Phillip Sherwood, Lorin Ledger, Ricky Booker, Judith Neun, Linda Briden, Janice Heramchuck, Pamela Church, Patty Tonks, Sandra Markham, Marianne Ball, Mary Secord, Judy Snider, Karen Parker, Kathy Radford, Liz Radford, Kim Elliott, Anne Shields, Susan Atkinson, Phillip Jones, Paul Robson, Mark Marshall, Debbie Campbell, Deborah Woolston, Lesley Gough, Sandra Stewart, Sandie Lewis, Lorene Elvidge, Nancy Challoner, Trevor Dickson, Bill Wylie, Dennis Campbell, Peter Hambleton, Jim Currie, Elizabeth MacLeod, Jennifer Lea, Karen Booker, Cindy Martin, Julia Finch, Kathryn Neun, Cheryl Campbell, Leslie Patterson, Robin Harley, Allan Raymond, Jim Mavor, Cathy Church, Cynthia Holliday, Joan Gordon, Margaret Ball, Patty Lewis, Christine Briden, Laura Langman.

Diplomas were awarded to the following pupils who had received examination certificates in the years, 1967, 1968 and 1969: Christopher Atkinson, Margaret Ball, Christine Briden, Robert Campbell, Catherine Church, Kathryn Davis, Robin Harley, Cynthia Holliday, Patricia Lewis and Allan Raymond.

Special awards were presented by Rev. Reginald Howden to the following who received top marks in their various classes: Trevor Holliday, Judith Neun, Phillip Jones, Debbie Campbell, Trevor Dickson, Elizabeth MacLeod, Robin Harley and Cathy Churchman.

The presentations of awards marked the closing for the season of the church school until the fall. At that time there will be vacancies in the teaching staff and if anyone is interested in helping, contact Mr. Howden at 889-1515.

**Christ The King Lutheran**  
The Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Weigel recently hosted a delightful dessert and coffee party in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Dilwyn Evans, the newly elected Mod-

erator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, on behalf of the Thornhill Ministerial Association.

**United Church**  
Unit No. 1 UCW met on June 11 at the home of Betty McBride, Marie Court. Bertha Roach chaired the meeting and Mary-Elan Miller arranged the program which was on "Children". She also accepted donations for the children at Norway House, a United Church Mission Centre. Bernice Field opened the program with the prayer "Guiding a Child" and she then read a poem by famous American poet Walt Whitman "A Child Went Forth".  
"There was a child went forth every day,  
And the first object he looked upon, that object he became,  
And that object became part of him for the day or a certain part of the day,  
Or for many years or stretching cycles of years.  
The early lilacs became part of this child,  
And the apple trees covered with blossoms and the fruit afterward, and wood berries, and the commonest weeds by the road,  
The blow, the quick loud word, the tight bargain, the crafty lure,  
The family usages, the language, the company, the furniture, the yearling and swelling heart.  
These became part of the child who went forth, every day, and who now goes, and will always go forth every day."  
The meeting closed with a psalm which was written many years ago by the children of a primary class and with a beautiful poem by an unknown author entitled "Guiding A Child".  
"I took a piece of plastic clay  
And idly fashioned it one day,  
And as my fingers pressed it still,  
It moved and yielded to my will,  
I came again when days were past  
The bits of clay were hard at last,  
The form I gave it, it still bore,  
But I could change that form no more.  
I took a piece of living clay  
And gently formed it day by day,  
And moulded with my power and art  
A young child's soft and yielding heart.  
I came again when years were gone -  
It was a man I looked upon;  
He still that early impress wore,  
And I could change him nevermore."  
A welcome to Thornhill is extended to Murray and Betty Rowe who recently moved to 49 Thornridge Drive with their two small sons, Murray and Stephen.

**Resizing On Yonge St. For Car Dealership**  
Vaughan Township Council agreed at a meeting June 1 to rezoning from residential to industrial of land on Yonge Street north of Oak Avenue in Richmond Hill to allow Douglas Baker Enterprises Limited to expand their car dealership operation. The bylaw authorizing the rezoning specifies that where there is open storage of goods and materials there must be a building on the lot with a floor area at least one tenth of the area of the lot used for open storage.  
The company already operates a car dealership (Baker's Sales and Service) on the corner of Oak Avenue, and the rezoning for expansion restricts use of the land to a motor vehicle sales establishment, with used vehicles sold only in conjunction with a new car dealership. The bylaw specifies that a six foot buffer strip must be maintained between the car lot and the residential zone, with sodding and landscaping which would include planting of evergreen trees not less than five feet high.  
Lighting facilities must be directed away from the residential zone, and parking or driveway areas must be paved or treated so as to provide a stable surface.

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### Housing Plan Approved

## N. Thornhill Lacks Athletic Fields

The people of North Thornhill have suddenly come to realize that in the planning of the community almost no land was set aside for athletic fields, Markham Township Planning Board was told last week.

Developers fulfilled the requirements for recreation land donations, but all the community got were lousy ravine areas that are pleasantly beautiful. But these can never be used for baseball or other field sports, Planning Board Member Roy Muldrew said.

"The whole of North Thornhill has only one place on a school property for a ball diamond. The people are very unhappy. It's a very serious problem."  
"Developers are donating land that is not suitable for active use. The green belts are very beautiful, but useless for recreation activities," said Mr. Muldrew.

When land is subdivided into building lots, the owner is required to donate five percent of the area for parks.

The planning board was considering the site plan submitted by Steval Construction Limited and Shields-Snow Limited and Associates for multiple housing development at Bayview Avenue and Romfield Circuit. Proposed is a 58-unit townhouse condominium project.

The planners had a letter from the North Thornhill Parks and Recreation Committee pointing out the lack of sports field space and urging the provision of more open space.

Planning Director Kumio Hidaka said the planning board had the power to require more land for parks when multiple housing project site plans are considered. He said the developer of high density projects is required to provide additional land on a population basis, 2.5 acres per thousand people for neighborhood parks and 0.5 acres per thousand people for community parks.

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Councillor James Jongeneel said the planning department should have told the developer in the first place that there wasn't sufficient recreation land for the projected population.

Mr. Hidaka said the additional land requirements for multiple housing were included in the secondary plan the township approved for Shields-Snow. But he said it looked like the township wouldn't get land, but would get money instead.

Planning board, after long discussion of the problem, agreed to recommend the site plan to council, but with the requirement that the recreation space land or money provisions must be met to the satisfaction of council.

The site plan will also have to receive approval of the York County Board of Education before getting final township approval.

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CATHIE HINDS

### Science Student

Eighteen-year-old Cathie Hinds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hinds, Wild Cherry Lane, North Thornhill, is one of 70 students across Canada chosen to participate in a six-week summer science program in July and August. This Royal Canadian Institute sponsored program provides an opportunity for exceptionally talented senior secondary school students to deepen their interest and understanding of contemporary science with other students of similar interests and abilities.  
Cathie will be going to the University of New Brunswick for four weeks and to Memorial University at St. John's, Newfoundland, for one week. She plans on continuing her scientific interests when she enrolls in university this fall.  
Students in the summer science program are challenged through personal contact with visiting professors, informal discussion with fellow students, periodic field trips and visits to research establishments and the use of laboratory facilities.  
The atmosphere is different from that in high schools; all activities are voluntary; lectures, laboratory work and dress are very informal and learning becomes completely the individual's responsibility. He or she can proceed according to interests and abilities.  
There is an opportunity to hear lectures on scientific principles and recent discoveries, to do experiments and laboratory work alone or with others and to do research. But it is far more than just a scientific experience. It is a chance to discuss anything at any time with fellow Canadian students, who share enthusiasm in science and other interests.

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