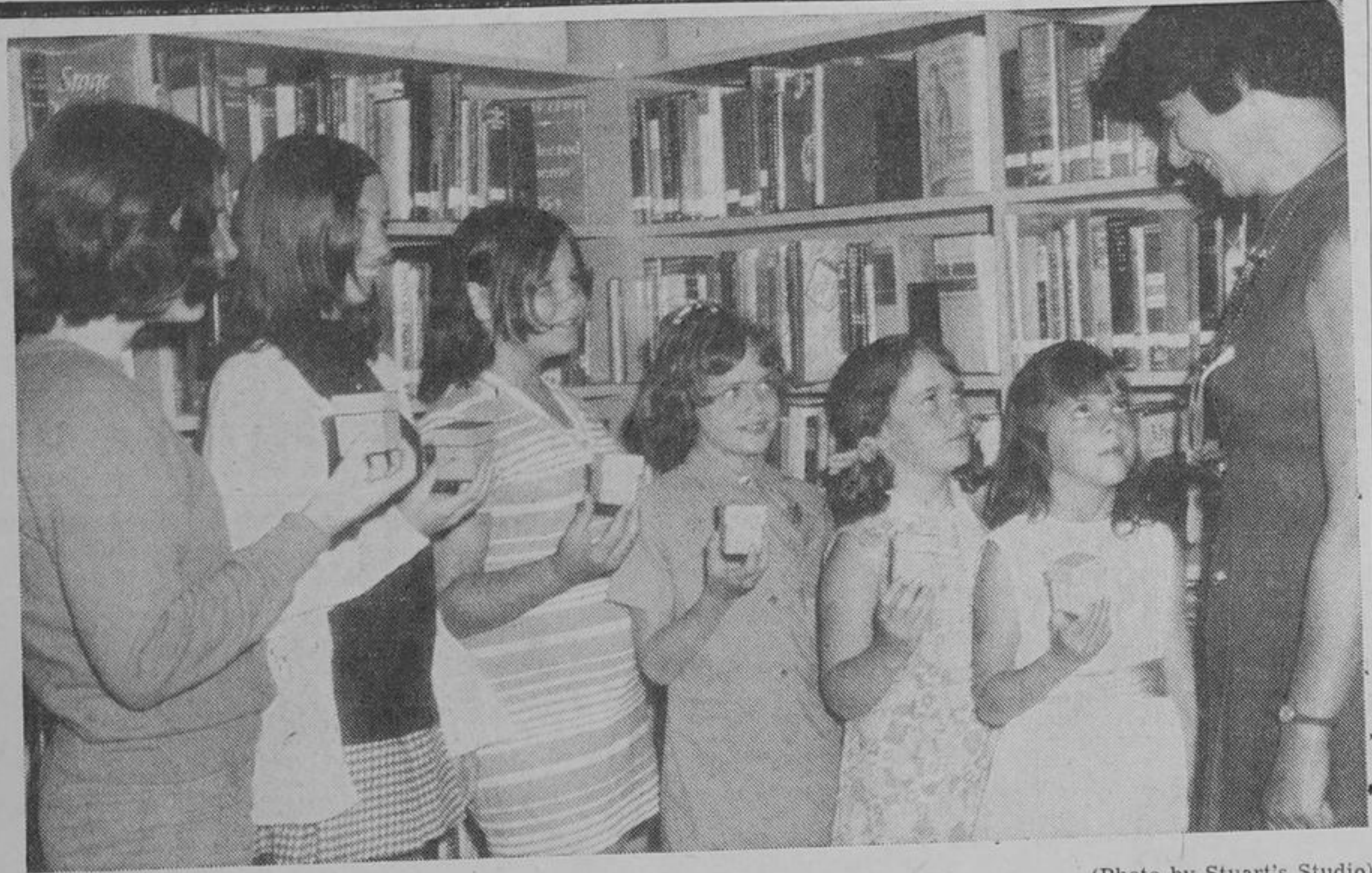


# Thornhill and District News

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Winners of the children's writing contest sponsored by Markham Township Public Library Board proudly pose above with their prizes. In a special ceremony at Thornhill Library on Saturday Library Board Secretary Mrs. Pat McClellan, right, presented three silver dollars to each of the aspiring young authors whose entries were judged the best of nearly 40 stories and poems submitted.

From left to right are Melanie Dugan, 14, Lynn Gollop, 14, Carol Shorey, 12, Janet Belch, 10, Heather McKenzie, 9, and Elise Poscente, 8. Judge was retired Metro Librarian Miss Ronwen Stock, a well-known teller of children's stories.

## Young Writers Are Winners At Thornhill Library

By MARGARET LAWRENCE  
Winners of the children's writing contest sponsored by the Markham Township Public Library System were presented with their prizes in the library last Saturday morning. Each winner received three silver dollars and these were presented by Secretary Mrs. Pat McClellan, of the board.

The contest, which attracted almost forty entries, was judged by Miss Ronwen Stock of Toronto, retired librarian and a superb and well-known teller of children's stories. Miss Stock was extremely impressed with the standard of the entries and her task of choosing the winners was quite difficult.

The contest was divided into four age groups and a prize was offered for the best poem and the best story in each group. In the 7 to 8 year old group Elise Poscente, aged 7, of 67 Royal Orchard Boulevard took first prize for the best poem and for the best story. Elise's poem was called "The Snow" and her story was entitled "The Teddy Bear's Wish". Well done Elise!

In the 9 to 10 year old group,

the prize for the best poem went to Heather McKenzie, aged 9, of 57 Clarkehaven Street for her poem entitled "Blackbeard's Treasure Chest" and Janet Belch aged 10 of 18 Thornbank Road, was awarded first prize for her excellent story "The Hidden Stowaway". Incidentally, Janet's story was ten chapters long and it represented a great deal of hard work.

In the group for 11 to 12 year olds the prize for the best poem went to Carol Shorey aged 12 of 75 Royal Orchard Boulevard for "The Ice Winter" and Catty Matyas aged 12 of 68 Roosevelt Drive won for her story "St. Michael's Bridge". Lynn Gollop aged 14 of 90 Clarke Avenue, won the best poem award in the 13 to 14 year old group and her prize winning entry was entitled "A Book".

Melanie Dugan aged 14 of 37 Johnson Avenue won the best story award in this group with "Death Taxes and Mrs. Hubert". Although no second prize was awarded there were several other entries which Miss Stock felt were very worthy of mention and these included "The Zoo", a poem by Barbara Hamm aged 7 of 28 Vallenciffe, "The Snitch Witch", a poem by Francis Dugan, "Mars and Back", a story by Nichola McKay aged 9 of 122 Brooke Street, "Burma Boy" a story by Kathryn Roe aged 9 of 12 Orsi Court and a story entitled "Marion Mousse's Adventure" by Nella Poscente aged 12 of 67 Royal Orchard Boulevard.

The prize winning poems are reproduced below and in the weeks to come, space permitting, the winning stories will also appear.

### THE SNOW

By Elise Poscente aged 7  
The snow comes down with-out a sound,  
And covers things for miles around.  
The children all come out to play,  
They'll have lots of fun today!  
Snowmen, snowballs and snowflakes they make,  
Maybe even a snowflake cake!  
Soon they are covered from head to toe,  
With the white and fluffy snow.  
Mother calls them in from play,  
But they'll come out another day!

### BLACKBEARD TREASURE

By Heather McKenzie aged 9  
Blackbeard was a pirate  
He sailed the ocean blue,  
He was a very greedy man  
And did not like his crew.  
Blackbeard was a pirate  
He found a buried treasure,

## Thornlea People Request School

"Another winter in portable classrooms is the maximum our residents could live with. Your attention to our concern is warranted," writes the Thornlea Community Association in a letter to the York County Board of Education.

Thornlea is a newly developed area in Thornhill at Bayview Avenue and Romfield Circuit.

"The executive of our association protests the postponement of the public school in the Thornlea Community (Shields-Snow Subdivision)."

"All the residents are aware that the school was to have its opening in the fall of 1970. No further announcements have been officially made."

"After waiting a year with overcrowded conditions at Royal Orchard School and Baythorn School, the announcement of a new school in Bayview Fairways (John Street) has our readers 'up in arms'."

"Home and condominiums in the Shields-Snow Subdivision are under construction. This will complicate the lack of facilities even more in the immediate future."

"Your board is attempting to keep this area in York Region. The poor response to facilities needed in this area isn't generating much support for your position. Most residents feel North York would provide immediate relief by building a school. Our executive supports your position of remaining in York Region."

"An announcement by you in the immediate future of your plans, and a meeting with our executive to explain your position, would be helpful," writes association President Roy Muldrew.

And when his good crew saw it  
He shot them all for pleasure  
The treasure chest was beautiful,  
And so were the jewels inside.  
And when he saw them shining there  
His eyes did open wide.  
Blackbeard buried the treasure  
On an island far away,  
He did it very well  
For it is still a secret today.

### THE ICY WINTER

By Carol Shorey aged 12  
Hear the thundering of the horses hooves,  
The tinkling of the bells,  
And the tintinnabulation,  
That so "musically wells".  
See our misty breath against the air,  
And feel the icy breeze,  
See the crusty snow upon the ground  
And frosty, frozen trees.  
Feel the red-hot, wrapped-up brick,  
Just beneath our tingling feet,  
And the warm and bundled blankets,  
Pillowing the wooden seat.  
See the silv'ry glow upon the snow  
The moon's enchanting face,  
As the snowflakes fall and touch the ground  
The icy, winter place.

### A BOOK

By Lynn Gollop aged 14  
A book can be read page by page  
Or by paragraphs one and two,  
Or can be thrown into an ape's cage  
In one of our town's zoos.  
Then it would be torn, from pieces to shreds  
All over the clean sidewalk.  
Then about it, you could not have read  
Or about it, you could not have talked.  
Then the garbagemen would sweep it up  
Into a garbage can.  
Then the writer would be in a rut  
'Cause the ape was his only fan!

## Approve A Crosswalk To Church On Steeles

The delay in approval of a crosswalk on Steeles Avenue near an end July 7 when Vaughan Township Council passed a bylaw approving its installation, which will be forwarded to the Department of Transport for approval.

The crosswalk had been requested of the Borough of North York by parishioners of St. Paschal Baylon Roman Catholic Church, who park their cars on Towne and Country Square and then have to cross busy four-lane Steeles Avenue to the church.

Steeles Avenue is under the joint jurisdiction of the Borough of North York and the Township of Vaughan and the decision of the borough to install a crosswalk could not be implemented until Vaughan Township approved and enacted a necessary bylaw. Therefore, on May 4, before giving detailed consideration to the pedestrian crossing, North York asked Vaughan to indicate if it would approve.

Vaughan Council approved and agreed to pay 50% of the cost of installation and maintenance. The exact position of the proposed pedestrian crosswalk will be determined between officials of the borough, the township and representatives of the church.

# Socially Speaking In Thornhill

## Recreation Facilities

New residents of Thornhill might not be aware of some of the excellent recreational facilities available in this area both for adults and for children. Following is a brief run down of some of these activities and between now and September, when most of the winter activities will reconvene, more complete details as well as contacts will be offered.

The swimming pool in Thornhill Park is perhaps the most popular spot these warm sunny

days and the pool is open each day from 2 to 8 pm and from 7 to 9 in the evening with the last 20 minutes of each session reserved for adults only. Swimming lessons are offered at the pool and for further information contact Pool Manager Frank Tucker at 889-1268.

Thornhill Tennis Club also enjoys great popularity during the summer months and the club is open to new members. For additional information contact President Phyllis Moon, at 889-8703.

A year round track and field club for children aged 8 to 12 operates from Thornhill Secondary School each Tuesday evening between 7 and 8 pm. Contact for this club is Geoff Walker at 889-3046. For hunting and shooting enthusiasts the North Thornhill Gun Club offers instruction in safe gun handling and target shooting. The club meets each Thursday evening at 7:30 at Baythorn Public School. Contact Ed Boddaert at 889-7427, Bob Bedgood at 889-5869 or Marvin Havery at 889-3759 for additional information.

Several badminton clubs operate in the area from October to May and details of these will be given at a later date as will contacts for the two excellent theatrical groups and the Scottish dancing clubs for both children and adults. In addition contacts will be given for the various Brownie, Guide and Ranger groups as well as the Cub, Scout and Rover packs which meet in the area.

## Family Reading

THORNHILL LIBRARY  
Markham Twp. Public Library System  
Several Periodicals Now Available

Thornhill Public Library is featuring at present several periodicals, which are much in demand, for circulation. These include: Gourmet, Maclean's, National Geographic, Seventeen, Vogue, Toronto Life, Scientific American, Realite and Coming Tents in Britain. The above list indicates the wide range of readership appeal available.

## Garden Reception After Wedding Of Joyce Clow And Richard Allan

Yellow and rust chrysanthemums adorned the altar of St. Patrick's Anglican Church, Willowdale, for the July 4 wedding of Rosemary Joyce Clow and Richard Alexander Allan.

The bride, a graduate of Thornhill Secondary School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Clow, 57 Clarke Avenue in South Thornhill. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Allan, 118 Wedgewood Drive, Willowdale. Officiating clergyman was Rev. James Tiller.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full length gown of white peau de soie cut on empire lines with lace collar and long sheer sleeves. Her cathedral train flowed from a matching lace headpiece and she carried a white Bible with a nosegay of tiny red and white roses and white ribbon streamers.

The bride's sister, Millicent Clow, was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Gerildene and Eula Clow.

The maid of honor wore a yellow floor length gown cut on empire lines, with satin ribbon under a sheer bodice and long sheer sleeves. The bridesmaids were similarly attired in gowns of green with tiny puffed sleeves and wore matching bows in their hair. The attendants carried nosegays of small daisies and rosebuds.

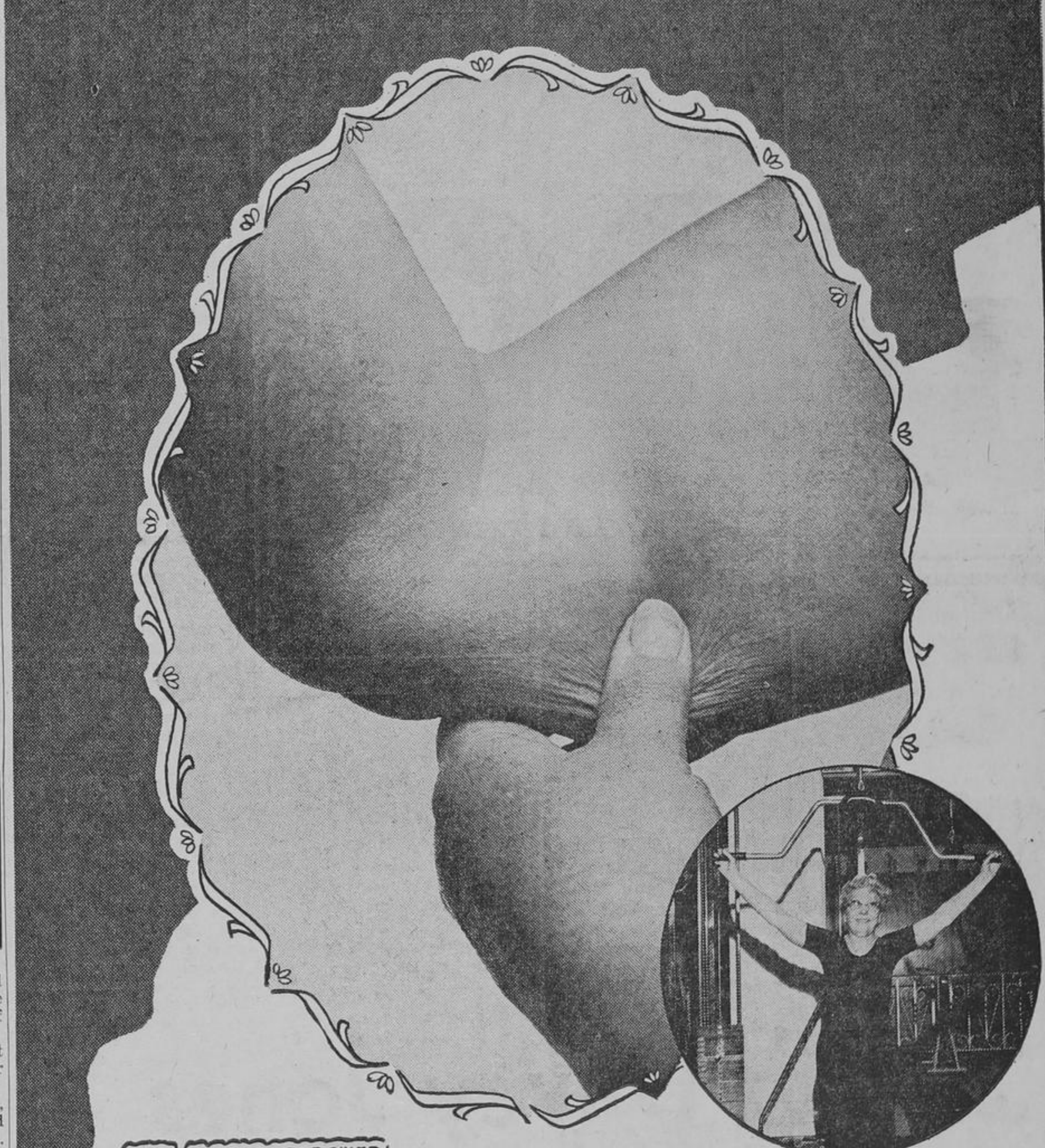
Best man was Don Taylor of Downsview, brother-in-law of the groom. Ushers were Ed Clow, Gary Friar and John Poyner.

After a garden reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan, the newlyweds left on a honeymoon trip to a cottage in Northern Ontario.

They are now living in Willowdale.

A resident of Thornhill for 21 years, the bride is a secretary at Faberge of Canada Limited, and the groom is a draftsman at Toronto City Hall.

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## Letters to the Editors

### VAUGHAN'S OILY, BUMPY ROADS

Dear Mr. Editor:  
(Following is a copy of a letter sent to Vaughan Township Council at Maple by several Richvale residents - Editor).

Dear Sir:  
For the third time this week I have scraped and washed wet tar from my children's feet and clothes. What, for goodness sake, are we Vaughan Township residents paying taxes for? A truck that comes and fills half a dozen potholes with that filthy stuff? Is this compensation for the high taxes we are forced to pay?

You can be sure none of our township council has travelled along May Avenue recently. They certainly wouldn't have

survived the ride without a bad shaking up or a bent tie rod. My husband and I have lived in Vaughan Township for seven years and have always paid our taxes on schedule. You will be very lucky to get them at all this year.

Mrs. JUDY BUNKER, 190 May Avenue, Richvale.  
P.S: When I showed this letter to my neighbors, they expressed the same sentiments. However, we all join in thanking the township for the recently installed street lights. They, at least, are a great help in illuminating these dismal potholes by night.

Four Shaken Residents, TOM and BONNIE SHEPPARD, BILL and JUDY BUNKER.

## Thornlea Residents Protest Slow Progress In Park Improvement

A protest against slow progress in developing the park located in the Thornlea area of Thornhill has been submitted to the Markham Township recreation authorities by the Thornlea Community Association.

"Most of the residents have been waiting for three summers for some recreation area. Even though part of the land is in another subdivision (Shields-Snow), most of us can see no reason why some preparatory work cannot be done in the Wimpey section."

"Surely a levelling of the terrain is possible, and a truckload or two of sand for the children to play in would not be a major expense. Some playground equipment, such as swings, teeter totters, and slides would be desirable."

"We note recently the weeds have been cut. So perhaps this is the first indication you will part with some of our funds on behalf of our residents."

levelling only, and the use of sand and swings over the summer season," writes Association President Roy Muldrew.

Markham Township Parks Manager Allan Sumner says he doesn't think it's feasible to do any levelling and grading in the park area at present.

Levels couldn't be established until road and gutter work took place, and these are only just being finished. Specifications for the future grade levels of adjacent new school property must be obtained from the school board before park grading can be done. The school board couldn't work out its specifications until the roads were done, says Mr. Sumner.

It is definitely intended to have the park graded this summer, and seeding of the area is to be done in the fall, says Mr. Sumner.

This park area is the only one available to the local people, since the Thornlea area is isolated by the nearby railroad tracks. Ownership of the portion of the park in the Shields-Snow Subdivision has only just been turned over to the township, the parks manager says.