

Thornhill and District News

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Blood Donor Clinic

The Red Cross Society reports that there is an extremely critical shortage of blood at the blood bank, with less than one day's supply available throughout Metro and the surrounding areas. At Toronto General Hospital alone, it has been necessary to postpone 100 operations because of the lack of blood, and closer to home, at York Central Hospital, the blood shortage has forced the cancellation of all major surgery of an elective nature. The blood of staff members of the hospital has been typed and in any emergency their blood will be made available.

In view of this urgent situation Thornhill residents are urged to come out and donate blood at a clinic to be held in Thornhill United Church on Monday, July 27 between the hours of 1.30 and 4 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

Senior Citizens

Members of the Senior Citizens Club rounded off their social activities for the summer with special events planned for Senior Citizens' Week, which was celebrated June 21 to 27. The week began with a special church service held in the Presbyterian Church on June 21. A trip to Centre Island was enjoyed on June 23 and on the 25th a picnic luncheon was held in the garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mizzen. On July 15, 41 members took a bus trip to Stratford where they were welcomed on arrival by Mrs. W. S. Hodges, recording secretary for the United Senior Citizens of Ontario. Mrs. Hodges escorted the visitors to the Pavilion in Stratford Park where they were met by Mrs.

W. J. Zerback, president of the Stratford Senior Citizens' Club. Members of the Stratford Club served tea to their guests who were then entertained to a boat trip on the River Avon. Also on the program was a visit to an exhibition of art done by prison inmates. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges then acted as guides for a tour of the City of Stratford before leaving the visitors downtown for visits to the stores and to enjoy dinner at the Lighthouse Restaurant before returning to Thornhill later that evening.

The Senior Citizens' Club will reconvene for the fall on September 2 at 1.30 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church, their new meeting place for this coming year. New members are always welcome and anyone interested in joining is invited to contact Mrs. Ann Holmes (889-6776) or Mrs. Grace Baker, (222-3604).

Local girls who are enjoying their summer while doing a useful and important job as junior counsellors are Elaine Hutton and Sharon Hawke, Linda Hutton and Sharon Hawke. The girls, who are all members of the CGIT, are at Camp Big Canoe, the United Church Camp, near Bracebridge, where close to 50 children are enjoying the wonderful facilities the camp has to offer. Mrs. Marion Martindale of Elgin Avenue acted as camp Bible Counsellor for the June 29 to July 7 camp.

The July meeting was held on July 14 and provided a fine display of delphiniums, roses and other summer flowers. There were 124 entries in the various show classes. The exhibitors' door prize, a book on horticulture, was won by Mrs. A. Flow.

In the specimen floral section the high point winners in order were: J. Manning, Mrs. M. Riley, Mrs. D. Butterworth and J. Mitchell. Other prize winners in this section were: Mr. and Mrs. J. King, Mrs. G. Kilham, Mrs. H. Mizzen, Mrs. M. Wardle, J. Wain, M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. B. Stewart, Mrs. P. Bishop, Mrs. I. Tirrell, Miss M. Dean and C. Elgin.

In the decorative section where competition was really keen, beauty, humour and originality vied for attention. Those taking first, second and third place in the various classes were:

"Stately Beauties" — rose in a pedestal container — Mrs. I. Tirrell, Mrs. A. Qually, J. Mitchell. "The Long And The Short Of It" — a fun arrangement — Mrs. P. Bishop, M. Smith, Miss M. Dean. "Welcome Home" — featuring blues and/or delphiniums — Mrs. D. Butterworth, Mrs. A. Qually, Mr. and Mrs. B. Stewart. "Jugged Flair" — a design for the kitchen in a jug or pitcher — Mrs. G. Kilham, Mrs. P. Bishop, Mrs. D. Butterworth. "Patio Party" — a design for the out-of-doors — Miss M. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. B. Stewart, Mrs. G. Hairs. "Large Baskets of Flowers" — J. Manning, Mrs. M. Riley. Special prizes were won by Mr. Manning in the specimen section and by Mrs. Tirrell in the decorative classes.

Some fine early garden vegetables appeared for competition, the winners in order being Mrs. M. Riley, Mrs. H. Mizzen, Mr. M. Smith, Mrs. M. Hutchinson, Mrs. A. Flow and Mrs. A. Qually.

The program for the evening was most enjoyable. Dick Wood, well-known Willowdale florist demonstrated with flair and charm the use of dried materials along with fresh foliage and flowers in making beautiful, inexpensive bouquets and arrangements. Tips on ar-

rangements and display and new ideas for home decoration and floral gifts were quite obviously appreciated by Mr. Wood's audience. Murray Smith expressed the thanks of the society in delightful and impromptu verse.

Refreshments and a social half hour concluded the meeting and gave members an opportunity to enjoy the fine display on exhibition and to discover how the various entries stood in the eyes of the judges.

Commonwealth Games

George Neeland of Franklin Avenue, who, as was reported a few weeks ago, earned a place on the Canadian team competing at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, came fourth in his event at the games last weekend. The event was the 110-meter hurdles and George's time was 14.2. Well done George.

George, who has been competing in athletic events since his high school days is now a student at the University of Waterloo. Among his trainers are Bob Meldrum and Bernie Rodgers of North York. Charlie Seath of Clarkhaven Avenue, one of George's high school teachers, did much to encourage George in his early days of competition and he is therefore following the hurdlers progress with great interest. Mr. Seath is now principal of the new Don Head Secondary School in Richmond Hill.

Also following George's athletic career with great interest and a certain amount of pride are the staff and patients of Montreal Children's Hospital. At the age of nine George suffered a serious accident, which resulted in long and extensive surgery at the hospital. Since then, his complete recovery and athletic achievements have served as inspiration to many children in the hospital. George will be returning home to Thornhill with the Canadian team on August 3.

Ont. Scholars At Langstaff Secondary



Glen Sincarsin 90%



Jeanne Valentin 85.6%



Janet Springer 84%



Linda Pearson 80.6%

The four young people from Langstaff Secondary School who have been awarded Ontario Scholarships are not only scholars, but athletes, and all are planning to enter universities in the fall.

Glen Sincarsin, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sincarsin, 48 Maryvale Crescent, headed the list with an average of 90 percent, and will be taking a course in engineering science at the University of Toronto.

During the past year he was president of the student council, and played football last fall. He served the team so well that he was named to the Georgian Bay All Star team as defensive tackle.

The previous year he worked on the school year book.

As a member of the 164th Toronto Scout Troop, Glen earned the Queen's Scout award, the highest award in the movement.

When school ended he worked for awhile with a lawn sprinkler installation company, but is now employed as a clerk for a pre-cast concrete company.

Jeanne Valentin, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sven Valentin, 3 Weller Crescent, Maple, averaged 85.6 percent and plans to study urban and regional plan-

ning at the University of Waterloo. Of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Pearson, 57 Roosevelt, ended the year with an average of 80.6 percent, and is looking forward to majoring in physical education at the University of Toronto.

For the summer she is a camp counsellor up north, and during the school year was girls' athletic representative at Langstaff.

To qualify as an Ontario Scholar, a student must have an average of 80 percent or better in at least seven grade 13 subjects.

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During the school year, for fun, she played field hockey. This summer she is working in the Vaughan Township Offices.

With a final average of 84 percent, Janet Springer, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Springer, 43 Kirk Drive, Thornhill, intends to study mathematics and science at the University of Western Ontario in London.

A sports enthusiast, Janet was head cheerleader at Langstaff, and this summer is a swimming instructor for North York Parks and Recreation Commission.

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Extra Playground South Thornhill

An additional summer playground to serve the South Thornhill area is to open today (Thursday) at Grandview Park and Henderson School grounds, Markham Township Summer Recreation Director Steve Parker announced last week.

Registration forms are available at the playground or at the township recreation office in the North Thornhill Community Centre, Baythorn Drive and Royal Orchard Boulevard, telephone 889-7832.

The program will be for children ages five to 12. This additional playground will be operated one day per week, on Thursday, from 9 am until noon and from 1.30 pm until 4 pm.

Fully qualified and experienced leaders will be on hand and the program will be the same as in the rest of the township, said Director Parker.

At this playground only, the registration fee for the whole summer will be 50 cents per child.

Ask Municipal Bd. Rule Yonge Development

North York Borough Council will ask the Municipal Board to rule on arguments over a planned \$30 million apartment-office complex at Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue.

Among obstacles blocking the eight-acre development are Metro Council's demand that Sheppard Avenue be widened for it — North York officials disagree — and ratepayers' protests that the high-rise will be built "practically on the front lawns" of neighboring houses.

Borough Planning Commissioner John Curtis said last week he recommended referral to the board because of "lack of progress" in talks with the builder, Yonge-Sheppard Developments Ltd., on widening Sheppard Avenue. He said residents' protests also influenced council.

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Hunt Wants To Save Historical Buildings

A Metro historical authority should be set up to buy and restore historical buildings before they are lost to development, North York Controller Paul Hunt says.

"It is important that we move now," Hunt said last week. "Otherwise we are just going to destroy our heritage."

He plans to ask Metro Council to seek provincial government approval to expand the role of the Toronto Historical Board.

Hunt wants to restore the 97-year-old Zion Church and cemetery on Finch Avenue, east of Leslie Street, and save the 122-year-old Green Bush Inn at Yonge Street and Steeles Avenue, which is slated for demolition.

After seven years of debate, North York Council has approved turning Willowdale's Gibson House into a borough museum at a cost of \$100,000.

Built in 1843, the house was the home of a surveyor who gave the name Willowdale to that portion of North York. It is located behind the post office on Yonge Street.

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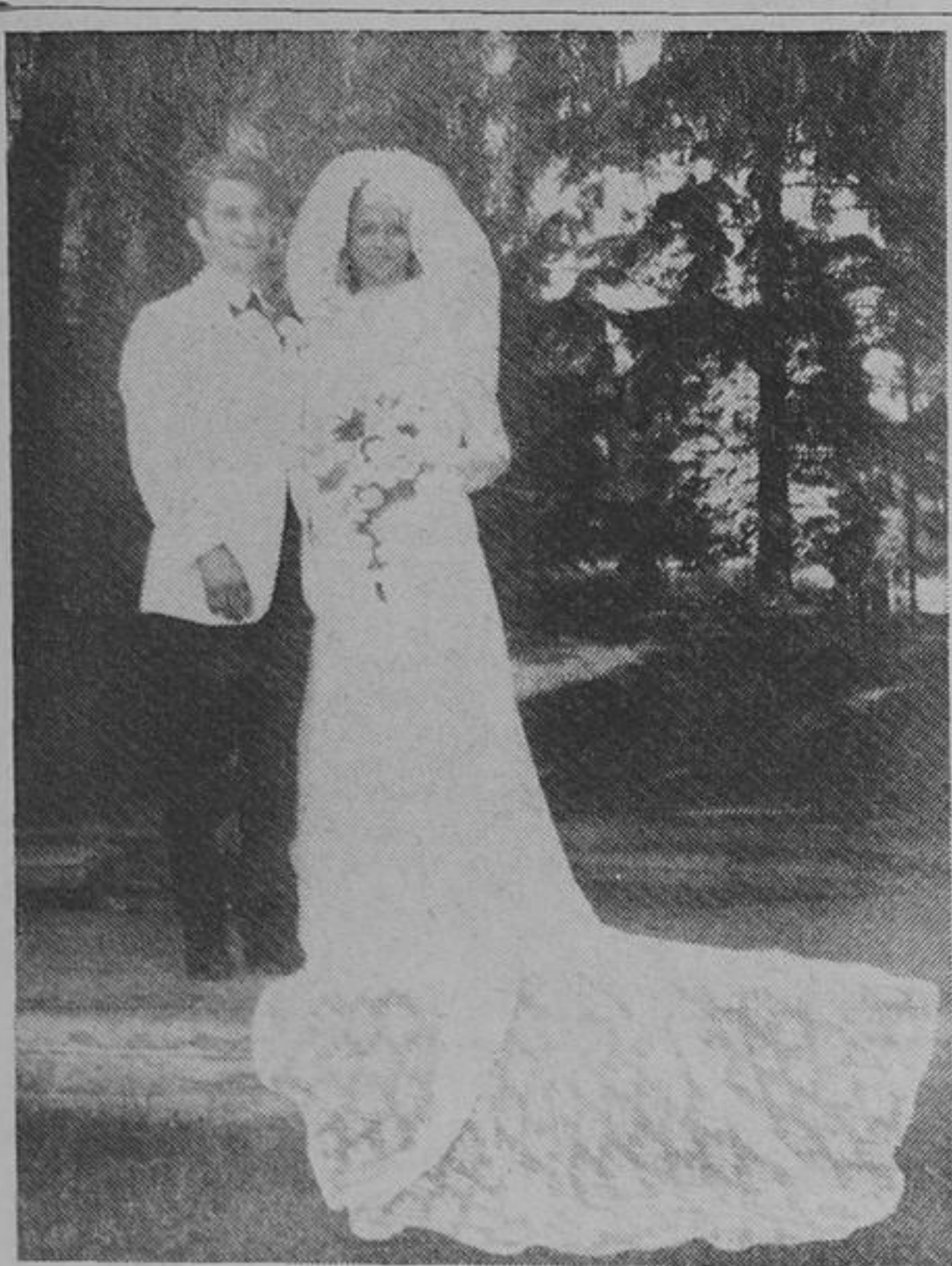
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Books Your Parents Never Read When They Were Your Age

"DON'T TAKE TEDDY" — This story is about the love of a younger brother for his older, but retarded brother, Teddy. When the inevitable, serious accident is caused by Teddy, it is finally decided that he must go to an institution. To prevent this happening, the younger brother runs away with Teddy, discovering for himself the overwhelming difficulties of helping Teddy do the simplest necessary things.

"WHERE THE LILIES BLOOM" — This is the moving story of one young Appalachian girl's desperate resourcefulness and sometimes very funny attempts to preserve the dignity and independence of her family. The authors have captured the freshness, the beauty and pride and hurt of the Smokies and of the wildcrofters who live in what an old hymn calls the land, "Where The Lilies Bloom So Fair".



Lynda Churney Is Bride of Glenn Beckwith

Summer Wedding

Rev. Alfred McAlister officiated at the double ring wedding ceremony in Thornhill United Church June 6 at 4.30 pm when Lynda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Churney, Brooke Street, Thornhill, became the bride of Glenn Beckwith, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Beckwith of Willowdale. Baskets of colorful chrysanthemums, gladioli and carnations formed an attractive setting for the wedding party.

The wedding music was played by the church organist, Mrs. Robert Richardson.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a gown of French lace over satin with a train and her veil was held in place by a crown of pearls and Rhinestones. She carried a white orchid surrounded by rosebuds and carnations.

Her attendants were Sandra Beckwith, the groom's sister, as maid of honor, Miss Yvonne Haster and Mrs. Jill McDonald as bridesmaids. The maid of honor wore a peach color gown and the bridesmaids were in

mauve and yellow respectively. All carried roses and carnations to match their dresses. The bride's sister, Sandra Churney, wearing a yellow outfit, made a charming flower girl and carried yellow and white roses and carnations.

The groom's attendants were Ron Parker as best man and master of ceremonies, Dave McDonald and the bride's brother Chris Churney as ushers and David Churney, the bride's brother as ring-bearer.

The 100 guests were received at the Broom and Stone Club in Scarboro and enjoyed a delicious wedding supper and dancing. Many returned to the Churney home in Thornhill for a late party.

Friends from all parts of Canada, the United States and England attended the wedding.

For a honeymoon trip to Quebec and Northern Ontario, the bride chose a pant suit of light green with navy accessories. On their return they took up residence in Willowdale.

South Thornhill and Bayview Glen

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Camp Big Canoe

Linda Hutton of Sprucewood Drive, Bettyan and Sharon Hawke of Bayview Glen and Elaine Hall of Steeles Avenue spent one day at home before returning to Camp Big Canoe near Bracebridge to be counsellors at the intermediate camp sponsored by the United Church.

At the previous camp, Elaine was chosen to go on a canoe trip when 17 counsellors and campers, accompanied by the canoe instructor, paddled up the Muskoka River from Fraserburg to Baysville and back again. It was quite a strenuous trip, but all those taking part were in good condition and found their first long canoe trip an enjoyable challenge.

Mrs. Marion Martindale taught naturecraft at this camp. Camp Big Canoe is an ideal place to interest campers in nature, she reports, as Hart Lake has 100 acres of unspoiled beauty surrounding it.

The girls were thrilled to hear moose and owls and see raccoons and porcupines. They recorded seeing 20 different species of birds, including red-eyed vireos (nesting just outside the dining lodge), rosebreasted grosbeaks, cedar waxwing, hummingbirds and a great blue heron.

On nature hikes, the woods and shorelines revealed a great variety of wild flowers, mosses and ferns, such as stemless lady slippers, orchids, wood sorrel, wintergreen (great chewing) and maidenhair, Christmas and royal fern were just a few of these.

There are still vacancies in boys and girls camps. Registration forms may be obtained by calling the United Church office at 889-2131.

The girls' junior camp is now in progress and will be followed by the junior intermediate for girls in grades 3 to 7, from July 30 to August 7. The boys' junior and intermediate will be from August 10 to 18 and junior boys from August 20 to 28.

Thursday, July 16, a successful two-week area daily Vacation Church School was completed. It was held each afternoon for 10 days.

Neighborhood Notes

Congratulations to Helen Drake of Sprucewood Drive and Mirvin Gohn, who will be married at Thornhill United Church August 8. The reception will follow at Peller's Restaurant, Willowdale.

Mrs. Martha Cole of Sprucewood Drive and Mrs. Eileen Russell were hostesses at a shower for Miss Drake July 22 at the home of Mrs. C. Russell, Proctor Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Russell, Proctor Avenue, welcomed relatives from New York for a visit — Mrs. Ina Maciorowski, daughter June and granddaughter Karen.

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