

# Thornhill and District News

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## Children Learn About God's Love For Them

Learning about God's love for his children through Bible stories and songs is a very pleasant way to spend a summer morning, the young citizens of Thornhill Green shown above will agree. They were enjoying a sing-song at the Vacation Bible School in Christ the King Lutheran Church on Royal Orchard Boulevard at Bay Thorn Drive.

Sessions for three age groups from four to 11 years of age were held daily from July 6 to 16 at this church and at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Brooke Street, from 10 am to 12 noon and at Emmanuel Anglican Church on McKay Drive, Richvale and Thornhill United Church on Dudley Avenue from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

The program, conducted by volunteers, featured Bible stories, singing games, hiking, crafts and handwork and refreshments. The theme this year was "The Bible".

These Ecumenical Vacation Bible Schools were sponsored by the Thornhill Ministerial Association for the third consecutive year and reports indicate that enrolment and attendance were as large this year as last.

## Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Bride to be Shirley Davis was honored with a party and tea cup shower on July 17. The shower, which was given by Mrs. Margaret Riley, Elgin St. and Mrs. Pauline Bickerstaff was held at the home of Mrs. Riley. Among those who gathered to surprise Shirley were her sisters Lila Davis, and Mrs. Lorraine Lucas of Richmond Hill, as well as Cathy Enright — all of whom will be Shirley's bridal attendants.

Also present were Shirley's mother, Mrs. Davis, and many former members of the War Bride's Club, with which Mrs. Davis has been associated for many years.

Shirley, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis, Arnold Avenue, will be married to Charles Davis of Gormley in Richmond Hill United Church on August 29.

Marco surprised her with a bathroom accessory shower and Mary Cornish, Kathy's maid of honour, gave a copy as you are party for the bride and groom to which each guest brought a hand made article.

Kathy, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent De Marco, Doncrest Drive, will be married to Peter Burroughs of Toronto at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Bayview Avenue, on August 8.

Proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gairdner of Yonge St., Thornhill, have been closely following the results of the Commonwealth Games held recently in Edinburgh, Scotland. Both their son and son-in-law were members of the Canadian team competing at the games. Bill Gairdner came sixth in the 400 meter hurdles and David Steen of Oak Ridges, their son-in-law, was first in the shotput, winning a Gold Medal for Canada. Well done!

## Charge Two Youths Destroyed 16 Maples

Two youths have been charged with the recent destruction of 16 maple trees planted by the North York Park Department to beautify Forest Grove Drive, in Willowdale. They are Christopher McLean, 16, 182 Steeles Avenue East, and a 15-year-old boy, McLean, was scheduled to appear in court last week but failed to show.

The 20-foot trees were replaced within a week of their destruction at a cost of about \$2,000.

It is reported a number of youths watched the trees being destroyed. They did not intervene or report the incident to the police. The persons who gave the information leading to the two youths charged did not take the \$1,100 reward offered by irate residents of Bayview Village.

## NORTH RICHVALE NEWS

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Neighborhood Notes Holiday time is here again and I would appreciate hearing about everyone's vacation.

Mary Lenton, Weldrick Road, left June 27 by BOAC for England and the Channel Islands to visit relatives. She also took an eight-day tour of Germany, Holland, Belgium and Paris.

Jean and Joan Masters, Weldrick Road, are staying with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sutherland, on a farm at Singhampton for two weeks.

Bill Wehrens, May Avenue, is spending part of the summer visiting friends and relatives at Indian Head and Regina, Saskatchewan.

Gravin Wright, May Avenue, visiting his brother Ross and family in Haney, B.C. and is going with them on a vacation trip on Vancouver Island.

In a pretty July wedding, Marilyn Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Lane, became the bride of Ronald Serink at Emmanuel Anglican Church, Richvale, July 25. The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lane, Yonge Street.

## South Thornhill and Bayview Glen

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Neighborhood Notes Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Russell and friends enjoyed a weekend camping at Lake of Bays.

Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. John Small and family were indeed saddened to hear of the tragic accident which resulted in the death of their son David. The funeral was from the Marshall Funeral Home July 25. His brother Stephen received a broken ankle when their bicycle went out of control. David was found unconscious on the road and died on the way to hospital.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Brenda Heer, Morgan Avenue, and Edward Perks, who will be married August 22 in Doncaster Bible Chapel. The reception will be held at the country club at Jane and Highway 7. The newlyweds will make their home on Baythorn Avenue.

Don't forget the summer school at Grandview Park, behind Henderson Avenue School. It will be held each Thursday from 9 to 12 am and from 1:30 to 4 pm. It is open to all children from five to 12 years of age. Register at the playground. The fee is 50¢.

90th Birthday A belated "happy birthday" is wished for Rev. George Stephenson, Grandview Avenue, who celebrated his ninetieth on Dominion Day, July 1, with an at home during the afternoon and evening. Many of his church friends and neighbors dropped in to congratulate him and wish him well. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson enjoyed every minute of the festivities. The man who celebrated his birthday on July 1, thinks it should be called

BRADFORD — Three Bramalea residents narrowly escaped death recently when their car was struck broadside by a train just outside the town limits. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dyce and four-year-old son Robert had just turned off Yonge Street to enter the Page-Arnold Marina when their car was struck by a southbound CNR freight train.

## Parks, Recreation, Sports Land Plan Being Studied In Markham Township

Preparation of a master plan of development for parks, recreation and sports facilities in Markham Township is being considered by the township Planning Board.

The possibility of adding a development fee for each home unit constructed, is being studied.

Such unit fees would be used to pay for land acquisition and the construction of community leisure facilities in new subdivisions and apartment areas.

Particularly needed, especially in the Thornhill area, are large community parks capable of handling major sports activities and large group gatherings.

Also badly needed are minor playing field areas to accommodate children's baseball, soccer, skating, etc.

Existing subdivisions in the

main have only been required to supply enough land for neighborhood tot lands and junior play areas. They do not usually provide for active sport. The existing space is mainly for horticultural uses and activities of a passive nature.

A report on recreation, park and sport lands was prepared by Parks Manager Alan Sumner and was recently presented to the township parks and recreation committee and to the planning board.

The planning board has asked Planning Director Kunio Hidaka to co-operate with the parks manager to draft a joint statement on public land planning for presentation to the parks and planning boards.

It is expected that an overall public lands plan policy will be prepared and presented to the council for adoption.

"In view of the rapid development taking place in various areas of the township, a set policy should be established as to the types of recreation lands that should be provided, and also setting out the manner in which these lands should be obtained," writes Parks Manager Sumner.

"Parks and recreation area, insofar as the township is concerned, would be divided into types as follows:

- "Neighborhood parks — which would include tot lots or junior play areas, but not provide for active sport. Included would be space devoted to horticultural uses and activities of a passive nature.
- "Minor playing field areas — that would accommodate minor baseball, soccer, skating, rinks, etc. This type of park should range in size from 1/2-acre to three acres or more, depending on the use, and should be within walking distance of all sections of the neighborhood.
- "Community parks that would provide for a wide variety of activities, ranging from major sports to large group gatherings and activities. This type of park should range from six to 15 acres, and possibly provide space for some structures, such as arena, swimming pool, etc. Where practical, the community park area could adjoin school yards.
- "Regional parks of 50 to 100 acres would provide wide open space for various activities and could be a joint venture with other municipalities.

## Merchants Don't Want N. York Open Sunday

Sunday shopping is being officially opposed by the Willowdale Businessmen's Association. In a brief to North York's traffic, fire and licensing committee the association has asked that council oppose any move toward legalizing open Sunday.

A spokesman for the association says businesses should remain closed on Sunday as an anti-inflationary measure. This is based on the premise that employees demand higher pay for Sunday work and these operating costs are passed on to the customers.

"The only stores which should be open are those selling necessities, such as milk and bread," declared Ozzie Higgins. "No one would argue that we should be able to get these items at all time."

He also suggests that gasoline stations should be open on a rotating basis on Sundays. "We must have services available, but this is different from having wide-open Sundays," he said.

The association's unqualified opposition is also based on the fact that "Everyone deserves a day of rest," Mr. Higgins continued "and a universal day best serves the need of the community."

Mr. Higgins will be asked to present the association's views to the next meeting of the borough's traffic, fire and licensing committee.

"Where a stream or watercourse traverses a piece of land dedicated for park purposes and is used as a storm sewer, then 30 feet on either side of the stream should be considered storm sewer, and not part of the five percent of land being dedicated;

"In all draft plans that include multiple density housing, it should be understood at the time of site plan approval that extra land will be required. Such land should be dedicated before approval of the plan. Failing this, an extra suite fee should be charged for use in purchasing additional land;

"A portion of all suite fees charged against multiple unit developments should be used for park development;

"All proposed park sites should be inspected prior to final approval in order to ascertain the usability of the land for park purposes, keeping in mind the balance between active and passive activities, drainage, proximity of other park areas, and all other aspects that could enter into a complete parks system;

"The policy of securing land in industrial subdivisions should be continued;

"Where feasible, all park lands included in subdivisions should be graded, covered with topsoil, and seeded by the developer."

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## What Is Happening On Campbell? Crestwood Resident Asks Council

A ratepayer from Crestwood Road at Vaughan Township July 7 meeting wanted to know what Ontario Hydro is doing on Campbell Avenue. When it was explained to him that hydro will use the unopened road allowance at right angles to Crestwood Road, about 1,000 feet east of Bathurst, to transport transformers from a railroad siding along Crestwood Road to Bathurst Street and Steeles Avenue and thence into the Borough of North York, the ratepayer stated he thought the neighboring residents should have been informed of the plan by the township.

He reported he had been told "it is to be a permanent thing, to be used by Ontario Hydro and then by North York Hydro and that the street will be extended right through to Steeles."

"Why would they have unloaded 36 culvert pipes for only two transformers? Why couldn't they be unloaded at the yard here (Maple)? Somebody is trying to pull the wool over our eyes," he stated.

In the April 2 issue of "The Liberal", when council approved

ed the temporary use of Campbell Avenue for unloading transformers (which will be used in the Borough of North York), it was reported the transformer is expected in August, the second in October and others in 1974 and 1975.

Conditions of the approval were that a culvert be installed to gain access to Campbell Avenue, with a concrete protection pad over the gas main near the track. That Crestwood Road be left in as good condition as it is and the temporary road be covered with top soil and sod to return it to its original condition, were parts of the agreement.

The road will be asphalt constructed to township standards at hydro's expense, but to ensure that it is not used for other purposes than the unloading and transportation of the transformers, hydro will be required to erect a barrier to prevent access from Crestwood Road, except when the transformers are being moved.

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