

# Thornhill and District News

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## Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Congratulations to Tanya and Jimmy Lefler of RR 2 Guildford on the birth of their first child, a daughter, July 28. Tanya and Jimmy are former Thornhill High School graduates and the new baby is the first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lefler of Morgan Avenue.

Tony's Studio of Hair Design, Royal Orchard Plaza, are proud to announce that Tony Chiaravalloti has been selected to be a member of the Canadian Olympic Hair Dressing team to compete for the world championship in Stuttgart, Germany, September 13, 14 and 15. Following the competition Tony will visit Spain and Portugal.

Stan and June Finch, Julia and Michael of Arnold Avenue, have returned from a most enjoyable camping vacation on the coast of Maine.

If you are expecting guests from out of town and are making plans to show them the town, or if the children have reached the "what shall we do today" stage in the summer vacation period, the following suggestions may be of some interest:

For picnicking, swimming, hiking along nature trails or just to enjoy some beautiful scenery, several conservation areas are located just a short drive from Thornhill.

The 1,600 acre Claireville Conservation Area, the 13th to be developed by the Metro Conservation Authority as an all season facility, is located off Highway 7, just west of Highway 50. The Boyd Area is just north of Woodbridge between Highways 27 and 400, while the Bruce's Mills Area is two miles east of Woodbine Avenue on the Gormley - Stouffville Road.

For further information on these areas as well as others located close to Metro, call the Metro Conservation Authority at 889-5425.

The following sightseeing tours are available and may be of interest also to long time residents who may not be aware of them: Toronto Harbour and Island Tour. Boats leave daily every 30 minutes on the hour and half tour 10 am to 10 pm from the foot of Yonge Street.

This tour offers a unique opportunity to view the city from the water aboard sleek new boats, air conditioned and heated.

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The new City Hall offers tours of approximately one half hour duration Monday to Friday 10:15 am to 3:30 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:15 am to 5:45 pm. For enquiries call 367-7999.

Two Metro Works Department Water filtration plants are open for tours. The West-erly Plant, 23rd Street, Etobicoke is open to visitors every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday and the R. C. Harris Plant, Queen Street East at Victoria Park is open each Thursday and Saturday. Tours start at 9:30, 10, 11 and 11:30 am and 1:30, 2, 3 and 3:30 pm.

The Parliament Buildings, Queen's Park offer an extremely interesting tour Monday through Friday, and visitors are welcome in the House when it is in session. For enquiries call 365-4023.

Points of interest well worth a visit include St. Lawrence Hall, King and Jarvis Streets, built in 1850, and restored in 1967 as Toronto's Centennial Project. The hall is open daily 12 noon to 4 pm (except Monday and Tuesday).

The St. Lawrence Market, Front and Jarvis, originated in 1803 and features a farmers' market every Saturday. Old Fort York, Fleet Street West at Strachan, offers conducted tours and refreshments each day. The Marine Museum of Upper Canada, Exhibition Park, tells the story of the waterways of Central Canada and luncheons and teas are served in the Ship Inn.

Zoo. The zoo is free and picnic tables are available in the adjacent park. Finally, an old favourite, Black Creek Pioneer Village is a must for visitors. Located at Steeles and Jane Street, the village features 20 restored buildings and a museum representing a typical pre-Confederation crossroads community during the years 1795 to 1867. A new feature at the village is the Halfway House, an old inn, where dinner is served from 11:30 am to 2 pm and tea 3:00 pm to 4:45 pm daily until September 15. For enquiries call 633-9901.

The Scarborough Historical Museum, located in Thomson Memorial Park, Brimley Road north of Lawrence Avenue, is a museum housed in a pioneer settler's home and contains furnishings and articles in use at that time. Enquiries may be made by calling 759-4747.

For ship enthusiasts the only "museum" ship of the Battle of the Atlantic during World War II is located at pier 9 at the foot of Yonge Street. For information re tours of HMS Haida, call 366-6692.

The Royal Ontario Museum is Canada's largest museum and is rapidly becoming one of the world's best. The museum is open all year daily from 10 am to 5 pm, and from 1 pm to 5 pm on Sundays. From now until August 16 in the exhibition hall a display of the best in modern British glass craftsmanship and design may be viewed.

Next door to the museum is the McLaughlin Planetarium which will feature "The Planet Venus" from now until September 27. For enquiries re visiting hours call 928-8550.

For scientific minds the Ontario Science Centre is a must. The centre is open daily Saturday to Thursday 10 am to 6:30 pm and on Friday until 10 pm. Opened just one year ago, the centre has already received almost one million visitors. It is well worth a visit even to view the architectural design of the building.

The Art Gallery of Ontario at 317 Dundas Street West houses a collection of nearly 4,000 works of art including paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints and watercolours. For enquiries re visiting hours call 363-3485.

Other points of interest to keep in mind are Kensington Market, which features foods and flavors from around the world. The market is located at Augusta Street off Spadina Avenue. Both Yorkville Village and Mirvish Village (Markham Street off Bloor) offer lots of interest in the way of boutiques, art galleries, coffee houses, etc., and Casa Loma, the "medieval" castle in North America, is also an interesting spot.

An interesting hour or two may also be spent at Riverdale Zoo. The zoo is free and picnic tables are available in the adjacent park.

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## Ont. Scholars At Thornhill S.S. Holy Trinity Church Is Scene



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Irving Fisher 82.3% Uta-Maria Peikert 81.7% Lisa Cohn 80.6% Nancy Rogers 80%



Randy Wood 80%

The past year was one of outstanding academic achievement for Thornhill Secondary School. When results were all in at the end of June, Thornhill reported ten students recommended for Ontario Scholarships which are awarded annually by the Department of Education to grade 13 students with an average of 80 percent or better in at least seven credit subjects.

Next in line in York County was Newmarket High School with nine Ontario Scholars. Earlier in the year, the Thornhill mathematics team performed with distinction, placing 15th among 324 schools represented in the Ontario section of the High School Mathematics Contest sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries.

The three members of the team, John Willson, Joe Peters and Randy Wood, all ended the year as Ontario Scholars. John Willson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willson, 20 Fairway Heights Crescent, was the school's top student with a final average of 84.6 percent.

He was also top man of the Thornhill Mathematics Team, ranking 11th of the 5,545 Ontario students who entered the competition. He came second in Ontario District 11, and was tenth in the Canadian Mathematics Olympiad, a competition to which the top 50 mathematics students from each province are invited.

John plans to go into research, and will enter an honors mathematics course at the University of Waterloo where he has been granted a four-year fellowship.

At Thornhill he was a member of the senior basketball team and a prefect. For the summer he is working with a survey crew at Churchill Falls in Labrador.

Second in line, Joe Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Peters of 21 Thornlea Road, had an average of 84.3 percent, and will also be taking honors mathematics at the University of Waterloo.

He ranked in the top 100 in the Ontario mathematics competition and would like to teach university when he graduates. A keen musician, Joe has been playing the piano since he was seven, and was a member of the school band.

Last summer he worked to earn the money to buy his own organ, and has organized a five-man musical group, "The Flight Band", which has played for school dances and is trying to

make money by playing for dances and parties this summer. Suzanne Evans, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Evans, 17 Dalmany Road, has only spent a year at Thornhill but graduated with 84.3 percent and intends to study geography at York University in the fall.

She did not have much chance to become involved in student life at Thornhill, but prior to that, as a resident of Willowdale, she was a member of Northview Heights Secondary School band. This summer she is working in the accounting department of the Toronto Board of Education.

Frances Bishop, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bishop, 16 Highland Park Boulevard, came through with an average of 83.9 percent, and plans to enter an honors science course at Queen's University, Kingston, in the fall.

She has had a busy life during her school years, twice making exchange visits with students in Quebec, and, as a member of the Young Yowas club, travelled to Newfoundland. She was Eaton's representative at Thornhill Secondary, and took an interest in music and sports.

Fran has also been an active member of the Youth Group at Trinity Anglican Church in Thornhill, and was a member of the cast of "Harvey", the musical comedy presented by the group last year.

For the summer, she is teaching swimming at Illahee Camp for handicapped children at Cobourg. Peter Aimone, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Aimone, 10 Millmar Court, will be studying engineering science at the University of Toronto.

His chief interests at school were sports, photography, and the year book. With a final percentage of 83.1 percent, Peter is working for a firm which manufactures geo-physical equipment.

Irving Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fisher, formerly of Thornhill Green and now of Goldfinch Court, Willowdale, was not in a hurry to get on in school, spending three years in grade 10, but he finished grade 13 at Thornhill this year at the age of 22 with an average of 82.3 percent.

He explains that he quit school for awhile, worked for the railroad, and "bummed around the States trying to decide what life was all about". Now he thinks he has some of the answers, and will be going into a pre-medical course at the University of Toronto in the fall.

Meanwhile, he and a friend, Howie Garr, who has just graduated from Scarborough College, University of Toronto in economics, have established a summer business which employs about 200 students.

Employers and employees, says Irving, have one goal in common — to raise money for their future education, and they are finding that selling candy is a good way of doing it.

Uta-Maria Peikert, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Peikert, 25 Longbridge Road, finished the year with 81.7 percent and plans to go to York University, majoring in French and English.

Meanwhile she is doing part time office work at the University and at the summer school now in session at Thornhill. Lisa Cohn, 19, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cohn, 70 Royal Orchard Boulevard, and with a percentage of 80.6 percent plans to take a science course at University College, University of Toronto, then go on to the University of Guelph to study veterinary medicine.

As a member of the Thornhill Drama Club, she was in charge of makeup for dramatic productions at the school, and for the summer is working in a local drug store.

Randall Wood, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wood, 129 Arnold Avenue, had a busy year, ending with an average of 80 percent, and his plan is to go into electrical engineering at the University of Toronto.

In addition to representing the school on the mathematics team, he was Simpson's representative and helped organize a Variety Night presented by the drama club. He is also keen on skiing and other outdoor sports.

For the summer he is working for his father's company, Flexmaster Limited in Thornhill. Nancy Rogers, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers, 47 Henderson Avenue, completes the ten Ontario Scholars at the school, also attaining an average of 80 percent.

Her plan for the fall is to study honors English and history at Glendon College, York University.

For the summer, she is a receptionist in a local doctor's office.

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## Holy Trinity Church Is Scene Walker-Harris July 11 Wedding

Rt. Rev. Donald Marsh, Bishop of the Arctic, officiated at the July 11 wedding in Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill, of Linda Irene Harris to Robert William (Bill) Walker. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris who lived at 5 Brenham Court, Willowdale for 12 years and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howarth Walker, lifelong residents at 69 Centre Street, Thornhill.

Altar flowers were predominantly mauve and pink, the colors worn by the bride's attendants.

For the processional, Organist Mrs. Estelle Markham played the Wedding March from Lohengrin, as the wedding party took their places and Mr. Harris escorted his daughter down the centre aisle. The bride wore a traditional white gown, fashioned of organza over peau de soie. The bodice and train were of lace and pearl beading was featured on the cuffs and dress.

Her attendants were Mrs. Barbara Stapleton as matron of honor; the groom's sister, Mrs. Mary Davis, and Miss Anne Wright as bridesmaids; Miss Janet Harris as junior bridesmaid and Frances Adele Walker as flower girl. The bridesmaids and flower girl wore mauve chiffon and the matron of honor pink chiffon. Their gowns were short-sleeved and high-necked with lace around the neck and down the front to the hem. They carried bouquets of pink carnations and roses.

The groom was attended by the bride's brother, Brian Harris of Mississauga as best man; Scott Moore, Bob Harris and Stephen Walker as ushers. The 110 guests were received at the Yangtze Pagoda Restaurant where a wedding dinner was followed by dancing. Everyone wished the bride and groom a long and happy marriage.

Following a wedding trip to the Bay of Quinte, Mr. and Mrs. Walker will take up residence in the Don Mills area.

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## Defer Thornhill Lawn Water Ban, Planning New Well In Southeast

The proposed ban on lawn and garden watering in the Thornhill area has been postponed, at least for a few weeks. Markham Township Council at its last meeting voted three to two in favor of deferring final reading of a bylaw that would have restricted lawn watering in Thornhill to one day for each resident.

Councillor William Masters switched his vote to support deferral of the ban. Councillor Eldred King and Deputy-revee Anthony Roman continued to support passage of the bylaw.

Also voting for deferral were Councillor James Jengeneel and Reeve Stewart Rumble.

In the meantime heavy rains and humid weather have brought an early summer dry spell to an end. There hasn't been any water shortage in Thornhill for several weeks.

Dalo Kellar, assistant township engineer, told "The Liberal" this week that due to wet weather there hasn't been any trouble with the water supply lately.

So the pressure is off council and the pressure is on in Thornhill's water taps.

It could be that any drastic action like a ban of water may not now be necessary this year. If residents co-operate by taking it easy on water use during any future dry spells, and if there aren't any more really dry spells this summer, no lawn watering ban may be necessary.

However, the lawn water ban bylaw could come up again at any future council meeting, and be quickly put into force.

By September a new water reservoir is scheduled for completion. It will provide a large increase in the reserve supply of water in Thornhill.

However, what Southern Markham Township really needs is another source of water.

Assistant Engineer Kellar says work on finding a new well site was begun last year. A well in the southeast corner of the township is what the waterworks engineers want.

Test drilling was done in the Don Mills Road and 14th Avenue area last year, but the results weren't entirely satisfactory.

More research will be necessary before a new well site can be picked, says Mr. Kellar. A new well, plus the new reservoir being completed and the enlarged watermain being installed, could provide the Thornhill area with an ample supply of water for the foreseeable future.

## Married In The Thornhill Baptist To Teach In New Liskeard School

Thornhill Baptist Church was decorated in shades from light to deep pink for the June 27 wedding of Valerie Jane Smook to Delwyn John Fuller. The altar bouquet of gladioli, peonies and roses, the pair of candelabra on tall standards, sprays of carnations, roses and sala, and the miniature baskets of ivy, baby carnations and roses which marked the pews were arranged by Mrs. Evelyn Hall, Mrs. Edna McLeod and the bride's mother.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Smook of RR 1, Richmond Hill, former residents of Grandview Avenue and Riverside Drive in Thornhill. She graduated this year from the University of Guelph. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller of Burwash. He also graduated from Guelph University this year.

Officiating at the 4 pm ceremony was Rev. James Smith and the organist was Robert Richardson of Richmond Hill who played Westminster Abbey, by Purcell, as a wedding march. The soloist was Mrs. Jean Marchiori who sang "The Wedding Prayer" and "O Perfect Love".

Given in marriage by her father, Valerie chose for her wedding a floor-length gown with empire bodice and kabuki sleeves, fashioned in silk organza and highly etched with Swiss lace. The "A" line skirt and full train were of corded ottoman. Her three-tiered veil was held in place by a headpiece of lily-of-the-valley, rose petals and pearls.

Attendees of the bride were Miss Denyse Charlebois, Cornwall as maid of honor, Mrs. Elizabeth Scale of Thornhill and Miss Ronne Aimone of Banff and Thornhill as bridesmaids. They wore sleeveless floor-length gowns of petal pink delustrated polyester satin, fashioned on the "A" line with a jewelled neck-line. The front of the bodice extended to a back band which opened into a large bow at the centre. They carried nosegays

of pink lace doilies and net with green ivy, deep pink baby roses, miniature pink carnations and gypsophylla.

Attending the groom were Denis LaChance of Sudbury as best man and Bob Doucette and Roger Dore, both of Sudbury as ushers.

Receiving the 128 guests at the Aurora Highlands Country Club Mrs. Smook wore a short gown of silk chiffon in "Peach Pink", trimmed with white lace sprinkled with pearl and crystal beads. Matching accessories completed her costume and she wore a corsage of a green cymbidium orchid with stephanotis. She was assisted by the groom's mother in a short gown and coat of powder blue lace with matching accessories and a corsage of pink cymbidium orchid and stephanotis.

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