

Thornhill and District News

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

ACW Tour Of Homes

Bright sunny fall weather prevailed for the Holy Trinity ACW tour of homes Thursday of last week and close to 175 people took advantage of the opportunity to visit some of the interesting homes in Thornhill area.

First home on the tour map was that of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, Maryvale Crescent. The Shaw home houses a beautiful collection of original Canadian paintings, including several by members of the Group of Seven, and a unique collection of oriental rugs which were displayed throughout the house as were many other interesting treasures from abroad.

The home of Mrs. Howard Godfrey, Old Yonge Street, was next to be visited. This delightful old home, which overlooks the Thornhill Golf Course, has been in the family for 40 years and provides a perfect setting for the collection of antique furniture. Of special interest were the hand crocheted curtains in the living room which were made by Mrs. Godfrey.

The William Armstrong studio, also included in the tour, is part of the Godfrey home, and was in fact, until two years ago, a garage. It has now been converted into a light and airy studio in which Mr. Armstrong's work is displayed. An added bonus to this part of the tour was the fact that the artist was present in his studio and visitors were therefore able to meet and chat with him.

Holy Ann's Cottage, now the charming home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stow on John Street, provided an interesting example of how an old structure can be modernized into a comfortable home while still retaining the atmosphere of its original era. Antiques displayed throughout the house are reminders of its early beginnings, thought to be around 1790.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Jackson, Elmridge Acres, was next on the tour and this house, designed and built by Mr. Jackson himself, a noted Toronto architect, provided a sharp contrast to some of the older homes seen on the tour. The home, situated on the edge of a ravine, is both beautiful and functional, and the many windows throughout the house lend a bright and cheery atmosphere — bringing the outdoors in.

The garden of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carsten, John Street, provides a lovely setting for their large collection of famous sculptures and this too formed part of the tour, as did Holy Trinity Cemetery on Yonge Street. This burying ground, which dates back to 1800, is the location of the oldest known marked grave in the district — that of Rebecca Wilson, 1804.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, the oldest in its diocese and this year celebrating its 140th anniversary, also formed part of the tour and a guide was available to point out the many interesting features of this lovely old church.

Tea was served at the church throughout the afternoon and members of the ACW are to be congratulated for providing such an interesting tour. The AWC is now busy making plans for an opportunity sale to be held at the end of October. If you have items to donate they may be left inside the south parking lot door of the parish hall.

Holy Trinity Church

Thornhill United Church's brand new idea, the Cross-Country Caravan on November 6, is shaping up excitingly as its four boutiques, representing the West, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes, gather together all sorts of lovely things typical of their regions. Add to this a silent auction for treasures, a bake sale for take home goodies, a bake sale for afternoon tea (silver collection), and you can spend a very pleasant afternoon. The caravan will run from 2 to 4.30 pm.

There is an urgent need in the junior department of the Sunday school for additional teachers. Anyone interested is asked to call Harold Farrant at 889-7156.

Boys who would like to play hockey on the United Church team are invited to register following the morning service next Sunday. Acceptable age is 6 to 16 as of December 31, 1970.

Presbyterian Church

The September meeting of the WMS was held at the home of Mrs. N. Nixon, September 15 with the president, Mrs. Nixon, in the chair. The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer given by the president and this was followed by devotion which were taken by Mrs. A. McCaul. After the offering was received Mrs. Harry Mizen gave the offertory prayer.

Union Villa Rummage Sale

The ladies auxiliary of Union Villa invite you to their rummage and auction sale, to be held October 17, 10 am to 5 pm at the Massey-Ferguson Farm, Steeles Avenue and Concession 5, Markham Twp. Admission will be 25c. For pickup of items you would like to donate call 297-2581 or 297-1435.

Brebeuf Ladies' Club

The annual dinner and dance of Brebeuf Ladies' Guild will be held in Blessed Trinity Parish Hall October 23. Cocktails will be served at 6.30 and this will be followed by dinner dancing. Dress optional. For tickets, call Mrs. Cathy O'Donnell at 221-8093, or Mrs. Brenda Egli at 889-2854.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Howard, who were married last Saturday in Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Mrs. Howard is the former Patricia Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott, who resided for many years in Thornhill.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Passmore, Thornridge Drive, on the birth of their second child, a son, at York Central Hospital, September 28. The new baby, to be named Scott Winfield, is a brother for Heather.

Old friends and former neighbors will be saddened to hear of the death recently in Bobcaygeon of William Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Bridges resided on Arnold Avenue for many years.

A Brownie fly-up ceremony was held by 1st Thornhill Brownies at the home of Brown Owl Mrs. Ruth Resor recently. The girls spent a very happy evening around the campfire eating hot dogs and marshmallows. The girls who flew up to Guides are Heather Reid, Janis Herachuk, Pauline Turko, Judie Snider, Nicola McKay, Karen Parker and Laura Langman. Unfortunately, Laura could not attend the ceremony since she had a cold.

Incidentally, if anyone would like to help out as an assistant to the Brown Owl, there is always a need for this kind of help. Please call Mrs. Ruth Resor at 889-2468 for additional information.

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Thornlea Addition

Markham Township Council has agreed to pay up to \$300 toward the costs of having new sketch plans prepared for the addition to Thornlea Secondary School in Thornhill.

The addition would increase the school's capacity from the present 729 to a possible 1,500, and the plans now before York County Board of Education include two gymnasiums.

There has been considerable community support for a board proposal that a swimming pool replace one gymnasium, and that the school and the community share use of the pool with each paying a share of the operating costs.

At a meeting September 28 the board received a letter from the municipality stating that members of council and staff had visited three schools in North York in order to acquaint themselves with the type of swimming pool which has proven so successful as a shared facility in that municipality, and it was agreed that the type of pool installed by North York is adequate for community use.

The Thornlea addition is expected to be ready for use in September, 1972.

Tennis Club

Plans are now being made for the tennis club's annual wine and cheese party to be held October 23 at 8.30 pm at the home of Carol and Ron Coady, 40 Delair Crescent. Tickets, which are \$2, may be purchased at the party. Trophies will be presented during the evening.

An Inter-County Tennis League dance will be held November 6 at the Ascot Inn, Rexdale Boulevard. There will be a buffet and dancing to an orchestra. Tickets are \$7 per person.

Hospital Auxiliary

The membership for the Thornhill Branch YCHA was held September 23 at the home of Mrs. Georgina Stever. Members were greeted by Mrs. Stever, Mrs. Joy Pickethall, chairman, Mrs. Lois Jemson, co-chairman and Mrs. Mary Atkinson, membership convener.

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Thornhill Lions Get New Executive For 1970 - 71

Active and hard-working Thornhill Lions have an enviable record of community service. In the early days of the club, more than two decades ago, the Lions provided the spark for the campaign which resulted in the fine outdoor swimming pool located in the village park.

More recently they have undertaken the refurbishing of the North Thornhill Community Centre and have made of the old Heintzman home a beautiful centre used by many organizations and individuals. They have turned the island at the intersection of Yonge and Centre Streets into an attractive parkette and are involved in the village's annual July 1 celebrations.

Among their many contributions to the community are financial help for children's sports and awards for scholastic excellence. Last winter they built a shelter for skaters using the pond and are planting shrubs and trees to enhance the natural beauty of that area.

Many handicapped and underprivileged residents have also been assisted. The club raises the money for these and other activities through weekly bingo games, an annual auction sale and various other projects.

Heading the Thornhill Lions for the year 1970-71 will be the executive members in the photo above: Front row (left to right): Secretary George Meek, Past President Wally Leaman, President Tab MacDonald, 2nd Vice-President Byron Ring, 3rd Vice-President Denis Moore and Treasurer Ed Alley.

Rear row (same order): Director Carl Parker, Director Bob Berlette, Tail Twister Reg Smith, Director Dennis Ashworth, Lion Tamer Ron Briden, and Director Eric Kraemer. 1st Vice-President Larry Yuzwak was absent when the picture was taken.

New School Planned In Shield Snow Development

York County Board of Education is planning a new elementary school for the Shield Snow Subdivision in North Thornhill. A report presented to the September 28 meeting of the board indicates that a school for 430 pupils will be needed for September 1972.

The school, to be built on a site already owned by the board, would serve students from kindergarten to grade 6 in the area between Bayview Avenue and the CN line south of Holy Cross Cemetery.

At present there are two elementary schools in the North Thornhill area, Baythorn for kindergarten to grade 6, and Royal Orchard for children from kindergarten to grade 8. Baythorn now has five portables and an addition is planned for September, 1971, which will bring the capacity of the school to 660.

Royal Orchard has four portable classrooms. With the construction of the new school Royal Orchard would become a senior public school for grades 7 and 8 only, and the kindergarten to grade 6 pupils now at Royal Orchard would be transferred to Baythorn, while grade 7 and 8 students from the east of the rail line (the new school area) will go to Royal Orchard.

Population projections for this fast-growing area indicate that such a distribution would make it necessary to locate six portables at Baythorn by September, 1972. The division of planning and development, headed by Stephen Bacsalmasi, recommended therefore, that Baythorn go to grade 5 only, and that until another school is built

bring the capacity of the school to 660.

The new development is also expected to produce close to 150 more students for Thornlea Secondary School which now has six portables. An addition to the school is scheduled to open in September, 1971.

At the same meeting the board received tentative drawings for three other schools, including a new elementary school to serve the Costain Subdivision in the Thornhill area south of John Street between Leslie Street and the CN line.

The working drawings for this school will be on display in the boardroom of the administration building, 22 Church Street, Aurora, in October and November. The drawings are to be ready for display October 19, the con-

tract will be awarded December 14, and construction begun March 1 for completion by September, 1971 school opening.

On the same date working drawings will be on display for the new elementary school planned for the Aurora Orewards Subdivision (Wimpey) in Aurora. Board members will be asked to approve the drawings on October 26, and they will be submitted to the Department of Education for approval October 29.

Tenders are to go out November 18, with tenders closed December 10. The board will receive a report of the tender opening and award the contract December 14, final approval of the Department of Education will be sought December 17, application for the final approval made to the Municipal Board on January 12, 1971.

Officials of the division of planning and development are available to outline these plans in more detail to home and school associations or ratepayers groups. Arrangements may be made through the Board's Communications Officer Margaret McLean, 884-8131 or 727-3141.

Richvale District News

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Church News

Christ the King Lutheran Church is introducing a spare time program for school children. Lessons will be given in the home of each of the instructors, one lesson a week for eight weeks. The courses include handicrafts — phone 889-0133 for further information.

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Yoga

Yoga, phone 889-5472. Classes commence October 15. A fashion show, sponsored by the Women of the Church (Christ the King) will be presented by the St. Regis Room of Simpson's October 13, at 8 pm. Dessert and coffee will be served. Call 889-0873 for tickets.

Neighborhood Notes

Richvale Lions Club marked its seventh anniversary with a Charter Night, October 4. Lion John Farrow was presented with a 10 year chevron by Zone Chairman Dave Harper.

World Lions Service Day will be observed October 8. This is the day International President Dr. Bob McCullough has designated for everyone to help someone not as fortunate as himself, on a personal basis. For this day it is not "We serve" but "I serve".

October 24 will bring the Richvale Lionettes' bazaar and bake sale and the Lions will sponsor a Halloween dance in the Lions Hall, Spruce Avenue, October 31.

The Richvale Senior Citizens invite you to their bazaar at the Lions Hall November 14 from 1 to 3:30 pm. There will be hand

knitting, toys, home sewing, preserves and baked goods on sale.

Many of the articles are not available in stores and all are the work of the seniors. Members of the group are asked to make a special effort to attend its second birthday dinner October 14 at 1:30 pm. Help the Mothers' Auxiliary to the 2nd and 4th Brownies and Guides, who are sponsoring a theatre night at the Richmond Hill Curling Club October 13. The play is "There's A Girl In My Soup," and tickets may be obtained by phoning 889-4161 or 889-2928.

The fishermen of Falconbridge travelled to the summer retreat of Alf Moore last weekend at Six Mile Lake, Gil Hodgins, Les Campbell, and Paul White were those angling for bass. Although the weather was not favorable, Les caught a fair-sized fish and a good time was had by all.

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