

Thornhill and District News

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Senior Citizens

The regular monthly meeting of Thornhill Senior Citizens was held October 28 in Holy Trinity Church Hall. Thirty-seven members were in attendance including one new member, Miss Florence Neale, who was introduced and given a warm welcome. Birthday greetings were extended to all members having a birthday in October.

A short business meeting followed during which Mrs. Cissie Moate was appointed secretary.

Following the business meeting Joe Wain entertained members with his beautiful colored slides of Japan, which he had taken during a three week vacation there earlier this year. Mrs. Cathy Walker then read a poem "This Troubled World" written by Vida Williamson of Richvale. During the meeting it was announced that the usual Christmas Dinner would take place on December 2 at the church. Ladies of Holy Trinity ACW would be entertaining the senior citizens and there would also be the customary exchange of gifts, value of which is not to exceed \$1.

Another date for members to look forward to is November 24, when they will be holding an evening of euchre, beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1 and refreshments will be served and prizes offered. Any one is invited to attend and tickets are available from any member of the senior citizens.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 17 and members will be entertained by a choir of senior citizens from North York. Any senior citizens in the Thornhill area would be most welcome.

Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mrs. Etta Johns, 7636 Yonge Street, last week celebrated her 90th birthday and the happy occasion was marked by a delightful tea party given for her by her daughters Mrs. Esther Hepburn of Orillia and Mrs. Mary Little of Weston. Many friends came to offer their congratulations to Mrs. Johns and

among the many lovely flowers and gifts she received were 90 gorgeous red roses from her son, Dr. Ralph Johns and his wife, a framed plaque from the Province of Ontario and she also received a personal telegram from Premier John Robarts and his wife. It was a very happy birthday for a charming and remarkable lady, who has lived in Thornhill, in the same house, for the past 65 years.

United Church
Scottish Country Dance classes are now being held at Thornhill United every Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon until December 5. There will however, be no class on November 14. Please phone Mrs. Jean Shelton at 889-2131, for more information.

The Sunday school is urgently in need of extra help. In the primary department, an assistant superintendent and four teachers — grades 1, 2 and 3 are required. In the junior department, a superintendent, an assistant superintendent and 15 leaders — grades 4, 5 and 6 are required. If you would like to offer your services call Harold Farrar at 889-7156.

Don't forget the exciting Cross-Country Caravan coming to Thornhill United this Friday. Afternoon tea will be served between 2 and 4:30 pm and in the evening there will be desserts and coffee from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. The four exciting boutiques, each representing a different province will be open from 2 pm and the silent auction will be conducted right through until the evening.

Christ The King Lutheran Church

Don't forget the clothing drive now being held by the women of the Church and which ends this weekend. Good used clothing may be left at the church and will be donated to the Lutheran World Relief Fund. Mrs. Judy Mardon is convener. On November 14 a bake and make sale will be held at the church from 1:30 until 3 pm.

and then on December 14 at 8:15 the women of the Church will hold an evening of demonstrations, discussion and study on Christmas customs in different countries.

Presbyterian Church
The WMS October meeting was held in the educational room of the church with a good attendance. President Mrs. Norman Nixon was in the chair and the theme of the meeting was missionary work. Members opened the meeting with the singing of Hymn 797 which was followed by the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Fred Porter then gave an extremely interesting talk on missionary work, and a very informative group of slides were shown on India, after which a question period followed.

Hymn 373 was then sung and the offering taken up by Mrs. Ralph Camshell and Mrs. Gibson, with Mrs. Camshell giving the offertory prayer. The meeting closed with a prayer by Mrs. Ormiston and a luncheon and social period followed.

Sculpture by Cruise
Friends of Stephen Cruise, who lived in Thornhill for many years before moving to Toronto, will be interested to hear of this latest exhibition of sculpture. The exhibition took place from October 22 to November 4 and was held at Glendon College of the University of Toronto. The show, which closed on Wednesday, was extremely successful.

Enjoy Vacation In Spain

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marks, Thornridge Drive, recently returned from a two week vacation in Spain, where they enjoyed warm sunny weather every day. They flew first to Madrid where they stayed for five days at the Hotel Luz Palacio, taking guided tours down the main street of Jose Antonio, around University City with its many new and modern looking buildings, and also the flea market.

They also saw a bullfight, but remarked that they would not like to see another (beef was not on the menu that night!) Other places of interest which they saw included the Royal Palace of the Spanish Kings and Queens, which is now a museum filled with tapestries, chandeliers, porcelains and period furniture, the walled city of Toledo with its narrow streets and a 13th century cathedral; the home of El Greco, the famous Spanish artist; the ruins of Alcazar' El Escorial, Pantheon of the Spanish Kings which is a stupendous monastery living at the base of the Guadamarra Mountains, and the Valley of the Fallen, a gigantic memorial to those who fell in the tragic Civil War of the '30's. The memorial is in the form of a subterranean church built into the mountain and surmounted by a gigantic cross almost 500 feet high.

From Madrid they flew to the Malaga Airport and bussed to Torremolinos on the Costa del Sol, where they enjoyed more sun, typical Spanish restaurants, flamenco dancers and shopping for leather goods etc. Ole and happy memories!

Guides and Brownies
Members of 1st Langstaff Guide Company recently attended a patrol leader camp at Boyd Conservation Area, during which they took part in an all day hike. They also participated in a hike at Albion Hills on October 24.

Congratulations to members of the above company who have recently been awarded badges: Child Care — Dunreath Thompson, Jean Gourley, Linda and Louise Corssline, Meredith Hill and Patty Lewis; Canoeist — Louise Gorssline; Backyard Camper — Margaret Ball, Karen Moorehouse, Louise Gorssline; Religion and Life — Dunreath Thompson; Water Skiing — Louise Gorssline, Linda Gorssline; Outdoor Cook — Margaret Ball, Dunreath Thompson, Jean Gourley, Linda Corssline, Louise Gorssline; Karen Moorehouse; Margaret Ball; Swimmer — Dunreath Thompson; Physical Fitness — Patty Lewis, Jean Gourley, Margaret Ball; Athlete — Linda and Louise Gorssline; 2nd Class — Karen Moorehouse, Jean Gourley.

Congratulations too to the following 1st Langstaff Brownies who have recently earned badges: Ruth MacEachern and Margaret Lloyd — housekeeper, Carri Billing; Cathy Lewis — writer.

RICHVALE NEWS

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Community News

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) have started their club meetings for the fall season. The Richvale Branch meets at the home of Shirley Gibson, 29 Clareville Drive each Tuesday at 8 pm.

Anyone interested in joining is asked to come along, or to obtain further information, call Shirley at 889-5663. Teenagers to senior citizens are all welcome.

The 1st Langstaff Cub and Scout Ladies Auxiliary held a travelling bake sale on October 29 and wish to thank all those who purchased baking for supporting the group.

Some of the new Scouts of the Langstaff group are looking for parts or all of the new uniforms, berets, shirts, ties, etc. If you have a part of a uniform and wish to sell or donate it, please call Mrs. Joan Richards at 889-0284.

The Monday Night Cub Pack is in need of assistance. If anyone can give their time for an hour or so to help the movement, please call Herb McGuffin at 889-3637.

The Saturday program of films for children at Richmond Hill High School is now underway. These films are especially made for children from 7 to 13 by the Children's Film Foundation.

This week's program includes "The Stolen Airliner" and part two of "Masters of Venus". The show starts at 2 pm and admission is 30 cents. Children under seven should be accompanied by a parent. Adults are admitted free.

These programs are managed by a small group of parents assisted by the library club of Richmond Hill High School.

Willowcrest Rebekah Lodge No. 296 of the IOOF will be holding their annual bazaar and euchre Saturday at the North York Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale, at 2 pm. Euchre begins at 8 pm and everyone is invited to attend.

An informative meeting of the new Richvale Ranger Crew was held Saturday at the home of their Captain Mrs. M. Matyas, 68 Roosevelt Drive. Future meetings will be on the first and third Wednesday of every month beginning at 7:30 pm at the same address.

Rangers are for girls from 14 to 18 with or without Girl Guide experience.

Richvale now has its first Land Ranger Company, and all new girls are welcome. For further information please contact Mrs. Matyas at 889-5181.

There will be a Remembrance

Day Parade in Richmond Hill on Sunday at 2 pm. The parade will go along Markham Road to Yonge Street and north to the Cenotaph at McCaughey Public School.

There will also be a Remembrance Day Dinner Saturday among veterans of World War 1 who will be guests of Branch 375 Royal Canadian Legion. The Newmarket Pipe Band will be in attendance.

Neighborhood Notes
Congratulations to Mrs. Heinz Dudichum, 49 Westwood Lane, who was this year's winner of the York County and District Read Estate Board's Home Garden Contest. Her prize was an oil painting by artist Langley Dinges of Willowdale, formerly of Richmond Hill.

Belated birthday greetings go to Christopher Craigie, 21 Yongehurst Boulevard, who celebrated his eighth birthday on October 30 with some of his school pals.

The marriage of Lorie Montgomery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Montgomery, Thornhill, to Ernie Falconer, son of Mrs. E. Falconer and the late Mr. J. Falconer of Willowdale, took place October 31 in Emmanuel Anglican Church Richvale.

Church News
The clothing drive at Christ the King Lutheran Church closes this Saturday. All clothing should be brought to the church for use by Lutheran World Relief.

The convener of this drive is Mrs. Judy Mardon. If you have good used clothing, please take it to the church.

Women of the church are also busy preparing for their Bake and Make Sale November 14 from 1:30 to 3 pm.

The Anglican Church Women of Emmanuel Church held their monthly meeting on Tuesday. The business meeting was followed by a fun night and refreshments.

The Sunday school at Emmanuel has divided into two groups. Those from grade 4 up attend at 9:30 am and the younger boys and girls at 11 am.

The leader of the young people at the church is Mrs. Bernice Lever. If you haven't yet joined this group with your ideas, hopes, beefs, please call her at 889-6703.

Anyone wishing to purchase a church calendar is asked to call Mrs. Caroline Cook at 889-4553. They are being produced cooperatively by the Anglican and United Churches, and are designed with plenty of room for writing down dates, appointments, etc. in the space allotted for each day.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Wine And Cheese Party Brings End To Tennis Season

Thornhill Tennis Club brought a very successful 1970 season to a close October 23 by holding a wine and cheese party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Condy, 40 Delair Crescent. Everyone enjoyed the attractive and delicious food on the buffet table and recalling the highlights of the summer. All in all it was a real "fun" party. Seen above at the buffet are (left to right) Village Trustee Eric Cole, Dorothy Cole, President Phylis Moon, Stan Finch and Barbara Rowe.

Although this party marked the official end of the playing season for the tennis club, several hardy members are still enjoying the game on the courts located in the village park.

More Pupils Than Workers

Boundary Changes, New Schools Discussed At Thornhill Meeting

After hearing York County Board of Education Chairman John MacKay describe the board's reasons for opposing a change in the county's southern boundary, parents attending a meeting Wednesday of last week at Royal Orchard School adopted a resolution instructing the executive of the Royal Orchard Parent Education Association to protest to Premier John Robarts against any northward Metro expansion.

Mr. MacKay explained that 13 York County schools are south of the proposed Highway 407, which would likely be the new boundary. The loss to the county of this area, with its tax assessment and these 13 schools, would seriously dislocate the county's school system.

There are both financial and human implications, Mr. MacKay said, referring to the brief opposing a boundary change which was prepared by the York County Board of Education. In its five year capital forecast and development plan, the board has based its plan on the present area, and depends on the assessment of the whole area.

Many students now live on one side of the proposed boundary and attend a school on the other side. These students would need to transfer to a different school. The board of education's brief states, "The proposed transfer of lands would result in a loss to York County of 3460 student places and of 3072 students at the elementary level, and of 1814 student places and 1510 students at the secondary level."

EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOL
The loss to York County of Thornlea Secondary School, which opened in 1968, would be especially regrettable, Mr. MacKay said. As the board brief states, "Thornlea draws students from well beyond its normal attendance areas. The staff were attracted to it because of its experimental nature and a considerable amount of board support has been devoted to designing and establishing the special programs in the school. But the evolution has only begun, and five or ten years will be required before valid conclusions can be drawn."

Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough announced last May that a change in York County's southern boundary was probable, and would take place in about two years. Since then Mr. McKeough has indicated that the province may reconsider the proposal.

Mr. MacKay noted that many changes have occurred in the area within the past two years. The county board was formed. The new regional council has been elected. Tax assessments have been put on a county-wide basis, and assessments have been made at market value, a new method.

These are enough changes for the citizens of the area to absorb, Mr. MacKay said. This means that the learning force is larger than the working force which pays for the student's education.

One planned-for school, Bayview-Fairway, will be constructed on an open plan, and each child will be able to make continuous progress according to his own ability. The school to be built in the Shields-Snow Subdivision by 1972 will probably also be built on the open plan.

An open plan school can provide the flexibility necessary to ensure a suitable program for each child. "One child, for instance, may need to run in Math, walk in English, and crawl in French," as Mr. Bacsalmasi put it. The school expects and helps each child to produce according to his own abilities.

MORE PUPILS THAN WORKERS

Stephen Bacsalmasi, Superintendent of research and development for the York County Board described the need for school construction in the local area. Between Yonge Street, Leslie Street, Steeles Avenue and Highway 7, he said, there are 26 subdivisions, either existing, under construction, or planned.

There are now eight schools in this area, with 4,250 pupil places. Since the schools actually contain approximately 4,800 students, they are using about 14 portable classrooms. If plans for the new subdivisions proceed on schedule about 4,000 more students will come into the schools in the next three years. Five more schools would be needed. This places a heavy financial burden on the board of education.

Mr. Bacsalmasi added that there are now more students in school, in Canada, than there

are adult job-holders. This means that the learning force is larger than the working force which pays for the student's education.

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MORE OPEN CLASSES

When it was formed the county board inherited three open plan schools. It is planning three more such schools, and also plans to have some new additions to schools constructed on the open plan.

About three years there will be approximately 15 schools having a partial or complete open plan.

During a question period Mr. Bacsalmasi was asked whether teachers are being prepared to teach in open plan schools. He replied that last year the board held a number of workshops and seminars for teachers who are or will be teaching in an open plan school. The board's in-service training for teachers is extensive; altogether 68 programs were provided last year.

Stan Greenwood, chairman of the Royal Orchard Parent Education Committee, chaired the meeting. Messrs. MacKay and Bacsalmasi were introduced by Markham Township Trustee John Honsberger.

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Neighborhood Notes
Langstaff Home and School Association is making final preparations for its fall dance at the Heintzman House on Royal Orchard Boulevard on Saturday. Music will be provided by a disc jockey, and there will be corsages for the ladies as well as door prizes, spot dance prizes and a buffet supper. Enquiries about tickets should be made to Mrs. Geoffrey Cook, 889-4553.

In the absence of the president, Vice-President Mrs. Violet Ablett chaired the October meeting of the Langstaff Women's Institute which was held at the home of Mrs. Jan Robbins.

Mrs. Ruby Manol, who is leaving the area to live in South Porcupine, was given a Women's Institute pin. Ruby, who has been a loyal member for years, will be missed by her friends in the group.

Peggy Morris will arrange the rental of the WI Santa suits this year. Mrs. Joyce Curtis, citizenship and education convener, gave the program. Mrs. Curtis, who is an avid bird watcher, gave a talk on the many interesting varieties of birds that visit her feeding station.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Dorothy Marshall and Mrs. Betty Pattison.

Church News
Next Sunday evening at Emmanuel Anglican Church there will be a special program for young people. A youth group from St. Stephen's Anglican in Metro will come with guitars and other musical instruments to join with people in this area in an evening of fun. Starting time is 7 pm and all young people in the area are invited.

The guest preacher at next Sunday's service will be Rev. Fred Jackson of St. Mary's Anglican in Richmond Hill. It will be a service of remembrance.

The annual Pointsettia Tea and Bazaar of Emmanuel Anglican will be held November 21 in the parish hall. There will be gifts, baked goods and candy. Tickets for the tea and a chance on the door prize are available from any of the ladies of the ACW or from your correspondent.

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