

Thornhill and District News

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Women's Institute
Eighteen members and two guests were present at the Fontainebleau Restaurant Thursday of last week to enjoy the Thornhill Women's Institute annual Christmas Dinner. After a delightful Christmas meal the ladies returned to the home of Mrs. Ann Heslop, Yonge Street, for an afternoon of carols, the singing of which was led by Mrs. Mabel Mizen, playing of euehre, an exchange of gifts and a brief business meeting. Winners of prizes for euehre Catechism, Mrs. Lily Jamieson, included Mrs. Florence Mc-

Nursery School
All children are looking forward to Christmas and the children of the Thornhill Nursery School are no exception. Like others they have the excitement of their Christmas Party to look forward to. This will be held for both morning and afternoon classes shortly and the children will enjoy games, Christmas gifts and the singing of familiar Christmas carols as well as a show to be given by a puppeteer. The party will end the first term of 1970 on a joyous note.

Christmas gifting. The book, which is \$5.50 is available from M. Cordingly Interiors, Yonge and Colbourne Streets, Thornhill Public Library, the Loyalist Antique Store, 7573 Yonge Street, or by mail from Mrs. Fitzgerald, 7617 Yonge Street. Also still available are some copies of Mrs. Fitzgerald's first book on Thornhill - "Thornhill An Ontario Village" at \$4.50.

Christmas Trees
An outing which will be great fun for the whole family and which will also offer some help to those less fortunate, namely the Ontario Association for Mentally Retarded Children, can be enjoyed this Sunday. The St. Bernard Club of Ontario invites you to come to their "Christmas Tree Drag" at Murray Dryden's Christmas Tree Plantation. Bring back the old time spirit of Christmas by selecting and cutting your own tree. Tree prices are \$1.75 for a four foot size plus 25c for each additional six inches. For a small donation to the Retarded Children's Fund a St. Bernard Dog will haul your tree out of the farm to your car. The dogs will be on duty from 12.00 noon to dusk. Hot chocolate will be available and a huge bonfire around which you can sit and hear the sound of Christmas carols in a beautiful country setting.

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United Church
Girls of the CGIT would like to invite everyone to their annual Vesper Candlelight Service to be held at 7 pm in the church this Sunday evening.
The ladies of UCW held their annual meeting and Christmas Dinner on December 7. The dinner was in the form of a pot luck supper and each unit was responsible for part of the evening. For instance Unit 5 conducted a candlelit Christmas devotional led by Mrs. Joan Pehar, and Unit 2 introduced a musical group of young people from the church who entertained under the direction of Mrs. Norma Martin.
Special guests for the evening were Rev. Alfred McAlister and Mrs. McAlister and Dr. Arthur Organ and Mrs. Organ. Dr. Organ had been interim minister earlier this year before the appointment of Dr. McAlister.
Other guests included were five Nigerian boys in Canada to study Bell Telephone Systems and also Joseph Oworoetop, also from Nigeria, who is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. McAlister, while he is in Canada to study. Daughters of the members of UCW were also guests. Rev. McAlister asked the blessing before dinner and at the end of a delightful evening Dr. Organ gave the benediction.
The ladies also brought to the dinner gifts for the United Church Victor Home for Women, and a request was issued during the evening for cookies which will be delivered to the Town and Country Nursing Home in Thornhill in time for Christmas.

Presbyterian Church
Last Sunday the Girl Guides held their annual Service of Lights which was assisted by Dr. Dilwyn Evans, back home in Thornhill briefly before he returns to his travels as moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.
Thornhill of Yesteryears
"Old Time Thornhill", a new book by Doris M. Fitzgerald, which includes drawings by Thoreau Macdonald is now available - just in time for

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The Honeyman Festival By Marion Engel. A night in the life of a young mother, as she reflects on her past and her present captive state. Mostly for women, shades of women's lib.

Windflower. This latest work by Gabriel Roy is the poignant story of an Eskimo mother and her child by an American GI. In the telling, the author demonstrates the painful clash between the old native ways and the demands of the white man's civilization.
We have as well, Robertson Davies witty new book, *Fifth Business* about a school teacher who becomes interested in the world of saints and magic. *Whirl of Gold*, newest work of the author of the classic *As For Me And My House*. We invite you to come in and browse among these and other recent works.
Closer to home, and of particular interest to Thornhillians, is the pre-Christmas release of Doris M. Fitzgerald's new book *In Old Thornhill*. With drawings by Thoreau Macdonald and a generous number of photographs of historic houses, it is "not a sequel to *Thornhill, An Ontario Village*, but rather an attempt to record in greater detail a way of life that will soon be forgotten in this neighborhood." (Fitzgerald.) A number of copies are for sale and for borrowing.

South Thornhill and Bayview Glen
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Thornhill CGIT members are inviting one and all to join them at their annual candlelighting service December 20 at 7 pm sharp in Thornhill United Church. The choir for this beautiful service of twinkling lights and soul-stirring carols of the true Christmas spirit will include the Explorers, the junior choir and the CGIT girls.
Saturday, December 12, the Thornhill CGIT descended on The Villa Private Hospital, a home for paraplegics on Bathurst Street, where they held a party and carol singing with the young residents.
A delightful evening of songs and recitations ushered in the Christmas season for Doncaster Bible Chapel Sunday School groups December 12.
The following youngsters received first prizes: Bruce Strain, Robert Strain, Melody Phinnemore, Joy Barrington, Janice Barrington, Paul Barrington, Heidi Legiehn, Lorraine Morris, Derek Morris, Geoffrey Morris, Beverley Lewis and David Dean.
Perfect attendance awards were presented to Jennifer Naismith, Gary Gollop, Kathy Bierma, Maureen Hunt, Glenda Hunt, Sylvia Hunt, Lynne Goll-

Anthills In Thornhill or Studies In A Garden
By ANNE REED
(Anne Reed is the nom de plume of a Thornhill housewife whose hobby is free-lance writing - Editor.)
The leaves are falling, smudging the grass with gold. Soon their boughs will be bare and the brick house at the end of the garden will stare at us with square eyes. The cedar hedge isn't tall enough to screen us from its gaze, and when all the leaves from the walnut trees have fallen our sheltered summer garden will be exposed.
A year has passed since we moved into our house in Thornhill and I started to walk around the garden. It became my classroom as I listened to birds and crickets and distant children, and watched the shadows on a tree or studied the upturned petal of a flower.
The ants have worlds all over the ground. Their earthy works extrude over the grass and creep through the tar on our driveway. Each hill is a separate world. The ants scurry out of the sand, running hither and thither, their radar working as they pass and repass. Their days are filled with laborious journeys, dragging grains or a dead spider to their hills, or swarming over a plant to caress the limpid greenly stable on its leaves.
There must be hundreds of anthills in the garden. Of these some will be destroyed. As their world quakes they will dart about in agitation. Some will be squashed; some will live; some will die. Meantime, all the ants in the other anthills will carry on their lives unaware of danger. In their own world in their grassy universe, they thrive.
Our own world rotates amongst the stars.
One day the morning glory on the terrace bloomed. At first I was disappointed that the flower was white and not heavenly blue until I approached and looked into its pearly face and admired the delicate petals shaded with five creamy folds. I stooped to dream in its loveliness and carried its white ghost to the cluttered office, where its beauty hovered all day over the typewritten word.
Then there were the forget-me-nots. I'd frequently passed them with only a glance, but one day I stopped to study them as they crowded at the foot of the steps. They nodded to me in the sunlight, their yellow-white faces aflame in a glowing blue halo. They smiled - yes, flowers can smile - with such sweetness and joy that I never again walked past them without pausing to absorb their radiance.
The birds sang in the trees and bushes, bathed in their inverted-lid-of-a-dustbin bath, and nested where they could. Their voices rang with excitement and their wings brushed through the sky. Robins hopped on the grass and tugged at worms which wriggled and struggled to remain in the dark soil. Nestlings chirped from their nurseries. Beaks pushing into their cavernous mouths crammed them with insects and grubs. 'More! More!' the young birds yelled as

Family Reading
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If you are inclined to think that Canadians are taking a back seat in literary matters, you may be astonished at the quantity and quality of recent output of Canadian authors. Of the many novels published during 1970, we've selected just a few of those we think will interest you.
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