

Thornhill and District News

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Senior Citizens
The last meeting of 1970 was attended by 37 members of the Thornhill Senior Citizens Club, on December 16, despite very bad weather conditions.

Following a brief business meeting the members were entertained by the brass choir from Thornhill Secondary School, who played some beautiful traditional musical selections and accompanied the members in the singing of carols. The choir, which is to be commended for its excellent performance, was under the direction of James Bunting.

Isaac Pfaff, then introduced a sketch by pupils of Thornhill Secondary School, which was very well done and enjoyed by the senior citizens. A special vote of thanks was given by Dan Baker, entertainment convener, to the choir and the actors in the sketch, as well as Mr. Bunting and Mr. Pfaff.

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The Thornhill Senior Citizens will reconvene in January and anyone interested in joining would be made most welcome. Contact Mrs. Grace Baker, 222-3604, for information.

Pupils of Langstaff Public School will hold their Christmas Assembly of Song, December 22 at 10:45 a.m. to which parents and friends are invited. During the program, a representative from York Central Hospital will be on hand to accept a gift for the children's ward. The gift, a TV set and stand, was paid for by the children of grades 4, 5 and 6, who unselfishly decided this year, that instead of their usual Christmas gift-giving among themselves, they would turn their talents to raising money for this worthy cause.

They held several money-making events, including an auction sale, a bake sale and the sale of poppycock in their neighborhood. They are certainly deserving of a very happy Christmas.

December 23 at 2 and 7:30 pm and again December 26 at 7 pm the Bayview Secondary Theatre for Children is presenting "Once Upon A Cothesline" and "Frosty The Snowman" at the school on Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill. Admission price is only 25c for children under 12 and 50c for adults and students.

December 26 to January 3, at 2 pm "A Winter Fantasy" at the Factory Theatre Lab, 374 Dupont, with two shows at 1 and 3 pm Saturdays and Sundays. Admission: 3c per inch of height.

Upsy Downsy Land - starring Barbara Hamilton, performed by Young People's Theatre at the Town Hall, St. Lawrence Centre, at 1:30 and 3 pm Dec-

ember 26, 28, 29 and 31, January 1 and 2.

Tchaikovsky's ballet, "The Nutcracker" at O'Keefe Centre December 26 to January 3. Cinderella - traditional British pantomime by a Canadian and Irish Company at Eaton Auditorium until January 9.

Noah - the puppets of Theatre Passe Muraille (11 Trinity Square) to December 26 at 11 am.

Copper Mountain - the story of brave little Anton. Performances at the Global Village (17 St. Nicholas Street) at 1:30 pm December 23, 24, 26, 29, 30 January 1 and 2.

Aladdin and His Magic Lamp - Studio Children's Theatre (53 Queen Street East) at 1 and 3 pm from December 23 to January 3.

Hansel and Gretel - Four-foot puppets at the Poor Alex Theatre (296 Brunswick) December 26 to January 3 at 10:30 am, 2 and 4 pm.

Elmer's Christmas Party - Charlie Chuckles' variety show at the Colonnade Theatre (131 Bloor Street West) at 1:30 and 3 pm December 26 to 31.

Kidshap - a day for do-it-yourself in painting, pottery and puppetry in the St. Lawrence Centre January 2 to 9 am until noon.

Church Service
Thornhill United Church will hold its annual Christmas Eve Carol service at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve, Thornhill Presbyterian Church will have no Christmas Eve service, but Christmas Day service at 10 a.m. will be con-

ducted by Rev. Dilwyn Evans, who will welcome the children to the service as they bring their favorite Christmas gifts with them. One of the children will assist Dr. Evans throughout the service.

Christ the King Lutheran Church will hold Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m. This will be a family service in a candlelit setting.

Holy Trinity Church held its annual candlelight carol service last Sunday, always a very special event at Christmas. On Christmas Eve they will have a children's Christmas service at 7 p.m.

At 11 p.m. the choir will sing carols from the gallery and at 11:30 Rev. Canon Reginald Howden will conduct Holy Communion and offer his special Christmas message. At 8 am on Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion and at 10:30 am a family Communion service with a Christmas message to be given by Rev. Marney Patterson.

Children's Theatre has made a great comeback in Toronto in recent years and this Christmas season sees many delightful and interesting theatrical presentations specially for children. They include religious plays, puppet shows, a variety show as well as several traditional British pantomimes. In addition there is of course the National Ballet's annual presentation of The Nutcracker. Listed are several suggestions for an outing to the theatre with the younger members of the family.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Thornhill Lions Give Santa An Assist

About 70 children from the Thornhill area enjoyed a turkey dinner and met Santa Claus at the annual Christmas Party sponsored by Thornhill Lions.

The children gathered in Holy Trinity Anglican Church on December 14 for a hot meal served by the Thornhill Lions. They were entertained by comedian Billy Meek of television's "Pig 'n' Whistle" program, then received Christmas stockings prepared by local

Lions, candies and a gift from Santa Claus. For about 20 years the Lions have been giving the annual party for the children who might otherwise have a pretty slim Christmas.

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Neighborhood Notes
Many students of Charles Howitt Junior Public School and Roselawn Senior Public School took advantage of the Christmas weather to get together with their teachers for a skating party. Great fun was had by all Monday at Richmond Hill Arena.

Christmas gifts were exchanged Tuesday when students held their classroom parties.

Richvale Co-op Nursery children visited Eaton's at Yorkdale to see Santa Claus. Their mothers were invited to the school for a tea party, recently. The children put on skits and sang and exchanged gifts. The nursery school is held in Emmanuel Anglican Church, MacKay Drive.

Birthday greetings are extended to Robert White, Roosevelt Drive, who will celebrate his 71st birthday December 2.

Many new, interesting books, both fiction and non-fiction, have been added to the shelves in the Richvale Public Library and are available for holiday reading. The additions will be found in both junior and adult divisions.

Tickets for the Richvale Lions' gala New Year's Eve celebration are still available by contacting John DeJong at 889-5566. Plans for the evening include lots of fun and delicious refreshments.

The Lions met December 21 in their Spruce Avenue Hall for a Christmas dinner.

Children of the Lions enjoyed a Christmas party December 11. Santa was the star of the afternoon.

Children of the Falconbridge Nickel Mine employees enjoyed a Christmas party December 11 at the Lions' Hall, Richmond Hill. Lots of carolling, refreshments and games were enjoyed and the children were overjoyed to welcome Santa.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who called with community news during 1970 and hope they will continue to let me know of neighborhood happenings in 1971.

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