

# Thornhill and District News

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## Socially Speaking In Thornhill

**Thornhill Lionettes**

The Thornhill Lionettes' sell-out fashion show took place at Atwoods Traditional Interiors on the evening of March 9. The clothes modelled were from the Patricia White Shoppe, North Toronto. Martina Carilli presented the show and did the commentary.

There were only two junior outfits, the rest being for adults and quite a number for the 40 and over. There were clothes of every kind, evening dresses, sportswear, pant suits with knickers and slit skirts with pants, and a few bikinis.

Elegance and color are both 'in' this year. And what color? Red, white and blue are a favorite combination, but all colors and unusual combinations of color were there to be seen and admired. Bright prints are much in vogue.

The high point of the show was a wedding party: the mother of the bride, two bridesmaids in matching dresses, contrasting colors, and the bride in a traditional white dress, and again all very elegant.

The hats — and certainly there were hats — were coordinated with the outfits and were supplied by the Georgian Spear Millinery, a nextdoor neighbor to the Patricia White Shoppe. The shoes came from the Susanne Shoe Salon. Altogether it was a most interesting and successful fashion show.

**Thornhill Secondary**

Last week I went over to the Thornhill Secondary to see what the students had up their sleeves, and I found plenty.

A new variety show is in preparation. Last year the Little 'u' became most interested in under privileged groups across Canada. They chose Indian, Eskimo, and Metis organizations, one from each province and territory. There was a good deal

of correspondence, and as a result each group was sent something to assist them in their programs.

This interest has continued, and the students are keen to help again. So there is to be another "Health's A-Poppin'" at the end of next month. The theme this year is the "Three Seas" and there are to be skits and physical education demonstrations in honor of each province and territory which touches the ocean. (That brings in Ontario, even if most of us think of it as an island province!)

I saw the backdrop which some of the art students had sketched for the consideration of the overall committee. I was in the gym where the girls' classes were concentrating on ideas and routines, and contributing imagination, initiative and enthusiasm.

The boys are working just as hard. Even at this early stage, the show promises to be great!

After all their letter writing the Thornhill students are anxious to have personal contact with some of the groups. At first they thought of having some here as guests, but after the pros and cons had been tossed about, they decided that a visit paid to them would be better. Happy Valley, a far northern community, was selected. Pjro Roininen and Kathy Saxon who were especially hard-worked last year, were chosen to make the trip. To quote from their letter to Happy Valley:

"So, we are presently writing to you to let you know that Happy Valley was chosen to be the first place. Naturally, Kathy and I, both girls of 15, would be the ones to come. Our chaperone would be Mrs. Elja Soren, who used to live in Happy Valley. In other words, we are inviting ourselves to stay at Vale Dormitory and live with your students for maybe a week or so. If you have any wild adversity to this plan, do let us know. We thought that we could possibly come in late April, but since you know better how things are there, write to us with any suggestions.

"We're really excited about this trip, since we've never been there before, but do let us know what you honestly think.

"Love Pjro and Kathy."

May is the probable date because of weather conditions. It is going to be an exciting and adventure-filled trip to Happy Valley.

This last week the drama club presented "Of Mice and Men," by George Steinbeck.

The cast was: George, Fred Van Velsen, Mike Landry; Lenie, Owen Burgess; Norm Sharp; Candy, Doug Sheldrake;

The Boss, Brian Burnett; Curley, Murray Stranks; Curley's wife, Judi Chambers, Leslie Hunt; Slim, Kirk Rae; Carlson, Gerry Finley; Whit, Neil Barratt; Crooks, Mike Landry; Paul Meval; Producer, Mr. M. Topham; Lights and Sound, Dave Still; Make-up, Drama Club Make-up Committee, Leader Diane Jacobs; Prompter, Helen Batchelor; Sets and Props, stage crew, Leader, Nancy Sills; Stage Manager, Michelle Salt; Assistants to the Director, Janet Thornhill, Kim Foster, Terry Walton; Publicity, Drama Club Publicity Committee, Leader, Karen Kiddey; program Design, Karen Kiddey; Director, Isaac Pfaff.

When I asked the student to whom I was speaking, for a criticism, her reply was: "It was just great."

**Nursery School**

The Thornhill Nursery School held its quarterly parents' night on Friday, Jack Buckler was the speaker, and his subject, "Teaching The Pre-schooler To Swim." From his very wide experience of teaching children of this age he knows that any child three years old and up, can learn to swim and can enjoy doing so. The child who does not learn is never as safe as the child who does learn. There are plenty of opportunities for a young child to learn in this area, and winter is the best time. With one lesson per week it usually takes about half a year to "drown-proof" a three-year-old.

Mr. Buckler gave many illustrations of his methods and experiences. The parents were most interested, and there was a great deal of discussion round the coffee table afterwards. Mrs. Alan Simpson thanked the speaker for his talk.

**Langstaff Public School**

Friday, March 22, Langstaff School presented a variety night for relatives and friends. It was a great success from start to finish. The start was a skit in the manner of "Laugh In" prepared and given by four grade 6 pupils which served as an introduction to the evening's performance.

This was followed by grades 1 and 2 in "Three Little Pigs," a musical, "Obstructed Path," was a short, humorous play, with grade 5 actors and actresses. Another fifth grader, Jan McDonald, played a piano solo.

Hans Christian Anderson was the theme of the musical for grades 3 and 4. Then Donna Cole recited "I'd rather be a boy." Grade 5 again took over the stage, this time in a Scottish dance.

Principal Richard Colvin presented the awards for the science fair. Maryanne Ball was first, not only for the school, but also in Area 3, county level. Barbara Francisk came second in the school. There were more prizes, this time for public speaking. Marie-Lise Souche, Maryanne Ball and Lorraine McAvan. Marie-Lise was second in Area 3, county level; she repeated the winning speech for the benefit of the audience; the subject was "Pearls".

Diana Karamanis entertained with a ballet dance; grade 5 another play: Tom Sawyer and Jennifer McAvan danced a Highland fling.

The evening closed with James Milne conducting a spelling bee. Ten from grade 5 competed with 10 parents. Of course it was grade 5 level words, and the parents are to be congratulated on holding up their end and winning the match! Everybody had a good time.

**Public Library**

Thornhill Public Library announces "A Demonstration Of Easter Egg Decoration," by Mrs. Luda Sendzikas, Lithuanian folk artist.

Mrs. Sendzikas, a specialist in Easter Egg decorations, will demonstrate her art on the morning of March 25 in the library from 11 am to 1 pm. Children and parents are cordially invited to attend. Come, watch and try your own hand at this fascinating art.

**Holy Trinity Anglican**

The series on family life at Holy Trinity Anglican is being continued this year, the theme being: "A Home is More Than A House". Parents want to become more skilled in relationships and the business of living with a family, and this series is something that they look forward to and attend.

Dr. James Ricks, the first speaker, is a special lecturer at York University and a clinical psychologist for the Regional Centre for Children and Adolescents at Thistleton. He conducted a dialogue between himself and his audience rather than making a speech. He was very relaxed and it was easy to talk with him.

He spoke on the ordinary, everyday problems of the normal family such as lack of motivation, irritability and hypochondriacs. Then he moved on to two aspects of family life: the creation of an atmosphere where children can acquire skills in behaving in a socially acceptable manner. He discussed rewards and incentives. The other aspect is in regard

to personal relationships. A parent has to be clued in as to his needs and the needs of the children; these needs are constantly changing. Values must be evaluated. Are certain values worth preserving? Positive methods should be used, rather than negative ones.

The next meeting, March 17, was addressed by Roy Ross. The third and final one, March 24, will start with a drama presented by the Footlights Club to spark the discussion.

The Anglican Church Women are preparing a fashion show, "Showers Of Fashion" to be presented April 28 at 8. The styles are from Gilliam's, Steeles Heights Plaza. Tickets \$1.25. The co-convenors are Mrs. Lois Jemson and Mrs. Julia Booker. The models are all members of the organization and there will be styles for a variety of ages.

There will be a short musical program during the intermission provided by the young people of the church.

**Thornhill United**

Thornhill United is making a concerted effort to raise the money for the support of their Nigerian student. April 2 at 7:30 pm the Christian Education committee are sponsoring an hour of family fellowship with Dr. Arthur Organ who will show his slides of life in Japan, "From a Slum to a London Level".

For the same cause the senior and junior choirs of the church are presenting a fun night "Thornhillarity". There will be skits and songs. This is to take place April 23 at 8:15.

The CGIT has just completed a junior course on first aid taught by Police Officer Bernie Wood. Thirty-two persons obtained certificates. The girls are now working on mission study in the Americas. Next they will be selling chocolates during the school break for funds for Camp Big Canoe, the United Church Camp in this presbytery. After that they are preparing for a tea and bake sale, May 1. The proceeds are to go to the support of Chow-Fang-Cheng, a 12-year-old who lives in Taiwan.

The leaders are — Superintendent, Mrs. Ruby Hutton, Mrs. Marian Marshall, Mrs. Linda Sloan and Mrs. Joy Turner, assisted by Betty Ann Hawk, Joan Knowlton and Elaine Hall.

The Scouts at Cubs are planning a hobby show for May 8. **Green Lea Nursery School**

Registrations for Green Lea Nursery School, September 1971 are now being received. Contact Christ the King Lutheran Church, Baythorn and Royal Orchard Blvd. (889-0873). The school is going to send out the forms April 15. Please register immediately since the numbers are limited.

**Cancer Campaign**

Plans for the cancer campaign are proceeding. Some captains are still required and anyone wishing to volunteer is asked to leave your name at the residence of George Meek at 889-1644.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## Latest Fashions - Traditional Setting

Thornhill Lionettes' Spring Fashion Show at Atwood's Traditional Interiors, Yonge Street in North Thornhill, was a great success with all tickets sold a week before the event.

Pantsuits for every occasion were a popular feature of the show, and Sylvia Alley is pictured above modelling a smartly tailored ensemble with colorful accent and accessories — a must in the young suburbanite's wardrobe for spring.

## To Share Facility At Thornlea

### Green Light For First School Pool

The on-again off-again swimming pool planned as part of an addition to Thornlea Secondary School in Thornhill is on again, and this time it appears that it will become a reality.

At a meeting of York County Board of Education on March 8, trustees received a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of Markham Town Council on February 23 stating, "the Town of Markham agrees to construct a swimming pool in conjunction with the building of the Thornlea High School."

A committee of three trustees had been appointed earlier to meet with Markham Council in an attempt to expedite plans, as the board will need the addition no later than September 1972. There are already some portable classrooms on the site of the school, which opened in 1968, and it is expected that by September 12 portables will be needed to accommodate the overflow.

Markham Trustee John MacKay, a member of the board's pool committee, reported that lawyers are now drawing up an agreement for the sharing of construction and operating costs for the pool.

Since the town can get provincial grants through its recreation committee to aid in pool construction and the board cannot, the land on which it is to be built will be sold by the board to the town for \$1, said Mr. MacKay.

"They have to own the land in order to get the grants," he explained.

No estimate has been made of cost yet, but council has committed itself to a pool 75 feet by 44 feet, described as "small Olympic size."

While the town will build the pool, it will be done in conjunction with the addition, which will include a number of teaching areas and a gymnasium. Board and town will share maintenance costs on an "hours of use" basis, and some of the pool facilities, such as heating plant, will serve the school as well as the pool.

Such an arrangement has worked well in North York where the municipality has built and shares a number of pools with the board of education, said Mr. MacKay.

Some trustees were concerned about the lack of information regarding financial arrangements and cost, protesting that they could not give a go-ahead on a verbal report.

The board's consulting architect, Ross King, was present at the meeting and agreed that more specific information could be available for the next meeting of the board. Meanwhile he urged that they be allowed to go ahead with some of the paper work pertaining to the board's agreement with the municipality.

Aurora Trustee Keith Nisbet, a member of the pool committee pointed out, "We will have quite a bit to do with future maintenance costs. We should be involved."

"There is very serious concern on both sides to make this project really work for the citizens and for the students," declared Mr. MacKay. He pointed out that the board has been attempting to work out an agreement for about a year. "It was the board that stressed to the town the need to go ahead at once."

Markham Trustee Louise

## Thornlea Times

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**SOCIAL EVENTS**

Arch Andrews of the Addiction Research Foundation was well received at the IT Portable at 11:15 on March 11, when speaking to the students.

Camera week was held last week at Thornlea. The pictures were to be submitted to the year book. The students could take pictures anywhere, anytime, and any place throughout the school, (however in classrooms the teacher's permission must be obtained).

**INFORMATION THORNLEA**

I, myself, Mark Williams, have been in the IT Portable and they are doing very well for starters. Furniture has been obtained, but to make it even more like a home I urge you to make your contribution. The students of Information Thornlea will be grateful for your donation. So pick up that phone and call Jim Greenlaw, 851-0233 and he will have it picked up.

**BOYS' GYMNASTICS**

On March 11 and 12 at Thornlea the boys' gymnastics meet was held.

The match began at 3 pm Thursday and finished up Friday at 6 pm.

The following schools participated in this meet — Thornlea SS, Bayview SS, Richmond Hill SS, Langstaff SS and Woodbridge SS.

Thornlea put on a fantastic display of sportsmanship and good hard work and came out in third place. Good work boys!

**RADIO THORNLEA**

Last month three students, that are involved with Radio Thornlea, were the guests of Lotta Dempsey of the Toronto Daily Star. Station Manager Perry Goldberg, 16, Engineer Ray Brownstein and Assistant Manager Lorne Shulman visited two radio stations. "The purpose of Radio Thornlea is for the spirit, entertainment and

## 52-Unit Development Plan For Clark Avenue In S. Thornhill Area

A 52-unit townhouse development for the south side of Clark Avenue in South Thornhill is being considered by the Markham Town Planning Committee.

The site includes 3.10 acres east of Henderson Avenue. Owner of the property is Fundy Bay Builders Limited, 5740 Bay Street, Willowdale.

Application for site approval for the project was submitted by architect Bruno Apollonio of 100 Dupont Street, Toronto.

It is proposed that each dwelling unit have three to five bedrooms and a single car garage.

Seventeen parking spaces would be provided for visitors. The firm has paid the town's \$1,560 application processing fee.

## United Church 40 Thornhill Youths To Visit In Quebec

A unique opportunity is being offered for Christian fellowship and learning to 40 young people of Thornhill United Church during the school winter break. It is a trip to the Province of Quebec and is being planned by the church's Christian education committee. The aim is to increase goodwill and understanding between Canadians. The Committee believes that our Christian faith is something we have in common and the church is capable of giving effective leadership in promoting the spirit of the brotherhood of man.

The group of young people, with six chaperones, Rev. and Mrs. Albert McAlister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Saito and two others, will leave the church March 21 at 1:30 pm on a bus driven by the minister.

Invitations have been received to be billeted in homes in Quebec City from the students of Garnier College (Le College de Jesuits) and for two nights in St-Jean-Port-Joli from the folk of the parish church.

The young people have also been invited to meet with volunteers (Project de Loisirs) working among disadvantaged children in the slum area of East Montreal.

The itinerary for the seven day trip includes a Sunday evening meeting with Bob Lockhart and two students from the University of Montreal. After a night at the YMCA, a walking tour of old Montreal will be enjoyed followed by a bus trip to the top of Mount Royal and lunch at the chalet. The afternoon will be spent in exploring underground Montreal, Place Villa Marie and Place Bonaventure, followed by a visit to "Project de Loisirs" with supper and evening entertainment there. Again the group will spend the night at the YMCA.

Tuesday they will travel to Quebec City along the north shore of the St. Lawrence with lunch scheduled at Trois Rivières. In Quebec City they will have supper in their billets and enjoy a social evening.

Wednesday morning will bring a walking tour of Old Quebec and a visit to the Musee de Fort, where they will see a

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## THE TOWN OF MARKHAM Notice Of Public Hearing THURSDAY, MARCH 25 1971 - 8:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BUTTONVILLE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Committee of the Town of Markham Council as noted above to consider an application to amend Restricted Area By-law 2489 to permit a Gas Bar in Block C, Plan M-1345, at the southwest corner of Bayview Avenue and Romfield Circuit North as part of a Neighbourhood Shopping Centre. The location and boundaries of the site are shown on the sketch below.



You are invited to attend the Hearing and to state your support of or objection to the application. Should you be unable to attend, written submissions will be received up to the time of the Hearing. The application, the proposed amendment, the zoning by-law and existing land use maps may be examined at the Planning Office. Dated: March 11, 1971.

J. P. Jongeneel  
Chairman,  
Planning Committee

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Planning Director