

Make Mine A Tea?

Thornhill Residents Cry Foul Water

By FRED SIMPSON

The phones have been ringing, ringing off the wall. The water tastes so bad even Councilor James Jongeneel can't make himself a cup of tea.

What's all the above about?

It's still another chapter in what is becoming an old story of foul water in the taps of Thornhill householders who are rapidly running out of patience.

The Thornhill foul-water caper occupied a goodly amount of Markham Town Council's time March 9 as Councilors Jongeneel and Roy Muldrew (Ward 2), both of the Thornhill area, reported being besieged by phone calls from upset residents.

Councillor Roy Adams touched a favorite chord when he noted that the Thornhill water situation "has been going on for some time, we get various recommendations, various explanations but we don't seem to be getting anywhere."

He pointed out that council had already recommended that a filtration plant be installed in the John Street Pump House and that it has been sent on to the York Regional Government which is responsible for water under the new political system.

Town Engineer Dipen Mukherjee got into the act by explaining that he was hopeful the situation was "improving because we've cut down on the addition of chlorine to the system which should help improve the taste of the water."

He observed that "the day before yesterday we received about 85 calls from residents and now it's down to about 45 so, hopefully, the water is improving."

Mr. Mukherjee said that the Thornhill water supply had originally contained a foul smell so "we added chlorine to get rid of the smell which has worked out fine."

The only problem now is that the chlorine has been suspected of creating the foul taste. So the chlorine quantity has been less-

ened. Mr. Mukherjee speculated that carbon from an asphalt plant on Don Mills was also adding to the water-woes plaguing Thornhill.

He said that "if the water quality doesn't improve within the next few days we'll cut off the supply from the German Mills area and use water from Vaughan Township in an effort to see if this will cure the problem."

Councillor Adams introduced a human interest element to the water-drama by noting that one resident had complained to him that she "has an allergy problem and blames it on the bad water. She told me that she has broken out in blemishes and that her whole family has been made violently ill due to the water. This has been going on since October."

Councillor Jongeneel agreed the "problem is getting more serious by the day. I find it hard to even drink a cup of tea in my own house."

Councillor Adams added that "one family is even bringing in all their water from Peterboro."

He said the water problem was on the agenda of the regional government for immediate discussion.

It was pointed out that even if the regional council approved a filtration plant there would be a considerable time lapse before it would become a reality.

Mr. Mukherjee said that even if the regional council approved the filtration plant it would take the application three to four weeks to be processed by the Municipal Board.

"There's also the matter of financing it. Such a plant would run at about \$150,000. There could be a number of delays and, meanwhile, the water situation is still with us."

Councillor Len Henderson stated that "the regional government is now responsible for the water, we're paying for them, why should we pay for

stale water?" Councillor Muldrew was also troubled by the fact that the municipality is paying for water a "good bit of which we just flush down the gutter to help improve the water already in the system. It amounts to flushing foul water with foul water."

He suggested council should stop "paying for this water we flush down the drains until we get decent water."

Another councillor pointed out that it was the municipality's duty to see its residents received water but agreed it would "be a form of holding a club over the regional government's head until we get good water."

Councillor Muldrew went to the extent of saying that "perhaps the residents should hire a bus and go right to the region to emphasize the seriousness of this situation. The problem would be resolved a lot faster that way."

Councillor Adams defended the regional council by observing that "it's not fair to put all the blame on the region. They've inherited a problem we had trouble with before."

Council then passed a resolution to the effect that the citizens of Thornhill had been subjected to foul water problems for the past two years and requested that the regional government take immediate action to install a filtration plant at the John Street Pump House.

It also proposed another resolution to inform the regional council that it wouldn't pay for the water supply until it "is of a more acceptable quality than at present."

Councillors had second thoughts on this resolution and later amended it to read that the municipality negotiate with the region regarding payments for water that is used to flush out the system.

It was the feeling that Markham shouldn't be liable for water used to clean the system and which is just flushed down the drain.

HOME 5 THORNHILL SPORTS SCENE 3 GUEST

BY MARGARET HOUGHTON

Red Wings Tyke "B" Champions

The Red Wings, coached by Brian Gill, won the Tyke "B" Championship by defeating St. Edward's 3 to 0, both this week and last. It was a hard fought game, with Mike Cairoli in the St. Edward's nets seeing plenty of action. Frank Gregoire went in alone for the first goal. Paul Riddell, assisted by Allan Van Clief and Steve Manzie, put the game on ice.

Alex Kolojiez, assisted by Van Clief and Manzie, made it three. There has never been a single goal scored against Pete Callaghan since he took over the Red Wings' nets.

At the end of the exciting game, the Red Wings were presented with the Tyke "B" Trophy by the President Jim Vyse of the Thornhill Church Hockey League.

PEEWEE "A" Bob Adams' Trinity Rockets got on the pressure, and took the second straight game 5 to 1 over the St. Luke's Hawks, to win the Peeewe "A" Trophy. The first goal of Ted Heidman's hat trick, assisted by Brian Laxton and Tim Currie, made it three for Trinity. Pete Cowie was the only goal getter for United.

Trinity Raiders 6, Presbyterians 1 A hat trick by John Bell put the Raiders way out in front, defeating the Presbyterians by 6 to 1. Jeff Bradley, assisted by Jody Hurlbut, opened the scoring. John Bell, assisted by David Wylie, potted his first marker, and in the last minute of the first period Randy Barr, from Bradley made it 3 to 0. Rob Cully went in alone for the single Presbyterian's marker, soon followed by two unassisted goals by Bell. Scott Forthingham then made it the even half dozen.

St. Luke's Aces 2, United 0 The first game of a best two out of three final series saw the St. Luke's Aces score the United Tykes by a score of 2 to 0. In this hard fought game, Brendan Macken from Neil Morley and Kevin Rossi opened the scoring well on in the first period. With only two minutes left to play in the second period, Morley, assisted by Macken and Mark Jonak moved in to make it 2 to 0. John Dunn was in the Aces' nets.

MINOR ATOM United 4, Trinity Rapiers 1 Unbeatable in the playoffs, this United Team has now put the Trinity Rapiers out of the semi-finals, winning this week 4 to 1, following last week's tie, for a total point win of 7 to 4.

In the first period the score was tied, with Doug Heron, from Stewart Breithaupt scoring for United and Willy Osler from Tom Fisher scoring for United. The second period was all United's, with Garry Valliant scoring unassisted, John Connor, assisted by Heron and Michael Parkinson, and Connor assisted by Breithaupt.

United now meets the undefeated St. Edward's team for the best two out of three. PEEWEE "B" St. Edward's 3, United Invaders 2 With no times shown on the score sheets, all that can be said is that Pat Gallagher was assisted by Dave Mokry and Ron MacFarlane. Robert Roy scored unassisted and Pat Fox was assisted by Martin Daly, for St. Edward's. On the United side of the score sheet was Tim Killham from Number 10 and Robert Liverage from Paul Myers and Scott Cowie.

PEEWEE "B" St. Luke's 2, Trinity 1 Joe Fobert opened the scoring, assisted by Dave Skinner and Pat Fobert. John Bennett netted the second marker. Dave Barr then scored for Holy Trinity, with assists credited to Bruce Hemstock and Ralph Sickenger.

United 4, Presbyterians 1 Waiting for the finals, United kept in good condition, defeating the Presbyterians 4 to 1. Scott Meddick, from Gord Nichols potted the first marker, followed by Steve Hornsby, from Nichols. Nichols was then assisted by Hornsby and Meddick, and Meddick from Hornsby and Glen Valliant totalled up the score. Number 17, assisted by Mike Chiffero scored for the Presbyterians.

St. Edward's No. 2 - 2 Trinity 1 Brian Webb, assisted by Mark Boswell scored the first marker for Trinity. A pair of goals by Mike Murphy, the first assisted by Wayne Scicluna and Umberto Lozzi, the second unassisted, made it St. Ed's game.

MIDGET Presbyterians 5, St. Luke's 2 No players shown on this score sheet.

SCOTT HOWSON POTS 100TH GOAL Thornhill 4, Richmond Hill 2 (March 13) Thornhill novice Richvale Ready-Mix Cement gained a lot of revenge by thumping Richmond Hill "AA" Novices 4 to 2. This was truly a team effort, as the Mixers thoroughly out-hustled the Hill all afternoon. Goal getters for Thornhill were Scott Burkhart from Eric Coyne, Wayne Grant, unassisted, Greg Warga from Scott Howson, Grant and Howson from Robert Greiner and David Johns. Johns played an outstanding game on defense thwarting many Richmond Hill rushes.

Thornhill 7, Markham 2 (March 14) The Mixers were really flying against Markham in what was to be a most historic game. Scott Howson achieved a plateau unknown to all but a few superstars by scoring his 100th goal of the season, when he scored his second goal of the game. Coyne assisted on his first, while Grant and Johns assisted on number one hundred.

Not to be overshadowed, Grant potted four goals, the first assisted by Howson and Coyne, the second assisted by Greiner, the third by Ricky Buchan and Warga the fourth by Buchan and Howson. Buchan got one goal, assisted by Howson. The final score was Thornhill 7, Markham 2.

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The stars of this game, in spite of the four goals, had to be Ken Milton and Brian Murrely in the nets. They continuously turned aside shots in a spectacular fashion. The loan marker for Thornhill was registered by Dan Fogarty on a hard shot from the point. Alan Berryman played a strong checking game, and carried the puck with authority.

NORTH THORNHILL LADIES' BOWLING Liz Goble made a clean sweep of all categories this week. Her high single was 283, high single with handicap, 311, high triple, 585, high triple with handicap, 669.

The ladies who bowled over 200 this week, were Olga Cole, 226, Daphne Hynes, 200, Eleanor Greenlaw, Eunice Chin, Betty Burgess, 207, and Marilyn McVicar, 210.

The team standings are now: Beavers 33, Pussy Cats 30, Ponies 29, Poodles 28, Chipmunks 27 and Teddy Bears 21.

THORNHILL BALL LEAGUE Before you begin to wonder what the boys are going to do now that hockey is coming to an end, take note of the following.

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Registration for both softball programs will be Saturday, March 27 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and Wednesday, March 31, 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Community Centre (Heintzman House) Baythorn and Royal Orchard. Following the March 31 registration, a general meeting of the North League will be held, at which teams will be made up and officers elected.

The baseball (hard ball) program will register from 7:00 to 9:00 pm April 6, and 10:00 am to 12:00 noon April 10, at Henderson Avenue Public School. Games will be held at Thornhill Park. An expanded program over last year's is anticipated.

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Langstaff District News

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Neighborhood Notes

Mrs. Vivian Berard and James Milne took the grades 5 and 6 of Langstaff Public School to the Planetarium and Queen's Park March 3. Several mothers accompanied the children and enjoyed the trip as well.

The Planetarium show was a description of several stars and their patterns in the night sky along with a partial history of the study of the stars.

At Queen's Park a guide led them to the Legislative Chambers, showed the intricate carvings and the seating arrangements and then gave a short explanation of what happens there. She mentioned that children from grade 7 up may visit the Legislature, when it is in session, without a ticket and at no charge.

The most interesting time would be the question period from 2 to 3 pm Monday through Thursday of the days it is in session. A tour of the halls followed and then in lieu of a visit with Donald Deacon MLA, York Centre, the children were served pop and cookies provided by him. They all enjoyed the trip.

Students and teachers of Langstaff School gave a production for parents and friends on Friday evening last. Miss Gaye Griggs opened the program with "O Canada". Four young ladies from grade 6 danced the Can-Can as an introduction to the rest of the evening.

Grades 1 and 2 acted out a musical version of the "Three Little Pigs". Mrs. Ingrid Lawson and Mrs. Dorothy Good, their teachers, encouraged their joyous participation in the well loved fairy tale.

James Milne's grade five did a play "The Obstructive Hat", about an audience group watching "Tom Sawyer" but unable to see around a monstrous hat in the front row. Later in the evening the same class presented the fence painting scene from "Tom Sawyer". Jan McDonald played a beautiful piano solo "A Spring Landscape".

Mrs. Peacock's grade 3 combined with Miss Grigg's grade four did a musical version of "Hans Christian Anderson". Dagnija Taurens from grade 6 appeared as a beautiful "Little Mermaid" in the story of the great story teller.

"The Tomboy" was the delightful recitation by Miss Donna Cole. Five girls and a boy from grade 5 danced "Galloway House Reel" in their white shirts and bright kilts.

Next on the program was the presentation of awards. Marie-Lise Souche gave her speech "Pearls" which won first prize for the school and second prize in the Area 3 public speaking competition.

Maryanne Ball was second in the school competition and Lorraine McAvan won third place. In the recent Area 3 science fair, Maryanne Ball of grade 5 won first place and Barbara Fancsik of grade 3 won second place.

Dianne Karamanis danced to "Love Is Blue". A choir from grade 6 sang four songs, one of which was taught them by their French teacher, Mrs. Yolanda Marchal and the rest taught by Mrs. Berard.

Jennifer McAvan from grade 3 danced the highland fling. After that there was a spelling bee organized by Mr. Milne with pupils from his class opposing parents of his students. The parents won, but not by much. It was a great evening's entertainment and showed the effort put into it by the teachers and students.

CHURCH NEWS The ACW of Emmanuel Church is organizing a rummage sale for April 3 in the parish hall. Mrs. Stanley Hamilton, who is supervising, has planned a specialty shop which

will include new and almost new items. There will be a book table along with the usual rummage items.

If you have anything to donate, please call Mrs. A. J. Davies at 889-3369 or Mrs. Roy Warner at 889-2282.

Thornhill women joined with women all over the world, in prayer during the World Day of Prayer service on March 5. This year the service was held in Emmanuel Church for the first time. A combined choir of ladies from all the Thornhill Churches led the congregation in the hymns. The readers were Mrs. Ruth Keffer from Christ The King Lutheran, Mrs. Heather Shanahan from St. Luke's Roman Catholic, Mrs. Mary Read from Carrville Un-

ited, Mrs. Muriel Shaw from Holy Trinity Anglican, Mrs. Palm Brown from Thornhill United, Mrs. Laura McDonald from Thornhill Presbyterian, Mrs. E. L. Johns from Thornhill Baptist, and Mrs. Eleanor Strain from the Doncaster Bible Chapel. Mrs. Mary Winterfield and Mrs. Eileen Hamilton were the ushers.

The speaker was Miss Margaret May Johnson, who is a youth leader at St. Stephen's Community House in Toronto. She has been a Brownie leader, a youth delegate at the Anglican Synod and worked in southern Saskatchewan in the Sunday school by Post and as a legal secretary before taking up her duties at St. Stephen's House.

Family Reading

THORNHILL LIBRARY Markham Twp. Public Library System

Reader's Choice

When Mrs. Joan Fairfield of the Thornhill Library asked me to write a few lines on a book recently read and enjoyed, I was reminded of Somerset Maugham who always carried a "Book Bag" with him, so that however unpromising the situation in which he found himself, he need never be bored. He also added that failing the arrival of the book bag, he would read anything within two covers, rather than nothing at all.

We, with all the facilities and friendliness (and accessibility) of our libraries need not be driven along this unpromising road. Not only can we read what we choose (more or less, depending upon the budget allocation) but we can also suggest what we feel to be "desirable" titles to be added to the shelves. Sometimes the happy meeting of the desired and the desirable is consummated.

Sometimes not, owing in part to the wild caprices of the reader and the transience of the librarian. By means of a little love-cunning, however, visits to other branches and requests to the inter-library system, we may accomplish our objective.

A book I enjoyed as far back as 1956 and which I have since reread with even greater enjoyment than the first time around, is in the Thornhill Library and may be obtained without any of the stratagems suggested above. The book is "The Towers of Trebizond" by Rose Macaulay, surely unaccountably called a "woman's book." It is a witty, urbane account of travel in the Middle East, well characterized and with a theme of a difficult love running through it. Miss Macaulay couldn't have bored anyone if she had tried, and the true-to-life accounts of life in Turkey (not forgetting that terrible camel) brings to life very vividly my own experiences in a similar locale on a similar beast. But never in all the world could I describe simplicity of life with such sophisticated aplomb. If you can find it, read it. I don't think you will feel you have wasted your time. — MERLIN ANDREW.

\*\*\*\*\* A fun book which I have read recently is "Mrs. Wallow" by Peter DeVries (Little, Brown and Company). In writing this book I inadvertently called the down "Mrs. Malaprop," because that is what she is — in an updated, off-beat sort of way. The book, a character narration of Emma Wallow — widow, practical nurse, mother of Osgood Wallow, and landlady of Randy Rivers, is full of her pungent

comments on American life and literature. At the end of the book we find Mrs. Wallow established as a thoroughly nice, albeit manipulative person joggling around the local golf club.

She says: "I tell myself I have to get into shape to enter the rest home where apparently I will have to spend my penniless old age — I must get toughened up for them golden years, for possible enrolment in one of the convalescent homes where I know from brief professional stints the life inside can be such that you are well advised to get into shape to enter one, let alone stay out of them." And so Emma Wallow, self-styled matron of the arts, runs on, physically and verbally, giving great enjoyment to us readers (as she would say) while doing so. — KAY PERCIVAL.

\*\*\*\*\* "Folk Arts And Crafts Of New England" by Priscilla Sawyer Lord (Chilton). This beautifully illustrated, well researched book is full of information and inspiration for the collectors or those who follow the "do it yourself" trend and wish to keep alive the artistic craftsmanship of our forefathers.

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South Thornhill And Bayview Glen News

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School News

Representing Henderson Avenue Public School at the York County Science Fair will be Glens Roberts in group "A" (kindergarten to grade 5) who was awarded a first prize for her shell collection.

In group "B" (grade 6 to 8) Jane Bridgman and Valerie Briggs will show their second prize project in physics, entitled, "Our Solar System".

Bruce Kelly, in the same category, also collected a second place ribbon with his rock collection which will also be seen at the county show.

The final Henderson entry in the finals will be Mike Parkinson and Bill Bascom, group "B", who will present a biological display of beavers, which was also awarded a second prize.

The York County finals will be held Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3 at Bayview Secondary School, in Richmond Hill.

Church News

At Thornhill United Church the men's club will hold a dinner meeting March 22 at 6:30 pm. Special guest speaker will be Rev. M. Skibinski, who will talk of his experiences living on "skid row" in a major Canadian city.

He did this, voluntarily, to learn and many aspects of this kind of existence.

Wednesday, March 24, is the date of the final unit of the 1971 family life education series at Holy Trinity Anglican. Theme of the series is "The Qualities That Make A Home".

Wednesday's meeting will be a dramatic presentation "A Family Affair." It will be followed by discussion by a doctor, lawyer, social worker and minister, with audience participation.

The place is Holy Trinity Anglican Brooke Street, with a starting time of 8 pm. Admission is \$1 per family. This is the last of the series of four such meetings.

The CGIT of Thornhill United is starting a financial drive today (Thursday). Their first money making enterprise is the sale of chocolates at 50¢ a box, proceeds for the United Church Camp Big Game, located near Bracebridge. A similar sale last year resulted in a complete sell-out long before the deadline.

The girls, who have just completed their mission study of the Americas, are staging a "Maytime Tea" to raise funds to help support their "adopted" boy in Taiwan, 12-year-old Chow Fang Cheng. The girls provide Chow's education program and have for the past three years. A ticket for the tea is 50¢ and this will pay for sandwiches, goodies and a chance at a door prize and favors.

There will be a bake sale, white elephant sale and craft sales, including fancy rings, artificial flowers and soaps. All items sold will be produced by the girls with the exception of the white elephants. Donations of these would be greatly appreciated.

The date of the tea is May 1.

Guides & Venturers

Eight proficiency badges were awarded to members of the 5th Thornhill Guide Company March 9.

Wendy Essaw and Liz Ann Bertrand received swimmers' badges.

A water skier's badge went to Kathy Hill. Kelly McKay got her second class badge and Laura Ormesher and Kathy Hill received collector's badges.

The hostess badge was awarded to Laurel Bantin.

The girls were addressed by Mrs. Frank Daly, a cosmetic saleswoman, who spoke on good grooming.

The 1st and 4th Thornhill Girl Guides will make the scene at Bonita Glen Guide Camp, near Hawkstone, during the coming weekend.

They set out March 19 for this early spring outing for social and practical outdoor exercises.

A look-in at the 2nd Thornhill Ventures found them busy making kyaks for use this spring and summer.

Neighborhood Notes

Friends and neighbors of two local ladies are happy to learn that they have (or should have) returned home from hospital via St. John's Convalescent Hospital.

Mrs. John (May) Barbour, 136A Henderson Avenue and Mrs. Dorothy Stewart of Elgin Avenue, occupied the same room at St. John's.

Mrs. Barbour, who suffered a heart attack at Branson Hospital January 10, spent a month at Branson followed by another month at St. John's. She expected to be home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Stewart underwent surgery at Women's College Hospital in Toronto and spent two weeks recuperating at St. John's before returning to her home last Friday.

Eighteen members of the Doncaster Community Ladies Club marked the group's 24th birthday March 11 with an enjoyable pot luck supper at the home of Mrs. Anna Wienmann, 27 Johnson Avenue. The event was strictly social and a good time was had by all.

The first meeting of the club was held March 12, way back in 1947, according to the records.

The April meeting is set for April 8 at the home of Mrs. Muriel Malinski, 56 Proctor Avenue. As usual new members will be most welcome.

Birthday wishes are extended to Barbara Browning of Clarke Avenue, who will celebrate her ninth March 19.

European Trip

Their high school training behind them three young ladies from this area with a yen for adventure and an adequate bankroll "split from Hersiville to dig the European scene" March 10. They are Maureen Woolnough, 100 Woodward Avenue, Pam Phelan, Dove Lane and Sue Harley, Yonge Street.

Their itinerary will take them first to New York then by way of Iceland to Luxembourg, Paris, Madrid, Rome, Florence, Lucerne, Salzburg and Frankfurt. On leaving this northern German city they will take in London before heading home. They will be home some time in September of this year.

They will travel a la youth hostel and will sport little Maple Leaf flags on their Norwegian backpacks.