

# Thornhill and District News

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## Dancers And Musicians In Annual Recital

The piano pupils of Graham Uproft and the ballet pupils of Mrs. Patricia Uproft, numbering some 50 youngsters, combined in presenting an annual recital May 25 at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Parish Hall, Thornhill. Mr. Uproft accompanied the young dancers in their routines.

A large crowd of parents and friends enjoyed the evening's presentation by the pupils who ranged in age from five to 19 years, expressing this appreciation in hearty applause.

Above, one of the primary classes in the six and seven year old group are shown during their flower dance. They are (left to right) Janet Parker, Lisa Greenwood, Alison LeClaire, Shannon Jaeger and Rosemary Maxwell.

## Adams, Muldrew Up In Arms

# Markham Subdivision Ruckus Erupts

Markham Town Councillors Roy Muldrew and Bob Adams temporarily shot down a resolution Tuesday night of last week that would have okayed in principle two proposed subdivisions in the Thornhill area involving a population of 4,500 people.

It would have also flashed the green light — in principle — on Phase 3 of the 148-acre Don Mills Industrial Subdivision.

Ward 2 Councillor Muldrew joined forces with Ward 1 Councillor Adams, both representing Thornhill, to cross verbal swords with Ward 4 Councillor Art Bonner over the controversial subdivisions.

"I don't care if they build 48 subdivisions in Thornhill," rumbled Mr. Muldrew. "Just as long as you can assure me that there will be plenty of water available for the residents now living there. These assurances haven't been evident to date."

Both Muldrew and Adams were highly critical of a council planning committee recommendation that the subdivisions be approved in principle.

The resolution had been proposed by Mr. Bonner in committee and passed in the absence of both Muldrew and Adams.

"This touched off the verbal fireworks," Councillor Bonner said there was no reason why those councillors present at the committee meeting shouldn't take the responsibility of making decisions.

"This was a regularly scheduled committee meeting and it was up to those councillors to be there or not to be there. If we waited for a full attendance every meeting we'd reach no decisions," he said.

"This brought the blood to the face of Mr. Muldrew who shouted he had only missed two meetings since I've been in council," Mr. Adams voiced similar remarks.

Mr. Muldrew and Mr. Adams felt that the rest of council-in-committee members should have withheld action on the subdivisions until they were present.

"This area affects me vitally," stated Mr. Adams. "This will mean an influx of 4,500 people which is obviously a major decision and should have been held over until all of us were present. It's asinine to pass it off with a statement that it was up to us to be at the meeting."

This brought a sharp reply from Councillor Bonner who accused the two Thornhill councillors of "questioning our ability to use good judgment."

This brought a stream of further denials and retorts from the fingered two-some before Councillor James Jongeneel.



ROY MULDREW ... Not Happy At All

Councillor Adams countered that "once you approve something in principle the developers have completed the big hurdle. It's just a matter of details then."

Mr. Jongeneel proposed that the resolution carry but with the riders that it must also wait until an engineer's report on water services is made and that additional sources of water will be made available to assure that no shortage will prevail.

It was finally decided to hold a vote on whether the resolution would be carried.

A well developed in the Steeles Avenue area east of Don Mills Road will provide additional supplies of water for the proposed Bayview Summit and JFM (Markham Meadows) Subdivisions.

Council has approved a recommendation from its engineer that the well be developed and authorized its engineer's department to engage International Water Supply in developing it.

The cost of developing the wells will be borne by the two developers amounting to a total of \$200,000.

It is considered that night or put in abeyance until the next council planning committee meeting.

Councillor Bonner asked for a recorded vote.

The decision to hold the resolution over was won on a narrow 4-3 decision.



BOB ADAMS ... No Way To Do Business

# Socially Speaking In Thornhill

## Church News

Sunday marked the last evening service at the Presbyterian Church for this summer. There was a special musical service arranged by Walter Stothers, choirmaster and organist. The brass choir from Silverthorn Secondary School performed. The instrumentalists were Mrs. Charles Westburg, Tom Palmer, Robert Taylor, and Mrs. James Boyd, pianist.

The congregation is looking forward to the return of Dr. and Mrs. Dillwyn Evans from Scotland, next week. Dr. Evans will be in his pulpit on June 13.

The WMS held their May 18 meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Porter, John Street. There was a good attendance. Mrs. Rita Stuart presided. She opened the meeting with a hymn and a prayer. Mrs. Alec McLean led the devotions. She read Psalm 121, then spoke about "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." She concluded with a prayer. The roll call was answered with a verse containing the word "songs".

The offering and offertory prayer were looked after by Mrs. Tom McCall. It was announced that the June meeting is scheduled for June 22 at Mrs. Harry Mizen's. The Fortnighters are going to be invited, and all members of the Society.

Mrs. Ralph Camsell gave a paper on the Passion Play at Oberammergau. (Her sister had been present at one of the performances.) She spoke of the history of the play, and of the great planning needed to cope with all the visitors in such a small village.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Tom McCall.

In Holy Trinity Church there will be a worship service at 7:30. This is especially for those going away on weekends. The experiment will continue throughout June. Members of the House Fellowship Groups are invited to this first service.

The United Church Women, Thornhill United Church, are holding a "Strawberry Gathering" on June 9, 1:30 - 4:30. Mrs. Betty McBride is the convener. There will be two bake sales, one at 1:30 and a second at 3:00 so as not to disappoint those who arrive later. This is such a good idea I was assured that there are many excellent cooks amongst the congregation. Tickets at \$1. include tea and strawberry shortcake. There will also be a display of ceramics, arts and crafts.

Mrs. Vivian Johnson is in charge of the displays and she must have been working very hard to secure such a representative group with so much variety.

Artists — Mrs. Elizabeth Barratt, Harry Willis, Mrs. Lynn Law, Mrs. May Ward, Mrs. Teisia Pachowski and Mrs. Ruth Jackson.

Pottery — Mrs. Joyce McKay. Ceramics — Mrs. Edith Parker and her group of church women.

Antiques — Mrs. Lois Chrepyk. A demonstration by the Mayfair Textiles with materials and tops for pant suits will be included.

Wax Crafts — Mrs. Lourie. Wood Carving — Mrs. Doris Shaver.

Barbie Dolls: clothes — Mrs. Alki Robertson.

They also expect a display of crafts and hobbies for the Boys' School at Concord.

The auditorium at Holy Trinity was very busy on the evening of May 25, for the School of Ballet was giving a recital and demonstration. It was a well arranged program with dancing, demonstration of exam work, piano solos and one singer, Heather Neun.

The actual dances on the examination were repeated by those who had done best: Janet Parker, Alison LeClaire, Alix Moon, Linda Antonacci and Marianne Eberhard.

Mrs. Patricia Uproft, teacher and producer had done the choreography for all the other dances.

Dave Still looked after the lighting. The costumes for the students and mothers. The mothers also helped with make-up and all the other behind scenes essentials.

Graham Uproft was the music teacher for the piano numbers.

It is of interest that two senior students: Deborah French and Sara Moon expect to continue their studies overseas next year.

## Social News

Mrs. A. J. Richards of Green Lane held a reception for Miss Agnes Roy at her home, Stones Gate. Miss Roy has been the executive director of the National Young Women's Christian Association, and has just retired from this position. Miss Roy, YWCA President Mrs. Philip Chadsey and Mrs. Richards received. (Mrs. Richards is chairman of the public relations committee.)

Miss Roy was presented with a specially designed brooch, the world with the YWCA insignia upon it. This was made out of filigreed silver. She was also given a sterling silver tray from the Y's across Canada, and a cheque. Her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Cameron, was presented with a bouquet of red roses.

Mrs. Cameron and Miss Roy are going to take a long trip before Miss Roy attends the World YWCA meetings in Ghana in August. Then she goes to an appointment in the World office.

There were a great many guests at a wonderful party; one came from as far away as New Westminster, BC. Everything and everybody cooperated except the weather!

## Women's Institute

The regular meeting of the Thornhill and District Women's Institute was held at Mrs. Anne Jackson's, Highway 7 on May 27. The meeting had been postponed one week because Mrs. Claire Thompson had to attend the regional meeting at Port Perry on the regular day.

The theme of the meeting was "Find Joy In What You Do; Not What You Intend To Do." The roll call was the bringing of something for a "Bring And Buy Sale" Cooking, sewing, plants, flowers, early vegetables and eggs are on the list.

Mrs. Claire Thompson gave a report on the WI district meeting, held in the Victoria Square Hall, Mrs. Thompson, president, was in the chair. Mrs. John McCague of Victoria Square welcomed the 37 delegates, and Past President Mrs. William Miller, replied. Reports from all 13 branches were read and accepted. They were exceptionally good.

A report from the Federation of Agriculture was read, and it commented on the new taxation deal for the farmers, and other pertinent issues.

There was an excellent luncheon, with a salad plate served by the hostess institute. First Vice-President Mrs. Bruce Davidson, introduced the head table. Mrs. George Hooper of Buttonville sang an excerpt from "The King And I". Six members presented a skit, amongst them Mrs. Anne Jackson of Thornhill. It was a discussion on the Women's Institute creed, and the need for an organization with such a goal today. It was very well received and many members asked for copies of the script which had been prepared by the provincial organization.

The elections were next on the agenda. Honorary President Mrs. Gordon Francey; Past President Mrs. William Miller; President Mrs. Claire Thompson; 1st Vice-President Mrs. Bruce Davidson; 2nd Vice-President Mrs. Roy Pentland; 3rd Vice-President Mrs. William Drew, Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Margaret France; Auditors Mrs. Robert Holmes, Mrs. Charles

Morehouse; District Representatives Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Thompson; Public Relations Officer Mrs. Anne Jackson; Curator Mrs. Jenny McCowan.

The remainder of the meeting was social.

As the school year draws to a close, one of the first nursery schools in the area, the Thornhill Cooperative Nursery School, is looking ahead and is already accepting registrations for the fall term.

There are both morning and afternoon classes for children three years and up at Thornhill Presbyterian Church on Highway 7B, and supervisor is Mrs. Heather Rivett.

Mothers also play an important roll in the daily routine of the school, assisting the four paid staff in supervising free play and learning periods, story time, "show and tell", music and group games, with mother volunteers helping to keep costs down by giving a half day at regular intervals.

Fathers also help in the non-profit school, taking part in parent-teacher meetings throughout the year when guest speakers discuss various aspects of early childhood development. Fathers also sometimes lend a hand in maintaining and repairing equipment for indoor and outdoor activities.

Field trips are an important part of the program, and favorite spots for children to visit are Edwards Gardens in Don Mills, a local farm, and Black Creek Pioneer Village where they can have sleigh rides in winter.

They travel to fire halls, public library, a sugar bush, Riverdale Zoo, and at Christmas time, the annual party is a highlight of the nursery school year, with a professional puppet show the major attraction.

A visiting police officer talks about safety, and other guests bring in new and different objects and animals to stimulate the interest of the tots.

The morning class from 9 to 11:30 am accommodates a maximum of 36 children, and the afternoon class from 1 to 3:30 pm a maximum of 26. The policy and program is drawn up by an executive committee elected each year at the annual parent-teacher meeting in the spring, and the year ends with a picnic for the children.

For information contact Mrs. Diane Kitek, 889-2772.

## Senior Citizens

The senior citizens held their regular meeting at Holy Trinity Church May 19. The first business on the agenda was a discussion about plans for the summer. Senior Citizens Week will be held from June 20-26, this year there will be a special Sunday service at Holy Trinity Church, on June 20, at 10:30 am and it is hoped that a good many members will be able to attend.

The annual picnic will be held at Albion Hills Conservation Park on June 23. Traveling bus will leave the church parking lot at 10 am. Lunch will be supplied by the CNIB. The complete cost per member will be \$1.00.

The United Senior Citizens of Ontario are holding their conference on August 24 and 25, at York University. Some members will be named as delegates.

The balance of the meeting was chaired by R. H. Whitehead, vice-president of the USCO, who had driven over from Fort Erie to assist in the club business. He presided over the elections, and Mrs. Catharine Walker acted as secretary for the meeting in the absence of Mrs. C. Mote who is on vacation.

The following officers were elected: President William Simpson, 1st Vice-President Joe Wain, 2nd Vice-President Harry Mizen, Secretary Mrs. Cissy Mote, Treasurer William Harvey.

After this Mr. Whitehead spoke informally about the work of the USCO. Following the summer trips, the senior citizens will meet again in September. All residents of this area, 60 and over, are most welcome as members. There are two meetings per month, the first and third Wednesdays at 1:30 at Holy Trinity Church.

PICKERING — About 40% of township residents are against creation of regional government in their area, a recent poll has revealed and only 37% were in favor. 48% opposed selective forest harvesting operations in provincial parks, 76% were against legalization of marijuana and 75% against extension of public support to separate schools. The poll was conducted by William Newman, MLA for Ontario South.

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## Fire Truck \$23,755 Purchase By Markham

Markham Town Council accepted the low tender of \$23,755 for a new fire truck at its regular meeting Tuesday night of last week.

Low tender was from C. E. Hickey & Sons Limited of Hamilton.

The only other bid was from King Seagrave Limited of Woodstock for \$25,677.

The new truck, which will be stationed at the proposed new firehall in the John Street and Bayview Avenue area will be a GPM Triple Combination Pumper.

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The co-operation of all persons concerned is earnestly solicited.

W. SHEARN, Weed Inspector.

## Lions Club

# Does Thornhill Need Auditorium Or Arena?

Do the citizens of Thornhill want a civic auditorium, a hockey arena or some other facility? Thornhill Lions are very anxious to discover the recreational needs and wishes of the residents of this area. With that in mind they have a committee doing some research with Walter Smook as chairman.

To determine these needs and wishes the Lions have mailed 5,500 copies of a questionnaire. It is yellow and purple in color and you can't miss it! It contains eight simple questions which will take only three minutes to answer. The Lions ask that every householder take the few minutes necessary to fill in the questionnaire and THEN MAIL IT. They are hopeful that a large percentage will be returned so they can assess the answers and lay plans according to the results.

YOUR opinions and ideas are important to them and

may have a lasting effect on the recreation opportunities and facilities in the Thornhill community.

Don't delay, answer the questions and post the completed form at once.

Saturday, June 12, the Lions' annual auction will take place. Have you anything saleable which you would like to donate to a good cause? Phone any member of the club. Trucks will be on the road Saturday to collect these donations. The Lions report they need to know ahead of time what you have and where it is, so truck routes may be planned with a minimum of duplication and backtracking. All proceeds will be spent on community projects — so you will actually be helping yourself and your neighbors.

Twelve Lions including President Tab MacDonal were in Kingston last week to attend the Ontario-Quebec Conference of Lions.

## NORTH RICHVALE NEWS

CORRESPONDENT Mrs. Rhona Wehrns 130 May Avenue Phone 884-4333 (Evenings)

Neighborhood Notes

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Middleton, on the arrival of their first baby, a son, born May 28, also to Mr. and Mrs. Barry McKinnon on the arrival of their second son, Craig Andrew, 6 pounds 6 ounces at York Central Hospital May 26, a brother for Barry Alan.

Get well wishes are sent to Julia Walker, May Avenue, who has been a patient at York Central Hospital.

Belated birthday greetings to Bill Bounds, Yongehurst Road, May 30, Liz Madelena May 31 and Fred Shier June 1, both of May Avenue.

Gerda Meuller, Susan Duffin and Randy Bremner from Southampton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Masters, Weldrick Road.

Get well wishes to Wayne Steele, Walmer Road, to Anna Gundart, Pemberton Road and to Carl Walker, Weldrick Road.

All grades of Roselawn School with the exception of the grade 8's who are visiting Ottawa, enjoyed a day at Ontario Place last Friday.