

Thornhill and District News

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Weddings

Moffatt-Gibson

The marriage of Keith Frederick Moffatt and Linda Mary Gibson took place June 26, Dr. Dillwyn Evans officiating. Miss Gibson wore a white georgette gown fashioned with a low empire waistline and a round neck trimmed with lace and beading. The veil, also trimmed with lace and beading, was floor length with a train. She carried a sheaf of white carnations and yellow mums.

Mary Gibson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She was dressed in buttercup yellow voile, carried a nosegay of yellow mums and white carnations and wore rosebuds in her hair. Jean Davidson, cousin of the bride, and Laura Andrews, were bridesmaids, and Janice Hall was the junior bridesmaid. All wore mint green voile, and carried nosegays of yellow mums and baby's breath.

Glen Moffatt was best man for his brother, and Doug Wilson, Mike Paterson and Dean Moffatt were ushers.

The reception was held at the Guild Inn.

The bride was entertained by Mrs. Dennis Moffatt, Mrs. Robert Howchin, Mrs. William Laycock, Mrs. Brett Cane, Mrs. Norma Hall, Mrs. R. E. Rice, and Mrs. Lewis A. Stiver. Miss Jean Davidson and Miss Laura Andrews also gave parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt are now living in Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly will live in Woodbridge.

Horticultural Society

The horticultural society will meet July 13 at the North Thornhill Community Centre (Heintzman House), Royal Orchard Blvd. Mrs. H. Cantion of Willowdale will speak on drying flowers. (The new method for doing this achieves remarkable results). The flower show will emphasize delphiniums, roses and lilies. There will also be decorative designs and vegetables. Everybody is most welcome.

Women's Institute

The June meeting of the Thornhill WI was a pot luck social held at the home of Mrs. Harry Mizzen. It is an ideal place for such a gathering and the group enjoyed it immensely.

The York County Rally was held June 24 at Pioneer Village, Ontario South were also guests.

The presentation of the Anna P. Lewis Scholarship was made to Pauline Johnson of Bellhaven. Girls from 4-H Clubs who are ready for post secondary education may apply for this scholarship. The qualifications of all applicants are considered very carefully before the award is made. Miss Johnson is going to train for a nurse.

This year's executive for York County is composed of ladies from Thornhill, and Mrs. Claire Thompson is the chairman.

Rhode Island Trip

Friday, 38 Scouts from the 7th Thornhill Troop, "A" and "B", are going adventuring. They fly to Rhode Island to visit a Boy Scout troop at Greenwich East. (The Thornhill boys entertained the Rhode Island Scouts last year at a campsite in Haliburton.)

This will be a very different type of camping. There are permanent buildings and the meals will be eaten in a dining room. There is provision for teaching sailing, canoeing and rowing as well as swimming and crafts. The boys are scheduled to spend one day at the ocean, about 30 miles away. There will also be opportunity to meet some VIPs, and we shall hear more about that when they return.

Alan Hemstock, Scout Master for Troop "B", is taking his family and will camp near the locality. Two of his sons are Scouts. The other adults going are: Troop A Scoutmaster Ron Sautman, Ron Lave, Fred Mowhouse, Ted Foster and Ron Clark. The boys will be away for 10 days and it sounds like a tremendous experience.

Church News

Holy Trinity Anglican Church have had to say "good-bye" to Mrs. Cora Billing who is moving with her family to Guelph. She has been secretary for the last year. In September Mrs. Marjorie Gough returns as secretary.

Canon Reginald Howden and Mrs. Howden will be on holiday during July.

Members of the Canadian Reformed Church of Thornhill are very busy these days. They have purchased land at the end of Thornridge Drive for a new church and are now asking for tenders. They hope to have the building ready before the end of the year. (They have been

Kelly-Pickthall

The marriage of Brian Kelly and Diane Pickthall was an early evening event on June 26. It took place at the Thornhill Presbyterian Church with Dr. Dillwyn Evans officiating.

The bride wore a white organza dress decorated with seed pearls and carried yellow carnations. She wore her mother's wedding veil, her grandmother's headdress and her great-grandmother's wedding ring was in the bouquet. So four generations were represented.

The maid of honor was Margaret Pickthall, the bride's sister, and the bridesmaids were Marilyn Kelly, sister of the groom, Debbie Wilkes, and Lyn Campbell. They wore multi-colored pant suits in white, turquoise, yellow and green, and yellow daisies in their hair.

The best man was Tim Alexander, John Wells, Dale Kruger and Tom Brydon were ushers.

The reception which was a delightful party, was held at Glen Shields Golf Club. It ended with dancing.

The bride was a very busy person before the wedding. Mrs. William Bright, Mrs. G. Keelaghan, Mrs. U. Welsh and Mrs. Don MacGregor, Mrs. John Watson, Miss Debbie Wilkes, Mrs. J. Calain, and the staff at Woodbridge Elementary School where Diane teaches, all gave showers. Tim Alexander and Lyn Campbell held a Jack and Jill shower for both bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank King had a dinner for the wedding party preceding the event, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Kelly entertained them after the wedding.

worshipping in the Seventh Day Adventists' Church on Sunday.) Len Engelsman is the convener of the fund raising committee. To date they had held two successful auctions.

Dr. Evans will be at the Thornhill Presbyterian Church from 6:30 - 10 pm each Thursday. This is an opportunity for conversation.

In his capacity as moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Dr. Evans attended the assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Scotland last month. There is pagantry and tradition about this event and the Queen sends her representative. This year it was Lord Clydesmuir, himself an elder of the church. He brought the greetings and blessing from the Queen, and the moderator replied formally. At each gathering together of the assembly in Edinburgh, the Queen's representative and the moderator recognize each other before the proceedings begin.

Also there is a reception at Holyrood Palace.

But the business under consideration is thoroughly up-to-date and relevant to the world situation, with the BBC, both radio and TV, broadcasting everything.

There was a full scale debate on the common market, and much time was spent on the family and its implications for now and the future. Youth is being involved much as it is over here, with drama, music, dialogue, etc. The mission of the church in the seventies was the most pressing matter.

I asked about the church in

Scotland. "Membership is dropping off, but the members who are committed are more regular in attendance and are more concerned with the life of the church." So Dr. Evans is very optimistic about the future.

Dr. Evans and Mrs. Evans managed some visiting in Wales, and a short holiday in Mallorca and Ibiza. There they absorbed sun and history in a well earned change.

Rev. and Mrs. Alfred McAlister and family have gone to Grand Falls, Newfoundland, for the month of July. The original plan had been that Mr. David Winsor of Grand Falls was to be here, but due to Mrs. Winsor being ill, the arrangement fell through. Bob Putnam, a student minister, will fill in for him.

"Preserve Thornhill"

A reminder to all artists, amateur and professional, that the library is sponsoring an exhibition of original paintings or drawings of the Thornhill area, from November 22 to December 20. The exhibition will be called "Preserve Thornhill" in paint, and the art committee of the library is hoping that quantities of artists will submit quantities of work in any medium — for jurying and selection for the exhibit in the library. Further details are contained in entry forms available at the library, or phone 225-0512. Please notice that the original announcement included photographs. This was an error — this exhibit will be of paintings and drawings only.

Neighborhood Notes

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Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Granton of Denham Drive on the arrival of their new son, Jeffrey Thomas, June 23 at York Central Hospital. Jeffrey weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz.

Richvale News

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Summer Opportunities

Richmond Hill Recreation Committee has announced the opening of a summer program at Charles Howitt and Roselawn Schools, beginning Monday and continuing until August 13.

Boys and girls from 5-7 years will attend from 9:30 to 11:30 am and those from 8-13 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

The registration fee is \$1.00 per child for the summer program or if you have more than three children attending, the maximum fee is \$3.

Further information may be obtained from Moira Stephenson or Anne Parker at 884-8101.

A Vacation Bible School will be held at Langstaff Baptist Church from August 23 to 27 for all children between the ages of 4 and 15. There will be Bible study, recreation, crafts, music and prizes. Parents wishing information as to bus service are asked to call 889-0476 or 889-0175.

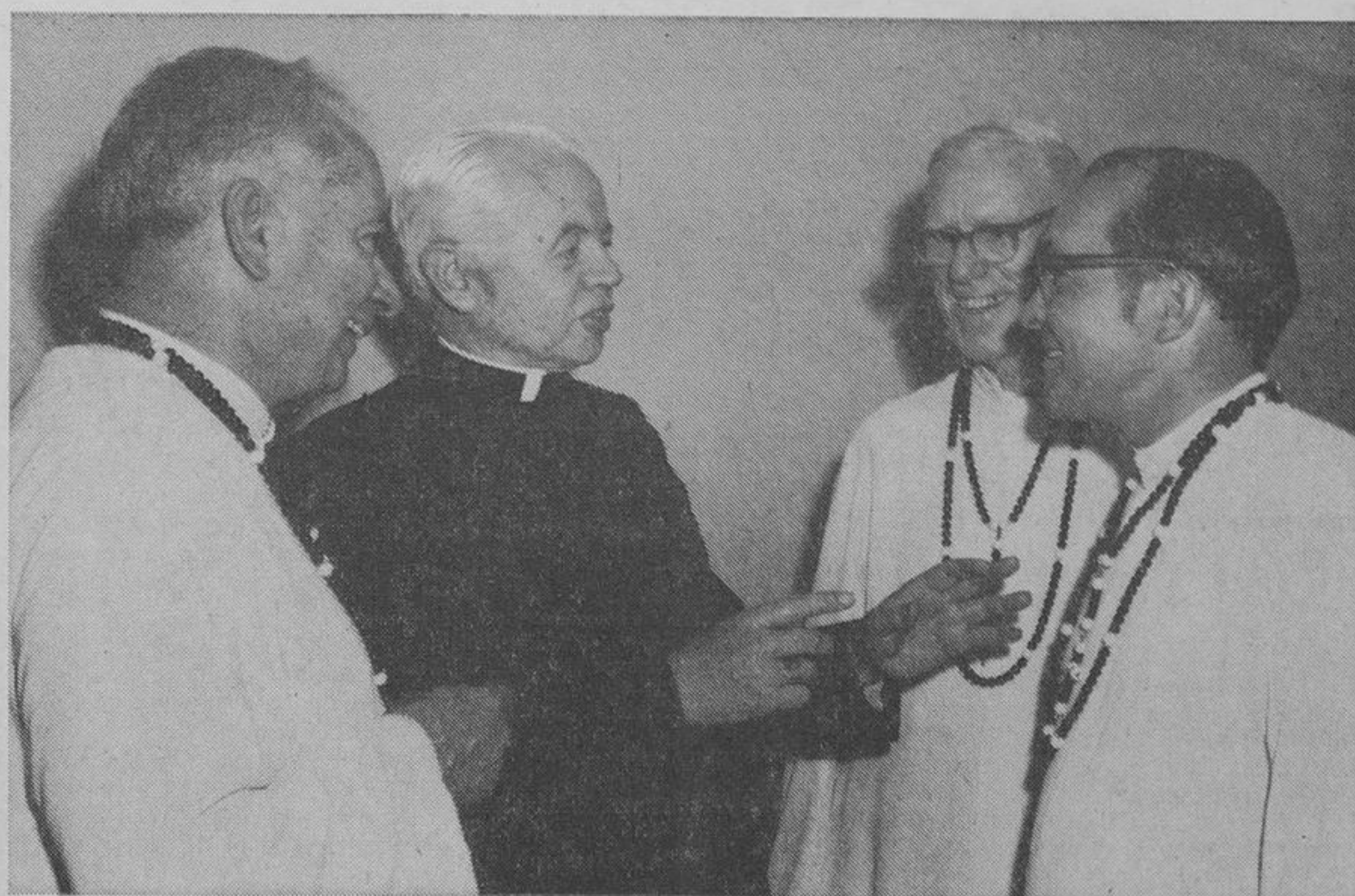
For those adults and teenagers looking for summer recreation the Richmond Hill Recreation Committee has put out a booklet giving information about sports, music, dancing, softball, fishing, tennis and swimming programs. You may pick this booklet up at the town offices.

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(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

White Fathers Of Africa At Thornhill

The Toronto headquarters of the White Fathers of Africa is now located at 47 Colonsay Road.

The White Fathers of Africa is a society of missionary priests and brothers working in Africa in 56 dioceses. Founded in 1868 by Cardinal Lavigerie, in North Africa, the order now has 3,591 fathers and brothers who come from Europe, Canada and the USA. Its purpose is to bring God's love to the Africans, by promoting their development through spiritual, intellectual and technical knowledge, and promoting their general welfare.

Their training of the Africans to develop their own potential is evident in that 40 of the dioceses where the White Fathers work now have African bishops. Twelve major seminaries and 43 minor seminaries have been founded and the White Fathers also operate many schools from primary through to teachers' and nurses' training and vocational schools.

The New Toronto Foundation is staffed by Father John Levesque, WF Uganda (North Bay); Father Remy McCoy, WF Ghana (Ottawa); and Father Pierre Proulx, WF Tanzania (Quebec). They will make known the work of the church in Africa and its needs; recruit personnel for the needs of developing Africa and strive to obtain financial help to further its rapid development and provide for its medical needs.

In the above picture (left to right), taken during the recent open house at 47 Colonsay Road, are: Father Levesque (Superior), Toronto Archbishop Philip Pocock; Father McCoy and Father Proulx.

South Thornhill and Bayview Glen News

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Church News

An Ecumenical Vacation Church School will be held at Thornhill United Church from July 12 to July 22. Adult leaders are still required for the junior and primary departments at this centre. Please call Mrs. Bernice Edmunds at 889-7040 if you can help.

School News

During the last full school week the grade 7 and 8 classes of Woodland Senior Public School set out to learn the morphology or profile of Thornhill. This project had been set up and supervised by Ernie Melnyk, physical education teacher, who explains the three principal components of the morphology are street pattern, buildings and use of buildings.

Using a section of the village bounded by John, Yonge, Steeles and Bayview for their micro-level studies, the young students sought to determine the answers to many questions. Included in their investigation

was the distance the head of the household travels to and from his employment and his mobility problem.

They compared the old with the new homes and structures and the homes in one area as opposed to other areas. House lot sizes were also compared and the amount of land used by industry was also determined.

A noise and air pollution survey was included along with a counting of the diminishing tree population.

The students who were assigned to field work travelled in groups of 12 to 14 each and were accompanied by a teacher or volunteer parent who acted as group leader.

Others were deployed in recording and projecting the results in the form of graphs, colored slides, scale three-dimensional models, drawings, dis-

plays and tape recordings. Some of the interviews had been taped during the field manoeuvres.

On the Thursday following all the fact finding procedures the group assembled in the gymnasium to disclose the results of their investigations.

Some facts of interest revealed by this project were that homes more recently built tend to be of a design reminiscent of the past. The new houses now are generally two to three stories high.

In regards to the work force it was learned that a very small percentage of local residents commute to work by public transportation or by car pools.

The private automobile is the number one means of transportation for this area.

It was learned that 75% of local workers are employed more than six miles from

Thornhill. By far the majority of these drive south on Yonge and Bayview to their places of employment.

One over-ambitious student, overrunning the official boundary, recorded the age of St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church at Colbourne and Church Streets at 125 years, 21 years before Confederation.

A scale model, representing a four-acre sports and recreational complex was constructed and turned over to the Thornhill Lions. The model indicated facilities found to be required by Thornhill residents. It included a curling rink, tennis courts and handball courts, an enclosed swimming pool and picnic grounds among other things.



(Photo by Robert Arnold)

Vaughan Firemen Run Prevention Series

Showing their concern for the "protection of life and property", the Vaughan Town Firefighters Association this year is putting on a series of displays in the communities served by the Vaughan Town Fire Department.

Shown at the GEM Store parking lot recently is Firefighter Barry Smith, president of association Local 1595, as citizens inspect the fire prevention display.

Members of the association are manning the display voluntarily during off-duty hours.

During the Thornhill Lions Club field day July 1 the display was set up at the Thornhill Park, Highway 7B and Yonge Street during the afternoon.

Also July 1 from 6 pm to 9:30 pm the display was operated at the Maple Lions Club Dominion Day celebration at the Maple Community Centre, when there was a fireworks show.

The fire association's display will also appear at events in Woodbridge and Kleinburg later in the summer.

CARRVILLE NEWS

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Neighborhood Notes

Birthday greetings are sent to William Norris of Avenue Road, who celebrated June 29.

Heather and David Wark have moved from Bathurst Street to an apartment in Thornhill.

The strawberry festival held June 22 was the most successful ever with the good weather and delicious food served to more than 450 guests by members of the UCW. Many of the visitors came from Toronto, Keswick, Stouffville and Mississauga. Maple Senior Citizens stopped for dinner on their return from a bus trip.

Many of the visitors and local people were thrilled to meet and visit with Mr. and Mrs. Burt Middleton of Palmerston and Mr. and Mrs. Luigi DelBrocco of Toronto who returned to the community for this annual event.

The draw for articles made and donated by Ella Bradford saw Clifford Morris of Stouffville win first prize, Mrs. Rosemary Ferguson, 24 Dingscrest, Weston won the second and Mrs. H. Benes, 236 Waverley Road, Toronto, the third.

School Trip

The Blue House of Roselawn Senior Public School enjoyed a bus trip to Niagara on June 24, arriving at the Welland Canal in time to see a large drilling ship go under the lift bridge.

Then on to Queenston Heights for lunch. The youngsters returned to the bus for a tour of the Niagara Parks with the next

stop at Tussaud's Wax Museum. They then visited the aquarium show at Marineland and Game Farm, went on to the Skyline for a trip to the top, spent an hour at the falls and started the return trip at 6 pm.

The teachers are to be congratulated for their guidance and understanding of this group of grade 7 and 8 pupils who were very interested, punctual and well behaved on this very educational excursion.

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DR. WM. WHITTICK
South Thornhill Vet
Awarded Gaines Medal

Dr. William Whittick who has lived for six years at 38 Lauraleaf Road, in the Bayview Glen area of South Thornhill, has been awarded the 1971 Gaines Veterinary Award for "significant contributions to small animal medicine and surgery."

He is a director of the Banks Animal Clinic in Toronto, graduated from OVC at Guelph in 1955 and is recognized as one of the leaders in his field, having presented numerous papers on various aspects of small animal medicine, dealing primarily with orthopaedic procedures, cardiology and clinical laboratory medicine. At present he is preparing a textbook on canine orthopaedics scheduled for publication in 1972.

He has served as chairman of small animal programs for the Canadian Veterinary Medicine Association in 1967 and on several committees dealing with various aspects of the veterinary field.

He was born in Montreal, Quebec, in April 1930. He is married and has four children. He will be presented with a specially-designed gold medal and a cash award at the annual meeting of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association being held in conjunction with the U.S. association in Detroit and Windsor July 20.

Thornhill United Church Plans Program For Apartment Children

When 520 families — some 3,000 individuals, — move into controlled rental apartment developments now under construction in South Thornhill they will not find themselves unwelcome. A large segment of the community is already making plans to receive them.

Members of Thornhill United Church have been assessing the needs of apartment dwellers, and agreed that their church facilities should be put to greatest possible use in providing programs which would help the new families adapt to their environment.

For a starter they have drawn up detailed plans for a pilot after-school program for children six to 11.

A delegation from the church led by John Walter of the community service committee presented the plan to a meeting of Markham Planning Committee on June 29.

Initially, they explained, the program would operate Tuesdays and Thursdays for two five-week periods. From September 28 to October 28 and from November 9 to December 9, with a brief interval between the two segments for evaluation and possible improvement.

Facilities in the Christian Education Building would be used to provide activity pro-

grams from 4 to 6 pm two days a week primarily for children of working parents, who might otherwise have nothing to do after school hours.

They had discussed the plan with Markham's Recreation Director Bruce Holdsworth and efforts would be made to get financial backing through provincial recreation grants for the \$1,200 estimated cost of the program which would be run by a paid program director and volunteer staff.

"Thornhill has changed," said the church's brief, "and most recent change may be the most startling."

"From a small rural community, Thornhill took the shape of a quiet residential area of mostly single-family dwellings. However, during the last few months, we have seen a number of large apartment structures appear on our skyline."

"With the concentration of these numbers of family dwellings and with their eventual occupation will come a rapid shift in population density accompanied by its inevitable social and cultural problems."

It points out that greatest concentration is in the block bounded by Dudley, Clarke, Yonge and Elgin Street, just

a short distance from the church.

"As residents of Thornhill, and more importantly as members of the official board of Thornhill United Church... we must be ready and willing to extend the hand of friendship to our new neighbors."

The church, it points out, had a multitude of talents in all age groups, and the young people are vitally concerned with helping others. Community involvement is a way of making use of these talents.

The church, said Mr. Walter, has the room to operate the program but does not want conflict with municipal programs.

Mayor Anthony Roman congratulated the delegation on anticipating social problems and taking a positive step to provide alternative opportunities for youngsters who might otherwise become involved in less socially acceptable activities.

The Town of Markham, he said, is putting a great deal of emphasis on recreation, building a swimming pool in co-operation with York County Board of Education at Thornlea Secondary School, improving park facilities, attempting to provide adequate direction, and planning for an arena, "But all

this takes time," he continued, "and any assistance we can receive from other groups is most welcome."

Ward 1 Councillor Robert Adams added that the municipality must spread money equally throughout the town. It is, therefore, most appreciative that local groups are prepared to do something on their own.

Planning Committee Chairman James Jongeneel recommended that the church committee meet with the parks and recreation committee, commenting, "It is a pleasant surprise when people come here and offer us something like this."

Describing the details of the plan briefly, Bob Putnam of the community service group of the church explained that about 20 people from the church would be actively involved in the program. The pilot project will be limited to between 30 and 60 children.

In drawing up its plan, the community services committee investigated similar projects operating successfully in Metro under direction of the board of education in co-operation with the YMCA at Deer Park, Frankland and Brown Public Schools and in the Lawrence Heights Housing project.

A schedule of proposed activities was included in the brief. Active games suggest-

ed were borden ball, ping pong, British bulldog, floor hockey, volleyball, badminton and tumbling.

An area would be set aside for quiet games; checkers, chess, etc. Arts and crafts would play an important part in the program, and the committee proposes to include drama and mime in the project.

Other activities proposed are films and discussion, sewing, knitting and cooking.

In addition to program director and assistant program director, staff would include five or six group leaders and five or six volunteers to assist with the supervision of the children and of the church.

Paid professional instructors would be brought from time to time for special projects.

Much of the equipment needed for the athletic phase of the program, it was explained, is available at the church, and a minimum of equipment would be needed for other projects. Detailed cost estimates were attached to the brief. Program chairman is Mike Redmond of the community service committee.

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