

Thornhill and District News

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Neighborhood Notes

The work of 20 artists is represented in the unique art exhibit currently at the Thornhill Public Library. The show, which has been planned since the early spring by the Library Art Committee, was designed to encourage local artists to paint buildings and scenes in Thornhill and its environs. Although much has been done to preserve Thornhill photographically, this is the first time an attempt has been made to involve artists in recording their impressions of some of the century-old houses, buildings and familiar contemporary landmarks.

The result is 46 fascinating paintings and drawings—sure to interest not only those villagers whose houses have been painted, but also anyone interested in the preservation of a vanishing heritage. The paintings are for sale and purchase may be arranged through the artist at the end of the show.

A preview last week showed the pictures are so good! The style of painting is as varied as the houses and you'll want to spend a great quantity of time, looking and looking.

Last Saturday there were 133 would-be actors and actresses at the Royal Orchard Public School for the Saturday morning program on creative drama, sponsored by the Thornhill Public Library. Mrs. Araby Lockhart Gray must have had her hands full, but she coped admirably. Saturday there will be two movies: "A Very Special Day" (a boy gets lost on Coney Island) and "Merry Go Round Horse".

Tennis Club
The annual general meeting of the Thornhill Tennis Club is to be held on November 28 at 7:45 pm, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Percival, 128 Elgin Street (park on Orsi Court).

The meeting is for the purpose of election of officers, presentation of the financial statement and general policy discussion.

Trophies will also be presented to the finalists of last season's club championships. The winners were: men's singles—Graham Maggs, ladies' singles—Jean Scott, men's doubles—Graham Maggs and Terry Tamblin, ladies' doubles—Noreen Kelson and Enid Grant, mixed doubles—Maggs and Lynette Scarff.

Maggs, the popular Australian captain, is returning home mid-December with his family. He will be sorely missed on the team which he helped promote to the majors of the Inter-County League.

Graham is the only member to have won three trophies for two successive years at the club championships.

The club as a whole sincerely thanks Graham for his untiring efforts on behalf of the team, his able assistance during tournaments and his work in organizing the lessons. Members hope his stay in Thornhill was a rewarding and happy one.

Senior Citizens
The senior citizens had a meeting on the afternoon of November 17. The attendance was almost 50.

After this report Mrs. Mabel Misan read a paper on Agriculture and Industry. Social Convener Mrs. Will Middleton served the refreshments and there was a pleasant and sociable half hour. The next meeting will be the Christmas one, December 16 at Mrs. Misan's.

The club was entertained by a children's choir under the direction of Hugh Martin of Woodland Senior School. He had them very well trained and they all seemed to enjoy working. He makes it fun for the 45 children of an age span from eight years to 14.

New members or those who wish to enquire please phone Mrs. Doris Baker, 222-3604.

Rover Moot
The 3rd Thornhill Rover Crew (Holy Trinity Anglican) under the leadership of Rover Advisor Bob Shearer attended the second annual Woodstock Rover Moot at Camp Shegardsay.

This was the most popular event in Rover Scouting in Ontario since more than 300 Rovers and Rangers attended. They were from such places as Royal Oaks, Michigan and Windsor.

An interesting highlight of the Moot was a slave auction of Crews to the Rangers. The penalty was the preparation of a meal by the Rovers for the Rangers! Eighty dollars was raised at the auction and was promptly donated to the Crippled Civilian Society.

The program included a car rally and dancing.

The November meeting of the Thornhill WI was at Mrs. Bert Heslop's with 15 persons present. Mrs. Grace Sayers gave a humorous paper on current events, touching on the new stamps, the rise in postage and the Trudeau baby.

This was followed by a report of the area convention by local president Mrs. Ann Jackson, a delegate to the meeting. It was a two-day affair at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, with 150 institutes represented.

The meeting sent a resolution to the Department of Education requesting that school readers include some stories about black persons. They also sent a telegram of protest to President Nixon about the "Bomb". They received an acknowledgment. The elections were held and Mrs. Irwin Maitland of the Dufferin Institute is the new president.

The final dinner was a gala affair with 400 sitting down at the tables. The speaker was Dr. Mark Waldron of Guelph University. Since this was the 75th anniversary of the WI founding, he spoke on its history. Both his grandmother and his mother were members.

Minister of Agriculture William Stewart was a guest. It was announced the organization was buying and thus preserving the Erland Lee Home in Saint George.

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Church News
Holy Trinity Anglican held its annual congregational dinner on November 18. The convener was Mrs. Arthur Crawford with assistance from the Anglican Women.

There was music before dinner from a new local organization, the Dixieland Group, composed of Phil and Chris Trow, Ken Matheson, Randy Wood and Jeff Neeley. After dinner there was a variety program of entertainment supplied by different groups and individuals. The Footlights Club provided a skit.

The Thornhill Presbyterian WMS regular meeting November 16 was at the home of Mrs. Ralph Cassell. Mrs. Rita Stuart opened the session. The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Percy Williamson, using the text: Called and Faithful.

The minutes of September and October were approved. Mrs. Earl Jackson took up the offering and made the offertory prayer.

Mrs. John Davidson gave a talk on parables. Mrs. Norman Nixon read two poems, the first being an African proverb.

It was decided that the officers should remain in their positions for the coming year.

The next meeting, the Christmas one, will be December 14 at the home of Mrs. Douglas MacDonald.

Mrs. Johnson closed the meeting with prayer. Refreshments were served and everybody had had a pleasant afternoon.

UCW Christmas Meeting
The UCW Christmas meeting is December 6 at 6:30 pm. It will take the form of a potluck supper. There will be a program, a sing-song and worship.

Mrs. Claire Thompson held a birthday party for her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Crosier, 89. Mrs. Crosier is living with Mrs. Thompson now. She was a resident of Willowdale. Guests included her daughter, son-in-law and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Barker from Marathon, the Lakehead, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moorehouse, Kevin and Perry Thompson, grandchildren and great grandchildren. There was a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a birthday cake.

Guides
The 2nd Thornhill Guides spent a weekend recently at the Albion Hills Conservation Field Centre. A small group of Guides from Langstaff joined them there.

The Guides were not roughing it this time; they lived in a modern, comfortable heated building. Duties such as dishwashing were done cheerfully so that they could carry out the program which was geared to the Guide challenge and badge work.

There were weather reading sessions, nature and conservation hikes, farm tours, instruction in the interpretation of air photographs and subsequent field work, using the photos to study land forms and use. After a cold, wet afternoon doing field work in the woods, fields, hills and swamps, the Guides were happy to gather in the warm lab for practical work in map drawing.

Snowflurries and ice on the puddles were greeted with enthusiasm on Sunday morning, but the cold wind made compass work difficult. The Guides then warmed up by setting off briskly at Scout pace, destination the old pioneer house, Mrs. Edna Blackburn from Black Creek Pioneer Village talked to the Guides about pioneer life and gave them hot scones that she had made on the old stove. Each girl had a chance to make a small, hand-dipped candle.

Hikes became new and fascinating experiences. Two 'midnight' hikes involved running pell-mell across fields, lying on the ground to study stars, stumbling through streams and woods with much squealing and laughter and discovering that some seeds taste like sour lemons.

The Guides were very reluctant to leave when parents arrived on Sunday afternoon to take them home.

An enrolment was held by the 2nd Thornhill Company on November 15. Carol Dymant, Cheryl Bar and Sandra Carson the new recruits, passed their Tenderfoot and were enrolled as Guides.

The 2nd Thornhill Guides have been awarded badges as follows: Brenda Ashlev - Naturalist, Woodman and Woodlore Emblem; Hostess - Cathy Buchanan, Susan Deane, Jennifer Lee and Katherine Neun; First Aid Stage 2 - Jamie Van Ek, Kathleen Van Ek.

The Pilot Project for the After Four program at Thornhill United is holding an open house November 29 from 7:30-9 pm.

WANT EXTRA INCOME.
A temporary job may be the answer. Read the Help Wanted Columns in "The Liberal" every week for job opportunities throughout York County.

North Thornhill Rezoning Hearing December 16

Markham Planning Committee has scheduled a public hearing for December 16 at 8 pm to consider proposals for rezoning the east side of Yonge Street south of Kirk Drive in North Thornhill.

The application comes from Rosburn Investments Limited of Willowdale. The company plans to build a three-storey commercial and residential complex with commercial space on the first floor and two-storey dwelling units over.

The hearing will take place in the municipal offices at Buttonville.

Try For Annexation Metro Looks Again At Vaughan-Markham

The Metro Council on Tuesday of last week agreed to try again to get provincial government approval for annexation of Thornhill and nearby areas of Vaughan and Markham Towns south of Highway 7.

Metro Council on November 16 also switched its position and voted 14-6 to extend its boundaries to the east to include a 70-square-mile borough in Pickering.

This would include all of Pickering Township lying south of Highway 7 including the Town of Ajax and the Village of Pickering. Involved will be 41,173 residents and 9,740 dwellings. More than 75% of the taxable assessment is residential.

The remaining portion of the township, it is expected, would become part of a neighboring township. Metro already has substantial land holdings for sanitary landfill, waterfront development and parks in Pickering.

Obituary Jim Tutt Once Lived In Thornhill Library

Jim Tutt died November 4 in his 74th year. Seventy-one of those years he lived in or close to Thornhill. He was born in England but his family emigrated to Canada very shortly after his birth. They first lived on Lawrence Avenue but then moved to Thornhill.

He worked on a farm as a young man and then had a farm of his own just south of Thornhill Public School on Yonge Street. Later he lived on Colborne Street in the house that became Thornhill Public Library. After that he lived further north on Yonge Street. Lately he and Mrs. Tutt (Lillian Coveyduck) lived in an apartment.

There were seven children and all are living, although Buster Tutt and Mrs. Jim Mark are the only two who remained in Thornhill. Ernie is in Toronto and Harold in Oshawa. The daughters are Mrs. Madeleine Harper Whitehorse, Mrs. Mabel Johnston, Ohio and Mrs. Bernice Brooker, Richmond Hill. There are 24 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mr. Tutt attended Holy Trinity Church when he lived in the village. He was married at St. Paul's, Lamoreaux.

New Catholic School To Be Expandable

York County Roman Catholic School Board has approved the design and the name for a new school to be built in the Unionville area.

The John XXIII School will provide classroom space for 255 children in three wings fanning out from a central administration centre.

Architect Gar MacInnis of Gordon Adamson and Associates met several times with committees of trustees, administrators and principals before the final plan was approved.

Scheduled to open in September, the school is on the westerly edge of the new North Hills Subdivision at the end of Kreighoff Avenue. Architecturally it will conform in design to surrounding houses.

It is to have six classrooms, a kindergarten, science room, general purpose room with changing rooms for boys and

girls, and a combination stage-lunch room, a library and health and guidance rooms.

Two of the teaching areas are double classrooms which can be converted into single classrooms. There are also four seminar rooms which can be increased in size by folding back a movable partition.

The stage of the general purpose room can be converted into a lunch room and separated into the gymnasium portion by a folding partition.

FUTURE EXPANSION
Design and construction of the building will allow for a future second floor over the classroom wings to be located in any position, says the architect's description of the proposed building.

Three large skydomes in the central rotunda and at the intersection of the corridors will let sunlight into areas that have no windows.

Areas for public use, such as the general purpose room and library, are located for easy access to the outside. Landscaping will provide for play areas away from the street.

At a recent meeting of the board, Superintendent Joe Hodge said students for the school will come not only from the new subdivision, but also from overflow at St. Joseph's School and grade 7 and 8 classes from St. Patrick's School in Markham.

There are now about 100 Roman Catholic children attending public schools in Markham, said Hodge, but Assistant Superintendent John Zupancic warned that, once children start to a public school they rarely come over to the separate school. They are already established and want to stay with their friends.

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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK PROPOSES TO PASS A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING:

- The widening of Don Mills Road (Regional Road # 8) in the Town of Markham from approximately 850 feet north to approximately 850 feet south of its intersection with Maple Road (Regional Road # 25); and the widening of Maple Road (Regional Road # 25) in the Town of Markham from approximately 850 feet east to approximately 850 feet west of its intersection with Don Mills Road (Regional Road # 8); both of such widenings being to a basic width of 120 feet; the grading, graveling and paving of such roads to provide a basic four-lane roadway with additional turning lanes at the intersection and the construction of all related works and undertakings, together with the acquisition of the necessary lands and interests in lands.
 - The widening of Don Mills Road (Regional Road # 8) in the Town of Markham between Steeles Avenue and Highway No. 7 to a basic width of 120 feet with additional widenings at intersections, cuts and fills; the grading, graveling and paving thereof to provide a basic five-lane roadway, being four lanes for the movement of traffic and a centre lane for left turns only, and the construction of all related works and undertakings, together with the acquisition of the necessary lands and interests in lands.
 - The construction of a grade separation between Maple Road (Regional Road # 25) and the tracks of the Canadian National Railway in the Town of Vaughan and all related works and undertakings, together with the acquisition of the necessary lands and interests in lands.
 - The widening of Maple Road (Regional Road # 25) in the Town of Vaughan and the Town of Richmond Hill to a basic width of 120 feet from approximately 800 feet east of Keele Street (Regional Road # 6) to approximately 300 feet west of Yonge Street with additional widenings at intersections, cuts and fills; the grading, graveling and paving thereof to provide a basic four-lane roadway with additional lanes at intersections, together with the construction of all related works and undertakings and the acquisition of the necessary lands and interests in lands.
- The Engineering Committee of the Regional Council will, at its meeting to be held at 2:00 p.m. on the 14th of December, 1971, at the Engineering Building on the west side of Don Mills Road one and one-quarter miles north of the Aurora Side Road, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his lands will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard.
- Plans showing the proposed works may be inspected at the office of David Hill, Director of Property, at the Engineering Building (Tel.: 895-2303).
- DATED at Newmarket this 27th day of October, 1971.

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Eleven-year-old Susan Steele of Thornhill poses in the outfit she made and entered in a sewing machine company contest to win a trip to California with her mother.

Wins California Trip

Susan Steele of 60 Clarkhaven Street, Thornhill, is 11. She attends Thornhill Public School and is in grade six.

It isn't very often a person of this age can take her mother for a trip to San Francisco all expenses paid for one week. But that is exactly what Susan did.

It happened this way. Susan wanted to learn to sew. She could knit, crochet, knot, etc. but had only made a nightgown in sewing. Her grandmother and her aunt were outstanding needlewomen. So Susan thought it was time she took up sewing in earnest.

STARTED IN AUGUST
She went to a sewing machine store in North Town Plaza last August. She decided to make a pant suit with a jumper top, chose her material and set to work with the help of the teacher there, Mrs. Edna Siegal.

The pant suit was a great success and Susan completed the outfit with a long-sleeved gold blouse. Mrs. Siegal entered the outfit in the sewing machine company's fashion show for the district, in the junior miss section. Susan came first and was given a set of scissors.

The outfit was sent on to the Ontario area competition. Again it was judged as first. Susan received a sewing machine of the best and latest design.

NATIONAL WINNER
Her outfit went on to the Canadian competition which has 75 stores involved. A professional modelled the outfit. Again it came first.

This time the prize was \$1,000 in cash and a trip for two to the American finals in San Francisco!

BOOK TALK THORNHILL PUBLIC LIBRARY Christmas Craft Books

CHRISTMAS CRAFT BOOKS
Christmas is a time for doing as well as buying. Thornhill Public Library has the books to help you with your seasonal projects.

FUN WITH GREETING CARDS by Joseph Leeming. A children's book filled with ideas which even the little ones can use with a minimum of material and supervision. If you're not very handy yourself you may want to take a peek too.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AND DECORATING by Theodore Saros and THE GARDENER'S CHRISTMAS BOOK by Helen Goddard. The photographs in both these books would inspire decorating ambitions in anyone. Although a few simple projects are included, most plans are fairly elaborate.

UNCRAFT FOR CHRISTMAS by Lucy Sargent. This is not a volume for dabblers since quite an investment in time and tools is required to complete the ornaments pictured. But the results are totally dazzling.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS IDEAS. The materials used in the decorations described in this soft covered booklet are on the whole a little sloppily: paper mache, plaster of paris, spray paints, etc. So this pamphlet would be more useful for an older child who can work with gooey substances without driving his busy mother absolutely insane.

FESTIVALS FOR YOU TO CELEBRATE by Susan Purdy and CALENDAR CAPERS by Gretchen Grimm. Two for the younger generation which give simple, step-by-step directions for some really ingenious cards and decorations. Calendar Capers even lists the materials that are needed in colored type at the beginning of each project and has a note in the margin indicating the ages for which the project is most practical.

CHRISTMAS IDEA BOOK by Dorothy Biddle and Dorothea Blom. This book shows how to carry a single decorating theme all through the house. Evergreen boughs, pine cones, nuts,

fruits and branches are used as basic materials for nearly all of the crafts.

CANDLE MAKING by Susan Strose. In addition to explaining several methods of making candles this book contains a long section on decorating candles. In case you don't want to undertake the whole process these techniques can be used with bought candles as easily as with those made at home.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN GREETING CARDS by John Carlis. This book, mainly for adults describes a few quite elaborate techniques but also contains suggestions which even the least dextrous and those with no talent at all for drawing can use to create very striking effects.

CHRISTMAS ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE by John Brimer. This book presents detailed instructions which produce results that look complicated but can actually be created quite quickly by making use of specialized (but widely available) hobby materials such as styrofoam and gilt edgings.

CHRISTMAS TREES, DECORATIONS AND ORNAMENTS by Irma Chrisman. A well-illustrated book which offers for the most part, inventive and practical ideas for constructing artificial trees of all sizes and for decorating the outside of the house.

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