

Thornhill and District News

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Native Studies Fun For Thornhill Students

The Canadian Native Studies Program for grade 7 pupils at Royal Orchard Senior School in Thornhill has taken the students from the era of discovery to the present. Under direction of Teacher David Feinstein the young people visited the Royal Ontario Museum to learn how native Indians and Eskimos used to live and have played host to Indian and Eskimo students from Ontario College of Education to hear at first hand how they are living now. Working together the students constructed as faithfully as possible models of an Indian village and an Eskimo community which have been on display in the school library for several weeks. Pictured above, Bruce Hemstock models a papier mache mask as Kathy Van Ek, Mike Pacek and John Thompson look on.

Murch Granted 2 Year Leave From Thornlea

Thornlea Secondary School in Thornhill may be getting a new principal next year. Arthur Murch, who has been principal of the school since it opened in 1968, has been given permission by York County Board of Education to accept a position with Department of National Defence schools for the two school years 1972-73 and 1973-74. Trustees agreed they would like to have him back after the two years, but cannot guarantee at the moment that there would be an opening for him as a principal. Markham Trustees John MacKay and Louise Simone expressed regret at the prospect of losing Murch, but agreed it would be a good experience for him. Assistant Superintendent Gordon McIntyre told the board it is possible the DND will not need him. Board permission is conditional on notification no later than January 31, 1972 of the department's acceptance or non-acceptance of the loan of services. "Let's hope they don't take him," said Aurora Trustee Keith Nisbet. Thornlea is an experimental non-graded school with staff carefully selected for their ability to function well in an unstructured atmosphere. It had its first commencement in October with 48 honor graduates and 12 Ontario Scholars.

Trustees Refuse To Accept Thornhill School Site Next To Railway Tracks

York County Board of Education would like a Thornhill subdivider to find another use for his land. At a meeting Monday trustees asked staff to look into the cost factors involved in building noise barriers into a school proposed for a 50-acre condominium development at the southeast corner of John Street and Bayview Avenue. The subdivision of townhouses and three 13-storey apartment buildings is expected to bring in 529 junior school pupils, 150 senior pupils and 210 students for secondary schools. Trustee opposition is based on location of a proposed six-acre school site in the development. It is located within yards of the CNR bypass to the Maple marshalling yards and close to the CNR Bala line. When the subdivision report was first brought to the board, Markham Trustee John MacKay objected that the noise of the many trains using these lines would make teaching almost impossible for a good part of the day, particularly in warm weather when windows might be open. At the meeting Monday, Markham Trustee Louise Simone reported she and board administrative staff, together with Architect Ross King, visited the site and found 28 trains use the lines each day. Enquiries were made of the Department of Education and it was learned no additional grants are available for noise abatement costs in school construction.

For a development of this size, reported Superintendent of Planning and Development Stephen Bacsalmasi, a school site is definitely needed. But he said the site proposed is completely unsatisfactory. He said it would be helpful if the developer could find some use for his land other than high density residential. Trustee John Honsberger, also of Markham, agreed the site is entirely unsuitable. Not only is it at the junction of the two rail lines, it is on the outer edge of the subdivision. Ideally an elementary school should be located centrally, not on the fringe of a development, he said. A proposal that the board look for a school site outside the subdivision was rejected by trustees. Vaughan Trustee Ross Joffile asked the staff to find out the cost involved in building a school that would be acceptable for education purposes. He said the cost of building a school on the proposed site would be considerably more than could normally be expected because of the noise factor and the taxpayers would bear the burden of the added cost. Georgina Trustee Mariane Gillan said in some cases property owners have appealed their assessment because sound factors reduce property values. The board agreed the Markham trustees should let Markham planning committee and council know the site is not acceptable. Meanwhile staff will continue to investigate cost factors involved in constructing noise barriers.

In Markham Town Council

Restudying Bayview-John Density

Markham Town Council is reconsidering the densities of development to be allowed in the North Bayview Secondary Plan area. Geographically, this area encompassed by the North Bayview Secondary plan resembles a badly cut piece of pie, with the broad end at Steeles Avenue and the tip in the vicinity of Green Lane. Bayview Avenue runs up through the centre. At a meeting November 23 Thornhill Councillors Robert Adams and Roy Muldrew brought in a resolution asking for consideration of the whole area north of Steeles Avenue.

reconsider the part of the North Bayview plan north of John Street in relation to the surrounding area and the overall Thornhill area, traffic generation and housing needs related to life styles.

East Richvale

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Neighborhood Notes

At 16th Avenue Public School a skate exchange will be held on Saturday, December 4 from 10 am to 12 noon. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Collins of 16th Avenue celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary November 10. Johnny Collins of 16th Avenue is in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident. Miss Carlene Collins from Calgary is visiting her brother Johnny Collins. The result from the Red Cross blood donor clinic held in Richmond Hill on Thursday November 25 was as follows: 181 persons attended, 21 were rejected.

CORRECTION: Lynn Longstaff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Longstaff of Duncan Road underwent major surgery in Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto and not at York Central Hospital as previously stated. Accept my apologies.

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Obituary

Mrs. Mary Gillies Was Thornhill Resident For More Than 50 Years

Friends in this area were saddened by the recent death of Mrs. Mary Gillies. She passed away at home in Thornhill late in October after an extended illness. Mrs. Gillies' life of prayer, her concern for the salvation of others and her deeply spiritual nature. He said, "Mrs. Gillies was not a mystic, far from it. She was a very practical person, who lived each day in the present, but with her eye ever upon the eternal." The pallbearers included her two grandsons, Peter and John Gillies of Thornhill, and two lifelong friends of the family—Lawrence Denby of Thornhill and Nelson Findlay of Preston. Mrs. Gillies is survived by one daughter Marie (Mrs. Grant Ferguson) of Newmarket, and her son Donald of Thornhill. She also leaves four grandchildren—Peter John, and Margaret Gillies of Thornhill and Mary Christina Ferguson of Newmarket. Mrs. Gillies was laid to rest beside her husband in the Thornhill Cemetery, just a few short blocks from the place that had been her home for so many years.

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New Principal For Thornhill School

A new principal has been appointed to Thornhill Secondary School to take the place of Principal William McVicar who is now principal of Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket. At a meeting of York County Board of Education November 22 trustees approved the appointment of Donald Sherman who is currently in his fourth year as vice-principal at Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School in Brantford, a composite school of about 1,600 pupils. Sherman is a graduate of the University of Toronto, winner of two gold medals in his graduating year. After four years in the armed forces he entered the teaching profession. He will assume his new position January 1. Also appointed by the board is Donald McKinnon, currently acting principal at Thornhill Secondary, who will become principal of the new Aurora High School. Also a graduate of the University of Toronto, McKinnon is in his 13th year of teaching. For the last two years and four months he has been involved in administrative work in Bayview and Thornhill Secondary Schools. The new Aurora School is scheduled to open in September.

Thornhill Girl Elected To U.S. Phi Beta Kappa

Jan Bragg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bragg, 84 Fairway Heights Drive, Thornhill, has been elected to membership in the Gamma-Delta chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin. A biology major, Miss Bragg is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and was named to Mortar Board of 1971-72. The 1968 graduate of Thornhill Secondary School was a member of the Lawrence University community council's board of control and worked on the school newspaper "The Lawrentian". Eight seniors were initiated at a Phi Beta Kappa honors tea November 18. A national honorary society, Phi Beta Kappa recognizes students of high character and superior scholarship who have particularly distinguished themselves in the pursuit of a bachelor of arts degree.

Willowdale Library Sunday Afternoons

Effective December 5, the North York Public Library, Willowdale Branch, will be open to patrons who wish to spend Sunday afternoons browsing or working at their library. Regular reading and reference services will be available to the public between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 Sunday afternoons in the Willowdale Library, 5128 Yonge Street. The film section will not be open for film pickups and returns. The new service will not extend into the summer months; that is, the library will not be open Sunday during June, July and August, or on those days which immediately precede or follow public holidays.

Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Public Library
Remember to visit the exhibit of paintings of local scenes now showing at the Thornhill Public Library. Paintings of such local landmarks as the Antique Shop, the Edey House, St. Luke's, the Anglican and the Old Presbyterian Churches, Amos Baker Farm, Oakbank Pond, and the Ladies Golf Course, to name only a few, are creating widespread interest. The exhibit remains at the library until December 20. Two new booklists are available at the library — one lists (with annotations) new fiction for the 12-16-year-olds. The other lists new picture books both parents and children will enjoy. From each you may glean some ideas for Christmas shopping. * * * * * George Hulme of the Toronto Humane Society will bring pets and films to the Thornhill Library's December 4 children's program at Royal Orchard School. The library has a good collection of books on animals and house pets. These will be on display and may be borrowed at the library. The following week, December 11, is Christmas Surprise Day. The nature of the surprise will not be disclosed until 10 am that morning. But for the curious, it will be a "live" program. * * * * * **Horticultural Society**
Prizes were awarded November 23 at the Thornhill and District Horticultural Society meeting. All who had won one or more prizes at any of the society's shows received cash or bulbs, the value being determined by the number of points accumulated during the year. In addition there were a number of special prizes which went to the following members: The T. Eaton Trophy for the highest number of points in the flower sections — John and Elsie King. The Robert Simpson Company prize for the highest number of points in the decorative classes — John and Elsie King. The Canadian Industries' prizes for the high points in the vegetable section — Ralph Whately, Murray Smith. The society's prize for high points in roses for the year — Mrs. Marion Jarvie. The Rose Society's medallion for high points up to September — John Mitchell. The President's prize for high points won by a new member for 1971 — Miss Katy Ackerman. The Percy Bone Rose Bowl Trophy for luncheon table arrangement at the September show — Mrs. Kay Qually. The Jack Foster Memorial Prize donated by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bone for a cup and saucer arrangement in red and white at the June show — Mrs. Vera Hairs. Prizes for Sunflowers donated by Wain's Florist — the Kings, Murray Smith, Jack Manning, Mrs. Albert Funnell. Junior High Point Winner — Beth Killham. * * * * *

Mrs. Riley introduced Wayne Boyle, a brother of the late Mrs. Dojan, who presented the painting to the society. The winner this year was Jack Manning. The distribution of prizes and awards was carried out smoothly under the direction of Mr. Norm Lightfoot. He was assisted by Mardi Stewart and Morag MacLean, both of whom received honorary junior membership cards in the society. In addition to the prizes mentioned above there was a draw prize — a tropical house plant donated by Mrs. Lily Harper — which was won by Mrs. Isabel Mitchell. This was also election night. Mrs. Margaret Riley presented a slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee. These were elected unanimously with the following officers for 1972: Past President John King, President Bruce Stewart, First Vice-President Tom Butterworth, Second Vice-President Arthur Ward, Treasurer Rezin Steele, Secretary Murray Smith, Membership Secretary Mrs. Phyllis Bishop. Directors for 1971-72 include: Mrs. Doris Butterworth, Frank Harvey, Cecil Jones, Norman Lightfoot, Mrs. Gwen Wojna. Directors for 1972-73 are Mrs. Marion Jarvie, Mrs. Anne Kihlman, Mrs. Kay Qually, John Mitchell, William Coker.

Following the distribution of awards and the elections was a half-hour viewing of slides taken by various members of the society. They depicted horticultural activities and themes. Many of these were breathtaking in their beauty and should win a prize in any photographic contest. The evening ended with refreshments prepared by the ladies of the society under the direction of Mrs. Doris Butterworth. Mrs. Dorothy Stewart and Mrs. Phyllis Bishop and with the enjoyment of the many Christmas decorations exhibited in the show. The prize winners in the exhibition were: door decoration — Miss Muriel Dean, Mrs. Dorothy Stewart, Rezin Steele; mantle decoration — Mrs. Kay Qually, Mrs. Dorothy Stewart, Mrs. Helen Bragg; table decorations — Mrs. Dorothy Stewart, Mrs. Lucille Pherrill, Mrs. Evelyn Turner. * * * * * A very active group of 30 explorers at Thornhill United have decorated the church for Thanksgiving held a Halloween party and raised eight dollars for UNICEF. They are now making Christmas wreaths and are going to bake and give cookies to several elderly people who need a little Christmas cheer. The chief Explorer is Kelly Wilson, and the assistant chief is Lee Ann James. The Keeper of the Log is Sharon Ford and the Keeper of the Treasure is Linda Leuchener. Mrs. Jean Bryce is superintendent and the leaders are: Mrs. Helen Hawke, assisted by Mary McDonald, Mrs. Ruth Pye assisted by Terry Coyne, Miss Gail Robertson and Mrs. Barbara Whiting assisted by Darlene Hawke. The Men's Club of Thornhill United held its annual monthly meeting November 22. Mrs. Joan Pehar was convener for the dinner. The program was a presentation by Rev. Alf McAlister of his slides of Newfoundland where he and his family spent their summer holidays.

child raising families. Consequently they say it is important to have life styles related to family activities and to make housing types amenable to these activities. They say there is increasing concern about the sociological impact of high-rise housing. They point to recent studies conducted in the Borough of York. These studies conclude that "financial stability of the borough is not dependent on apartment redevelopment" and "the taxpayers of the borough are therefore free under present conditions to choose the kind of community they wish without incurring financial hardship," they say. Markham is primarily a suburban and rural community, says the resolution. Markham wants to maintain a separate identity and character which sets it apart from the higher density area in North Metro, it says. **FEAR PRECEDENT**
Development of several high-rise, high-density apartment projects abutting on vacant lands along Bayview Avenue may establish a precedent and therefore an irreversible trend in Markham, the councillors fear. It should be Markham's aim to maintain a high quality, low profile corridor along Bayview Avenue. Large bulky buildings dominate the skyline for some distance, altering the character of their surroundings, say the petitioners. They concede that certain areas (such as the Yonge Street frontage) are suited to high-density development because of already fragmented land division and proximity to future subway service. Jongseneel's amendment was approved and the council will

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Registration for courses offered in the Winter Term (December 6th to March 17th) will occur on Wednesday, Dec. 8th and Thursday, Dec. 9th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Thornlea Resource Center.