

Thornhill and District News

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Church News
On Monday evening of last week the pilot project "After 4 Program" conducted at Thornhill United had a most impressive open house. In spite of the weather 60 or more visitors came. Others arrived while the display was being prepared or the day after it was over.

There was a hockey game in full swing, with Mat Godfrey and Jamie Hamm in charge, in the gymnasium. Other sports activities were represented by the sports equipment and posters stating the purpose of the program. These were arranged in the centre of the lower hall.

Around the walls were booths containing the results of the girls' and boys' efforts for the past nine weeks. There was knitting with Mrs. Doreen Miller in charge (each girl had made a teddy bear, not too easy a knitting effort) sewing with Mrs. Deen Marshall in charge. There were a number of objects such as needle cases, Christmas decorations, doll outfits, and an apron for each girl's mother.

Arts and crafts were under the supervision of Mrs. Jan Congram and Mrs. Joan MacLellan. Here there was a puppet theatre and puppets, batiks, burlap wall hangings, and Christmas art tissue pictures, as well as rock sculpture.

The cookery products had been frozen after each lesson and were all on display. The girls are going to make a Christmas cake this week.

Mrs. Vi Johnson has another group in her own house. They are concluding in a dinner.

Bruce Holdsworth stayed throughout the evening. He worked closely with the committee during the inception of the plan and they have appreciated his help. He is the recreation director for Markham.

Another meeting in connection with this program was held on the previous Wednesday with 50 in attendance. This was when the report of the whole venture had been under consideration. The community service committee Chairman John Walter presented the findings.

Two hundred and thirty children registered to attend once a week. Over 100 were present at each session through the program. There was an equal number of boys and girls. The ratio between Markham and Vaughan residents was 80 to 20 and the same ratio was found between houses and apartments.

Mrs. Tannis Coult, director of the "After 4 Program" reported on the enthusiasm and fun and satisfaction experienced by the staff and the children.

Besides the regular program there is a Christmas Party with live drama for Thornhill Secondary School, as well as other surprises.

Some recommendations were made for the future if the program were to be continued.

The volunteers were reported on by Mrs. Ellen Gilmore. There were 15 adults and 30 youth volunteers. They have done a superb piece of work and almost all signified they wished to continue such a project. It had given them much satisfaction.

Other volunteers have already expressed their wish to be in on the next step.

Mike Redmond reported on publicity and Doug Main reported on the proposed budget for the January to March "After 4 Program."

The committee and the additional interested audience were unanimous in their opinion the program should continue because of the evident need and the successful pilot project.

On Sunday there was a dedication service of 300 new hymn books — Anglican and United — to the glory of God and in memory of Roland Pack who was the former director of music at Thornhill United.

The women of Christ the King Lutheran are embarking on a social outreach program. In answer to a request for visitors for their patients from the Town and Country Nursing Home, they are trying to arrange visitors.

There are many, many old people who find life empty and lonely. They are removed from the life of their community. They feel unnecessary and forgotten.

Visitors can relieve this feeling, even with the volunteer as a visitor you will be amply repaid by the joy you'll bring to most of the elderly. If you wish to help please get in touch with Mrs. Katherine Weigel at 889-7216 before December 14.

There will be lots of music in Thornhill at Christmas. The Anglican Choir and Trinity Teens and Twenties will be singing carols for their shut-ins. In almost all the churches there will be very special music. The combined Baptist and United choirs are singing the Service of the Nine Lessons at 4 pm on December 19 at the Baptist Church at the evening service.

The Brownies of the 2nd Thornhill Pack held an enrolment last week. Mrs. Barbara Ellison officiated. The following new Brownies were made

members in good standing: Cathy Brownell, Carol Comery, Loraine Dobson, Janet Fairy, Mariska Peters and Melanie Zerfar.

The parents of the new girls were present and so was Dr. Dillwyn Evans, minister of the Thornhill Presbyterian where the Brownies meet.

The 6th Thornhill Cubs continue to enjoy a very active program under the leadership of Cubmaster Frank Daly. On November 25 Dr. Hacker gave the boys instruction in first aid. Friday of last week 42 boys (out of the total membership of 43) visited the Science Centre in the company of five leaders and three fathers. Probably the latter learned as much as their sons! It is a fascinating place to go. The meeting on December 17 will include (thanks to the courtesy of the club), tobogganing at the Bayview Country Club, followed by refreshments at the Bayview Grand Public School. Let's hope the snow will last for the Christmas Party.

The 1st Thornhill Brownie Pack and 2nd Girl Guide Company November 29 met together to observe a Brownie Fly-up Ceremony. The Brownies said goodbye to Sandra Churley, Cathy Harrison and Janice Richardson, who were then welcomed to the Guide Company as new recruits. Deputy District Commissioner Mrs. Pat Fruties was on hand to help the Guides welcome their new members.

The Thornhill Library Saturday morning children's programs will end for the season on December 11. It will be a bang-up Christmas surprise, and is a secret until it happens! The new programs will begin on January 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mavor of Arnold Avenue motored to Deltona to celebrate the 90th birthday to Mrs. Rummel. Mrs. Mavor's mother, Mrs. Rummel has made many friends on her visits to Thornhill and more than 20 of them enjoyed helping her celebrate the occasion by sending her a bouquet of carnations and holly. They wish her many happy returns!

The members of the North Thornhill Theatre of the Performing Arts are holding their annual dance on the evening of December 11 at the Heintzman House, Royal Orchard Road. The program includes dancing, a buffet supper and prizes. Tickets are \$5 a couple and may be obtained from Mrs. Brenda Spearing (phone 889-8704) or at the door. The proceeds of the dance go to the recreation association, which helps to finance the theatre.

There is an urgent need for teachers and helpers in the junior department of this church's Sunday school, which covers grades 4, 5 and 6. All the job requires is a liking for children and a desire to learn. Pick up the phone right now. Call Harold Larrant at 889-7156, or leave your name and phone number with the church office.

Toys in good condition (for ages up to five years) are needed for the nurseries and kindergarten.

South Thornhill And Bayview Glen News

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Church News
Thornhill United Church CGIT members will participate in the morning service next Sunday. This will take the place of their annual candle-lighting service.

A Christmas Carol Service will be presented Sunday at 4 pm by the choir, which will be augmented by the choir of Thornhill Baptist Church. This "Service Of The Nine Lessons" will be repeated by both choirs at the Baptist Church December 19 at 7 pm.

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If you have any more children no longer use, please call Carl Wolvert at 889-7449.

Mrs. Joy Turner of Rexdale is now the sole leader of the CGIT group since Mrs. Linda Sloane left the group recently.

Guides and Brownies
At a recent "fly-up" ceremony in the Bayview Glen District, six Brownies of 7th Thornhill Pack made the transition into the 5th Thornhill Guide Company.

On hand at the November 16 ceremony were President Mrs. June Mallon, of the Bayview Glen District, and Guide Mothers, leaders of the three affiliated packs and District Commissioner Mrs. Gail Thompson.

The new Guides are Paula Bodogh, Ruth Carswell, Jackie Lynn Gillespie, Susan Smith, Paula Brown and Paula Wilson.

A new Brownie pack has been organized in the Doncaster Highland Park area. This is the 9th Thornhill and Mrs. Dorothy Rowe is Brown Owl. Tawny Owl is Mrs. Helen Herbol and Grey Owl is Mrs. Maura Howard. The pack held its second meeting on Monday of this week at the E. J. Sand School. The previous 9th Thornhill Pack is no longer in operation.

The 6th Thornhill Brownies, some 26 strong, on December 15 will go carolling in the Doncaster area.

Four members of the Thornhill Ranger Company, along with Leader Mrs. Gail Thompson, attended a conference at the Church of the Resurrection, Woodbine and Danforth, in Toronto December 5. The get-together was designed to discuss programming.

Monday, the Ranger company held an enrolment ceremony at the Toronto Dominion Centre Observation Deck.

Girls' Hockey
The Thornhill girls' hockey team battled to a 2-1 draw with the girls from Brampton at Doublinik Arenas last Saturday.

Thornhill marksmen were Wendy Dobson assisted by Lorraine Sherman and Terri Twining and Sherman from Terri Coyne.

Local girls take on Agincourt at 12 noon this Saturday at Doublinik Arenas.

School News
Teachers John Wilson and Ken Butler of Henderson Avenue Public School are organizing a choir of students from the junior grades.

Tuesday, November 23, was Pioneer Day at Woodland Senior Public School. This was the result of weeks of study on pioneer living in Upper and Lower Canada.

For pioneer day the school's interior was decorated appropriately and displays of handmade crafts and products in early tradition were spotted throughout the building. These included soap, candles, leather work, woodwork, candy, fudge and quilting.

Entertainment of the time — square and folk dancing — was on the program.

The highlight was a fashion show of early Canadian apparel, including Sunday frocks, work in g. duds, children's clothes and miscellaneous items such as a miscreant's outfit worn by the pupils as they went parading down the ramp. Incidentally the teachers all wore in appropriate costumes, too.

Principal Bill French wore a (baggy by our standards) black suit and carried a "long rifle."

Pupils and staff of the school are very delighted with the results of this project.

Neighborhood Notes
While in the Toronto area on business, Father Blodeau, recently of Poplar River, Manitoba, an Indian village, dropped in to see Mrs. Rose Fox recently. Father Blodeau was the priest who officiated at the marriage of Mrs. Fox's daughter Carol to Fred Lambert about 18 months ago. The Lamberts still reside in Poplar River, where Carol teaches and Fred is a welfare officer.

Mrs. Ed Bryan and her youngest daughter Kim will depart December 15 for a three-week visit in their native Jamaica. They will, besides spending Christmas with relatives and friends, attend the wedding of a friend.

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Neighborhood Notes
Birthdays to Murray Fox December 12, Cheryl Underhill December 15 and Caroline Stewart December 9.

The Lions are organizing hockey teams for boys and girls aged eight years and under. Registration day is December 11 from 1 to 4 pm at the Lion's Hall.

Miss Dorothy Flint of Pemberton Road and her friend Mrs. Flora Ness of Willowdale have recently returned from a four-week trip to Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Hawaii.

It was the perfect time to have gone to New Zealand as it was rose time there and the first World Rose Convention was being held.

The grand display halls and the many tours to the outstanding rose gardens both private and public were a sight never to be forgotten, they say.

The most thrilling experiences were the flight in a 20-seat Twin Otter from Queenstown to Milford on the southern Alps of the South Island of New Zealand and later the trip to the Tasman Glacier in a tiny five-passenger ski plane.

School News
William Caldwell, vice-principal of Ross Doan School says the Christmas Concert presented by the staff and pupils in conjunction with the home and school association is December 16 at 7:30 pm at the school.

Best of luck to the former president of the home and school association Joseph Leicht and family who have moved from Wedrick Road to Richmond Hill.

The new president is Mrs. Dorothy Gummarsall, 7 Kersey Crescent, Richvale.

PEPPERLAW: Taxpayers in Georgina Township have been getting a "super bargain," according to Regional Councillor Bob Pollock. He was referring to a charge from a cottage owner that his taxes had gone up 24 percent in 1971. Pollock explained the education levy in Georgina had been low for many years and that the people there had been getting a "super bargain."

Jane Street, Thornhill, Residents Want To Retain Historic Name

Residents of the four homes on Jane Street in Thornhill are protesting an attempt by the Town of Vaughan's planning department to rename the street.

This Jane Street is a two-block long thoroughfare which runs from Yonge Street to Brooke Street and which allows a glimpse of the beautiful old Holy Trinity Church to the Yonge Street traveller.

The reason given for the change is the confusion of names between that street in the former Police Village of Thornhill and the lower concession road which runs north and south through the whole township through Metro, Edgely and Teston. The two streets with the same name pose problems for emergency services.

There are other street name duplications in the new Town of Vaughan. All such changes create problems for police and fire departments. There are also two Mill Roads, two Riverways and two Hayhoes.

The matter of the duplications came up during a renumbering project of homes and buildings in the town. Along with complaints from the fire department, these prompted the planning department to take action.

NAMES SUGGESTED
Five name suggestions chosen from an 1860 map of the County of York were suggested to the Jane Street, Thornhill residents — one of them being Highboro Street. But the residents do not like any of them. They want to keep the name Jane Street.

It is recorded that their street was named by John Edey who had two daughters. He named a street after each — Jane and Elizabeth. These streets intersect a block east of Brooke Street.

The longer Jane Street, which starts at Lake Ontario and continues through North York, Vaughan and King, was named after the wife of John Canavan, an alderman for the City of Toronto from 1855 to 1875. Canavan owned and laid out the street, it is said.

ACCEPTABLE NAMES
While still preferring that Jane remain the name of their street, since they believe it has historic value and "it's tradition that keeps society going," the residents have submitted a list of names to the planning department, which would be acceptable.

Vaughan Mayor Garnet Williams has suggested the name might be changed slightly to Janet. He has promised council will discuss the matter with the residents.

The residents say a name change will be unnecessary inconvenience. They will have to have address changes made to credit and other identification cards, motor vehicle licenses, driver's permits, insurance policies, and a host of other papers, as well as send out relatives, friends and business correspondents, they say.

East Richvale

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The Lions are organizing a hockey team for boys eight years and under. Registration date is Saturday from one to four in the afternoon at the Lion's Hall.

There is no fee involved. It is just going to be a lot of fun for the boys.

For further information call Mrs. French at 889-3780.

Teacher Bruce Bone and the pupils of Sixteenth Avenue Public School have been working hard at pushball these past few months and the winning team was Aqula.

The pupils participating were Frank Nigo, Mike Ross, Jesse Waddington, Bruce Rizka, Doug Negro, Debbie Carson, Jeanette Petersen, Diane Argue, Michele Whiteman and Lynn Longstaff.



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