

# Thornhill and District News

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## Woodland School Studies Pioneer Life In This Area

Pioneer life has been the subject of intensive study by the grade 8 classes of Woodland Senior School, South Thornhill, for several weeks.

On November 23 the pupils presented a visual appreciation of that era in our history with displays of handmade articles and products of the farm and household, folk and square dances. Included were samples of soap, candles, leather work, woodwork, candy, fudge and quilts.

Highlight of the day was a fashion show, with the pupils and teachers wearing complete outfits from the pioneer days.

In the above picture are some of the pupils grouped in front of a covered wagon, the mode of transportation of many of the settlers in the area, (left to right) Principal William French with his long rifle (a very treasured possession of the pioneer head of the household), Laurie Lynd, Pam Dezenhouse, Jody Farb, Anna Lavinia, Jim Killham and Geoff Narris. Incidentally Geoff Narris constructed the "scale model" covered wagon.

## Socially Speaking In Thornhill

### Neighborhood Notes

The Town of Markham Public Library Board takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mrs. Joan Fairfield to the position of Co-ordinator of Library Services for the Markham Public Library System. Mrs. Fairfield is a graduate of the University of Toronto School of Library Science and has acted as branch head at the Thornhill Library since November 1970.

Appointed to the position of branch head at Thornhill effective January 1, is Mrs. Cynthia Tappay. Mrs. Tappay, with experience in all aspects of library work, has been at Markham Centennial Branch for the past four years and is completing a library technician course at Seneca College.

Mrs. Mary Lou Allen and Mrs. Wynne Hall will remain in their present positions as branch heads at Unionville and Markham.

Registrations for the second series of Thursday morning pre-school story hours are now being taken at the Thornhill Public Library.

The December 11 Christmas Surprise Program sponsored by the Thornhill Public Library and presented at the Royal Orchard School was the last children's program which will be offered until Saturday, January 15.

The "Preserve Thornhill in Paint" exhibition of paintings at the Thornhill Public Library will close on December 20. Anyone who wishes to see this varied and unusual group of paintings by local artists should be sure to schedule a visit to the library before that date.

The Senior Citizens held their usual euchre party on December 1 with about 45 members present. The Christmas Dinner was discussed and has been arranged by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, without needing him to conduct. (The regular meetings of the club are now being held at Thornhill Presbyterian).

There was another meeting December 8, a week early because of Christmas. The ladies' choir from the Friendship Club in Willowdale, came to entertain the Thornhill Club. They are all senior citizens and it would be difficult to find better entertainment anywhere.

They sang a selection of songs such as: "This Land Was Made For You And Me", "Beautiful Ohio", "When I Grow Too Old To Dream", etc.

Mrs. Harold Weston put on a skit, singing, "A Lonely Little Petunia In An Onion Patch". There was also a duet, Mrs. Mary Beal and Mrs. Ian Mitchell, who sang "Alicia Blue Gown", and they were dressed in costume for the occasion. Mrs. Charles Slauenwhite was pianist.

The leader of this group is Mrs. Frank Rogers, and she must be very proud of them all.

There was a draw for a dressed doll (a wonderful present for a small granddaughter) and it was won by one of the visitors. Tea was served by the social committee.

The Christmas Dinner is to

be held on December 15 for members only. President Joe Wain will be showing some of his pictures as the program.

For information about the club phone Mrs. Grace Baker, 222-3604. The meetings are the first and third Wednesday afternoons, and the present members will be delighted to welcome any new eligibles!

The Thornhill Tennis Club held its annual meeting on November 25 at Mr. and Mrs. Edward Percival's. The following executive was elected: President Ron Coady, Vice-President Enid Grant, Treasurer Barbara Rowe, Secretary Lynnette Scarff, and Social Convener Joyce Sneddon.

This year there are no major projects, since the paving of the tennis courts and the club house were achievements of the past two years. However the club expects to have many tournaments and inter-club activities. If at all possible, the club intends to sponsor a junior tournament for the North York City area.

Stan Finch is the representative on the Thornhill Area Recreation Committee. Judy McLean is the intermediate representative.

Once a week Wallace Armstrong of the Thornhill Music School goes to the Villa Nursing Home to conduct an orchestra with a difference. All the members, although highly intelligent, are badly crippled and so they have to play instruments that they can cope with.

So there are harmonicas, bells, melodicas, a glockenspiel, an auto harp, a steel guitar, and even sandpaper. Some of the members of the orchestra take additional lessons. All of them read music and Mr. Armstrong is working towards their being able to perform whenever they wish without needing him to conduct.

Their repertoire is varied from "rock and roll" to Beethoven. They must get a great satisfaction from this, but the person who receives most satisfaction of all is the conductor. "They always give me a lift", he says.

The Third Thornhill Girl Guide Company presented its annual Candlelight Service in the evening, December 5 at the Presbyterian Church. It was an inspirational beginning to the Christmas Season. The church was full of parents and interested people.

The "Service of Lights" was composed of pageantry and carols, and the girls sang beautifully. Sweden was represented by St. Lucia and attendants; Holland by St. Nicholas himself; the West Indies by the Kings from the East bearing gifts of fruit; England with the bringing in of the yule log, and Germany with a Christmas Tree. It was the most impressive service that the girls have yet had.

Diane Davidson, Donna Graham, Caroline Steele, Susan Steele, Elaine Comery, Christine Sharp and Kathleen Comery took part in the pageant.

There were even two drummers to set the beat in the West Indian Carols, Jim and Bill McCullough.

The congregation is deeply indebted to the girls, their leaders and the specialists, who assisted in the production. It was an evening to be remembered.

Parts of it are to be repeated at the Royal Orchard School.

Murray Smith, secretary of the Thornhill and District Horticultural Society, has received some information which he wishes to pass on to the general public. On Channel 19, starting on Thursday evening at 8:05 pm, there will be an eight to 10 minute short on varieties of gardens - grotto, herb, baroque, pastere, Keru-kinhof, rose, atrium and natural. (Eight weeks altogether). This program will be repeated on Monday at 12:50 pm from January 3 and on Thursdays at 4:20 pm from February 7.

act as if our ways were the only ways!" said the visiting bishop from the north.

It was an impressive talk, with much to think about.

The women of Thornhill United held a Christmas Potluck Supper December 6. Mrs. Betty McBride is in charge of the supper itself. Hugh Martin led a carol sing-song and brought in a young choir to entertain as well. Mrs. Muriel Roberts presented a movie on the Holy Land, and another of a humorous nature. The supper was thoroughly enjoyed.

The "After 4 Project" closed for the year with a Christmas Party. Over 200 were present. Santa came well supplied with candy canes. Christmas presents do not arrive with him until December 25. There were two good movies and then a magician who quite dumfounded the audience. It was a great party.

Thanks are due to Derwyn Foley on the staff of Thornhill Secondary School, and Michael Ross, who was amazing for his age, 14 years old.

Holy Trinity Anglican Sunday morning held a Youth Carol Festival. Mrs. Roger Priestman, Robert Priestman, John Martin and the children of the Church School, all had a part in this program. It ended with the presentation of white gifts which will be passed on to downtown church workers.

The choir will sing special Christmas Music under the direction of Graham Upcraft, Sunday at 5 pm. This will be a candlelight service. Everybody welcome!

Christmas Services at Thornhill Presbyterian Church, Centre Street, offer something for everyone. On December 19 at 9:30 am there is a continuation of the discussion type service and at 11 am the music of Christmas will be complemented by trumpets and trombones.

At 7 pm the evening service will be a Cantata presentation by the Sunday school students and staff. Christmas Day at 10 am there will be a family service and the children are reminded to bring their favorite present with them.

These special services with the children will help you to celebrate the joy of Christmas through their simple but wise interpretations. To further help your understanding of what Christmas is all about, the Thornhill congregation would like to send you a copy of the book, "Good News for Modern Man", free and without obligation of course. Either write or telephone the church (889-5391) for your copy.

**Baptist Church**  
A name guessing contest was the beginning of a very successful Christmas Party for the ladies of the church recently. It was held at the home of Mrs. William Yeo of Richmond Hill and commenced with a pot luck supper. As each lady arrived she was given a Christmas corsage and the name of a person was pinned on her back and thus began the name guessing with good results. Charades were hilarious and Christmas bingo lots of fun.

During the evening, Past

President Miss Gladys Stevens of the Anna Buck Circle was honored with the presentation of a dominion life membership certificate and pin. Mrs. Florence Martin spoke a few words and read a poem written by Mrs. Lila Ross which expressed the esteem held for Miss Stevens after which Mrs. Ernie Johns presented the pin.

Carols were sung and Mrs. Helen Lennie and Mrs. Jean Calvert presented a dialogue entitled, "Spirits Of Christmas, Rich And Poor". It had been written by Mrs. Lila Ross and made one wonder how much thought is given to people who didn't know Christ, and were not so richly endowed with the good things of this life as we are.

The singing of "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

WOODBRIDGE: Vandals have caused more than \$1,000 damage to the local arena during the first month of operation. If the trend doesn't cease, the recreation department is going to take "strong" action. Groups using the arena are urged to enforce discipline themselves.

## South Thornhill and Bayview Glen

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### Church News

Everyone is invited to attend the Doncaster Bible Chapel's Christmas Celebration to be held at the chapel December 19 at 7 pm.

Besides the usual Christmas carols, singing, presentations and refreshments, the chapel will present awards to Sunday school pupils for attendance, accomplishments, etc.

White Gift Sunday will be held at Thornhill United December 19 for the relief of East Pakistani refugees.

The Sunday School White Gift Sunday was held December 12. Each child brought a small gift for a boy, girl, man or woman to be distributed to needy inter-city families through the Fred Victor Mission.

The Mary and Martha Group of Holy Trinity ACW report the sale of pocket-sized maps of Thornhill is going well. These handy maps at 35c each may be obtained by calling 889-5763.

### Neighborhood Notes

The 2nd Thornhill Scouts and Cubs are holding a joint Christmas Party at Henderson Avenue Public School tonight (Thursday). This will feature refreshments and movies among other things.

Akela Ron Pitt reports that after three years he has finally got the pack's strength up to a full complement of 36 members.

In the New Year the Cubs will go after their green star awards, which require outdoor programs.

The Scouts have now completed their St. John Ambulance training course and are awaiting results of the examination.

Enrolment ceremonies were held at the 5th and 7th Thornhill Brownie Packs recently.

On Thursday December 9 at Bayview Glen Public School nine Tweenies, with their mothers observing, were accepted into the 5th.

The new Brownies are Lisa Vigeon, Alexandra Bell, Dianne Billis, Cindy Divine, Susan Foreman, Cathy Lowe, Paulette Peiro, Diane Petroff and Ann Marie Walsh.

The new 7th Pack Brownies accepted December 13 at Bayview Glen Public School are Donna Cadieux, Yvonne Diefing, Nancy Lorenzette, Alison Hoffeldt, Jacqueline Houston, Tracey Morgan and Diane Coulthard.

The 5th Thornhill Guides some 25 strong, December 17 will journey to the North York General Hospital at Leslie Street and Sheppard Avenue to sing Christmas Carols for the patients. They will present gifts they made themselves.

The E. J. Sand Public School will again commemorate Christmas with a fairly elaborate concert December 20 at 7:30 pm.

The production will feature choir groups, plays, carol singing, choral speaking and individual presentations. Parents and friends of the students will be able to take in this event.

Friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Helen Goodyear, 61 Henderson Avenue, are delighted to learn that she is back at her post as secretary at Henderson Avenue Public School. Mrs. Goodyear underwent surgery to her foot during her six-week absence from the school.

Henderson Avenue School students will enjoy Christmas assemblies in the classroom December 22.

Friends and former neighbors of Bill Mitchell, formerly of Clark Avenue, will be saddened to learn that he is now almost completely bedridden and can move about only with the aid of a wheelchair. His condition, it is reported, is due to a spinal injury which has him making frequent trips to the hospital.

The Mitchell's are now residents of the Vivian Sideroad near Newmarket. Before his retirement about four years ago, Mrs. Mitchell was in the contracting business in partnership with Jack Walker, now of Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Gary Stamp of Morgan Avenue and son Christopher have recently arrived home from hospital. The infant was detained for a week to have surgery for a hernia. Now, mother, son and father are all doing well.

Mrs. Rose Fox and family of Glen Cameron Avenue will have the delightful pleasure of entertaining daughter Carol, her husband Fred Lambert and their adopted daughter of Poplar River, Manitoba, for the Christmas Holidays. The Lamberts arrive December 18.

On Sunday December 19 Cora Lee Lambert will be presented at St. Luke's Roman Catholic for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. The parents are hoping that Father Golodeau, the priest who officiated at their wedding in Poplar River (now studying in London) can be present to officiate at the christening.

Birthday greetings go out to John Martin, Proctor Avenue, who celebrated his 16th December 12; to Peter Harlick Junior, Henderson Avenue, who will mark his very first December 20.

The Thornhill girls' hockey team took it "on the chin" in their game at Doublerink Arena last Saturday as they lost 3-1 to the Agincourt girls.

On Saturday December 18 Thornhill will meet the Brampton team. Game time is 12 noon at the Doublerink.

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