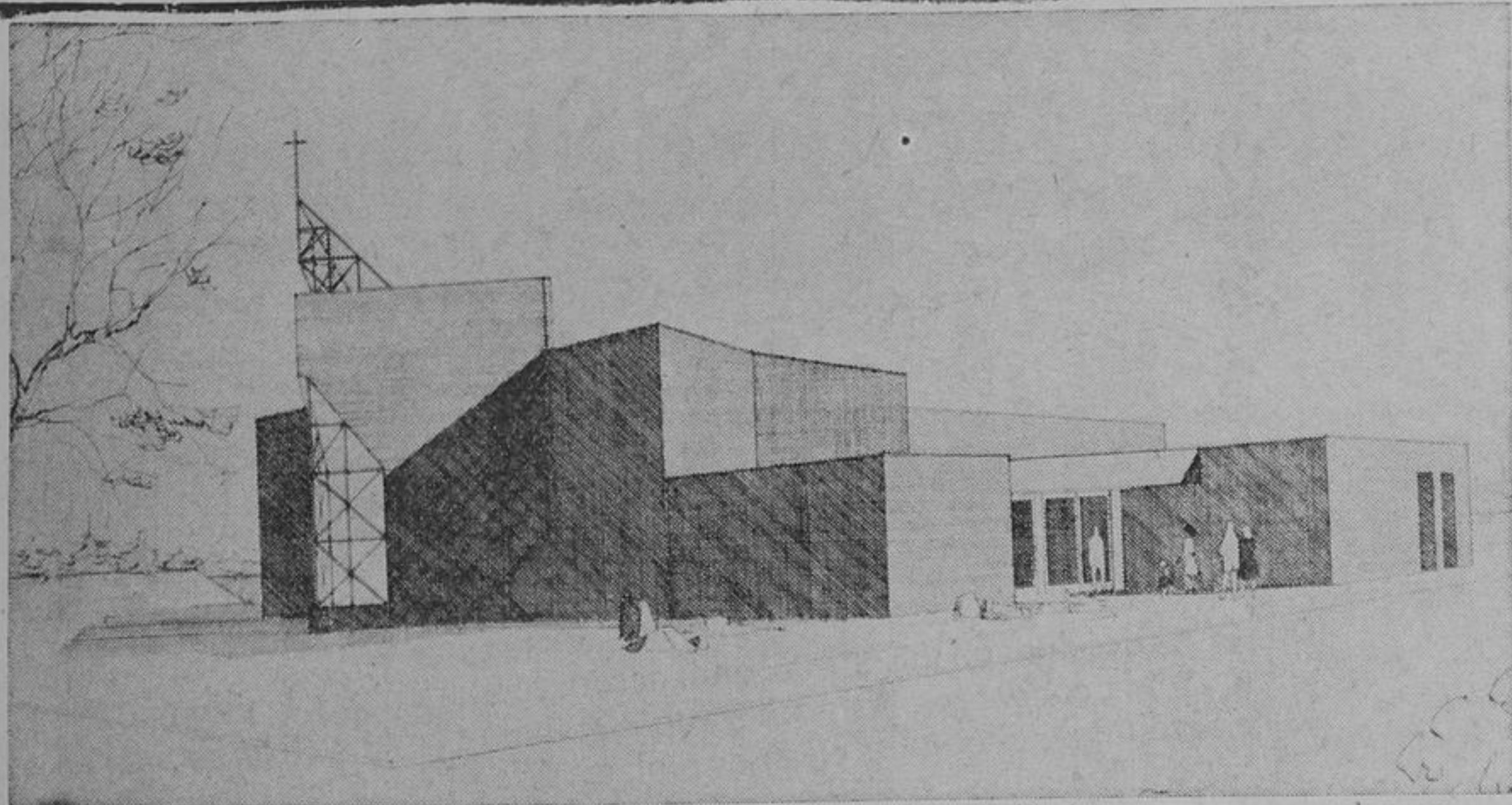


# Thornhill and District News

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The innovative architectural design of the new St. Luke's Parish Centre, now under construction on Green Lane, Thornhill, is seen in the reproduction of the artist's sketch above. The new parish centre will replace the more than century-old St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church on Church Street in Thornhill, with its very limited accommodation.

## St. Luke's Parish Centre In Thornhill

By MARGARET GOVAN  
Thornhill Correspondent

Now under construction on Green Lane, just east of Bayview Avenue in Thornhill is the new St. Luke's Parish Centre. The design evolved from the requirements of the parish for a flexible structure. Architect Bruno Apollonio, working in close co-operation with Father Thomas Chidlow and both the parish and archdiocesan building committees, designed the building as a permanent chapel seating approximately 200 people. It has an assembly hall seating 500 people. The two areas are divided by an electrically operated folding partition. When the partition is retracted the whole space becomes a church for more than 700 people. In order to reinforce the unity of the space the interior finish of split-ribbed block for the walls and textured plaster for the ceiling, are carried through from the chapel to the assembly area. The chapel is dramatically

highlighted by an 18-foot-high stained glass window at the back of the altar and a clerestory window 25 feet above the sanctuary. This window will flood the area with natural light. When the folding partition is closed, the assembly area functions as a traditional "parish hall" and is expected to find frequent use in this active parish. For smaller gatherings of up to 75 people a separate committee room has been provided right off the main entry. This room will also serve as a lecture room and meeting place for parishioners after Mass.

The exterior of the building will be of light brown brick. The roof line develops to a high point over the chapel and is climaxed by a steel spire and cross. The plan for St. Luke's Parish Centre offers substantial savings when compared with the traditional church and parish hall arrangements. It is scheduled for completion in the early summer.

Thursday, February 17, two more classes from E. J. Sand journeyed to Seneca College to enjoy a musical concert. This excursion featured the rock sound of "Sweet Blindness" and classical guitarist Leona Boyd. The lucky students this time were Mrs. Eleanor Scott's grade 6 and Mrs. Pamela Wright's grade 5. Looking ahead, the science fair at E. J. Sand is set for March 29. Representing Henderson Avenue Junior School at Roselawn School in the public speaking contest February 18 was Martin Hunka, grade 5, who spoke on the "World's Oldest Hobby — Stamp Collecting". Henderson Avenue Public School has instituted an elective class for grades 4, 5 and 6 students. This program is held Fridays and there are seven different non-academic subjects available. The Bayview Glen representative in the public speaking contest at Roselawn School was Karen Pearson, grade 5, whose speech on "The Year 2000" won her second place in school area 3 preliminaries. Karen is still in the running for future honours.

At Bayview Glen Junior School, representing Woodland Senior School, February 18, in the senior public speaking competition was Elaine Mully, who took top honors in her division. Elaine is 14 years old, having celebrated her 14th birthday February 1. While friends and neighbors of Mrs. Jessie Blakley, 22 Glen Cameron Avenue, are happy to know that she is home from hospital, they are sorry to learn that she is still confined to bed. Birthday greetings are extended this week to Ronald Devries, Morgan Avenue and to Jean Bierma, Glen Cameron Avenue. Both celebrate February 28. Ron will be five years old and Jean will be 13. A check with Steve Jackson, Thornlea Avenue and Bob Phinnemore, Yonge Street, revealed that their plans to travel from Cochrane to Churchill, Manitoba, by snowmobile, starting March 17, are progressing slowly and surely. The annual church parade for Cubs and Scouts was held at Thornhill United Church February 20. This year they were joined by the 5th Thornhill Girl Guide Company.

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## South Thornhill And Bayview Glen News

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**School News**  
At this time of year, the public schools in York County select the best orators from among their students and hope they will prove best against their counterparts from other schools, first locally, then at a county level, and finally at the provincial level.

Friday, February 18, at Roselawn Senior Public School near Richmond Hill and also at Bayview Glen Public School in South Thornhill the first inter-school competitions got underway. Oddly enough the junior competitions were held at the senior school and the senior at the junior school.

Top winner in the senior competition was from Woodland School, Elaine Mully, whose topic was "Choosing A Topic For Public Speaking Contests. Second place went to Wendy Ridden of Royal Orchard Senior School, North Thornhill, and third to Pat Gall from Woodbridge Public School.

In the junior events, Marie-Lisa Souche of the Charles Howitt Junior School was first, followed by Karen Pearson of Bayview and Lynn Gray of Thornhill.

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**Girls' Hockey**  
Agincourt was the scene of the opening game of the North York Ladies' Hockey League playoffs with Thornhill the visitors. Unfortunately Agincourt blasted the Thornhill girls 11-1. Agincourt's unusual fire power was due to the fact that Thornhill was without a number of their key players including the regular goalie.

The second game in the best of three series is scheduled for this coming Saturday at Double-Rink Arenas. Game time is 12 noon. Noisy fan support will be most welcome.

**Church News**  
Next Sunday's Ecumenical Lenten Service at 7 pm will be held in Christ the King Lutheran Church, Baythorn Drive at Royal Orchard Boulevard. Rev. Dr. Dillwyn Evans will be conducting the service and Rev. Ernest Johns will preach.

Needed! A former gym teacher to teach "Keep Fit Exercises" one hour a week for mothers and tots, a morning program to start in March or April. Please call Mrs. Judy Flow at 889-6807.

## Mayor Attends To Aid Cubs, Scouts

## Ladies Auxiliary To Thornhill 7th Put On Swinging Passport Dance

There was a real swinging event with flights of fantasy to England, France, Germany, Italy, India and Hawaii Saturday evening, February 5, at the North Thornhill Community Centre (Heintzman House) on Baythorn Drive. The occasion was the 2nd International Passport Dance sponsored by the 7th Thornhill Cub and Scout Ladies Auxiliary. The centre was beautifully and artistically decorated with posters, drawings, costumes and draperies — creating the ethnic atmosphere of the countries represented. Each room served delightful dishes applicable to the respective country. Every year the International Night surpasses its previous year's stellar evening.

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## Thornhill Chessman Tops School Tourney

Jonathan Schaeffer of Thornhill Secondary was top man in the high school division of the York County Chess Tournament held in Newmarket last Friday. St. Andrew's College Team won this division with Newmarket High in second place and King City Secondary in third place. Thornhill Secondary was sixth and Thornlea Secondary eighth in the field of eight schools. This division drew 67 individual entries. Top team in the elementary school section came from Franklin Street Public School in Markham and Eggleton Bartley of that school was the top individual.

## THORNHILL INTER-FAITH COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL Lent Sunday Night SERVICES

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## BOOK TALK THORNHILL PUBLIC LIBRARY Non-Fiction Reading For Children

**Non-fiction Reading**  
There is a great deal more to children's non-fiction than books about pets, explorers and Indians. Think of any child with an alert and ranging mind whose curiosity about the world is only partially satisfied by routine school project assignments. Or think of any parent who believes his child has learned enough about Marco Polo and the Inroquois and who wants to open other doors for the youngster.

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All these should come to the library to look over our collection of informational books for children. For example consider the following:  
**Snow Stumpers** by David Webster. A book containing about 30 photographic puzzles which challenge the reader to use all of his cleverness about physics, meteorology and even psychology to explain why the snow and ice have formed and melted in the patterns pictured. The photographs are large and clear. The solutions are given in one or two admirably worded sentences.  
**Stories From Science** by A. Sutcliffe and A. P. D. Sutcliffe. A collection which is short enough, strange enough, and ghoulish enough to appeal hugely to children between about 11 and 15 years of age. Each chapter deals with some little-known, believe-it-or-not sort of incident in the history of science. (A few of the medical cases are thrillingly gruesome.)  
**Why You Look Like You Whereas I Tend To Look Like Me** by Charlotte Pomerantz. Although the sing-song rhyming couplets may repel a reader who does not like his science delivered with quite such an insistent beat, most children will find this brief, cleverly illustrated presentation of Mendelian genetics educational in all the best senses of the word.  
**Long Journeys** by Willard Heaps. Ten stories about long marches (including the Klondike Gold Rush and the Death March from Bataan) which show how people have reacted as groups and as individuals to the enormous physical and emotional strain of prolonged journeys on foot and on horseback.  
**The Story of Chocolate** by David Butts and Addison E. Lee. This short book — which is about half text and half illustration — traces, with winning briskness and enthusiasm the history of the cacao bean and explains its economic and sociological importance. Most children over nine years old will be able to read the whole almost-comic-book style little volume in less than an hour.  
**The Story of Vanilla** by David Butts and Addison E. Lee. Another book of the same size and format by the same two authors. This time the subject is the struggle of botanists to cultivate and utilize the puzzling, beautiful vanilla orchid.  
**Clocks from Shadow to Atom** by Kathryn Borland and Helen Speicher. While this is basically a history of clocks and watches, clear explanations are provided of the engineering and mechanical problems involved in producing accurate timepieces and of the scientific importance of being able to measure intervals of time precisely. The full color paintings which illustrate the book are exceptionally beautiful.  
Part Two on this subject to be continued later.

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## Socially Speaking In Thornhill

**Events At The Library**  
The Thornhill Public Library presents an exciting surprise program on Indians for 6-12 year olds Saturday at 10 am at the Royal Orchard Public.

Register now for a special spring session of Talk-In. This is a current books discussion group at the library. The first session begins March 8 at 8 pm and continues on alternate Wednesdays until May 31. The group will be led by Lee Rennie of Markham. He has led a books discussion group at the London Public Library, as well as another current books discussion group dubbed Talk-In at the Markham Library — a first in the region.

The first two books to be discussed are "What Made Sammy Run" by Bud Schulberg, and the "Art Of Loving" by Erich Fromm. Other titles scheduled are "The Feminine Mystique" by Betty Friedan and "The Catcher In The Rye" by J. D. Salinger.

When the group continues in the fall, titles and subjects for discussion can be suggested by group members. Each member will receive his own paperback copy of the book under discussion — a nominal fee will be charged to help with the cost of the paperback. Drop in during library hours to register.

**Brebeuf College School**  
The Ladies' Guild of the Brebeuf College School are holding their annual card party. It will take place at the school, 211 Steeles Avenue East, Willowdale March 15 at 8 pm. The tickets are \$1.50 and can be obtained from Mrs. Mary Macauley. Please telephone 493-2311. The proceeds of the party will be used to buy stage equipment, lights, curtains, etc.

**Co-operative Nursery**  
The morning class of the Co-operative Nursery School had the fun of visiting the Open Window Bakery in Willowdale. They had a demonstration of bread and cookie making, were given chocolate chip cookies, as well as a little piece of dough for each of them to handle. It was a great success.

in Brampton and a coffee party was held at Mrs. May Dixon's for all persons in the neighborhood. Mrs. Claire Thompson poured tea. After that the visitor met the executive at dinner and on Sunday afternoon there was a reception for all members at Scarborough University, Military Trail.

The members of the local Institute gave birthday greetings to Mrs. Anne Holmes and Mrs. Mabel Mizzen. Mrs. Marie McGhee, convener of home economics and health, read a paper on "Spices in Your Life" and a second one on "Herbs in Your Cooking". There was a draw and Mrs. Sayers won it, receiving a bottle of toilet water.

There was discussion about the 70th birthday party which will take place on the March meeting day. Voting delegates are reminded of the board meeting March 6 at 1200 Bay Street. Every member is welcome.

The executive of the WI's of Ontario has prepared a book: "The Story Of The Women's Institute," \$3 per copy. Mrs. Thompson says it is very well done and full of interest.

**Cancer Society**  
The cancer society here is still in need of volunteers for canvassers and captains. If you could help please contact George Meek at 889-1644. The campaign is in April.

**Senior Citizens**  
The senior citizens held their regular meeting on February 15 with an attendance of 36 members. Quite a number of the regulars are away in Florida, but the organization hopes to have a good number out on March 1, the day for a friendly game of euchre.

Reverend Dr. Dillwyn Evans came in to visit with the members and gave a very nice talk. He seemed pleased to have the senior citizens in his church again and they certainly enjoyed being there.

Joe Wain, president, showed some pictures — a comic first and then one of "Across Canada" which was most interesting. This was followed, of course, by the usual cup of tea and cakes which are usually made by the Social Convener Mrs. Flora Davis.

The senior citizens always welcome new members. Contact either Mrs. Grace Baker at 222-3604 or Mrs. Florrie Mote 889-9329.

**Club 400 Draw**  
Saturday's Club 400 draw, sponsored by the Thornhill Minor Hockey Association, resulted in five more lucky winners: 72 Martin Forgie, 158 Chris Sills, 171 Jack Regan, 268 Bill Huckvale and 305 Al Stevens.

**Boys' Hockey Meeting**  
Several fathers interested in the future of organized hockey for the boys of the Richvale area held a meeting last week. In attendance were Barney Batista, Bill March, Cliff Twidale, Don Bellamy, Ed Banks, and Warren Bailie.

The meeting appointed a steering committee to meet the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association, the Thornhill Minor Hockey Association, the Unionville Minor Hockey Association, the Maple Minor Hockey Association, and officials of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, to discuss what form organized hockey should take, now that this area is part of Richmond Hill.

Warren Bailie was appointed secretary "Pro-Tem" and the committee directed him to contact the Richmond Hill Arena Board to discuss ice time for hockey teams from this area for the 1972-1973 season.

The committee also includes Dennis Stapley and Lionel Boswell. They were unable to attend the meeting because Dennis was driving his boys to their hockey game, and Lionel was working on the rink in the park on Pearson Avenue that night.

The committee will try to keep the residents of the area informed of the activities with the co-operation of your local news columnist.

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Today is the day to give a gift of life to some needy person. Please visit the Blood Donors Clinic today (Thursday) at the Lions Hall on Centre Street in downtown Richmond Hill.

**16th Avenue School News**  
The home and school held a meeting recently and the following people will be serving on the committee for the next two years: President, Edward Waddington of 16th Avenue; Vice-President Mrs. Pat Meggitt of 230 Doncrest Road; Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Helen Peace of 200 Duncan Road; Membership and Publicity Mrs. Pat Mabeu of Duncan Road; Mrs. Donna Stevenson of 201 16th Avenue; Program and Correspondence Mrs. Sophie Logush of 86 Duncan Road; and Mrs. Erica Thomson of 219 Duncan Road.

Open house will be held on February 29. A very happy birthday to Larry Thompson of Duncan Road, who will be 12 years old on his 3rd birthday February 29. Many happy returns Larry.