Thornhill and District News

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Public Library

The Thornhill Library presents an exhibit of art work by Thornhill Waldorf School children, June 16-27. A representative from the Waldorf Schools will be in the library June 13, 7:30-8:30 pm and June 20, 7:30 to 8:30 pm to answer questions about the schools. Books dealing with the philosophy of the Waldorf Schools are available in the library.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tapley (Mrs. Tapley is the head librarian of the Thornhill Branch) on the birth of their daughter. Also to Mr. and Mrs. John Thistlewood, on the birth of a son. Mrs. Thistlewood has been assisting in the library.

Horticultural Society

The regular June meeting of the Thornhill and District Horticultural Society will be held June 20, at 8 pm in Thornhill Community Centre, Royal Orchard Boulevard at Baythorne Drive (Heintzman House.) The speaker will be Tom Sparling of Hough, Stansbury and Associates, landscape architects, Toronto, who will discuss suburban landscaping. There will be a flower show featuring iris, poppies, peonies, and, hopefully roses including both specimens and decorative designs. Early vegetables, it is also to be hoped, will be up for competition.

Other features are draw prizes, refreshments and a sale of late annuals and garden or design accessories. The society is always delighted to welcome visitors.

Guides and Brownies

The Brownies of the 2nd Langstaff Pack wish to congratulate their sister Brownies on earning their wings. A fly-up ceremony was held at the Presbyterian Church recently. The following Brownies have now become part of the Guide Company: Elizabeth Barrett, Lisa Barrett, Nancy Clusiau, Kim Colvin, Colleen Crilly, Joanne Crone, Sandra Eccles, Dianne Jempson, Sandra Preece, Darlene Smith, Tracy Snowden, Marilyn White, Carol Anne Wilshire. The remaining Brownies will miss all of them and do hope they enjoy Guides.

Saturday, May 27, the 2nd Langstaff Pack Brownies had an outdoor adventure day. The Brownies and leaders, Snowy Owl Barb Hauffe, Brown Owl Mrs. Stella Michkowski and Snowy Owl Mrs. Susan Meeks, walked from Bay Thorn School to the Robinson farm. The Brownies had no idea where they were going; they had to use a map and compass to reach their goal.

Arriving at the farm they were taken on a tour through the barn. After they reached the campsite they were all keen to explore. They first had a hike, followed by lunch.

Many hunt club riders stopped and talked to the Brownies about their horses.

The exploring produced surprises. There were pheasants, owls and many kinds of birds and flowers. But the greatest surprise of all were two peacocks in an old stable. The owner said he had bought the pair and hopes for more.

After a few mishaps when Brownies fell into knee-deep mud and water, they all returned to a campfire and weiner roast, and of course a sing-song. Next came cleanup and the walk home.

Mrs. Meeks tested the Brownies on explorer, observer, and outdoor adventure badges on the hike. Guides Brenda Masson and Anne-Marie Michkowski also assisted.

Great appreciation goes to snowy Owl Barb Hauffe who arranged the picnic, and also for her work during the year which has been a wonderful one.

A few Saturdays ago the Guides of 1st Langstaff Company went on a hike to the Robinson farm. Captain Margaret Harper, and Guides Michele Clusiau, Sandra Harriott, Tanis Manahan, Brenda Masson, and Anna-Marie Michkowski, each with a full pack, took part in a practice hike for a Guide weekend with the Scouts.

They arrived at the farm in time for lunch and were joined by Guide Leader Mrs. Gisele Neitzert and the rest of the company. They explored the wooded area of the farm and had fun building a campfire and eating supper! The weather was beautiful and the hike a complete success.

The Guides had been invited to take part in a Scout hike, called Camp Blister. They took off from Harrison Park near Owen Sound. Captain Harper, and Guides Sandra Harriott, Tanis Manahan, and Anne-Marie Michkowski were to walk 20 miles along part of the Bruce Trail, over farmland and through bush. They were to camp overnight Friday, and then walk 10 miles on both Saturday and Sunday, eating campfire meals. But due to bad weather the girls and their leader were able to complete only five miles before they cancelled out and returned home Saturday afternoon. This was a great disappointment but they are more than willing to try again next year. Look out, Scouts!

On the long holiday weekend the Guides of 1st Langstaff Company, went camping at Bonita Glen. Four wonderful days of good weather, hikes, campfires, and good times, brought the guiding season to a close. Many thanks are due to Captain Harper and Guide Lieutenant Neitzert for the many wonderful experiences in this successful year. To all Guides who are reading this good luck, and a safe, happy summer.

(This and some previous articles, has been submitted by Brenda Masson and Anne-Marie Michkowski who have been working for their reporters' badge.)

Presbyterian Church

Saturday June 3, the Fortnighters Group of Thornhill Presbyterian Church, gave a heritage tea. There was a truly great display of Thornhill Canadiana. Mrs. Doris Fitzgerald lent old pictures, and more were exhibited by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Weaver. Mr. Weaver had taken 'before and after' pictures of old houses and buildings which had been renovated. In another room Mrs. Crystal Heisink of the Kingcraft Group, had a display of weaving and also her loom was set up. Mrs. May Henry, in the same room, had a quilting frame and was working on a quilt. There was also a collection of very beautiful quilts. Mrs. Sheila McEachren and Mrs. Bernice Sharp showed some of their pottery.

Still another room was given over to old wedding gowns and christening robes, many of them over the century mark.

Rocking chairs from other days, crystal, hand painted china filled a room. There was an old book display, maps, slides of old Toronto, and an animated map showing the mills, etc. prepared by Mrs. Joan Ure and her nephew. It took people a long time to see everything and they were genuinely interested.

The tea room was downstairs, manned by girls from grades eight and nine; they wore long dresses and mob caps, and were both charming and capable. Old fashioned cookies and homemade ice cream were served. All the members of the Fortnighters were in the kitchen. It is to be hoped that the Club will give us a repeat performance, for Thornhill's past means a great deal to many of the citizens.

Of Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bone attended the annual graduation ceremonies at Alma College, St. Thomas, this year. (Their daughter, Dr. Betty Bone, is the principal.) This was a special occasion since Governor-General Roland Michener and Mrs. Michener attended. Mrs. Michener, the Governor General's mother, had been a student at Alma and graduated in 1895. She had been very conscious of what she had gained at Alma, and her family had been told all about the school. Dr. Bone had found her report card and showed it to their distinguished guest!

He took part in the ceremonies in the beautiful natural amphitheatre, and presented the Governor-General's medal to Peggy Liu of Hong Kong. (This is the only independent school which has the honor of such a medal.)

His Excellency mingled with the guests and Mr. and Mrs. Bone talked with him.

As you would expect, there was a great crowd; more than 1,000 attended including a lady of 94 who had graduated in 1896 in music!

Of course having such a guest involved much formality, but it was well-worth it, and a delightful experience for everybody.

Thornhill School of Ballet

The Thornhill School of Ballet, Patricia Upcraft director, presented a recital on June 7, at Holy Trinity Church.

The program was varied, with dances, demonstrations of the work required by the examinations for the different grades, and two vocal trios by the Neun sisters. There was also a special visitor, Miss Helene Skakoon, who passed the Royal Academy of Dancing Advanced Examination in 1971 with a 'Highly Commended' standing. She danced for two years with the Alberta Ballet Company and is now studying with Lois Smith. She was able to demonstrate some of the more advanced work, as well as perform a solo from Swan Lake.

All the pupils who had passed the examinations in 1972, were among the performers. Grade 1—Alison Ashley, Margaret Hastings, Joy Hambleton and Rosemary Maxwell Pass; Janet Barrie, Gail Ford, Janet Parker Alison LeClaire had a pass plus standing.

Grade 2: Marilyn White, Martha Fraser, Anne Murphy pass, Adrianne Whitehead and Janine Boddaert pass plus; Alix Moon and Nora Ferguson highly commended.

Grade 3: Anne Shields pass; Barbara Padmore pass plus; Pam Dezenhouse, commended.

Grade 4: Danielle Delaney pass plus; Marianne Eberhard commended.

Costumes and makeup were looked after by Sara Moon and assistants. The musical accompaniment was taken care of by Ann Padmore, Graham Upcraft and James Maybank. David Still did the lighting. The Holy Trinity Church Choir provided refreshments.

Scouts

The 6th Thornhill Cub and Scout Group Committee (Bayview-Glencrest Area) wound up the season's activities with a wine and cheese party at the home of Chairman Alex Macrae. The occasion was a tribute to Past-Chairman Doug Hamm, for nine years (1963-1972) an outstanding member of the group and chairman for the past six.

Mr. Hamm was presented with an original watercolor, a rural winter scene of a farm in Langstaff, painted especially for him by local artist Edith Stankus. Also presented was a special "thank you" badge on behalf of the Boy Scouts of Canada from York Summit District Council.

More than 30 of the 70 or more men who have served the organization with Mr Hamm, were present with their wives. In charge of the proceedings were Mrs. June Mallon, president of the ladies' auxiliary, Frank Daly who was master of ceremonies, Chairman Alex Macrae, and Ron and Phyllis Rose.

The final event of the 6th Cub Pack was the spring Cub Camp June 2-4, at Claremont, Ontario, as guests of Robert McConnell. Leaders Frank Daly, Wally Maxwell, Vic Brown Rob Hanson, Tom Welsh, Neil Craig (who was guest cook) and five senior Scouts, supervised the work of 30 Cubs for woodsmen and athlete badges, tawny and green star requirements, building fires and shelters with found material ,and cooking their meals foil wrapped.

Points were given for semaphore work and trail blazing, dress, cleanliness, and giving and receiving orders. Yellow Six, the winner of the five groups, consisted of Howard Rubel, Scott Daly, Billy Brummit, Earol Hassan, Drew Gillian, and Steven Wyers.

Paul Day chosen by the leaders as the all-around best Cub at the camp, was awarded the special paddle given for this purpose by the retired Canuck Venturer Company. Paul's name will be inscribed for this purpose on the paddle which he will retain until the 1973 cub camp.

The outstanding event of the 6th Thornhill Scouts and Venturers, was the presentation last fall, by Chief Scout Roland Michener CC of the gold cross (for special heroism with extraordinary risk) to Canuck Venturer Jeffrey Davis. The annual report for 1971 of the Provincial Council for Ontario cited the award—"For his extraordinary gallant action, when a canoe in which he and two other Venturers overturned in a very hazardous crossing of the Thirty Dollars Rapids. Jeffery still in the water holding on to the upturned canoe, reached over the canoe's bottom and grasped first the shirt, then the arm of his friend, 15 year old Jerrold Whelan. At the instant the latter's grip on the canoe started to slip and he was in danger of being swept down the rocky rapids to possible injury or death. Jeffery worked both himself and his friend along a rope to eventual safety."

The final activity of the 6th Thornhill Scouts was a simulated canoe trip at Fred Orpen's farm May 26-28. It involved a quarter of a mile portage to a pond site where a camp base was established for extensive instruction and practice in canoe handling. For many of the dozen scouts it was their first experience with this craft. Swimming was also enjoyed, thanks to the ideal weather.

Leaders Ron Chadwick, Phil Lapp, Al Carswell and Dave Yielding were on hand. Bruce Rose and Don Carswell were presented with Scouting's top award the gold challenge chain. Bruce Rose, Doug Lapp, Mark Marshall and Don Carswell won water canteens as members of the Python Patrol judged the best of the troop over the past year.

Helpmate

Helpmate and Thornhill United Church, are holding a good used clothing sale, June 20, 2:30 to 9:30 pm in the church.

BOOK TALK

(Town of Markham Public Libraries)

Good Reading Among The New Books

THE DOUBLE-CROSS SYSTEM by J. C. Masterman. The astonishing account of World War II espionage in Britain by the author of the Masterman Report, which was recently released for publication by Her Majesty's government. The book reveals for the first time the intricate double agent network used by British intelligence to control German espionage in England between 1940 and 1945. (Thornhill.)

NUTRITION AND YOUR MIND by George Watson. The new field of psycho-chemistry described by one of its principal practitioners. Dr. Watson, a former professor of psychology, now devotes full time to research in the treatment through diet of certain types of mental disorder. Along the way he has some disquieting and controversial things to say about the effectiveness of psychotherapy. A test to determine your psycho-chemical type is included along with suggested diets and recommendations for discovering your own personal requirements for optimum physical and mental health (Unionville.)

THE FOOD OF ITALY by Waverley Root. This distinguished and fascinating book is much more than a gastronomical tour through an obviously much loved country. The sketches of the Italian character, the countryside, the local history from culture to kitchen, all add to the immense charm of the book. The author's considerable reputation is further enhanced by this elegant publication. (Markham, Thornhill, Unionville.)

THE JAPANESE GIRL by Winston Graham. This master story teller has once again caught our interest with this collection of stories. His incomparable gift for portraying the foibles of human nature, the subtly macabre and mounting suspense are all here with panache. (Markham, Thornhill, Unionville.)

SUMMER SOLSTICE by Elizabeth North. A rather unusual story of a woman's discontent with her role in life as wife and mother. Introspection, subconscious probing and delicate sensitivity are well presented in present day women's revolt. (Markham, Thornhill, Unionville.)

THE COMPLETE SHORT STORIES by Flannery O'Connor. All 31 stories written in the author's short lifetime are here collected for the first time. The stories are set in the southern U.S.A. and dramatize unforgettably the terrifying ease with which every man's ability to love and excuse himself, can snuff his vagrant, feeble impulses toward charity, pity and justice. (Markham, Thornhill.)

New Tennis Court

Thornhill Tennis Club plans to build a third tennis court in Thornhill Park.

At a meeting June 5, Vaughan Council agreed to give the club permission to construct the new court to the west of the existing courts. The work will be financed by the club and the project started at the discretion of the club.

"They are going to do their own work," observed Regional Councillor John Gilbert. "This is the kind of participation I like to see."

AURORA—Taxes on a $20,000 home in Aurora will drop about $9 this year, according to provisions of the town's $2.7 million budget passed last week. The mill rate of 25.553 for residential public school supporters will collect $511 on an "average" home assessed at $20,000.

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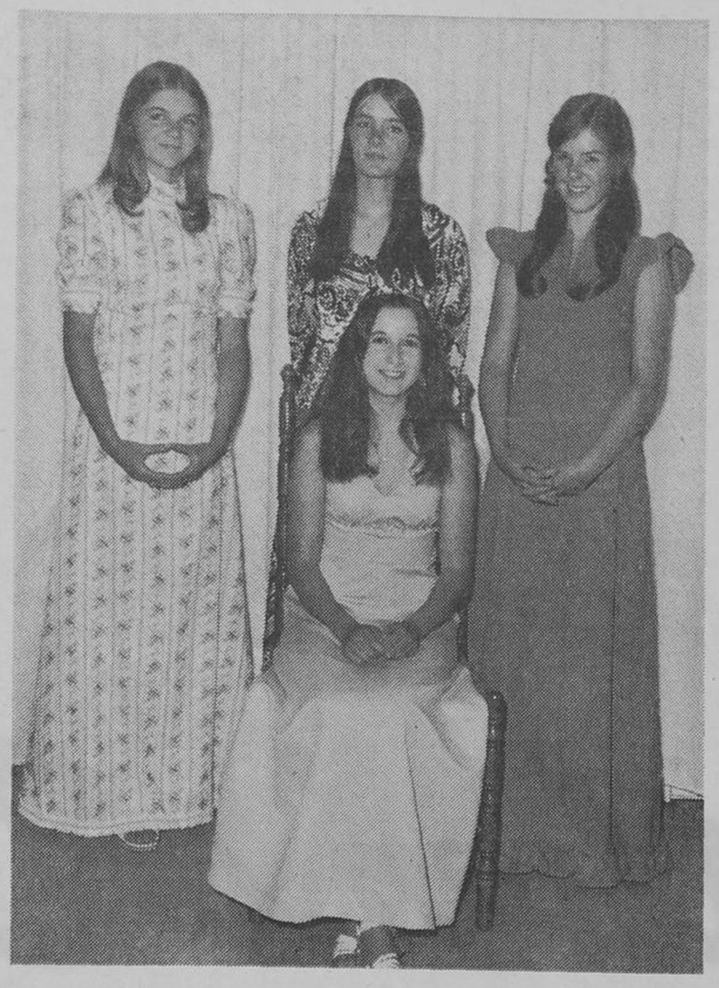

(Photo by Dave Barbour)

Thornhill Secondary School Prom Queen

To be chosen as "Prom Queen" is the highest honor any girl student can be accorded by her fellow students, and the crowning of the Queen is a highlight of every school year.

Thornhill Secondary School crowned Jan Marchiori as the 1972 Queen at their recent annual prom. Jan is seen seated above with her Princesses. Barb Bush, Jan Honsberger and Sharon Witzu. The fourth Princess, Joanne Marshall was absent when the picture was taken.

Jan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marchiori of 170 John Street. She is 18 and a grade 13 student.

Richvale District News

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Neighborhood Notes

Emmanuel and St. Gabriel's Anglican Churches united on Sunday for their Sunday school picnic. With the weather co-operating, adults and children alike enjoyed their day at Bruce's Mill.

Congratulations to Craig Riley, Diana Pigott and Michael Bowers on winning the top prizes (3 speed bicycles) at the Richvale Lions Rodeo held in Borovoy Plaza recently.

This is the second year of the rodeo and now the children are looking forward to next years.

The marriage of Deborah Abraham daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Abraham of Maple to Warren Baillie Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Baillie of Denham Drive, Richvale will take place August 26 in Thornhill Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to Marg Collett, MacKay Drive on her elected office of vice - president of the Richmond Hill YWCA for the 1972-73 term. Representatives from Richvale and Oak Ridges, will also be on this years board of directors, to assure wider representation to the newer areas of Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Nancy McGuffin of Maryvale Crescent, Richvale has a fine display of her weaving at the Richmond Hill Library, it will be there for a month.

For those of you who have not as yet seen Nancy work, there is a variety of clothes which she designed and weaved, some wall hangings, every item is functional and worth seeing. Many of the women in our area have been taking weaving lessons from Nancy and benefitted from their learnings.

Still on the sick list this week, but understand convalescing favorably is Harry Nelson of Roosevelt Drive who is a patient in Branson Hospital, and Robert White of Roosevelt Drive. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Betty Walker of Oak Avenue has returned home from her stay at York Central Hospital and is convalescing at home the others who are ill at this time, we wish you all, a speedy recovery.

We forgot to mention that Mrs. Peggy Gottchalk a former resident of Richvale has been released from York Central Hospital and is now convalescing at home.

NORTH RICHVALE NEWS

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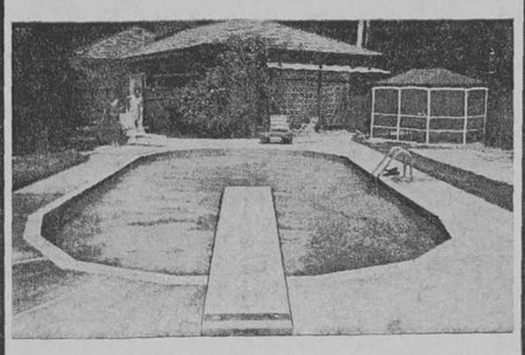
Birthday greetings to Debbie Cummer June 15 and Ron Todd June 13.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Swindlehurst who celebrate their second wedding anniversary June 13; also to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Todd, who have a wedding anniversary the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Johnston, Owen Sound, where the surprise visitors at the Wehrens home on the weekend.

FOR EXCITING NEWS SEE PAGE 17 GREENWOOD RENAULT



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