Thornhill and District News

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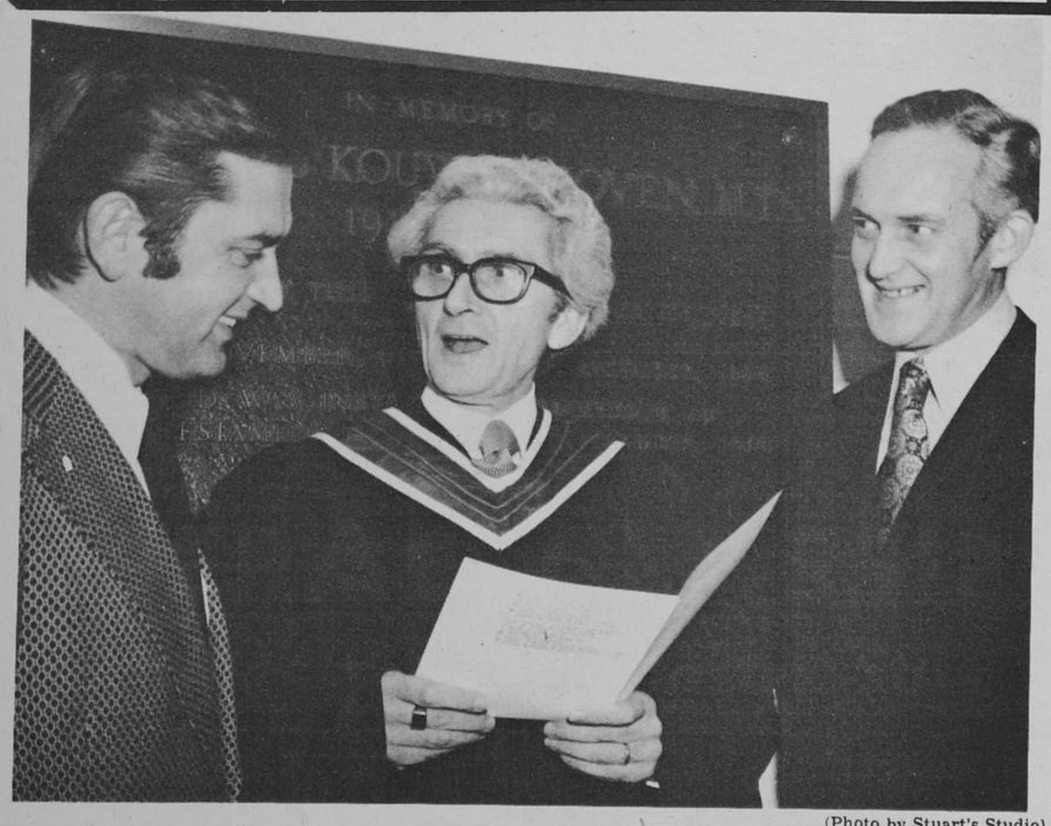

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Dedicate New Canadian Reformed Church

A 20-year-old dream became a reality for the congregation of Bethel Canadian Reformed Church November 22, when the official presentation of the newly-built church at the west end of Thornridge Drive, Thornhill, was held. Until recently the congregation has been making do in rented quarters and although they have been using the new church for some months, decided to wait until the organ was installed before holding the official ceremony.

The service of Rev. Francois Kouwenhoven is recognized by a bronze plaque. He was pastor throughout the years of struggle of this congregation which is a Dutch Church with its traditions in the Reformation and Calvinistic in its beliefs. In the picture in front of the plaque (left to right), are John Van Velzen, chairman of the building committee; Rev. Dirk VanderBoom, the present pastor; and Siep Smilde, chairman of the organ committee.

Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Library News

The Markham Public Library Board on November 21 received the go-ahead from the town council for renovations and a 700 square foot addition to the Thornhill Branch. This permission brought to an end a crisis which had been in the making for five years, says a library official.

The present library facilities, in a 121-year-old house in the centre of the old village, had, after many makeshift solutions to provide room for an evergrowing load of books and patrons, finally reached the saturation point. The library was operated out of 850 square feet of public space, serving more than half the population of the Town of Markham (23,000) and some of Vaughan's population on the west side of Yonge Street.

With no land yet purchased for the construction of a new library and thus no relief in sight for one or two years at least, the board was faced with the prospect of looking for new rental quarters and closing the present building.

An announcement of closing posted at the library on November 10 evoked a storm of protest. In no uncertain terms — through letters, phone calls to the board, council members and library staff, and through petitions and delegation to Council — the library's supporters became suddenly vocal.

If there had ever been any doubt of the library's importance to the community, it was quickly dissipated in the two days the notice remained posted. As a result of this expression of opinion, the board felt it must go to council again for funds to execute required improvements. After meetings with interested library supporters and with the council, the necessary funds were voted to purchase and install at the back of the property on Colborne Street, a relocatable building which can be moved or sold when it is no longer needed.

With the addition, the library will soon have a total of 1,610 square feet of public space. Although this is still far from an acceptable standard, it is a considerable improvement. It is hoped this will be sufficient for reasonable service until a new library can be built to provide properly co-ordinated services for the Thornhill community.

Scottish Country Dancing

The last day for Scottish Country Dancing this term is Saturday. It will take the form of a Christmas Party.

The sessions will resume on January 6 at Thornhill United.

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens will hold their Christmas Dinner Tuesday at 1 pm at Thornhill Presbyterian.

Guides

The 3rd Thornhill Guides invite you to the Candlelight Service to be held Sunday at Thornhill Presbyterian at 8 pm. They hope many will join them in their service of rejoicing at Christmas.

They held an enrolment November 29, Deputy Commissioner Pat Franci being present. Eleven girls passed their tenderfoot award: Elizabeth Barrett, Jane Barrie, Nancy Hamilton, Sandra Kennedy, Jenisse McKibbon, Barbara Morirson, Julian Sutton, Tracy Snowden, Kim Street, Carol Wilshire.

Other badges earned are: backyard cook — Pam Kertland, Marie Bagg, Janet Belch, Marilyn Belch, Alison Boyd, Sandra Coulbourn, Elizabeth MacLeod, Linda Patton; hostess — Mary Jane Stever; baker's — Linda Patton; collector — Wendy Sawyer; swimmer's — Jane Taylor; junior camper — Susan Steele.

Camp leader — Marilyn Belch, Elizabeth MacLeod; conservation — Marilyn Belch; seamstress — Marilyn Belch; gardener — Elizabeth MacLeod; all-around cord (second highest award) — Marilyn Belch.

Scouts

Twelve boys joined the 6th Thornhill Scout Troop in an impressive investiture ceremony on November 27 at Bayview Glen Public. Phyl Rose, head of the sewing committee of the Ladies' Auxiliary, presented the troop's new scarves to Senior Scouter Al Carswell.

He in turn, with Scouters Dave Yielding, Ron Chadwick, Phil Lapp and Assistants Laurie Roberts and Fred Wyers, presented them to the Scouts, including the newcomers: Gary Fujino, Howard Rubel, John Cuningham, Paul Hacker, Erol Hasan, Doug Yielding, Tim Karrys, Mark Roberts, Custanzo Paluzzo, Stephen Rodgers, Russell James, Don Somers.

The troop demonstrated a variety of camping skills to the delight of over 50 relatives and friends.

Mother's Break

The Mothers' Break group members have already had their Christmas meeting. It took the form of a cookie exchange with recipes included. The early Christmas meeting was in order to leave a clear space of time for Mrs. Reginald Howden's talk this week.

Applications for membership for the Winter term can be filled in now. Contact Mrs. Judy Flow at 889-6807.

Performing Arts

To raise funds for the coming musical "Damn Yankees" the Thornhill Theatre of the Performing Arts sponsored a gala Christmas dance at the Richvale Lions Hall Saturday. Social Convenor Velma Kute and Chef Don Lodge served pancakes, sausages and trifle to a capacity crowd. Gary Derrry won a beautifully decorated Christmas cake. Choreographer of the show Lorraine Green, Fay Kates, Chris Dunlop, Brian Toogood and Jack Madden won door prizes.

St. Christopher House

St. Christopher Settlement House, Toronto, is calling all its alumni. Please get in touch by telephone or write. The new building is to be opened about the middle of January and the board is anxious to invite all of those who have had any connection with the House.

After-4

After-4 will hold its Christmas Party December 14. It has been a splendid term for everybody.

Registration for the winter term will be held on January 4.

Senior Adults

The Senior Adults who meet at Thornhill United are having a site-seeing tour on December 14 at 6 pm. Reverend Alf McAllister will conduct it.

The group will return to the church for a party.

Church News

Thornhill Presbyterian Church

The WMS of Thornhill Presbyterian regular meeting was November 21 at Mrs. Celia Sheddon's. Mrs. Ralph Camsell was in the chair. (The president, Mrs. Rita Stuart, has moved out of town and the election of a new one was held over till the next meeting).

After the meeting was opened by Mrs. Camsell, Mrs. Bruce Williamson led the devotions based on II Corinthians 1-7. Mrs. Fred Porter read the article on "Women in Africa" from Glad Tidings.

The business included the minutes, receipt of a letter and donation from Mrs. Collins and a letter from the supply fund secretary. Mrs. Mable Mizen offered her home for the Christmas meeting.

Mrs. Norman Nixon reported that the gifts people had brought to the meeting would be sent to the needy in rest homes. The first part of the meeting was closed with prayer.

During the tea hour a birthday cake was produced in honor of Mrs. Sheddon. Everybody enjoyed the party.

Thornhill United

The men's club of Thornhill United held the first meeting for the year. Unit 3 with Mrs. Marian Brain as leader, provided the meal and it was a super dinner. Allan Martindale was in the choir and the attendance was very good.

Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Anglican November 29 held a Congregational Supper. Mrs. Mabel Crawford was convenor of the committee in charge of the food and had arranged table hostesses. Mrs. Muriel Shaw was convenor of the program committee and there was a fine presentation on the part of those who attended the dedication of the Cathedral of the Arctic.

Bishop Donald Marsh is recovering from a serious motor accident in England.

December Church Events

At Holy Trinity Anglican each Wednesday in December there will be a service at 7:30 pm. December 6 and 20 Holy Communion. December 13 and 27 Evening Prayer.

DECEMBER 10

Ukrainian Catholic Church Tea and Bake Sale at old St. Luke's Parish Hall, 2 - 4:30 pm.

Thornhill Baptist Church: 10 am White Gift Service.

Christ the King Lutheran: 2 pm Let's Go A-Carolling. People will assemble at the church and then visit the sick and shut-ins.

Holy Trinity Anglican at 10:30 am Youth Carol Service and the presentation of White Gifts; 6 pm the Trinity Teen Pot Luck Supper and Holy Communion.

Thornhill Presbyterian invites you to attend the Girl Guide Candlelight service. It is a very special service and everybody is welcome.

At the morning service there will be the presentation of White Gifts.

DECEMBER 11

Thornhill Presbyterian Church: The Fortnighters will hold their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Tanner at 8 pm. There will be a Christmas cookie exchange and also a candle holder making lesson.

DECEMBER 12

A joint meeting of the women of Thornhill Baptist for a Christmas Party.

Women of the Church, Christ the King Lutheran will meet at Mrs. Ruth Watson's to learn the Christmas Canticles. Time: 8:15.

DECEMBER 16

The Couples Club, Thornhill Presbyterian, are holding a gala Christmas Party at Richmond Hill Lions Hall. Dinner at 7 pm. Tickets: Jim Henry is just waiting for you to ask. Phone him at 889-3020.

DECEMBER 17

At Thornhill Baptist 7 pm the Baptist and United choirs will join to present a Christmas Cantat: "The Infant Jesus" by Buxtehude. There will also be a string quartet.

Holy Trinity Anglican will hold a Candlelight Carol Service at 5 pm. Afterwards the Trinity Teens will go caroling to nursing homes and homes of the shut-ins.

Thornhill Presbyterian will enjoy the presentation of the choir, directed by Walter Strothers.

At Thornhill United the regular morning service will have the choir presentation (see the Thornhill Baptist Church). Also the White Gift Service.

In the evening at 7:30 the CGIT will hold their annual vesper service, and the Explorers will be in the choir.

DECEMBER 24

Thornhill Baptist will hold a special Christmas Eve family service at 7 pm.

Holy Trinity Anglican will hold a special Children's Christmas Service at 7 pm.

At 11 pm there will be Gallery Carols by the choir and at 11:30 the Rector's Christmas Message.

Christ the King Lutheran will have family worship at 11 am. The children will be preaching the sermon through their presentation. At 7 and 11 pm there will be Candlelight Christmas Eve worship.

Thornhill United will have a special family service at 11 am and their traditional Christmas Communion Service at 11 pm.

DECEMBER 25

Christ the King Lutheran has 11 am Christmas Day family carol and communion service.

Holy Trinity Anglican at 10:30 am has Family communion service.

Thornhill Presbyterian has 10 am Family Service.

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South Thornhill And Bayview Glen News

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School News

The Henderson Avenue Public School students' musical presentation, "The Brotherhood of Man" is on Monday and Tuesday. The show is under the direction of Ken Butler with assistance from Mrs. Susan Shepa, Mrs. Janet Wilson and Carmen Foti. It starts at 7:30 pm and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be no admission charge.

At Henderson Avenue Friday a successful white elephant sale was held in Mrs. Anelore Gehart's grades 3 and 4 class.

The students and staff of the E. J. Sand School are preparing for a very special Christmas production to be seen December 19. This program will feature plays, folk dancing, choral speaking and creative drama, among other things.

The Argos of E. J. Sand touch-football house league are the 1972 champions as they beat the Roughriders 8-0. Toronto take note!

The captain of the championship team is Brian Jones and other members are Steve Tucky, Paul Perrow, Graham Carl, Rick Quick, Doug Still, Norman Carrotte, Matt Melinyshyn, Richard Briden, Rolland Weinmann and Richard Claringbold.

Briden called the signals at quarterback in the game which was played early last week.

Guides

The 2nd Thornhill Company of Rangers Friday enjoyed the play "Godspell" at the Playhouse Theatre on Bayview Avenue. Eleven members were present for the outing.

They presented a makeup demonstration Tuesday with their mothers in attendance. A guest Beauty Counselor was on hand for the occasion.

The Rangers will hold their Christmas Party December 18.

The 4th Thornhill Guide Company is planning a two-play Christmas Theatre Night for December 20. One play is called, "Alex Johnson's Christmas", the other is the "Lonely Fir Tree". They will be presented in the Henderson Avenue School's auditorium and the performance is open to the public at 50c each. Show time is 7 pm.

Church News

The Ukrainian Catholic Women will hold their first tea and bake sale at the old St. Luke's Parish Hall, Church Lane, Thornhill on Sunday. The time is 2 to 4:30 pm and everyone is welcome.

The ACW of Holy Trinity raised about $1,400 at its recent Arctic Safari. The event was convened by Olive St. John.

The Holy Trinity ACW reports they still need Dominion Store tapes to exchange for kitchen equipment. Please place yours in the box in the kitchen.

The Rover Group is delivering firewood at present. Please call 889-3778.

Bishop Donald Marsh is recovering from a serious motor accident in England. His address is: RAF Hospital, Orthopaedic Section, Ely, Cambridgeshire, England.

Holy Trinity Church is collecting money, canned goods, groceries, etc., to make up Christmas baskets for needy families in this area. Please call Mrs. Muriel Shaw at 889-3035.

Special pre-Christmas services and events at Holy Trinity include: each Wednesday in December Holy Communion at 10 pm with prayer circle on the second and fourth; Holy Communion December 6 and 20 and evening prayer December 13 and 27 at 7:30 pm. This service is especially for those away weekends.

This coming Sunday will bring the youth carol service and presentation of white gifts of canned food, clothing, books and toys for needy families at the 10:30 am service. At 6 pm there will be the Trinity Teens pot luck supper and Holy Communion.

Refugees from Uganda need chests of drawers, lamps, blankets, sheets, kitchen furnnture, etc. There are a number of families living in the Willowdale-Sheppard area and if you can help in any way, please call 222-2811.

The special Christmas program for members of the Doncaster Bible Chapel will take place December 17. The children will present a Christmas story, featuring singing, choir music and some plays, followed up with refreshments.

The chapel's annual Christmas Cantata will be held in conjunction with that of the Richvale Bible Chapel. This combined service will be held in Richvale on Christmas Eve.

Neighborhood Notes

Tonight is the Doncaster Community Ladies' Club's annual Christmas "dine out" and it is to be held again at the Rice Bowl Restaurant, Bathurst Street and Steeles Avenue. Those members attending are asked to meet at Mrs. Barbour's home at the corner of Clarke and Henderson Avenue at 6:30 pm to pool transportation.

Birthday greetings are extended to Giles Tamasso, 22 Morgan Avenue, who will celebrate his 13th birthday today (Thursday).

Bride-to-be Ann Russell has been kept busy the past three weeks with a number of showers given in her honor by friends, neighbors, fellow workers and relatives. On November 29 she enjoyed a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. Peggy Tierney, Willowdale. The following Monday her fellow teachers surprised her with a linen shower at the home of Mrs. Joy Pickthall of Uplands Avenue, Thornhill with 16 teachers attending.

Finally, a charming trousseau tea was given by her mother, Mrs. Eileen Russell, at their home, 64 Proctor Avenue Saturday.

NORTH YORK LIBRARIES Saturday Children's Films

Amesbury Park Library, 1565 Lawrence Avenue West
2:00 pm Wonders In Your Own Back Yard
Wonder of Plant Growth
Winter

Bayview Library, 2901 Bayview Avenue
10:15 am Amelia and the Angel
Boswell's Bon Voyage

Black Creek Library, 2141 Jane Street
11:15 am The Laurel and Hardy Murder Case
Koala Bears

Brookbanks Library, 210 Brookbanks Drive, Don Mills
3:30 pm Caps For Sale
Little Engine That Could
Red Balloon

Centennial Library, 578 Finch Avenue West
2:00 pm Hailstones and Halibut Bones
Emperors Oblong Pancake
Palle Alone In The World
The Loon's Necklace
Boogle Doodle

Downsview Library, 2793 Keele Street
2:00 pm Five Chinese Brothers
Catsup
Fisherman and His Wife

Victoria Village Library, 184 Sloane Avenue
2:00 pm Caps For Sale
Red Balloon
Little Engine That Could

Willowdale Library, 5126 Yonge Street
2:15 pm The Magic Horse
Little Drummer Boy
Miss Esta Maude's Secret
The First Christmas

Woodview Park Library, 1618 Bradstock Road
2:00 pm People Soup
The Glob Family
Good Hearted Art

Yorkwoods Library, 1785 Finch Avenue West
11:00 am Blueberries For Sale
Adventures
Rich Cat, Poor Cat
2:00 pm The Grasshopper and the Ant

Yorkdale Library, Yorkdale Shopping Centre
2:00 pm Circus Baby
Dick Whittington and His Cat
Donkey Prince

ADULT FILMS

Thursday

Black Creek Library, 2139 Jane Street, Downsview
1:30 pm **Senior Citizens Films:** Fun Factory

Friday

Woodview Park Library, 1618 Bradstock Road, Weston
7:00 pm **Teen Films:** How To Play Hockey

Victoria Village Library, 184 Sloane Avenue
7:00 pm **Adult & Teen Films:** Apollo 8, Apollo 11

Wednesday, December 13:

Amesbury Park Library, 1565 Lawrence Avenue West
1:30 pm **Senior Citizens Films:** Stratford Adventure
The Joy of Winter

For information call Linda Newell 638-7100

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL CONTINUES

An international children's film festival of films from Europe, Japan and Canada which all children from six to sixty-six will enjoy continues this week with showings of **Boy with Glasses** (Japan) and **The Pope's Mule** (Canada) at the following Libraries:

Friday, December 8, 8:30 pm
Amesbury Park Library, 1565 Lawrence West

Wednesday, December 13, 7:30 pm
Bathurst Heights Library, 3170 Bathurst

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Thornhill Residents Are Dissatisfied

By MARGARET GOVAN
North Thornhill Correspondent

Although the municipal election is now a thing of the past, the Candidates' Meeting on November 30 at Thornhill United should have an impact on the new council, the school board, and the regional government.

The point was made over and again at the meeting that the people in Thornhill are dissatisfied. They are not consulted over issues or listened to when they complain. Lack of communication has become a cliche. Also it seems to be used as a sort of an excuse for anything and everything that happens; a decidedly feeble excuse in these days of telephones and varied media.

If people are to get the kind of government that they wish, and the elected representatives are to see to it that they do (as everyone promised on every occasion) there must be two way communication and once that communication has been made, suitable action taken. The matters which came up were transportation in Thornhill, sidewalks, roads, an arena, a library, water supply, high rise apartments, etc.

The voters of Thornhill — and the church hall was almost full of them — have a real grievance about insufficient representation in relation to population. As was pointed out, their vote is only half a vote in comparison with certain other areas; and in some cases, one quarter of a vote.

Markham Town Council, once elected, has a duty towards all the citizens and an even greater responsibility towards Thornhill with its inadequate representation. The ratepayers' associations are growing in numbers and also in power. For the sake of all citizens, everybody must bend backwards to "communicate".

Hockey Group Healthy Boost

Thornhill Minor Hockey Association got a boost from Markham Town Council last week.

Council approved a request from the town recreation committee calling for the payment of $2,800, plus $5 per registered player, or a total of $6,300 to the association.

The grant is to help equalize ice costs throughout the community.

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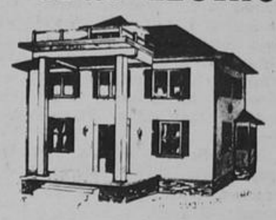

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