

Plan Thornhill Centre In Old Church

A group of Thornhill youth interested in renovating the Old Thornhill Presbyterian Church for use as a community and day care centre have called a public meeting for Monday night. The group announced its plans in the following news release to "The Liberal":

"During the federal election of 1968, an issue brought to the attention of the candidates dealt with possibility of renovating the old Presbyterian Church situated on the north-west corner of Highway 7-B and Yonge Street in Thornhill. Many of the area residents felt in light of Thornhill's historical background and also because of the extensive renovations done to many of Thornhill's older homes for the Centennial of 1967, that it would be a shame not to preserve the landmark as a historical sight.

Barnett Danson, MP York North, gave his full support to the project offering full federal assistance if the project was feasible. After a thorough investigation by Don Stephenson, a member of Danson's local rid-

ing executive, into the possibility of renovating the church, it was decided that the costs to renovate the building to its original appearance and stature for the sole purpose of being a historical sight was too expensive. The idea of renovation was set aside.

RAPID GROWTH
"Since 1968, Thornhill has seen rapid growth in its immediate vicinity including the construction of a number of large apartment complexes, including several low rental buildings. In all the population in the Thornhill area increased to over 20,000 during the past four years.

"But despite the dramatic growth of the region, there are not adequate facilities in the way of a community centre for the purposes of housing programs for youth on weekends (concerts, coffee houses, guest speakers, etc.), and also for community service clubs use during the year for the purpose of functions associated with the activities which they sponsor in the Thornhill Park which is

located directly behind the church site.

"Also the Thornhill area lacks the facilities for housing a proper day care centre for young children of working mothers who cannot readily afford to pay a babysitter or send her children to a private nursery school, says the youth group.

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YOUTH GROUP PLAN
"With these needs evident in our community a youth group in Thornhill has a plan which we feel can greatly remedy some of the problems the community has with regards to these needs.

"We propose that the old church be renovated inside so that it has the facilities to be used for the purposes we have outlined. Also we propose that the outside of the church be restored to its original appearance and that the costs of such

a project be financed jointly and in part by Markham and Vaughan, as Thornhill is a part of both townships.

"A meeting to discuss these proposals will be held on Monday at 7:30 pm at Thornhill Secondary School. Community support is necessary if the guests MP Danson, MLA Deacon, Tony Roman Mayor of Markham and Mayor of Vaughan Garnet Williams are to realize the importance of such a centre in the Thornhill community. If you are interested in helping with the community centre's organization, you may contact Norman Sharpe (889-9177), Lee Edmunds (889-5328), or Chris Churney (889-0638).

LIP GRANT POSSIBLE
The meeting is being sponsored by a group of Thornhill youth with the co-operation of the York North Young Liberal Association. The project, it is hoped, may qualify for a Local Initiatives Program grant from the federal government, providing it receives sufficient community and town council support.

RICHVALE RECORD

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Senior Citizens
Get well wishes go out to Harry Hill of Edgar Avenue, who is back in York Central Hospital, this time with virus pneumonia and emphysema.

The last meeting for this year will be Wednesday as so many seniors spend the holidays with their families. To round out the season, they will have dinner at 12:30 noon followed by a dancing performance from Dennis Moore's Academy in Richmond Hill. The seniors look forward to this event every year.

Lions and Lionettes
There were eight tables of euchre played at the Lion's Hall November 28, the last of this year, leaving December free for Christmas shopping.

In 1973, euchre night will be Thursday of the fourth week instead of Tuesday, until further notice.

The Lions are pleased to announce they are having a Tyke Hockey League for both boys and girls, aged seven and under. Registration will be Saturday from 10 am noon at 31 Spruce Avenue. They will be playing on the outside rink by the Lion's Hall, whenever there is ice; hopefully by Christmas!

Majorettes
Majorette classes will be changing after Christmas from Mondays to Tuesdays. In the meantime, please note they will be held at the Lions Hall Monday, then the last of the season on December 19. Richvale is proud to have 34 children under 14 years already signed up and more showing interest in joining. This promises to be a most enthusiastic group, sponsored by the local Lions. For more information, phone Clare Greenfield, 884-5097.

Social
Falconbridge Nickel Mines Research Labs. had their Christmas dance at the Summit Golf and Country Club, Friday. It started with cocktails at 6:30 pm followed by a self-serve buffet at 7:30 pm, then dancing to a disc jockey for the remainder of the evening.

The Richvale Nursery School, McKay Drive, announces it has openings for three more children. It is a fully licensed day nursery

with a qualified supervisor. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:15 to 11:30 am. The children are taken on interesting outings—the post office and library being examples. For information phone 881-2520.

Entertainment
Langstaff Secondary auditorium Friday opened its doors to about 150 parents and children who, despite the inclement weather, came to listen to an "Evening of Music Making" for children by the York Regional Symphony Orchestra. It was sponsored by the Maple Home and School Association. After the overture to "Orpheus in the Underworld", there was an introduction of the individual instruments in the Orchestra, with the children in the audience participating by singing "Frère Jacques" and "Brother John". They were also invited to come up to the orchestra at intermission and talk to the players, and look at the instruments. They were most intrigued to learn that Concertmaster George Moseley had made his own violin. Much credit goes to Musical Director Philip Budd for the delightful way he handled both the orchestra and the children's questions.

There was a beautiful rendition of "The Swan" played by Lisa Thomson on the cello accompanied by her husband Ray on the piano.

Percussion instruments were much in evidence when the orchestra played Leroy Anderson's "Syncopated Clock", a great favorite of the children. The musical story of Peter and the Wolf was narrated by the fine Welsh voice of Gethin James. Those of you from the Old Country will surely remember the good old English pantomime, where the hero was played by a tall girl and the role of the Old Woman in the Shoe, or Mother Goose was taken by a man, who brought in all the "laughs". Although the theme was based on favorite nursery rhymes, there was humor to be enjoyed by all ages—good chorus lines, much music and song! A real family entertainment for the Christmas season, here to stay, we hope! Goldlocks and the Three Bears is this

year's presentation, direct from London, England, at the Royal Alexander Theatre on King St., December 19-31.

The National Ballet's Annual performance of the enchanting fairy tale "Nutcracker" is at the O'Keefe, December 21-30, and is a must for the very young.

I notice that two federal politicians are performing with the Toronto Symphony for their special Christmas concert, December 22, at 8 pm at Massey Hall, Shuter St. Mitchell Sharp on the piano and Donald Macdonald conducting.

You may be interested to know that our local "Curtain Club" is performing again. They opened Friday with a melodrama "East Lynne" at their new theatre on Elgin Mills at Newkirk. Tickets are available from December 7 to 9, and 13 to 16 inclusive. Phone Audrey Randall - Smith, 884-6052. The busy members have put a lot of time and effort into finishing their new quarters to make it as attractive and intimate as their former converted garage on Yonge Street and look forward to the pleasure of meeting old and new friends and to many evenings of enjoyment there.

Church News
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, namesake of the parish of St. Mary's, is Friday. Masses will be at 8:15 am and 7 pm.

Junior Ski Club for high school students 18 years and under: The first meeting is on December 10 following the Folk Mass.

Senior Ski Club, 18 years and over, the meeting is Monday at 8 pm—a meeting with films and facts.

For those interested in St. Michael's Boys' Choir, they celebrate their 33rd Christmas concert in Massey Hall Saturday at 8 pm. Telephone 363-3741 for reservations.

Hockey
There is a hockey school every Tuesday, from 7-8 am in the old arena, which is recommended for all who are starting out in hockey this year and are signed up with Richvale Minor Hockey League. These sessions will help the youngsters in their skating techniques and especially in stickhandling and the rules of the game.



RICHVALE MINOR HOCKEY RESULTS

HOUSE LEAGUE

NOVICE TYKES

December 3

Pizzaville 7, Sportko Mart 1
Doubles by John March Frank Cavallo and Larry David Caldwell tallied Pizzaville's scoring. Tracy Warner, Thorsell and Caldwell were awarded assists. Sportko's marker was netted by Bryan Watts, unassisted.

Music Shop 5, Baker S & S 1

Goals by Mathew Hosjan, Stephen Smith, David Beeston and a pair by Jamie Beeston gave Music Shop its win. David Nettleton, Beeston (2) and Hosjan provided assistance. Bruce Ruytenbeck's loner, unaided, put Baker S & S on the score sheet. An interesting note is that Music Shop's netminder Darin Grodzinski is only 7 years old. He has never played goal before this season but his desire and determination, and natural ability, are enabling him to play each game a little better than the previous one.

Rendezvous 8, Herron S & S 5

Five big goals by Heinz Losberg and a hat-trick by Mike Brookes rounded out the scoring for Rendezvous. Brian Bostlemann (2) and John Bailey assisted. A triple tally by Barry Jesson and two singles by John De Haas made Herron's score respectable. They assisted each other on three of the markers.

PEEWEE

Suburban Rad 4, Raymore Constr. 2

A hat-trick by George Hussey and a loner by Dave Roos gave Suburban Rad its victory. Mitch Potter (2), Scott Suter and Glen Gettel aided the scorers. Raymore's Doug Chreptky added two markers to his personal tally. Gary Curtis assisted in one of the efforts.

Northvale Motors 0, W & P Motors 0

Goalkeepers Chris Butler and Ardy Petersen both enjoyed shutouts.

BANTAM & MIDGET

G. C. Romano 1, Loughlin Lumber 1

Al Turgeon, assisted by John DeJong, gave Romano its marker. Loughlin's single was netted by Shuttleworth with Ken Peters aiding.

F & H Motors 6, Surf Marine 2

Pairs by Tomi Caranci and Ken Ablett, and singles by Dave Hartwick and Paul McGeachie tallied the score for F & H Motors. Ablett (3), Gerd Buck and Stephen Ostep were the helpers. Brian Horan and John Della Serra were the drillers for Surf-Marine. Della Serra aided in

Many Thanks

My sincere thanks to all my neighbors and friends in Ward 6 who through their work and votes expressed their confidence in me December 4 by re-electing me as their representative on Richmond Hill Town Council for another two year term.

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Louis Wainwright

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