

# Thornhill and District News

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## Socially Speaking In Thornhill

### Horticultural Society

The horticultural society started the New Year most auspiciously with an attendance of about 75 people and a speaker whose subject itself was such as to promise excitement. And this promise was amply fulfilled by Richard Hook, chairman of Landscape and Environmental Studies at Humber College, as he developed his theme "The Garden Of Stolen Intrigues."

He showed us that by borrowing or copying ideas from other lands, or even from other parts of our own land, we could rid ourselves of the uninspiring sameness which pervades much of the landscaping in our Ontario gardens. Slides were shown of Austria, Rome, Switzerland, Montreal, Expo, England, Niagara Parks, Expo Japan and streams and moss covered rocks in Canada, to make vivid the points drawn to our attention.

Some of these were: Don't make it all too obvious but suggest there is more to come; use the fascination of light and shade, changing color tints, play of sun and shadow on water; the interest created by great varieties of color, of texture, of form in plants, trees, rock, etc.; make use of masses of the same plant but don't overlook the little corners which may easily become mere waste collectors.

In short there was a plea to use ideas from anywhere

in the world to make the garden a never ending source of interest and delight throughout every season. The appreciation of the society was fittingly expressed by Mrs. Margaret Riley.

Draw prizes consisted of a merchandise voucher donated by Ball Superior Bulb Company (through Wain's Florist), some blocks of oasis courtesy of Sheridan Nurseries, and a planter donated by Steeles. This draw was well patronized. The meeting retained the enthusiasm kindled by the speaker until the very end of the meeting.

The plant sale went well. Members rolled in. Delightful refreshments with a little chat, concluded it all. This meeting was indeed a fine start for 1973.

**Co-operative Nursery**  
The Co-operative Nursery School arranged several trips for the children. The first was during November when the children were taken to a Richmond Hill Dental Clinic. There they saw a very informative movie on brushing teeth. Then they tried out the dentist chair.

At Christmas there was a puppet show. Then this last week they went on a sleigh ride, horses and everything, overlook the little corners which may easily become mere waste collectors.

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### Women's Institute

In the absence of Mrs. Anne Jackson, Mrs. Percy Bone, the vice-president took the chair at the regular meeting of the WI. It was held at the home of Mrs. Ann Holmes. After the usual opening the motto for the meeting was "Does the average Canadian citizen value the right to vote as he should?" There was considerable discussion.

The civic election had taken place on a very bad day weatherwise, and the final comment was: "If you didn't vote you can't complain for the next two years!" Mrs. Mabel Mizzen and Mrs. Jean Pert read poems entitled "Happy Day" and "Making Friends."

Many thank-you notes in reply to cards and remembrances were read from ex-members. There was also a long letter from Mrs. Marie McGhea who has just moved to Owen Sound.

Mrs. Grace Sayers read a paper on "Why I became a member of the WI." It was most interesting and she brought out the facts that she had attended meetings in London, England, and British Columbia as well as those nearer Thornhill. In her remarks she told the group how she had been on the S.S. Athena when it was sunk and about the time she spent in a lifeboat.

Mrs. Ann Heslop and Mrs. Elsie Middleton served the refreshments. The group was reminded that Mrs. Anne Empringham, who fell and broke her hip last October, is now in a convalescent hospital.

**Guides and Brownies**  
The 3rd Thornhill Brownies January 12 had an enrolment. Commissioner Mrs. Shirley Lancaster, Brown Owl Mrs. Charlotte Cohen, Tawny Owl Mrs. Marian Jones and Snowy Owl Mrs. Lenore Heaps were all present. The girls enrolled were: Angela Kitt, Sandra Spittle, Valerie Sheedy, Monica Sheedy, Carolyn Fox, Sandra Smolski, Susan Georgas, Catrina Baird, Ann Walcott, Denise Heaps, Lynn Brownell and Janet Murray.

Kathryn Neun, company guide for the 2nd Thornhill Girl Guide Company, has recently earned the highest award available in guiding — the Canada Cord. The Canada Cord was replaced the Gold Cord. Mrs. Pat Frantsi, deputy commissioner for Thornhill South District, presented the Canada Cord to Kathryn on December 1 at the 2nd Thornhill Guide Christmas Concert and Bazaar at Holy Trinity Church.

Mrs. Frantsi introduced Kathryn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Neun of Westwood Lane in Richvale, to the large audience of parents and interested families. "Without their help and support at home," Mrs. Frantsi said, "Kathryn would not be the Guide she is today." Mrs. Neun is York South division training chairman and music trainer. She has served in the past as a tawny owl, brown owl and Guide lieutenant.

Mrs. Frantsi recalled Kathryn's excellence in all her guide work, pointing out her many badges and emblems and noting some of her outstanding achievements and activities. She had presented Kathryn with her all-round cord last year and said she counted it an honor to be asked to present her with this latest and highest award, the Canada Cord.

On hand to offer their congratulations to Kathryn were Thornhill South District Commissioner Mrs. Shirley Lancaster, Captain Mrs. Marian Ashley and Lieutenant Mrs. Pat White.

Congratulations to the following 2nd Thornhill Guides who have recently been awarded badges: Religion in Life Emblem, stage IV—Michele Alterman; Cook—Heather Neun; Swimmer—Patsy McLean; Team Sport—Patsy McLean; Physical Fitness Emblem—Patsy McLean; Knitter—Kathryn Rae; First Aid, stage II—Karen Parker; Michele Alterman, Linda Briden, Heather Neun, Kathryn Rae, Marilyn White, Tammy Fedak, Pam Machens.

**Senior Citizens**  
District senior citizens Wednesday of last week held their monthly meeting at Thornhill Presbyterian Church. Following the business there was a talk on Newfoundland and a showing of pictures by Reverend Egerton Peacock. One of the members, Mrs. Sissie Mote, is leaving Thornhill to reside out of town. She was presented with a gift. Refreshments were served.

There is to be a pot luck dinner at 12 o'clock sharp at the next meeting before the regular euche.

Mr. Jones, the president, is improving in health and expects to be back in February.

### District YWCA

The YWCA wishes to remind the people of Thornhill that all the classes are open to them. The winter schedule is now out and can be secured at the Thornhill Public Library. There are crafts, physical education (which includes yoga), keep fit exercises, slim and trim exercises, gentle gym for senior citizens, youth programs, hobby classes and swimming (including a mother and pre-school swim). Classes start this week.

**Church News**  
The vestry meeting of Holy Trinity Anglican Church will be held on Monday. Coffee will be served at 7:30.

A farewell tea was held for two members of the Thornhill Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smook. Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe Jardine opened their home to many friends from the congregation to give them an opportunity to wish Mina and Walter best wishes for their new home in Gravenhurst.

The ladies of the Thornhill Baptist Mission Circle met January 10 at the home of Mrs. Vera Wilson. They did White Cross work for India. The devotional was led by Pat Allsopp. Then there was tea and coffee.

The church WA met Tuesday last week at the home of Mrs. Fiddle Johns. The theme of the evening was volunteer services in the community. Four of the ladies spoke on the services in which they were involved. Mable Webber talked of hospital work, Gwen Ball on her work as a 'braillet' for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Lyn Law on the retarded children's program in this area and Alice Gesney shared her experiences with an elderly persons' club in North Toronto. The evening was both interesting and informative.

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The Baptist Church celebrated its 21st Anniversary January 14. The minister, Reverend Ernie Johns, preached on the theme "Challenge of Maturity." The music under the direction of Bob Richardson included the anthem "Praise to the Lord," sung by the choir, a duet entitled "Zacharias" sung by Christine Johns and Lynda Howlett and a solo "The Gate of the Year" sung by Alice Gosney. Charter Member Cliff Wilson, read the Scriptures. The deacons, headed by Bob Law, recalled the highlights of the past 21 years.

The first reunion took place about 28 years ago at the request of patients of the small Shoulidge Surgery in Metro. Its founder, the late Dr. Earle Shoulidge agreed on condition that the ex-patients submit to a physical examination before the festivities.

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**Thornhill News**  
What's new in your neighborhood? Out-of-town guests, vacation trips, shows, weddings, social doings, church and club activities are all of interest to our readers.

Your friends and neighbors like to know about such happenings in the community, so keep them informed through "Socially Speaking In Thornhill." This is a free news service, and the person to contact is Miss Margaret Govan, 14 Deanbank Drive, 889-5372.

**EAST RICHVALE**  
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**Neighborhood Notes**  
With Christmas over for all nationalities, does anyone have a use for those beautiful greeting cards, which brought so much warmth and friendly feeling but alas are not needed any more? If anyone knows of an organization who would like these greeting cards please let me know.



The Thornhill Glaverbel Bantams won the first annual Can-Am International Christmas Hockey Tournament at Guelph against teams from as far away as Rochester, New York and Chicago, Illinois.

Shown with the trophies they won are the members and officials of the team (left to right): front row — Cal McCathie, Brain James, Mike McLaughlin, Danny Hildebrand, Dino Pantalone, Tim Leon, Ross Gordon, Rob Browning; back row — Coach Jack McLaughlin, Manager Vic Steele, Mark Steele, Paul Bernardi, John Bennett, Matt Halpin, Brian Anderson, Jim McLaughlin, Bob Hoffeldt and Assistant Coach Brett Davidson.

## Thornhill OMHA Glaverbel Bantams Win Can-Am Tourney

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Jack McLaughlin, coach of Thornhill Glaverbel Bantams, celebrates his birthday every New Year's Eve. This year his team gave him his birthday present a day early, as they won the grand championship of the first annual Can-Am International Christmas Hockey Tournament, held in Guelph December 26 to December 30.

The victory was very much a team effort. Goaltender Dino Pantalone held the opposition to a meagre 20 goals-against average, through the six games of the tournament. The defense hit hard and carried the puck with authority. Up front every forward contributed a solid two-way effort. Centres Jim McLaughlin and Ross Gordon and winger Paul Bernardi came through with spectacular scoring efforts, especially in the crucial final three games.

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Toronto Olympics and Scarborough Sabres. The first two days of play ran close to form. Olympics and Sabres breezed to impressive victories. Thornhill, after an easy 9-2 romp against Burlington, blew a frustrating 2-1 decision to a weaker but more determined team from Chicago.

That loss represented ebb tide for the Glaverbels. Later the same day they rebounded to score a solid 3-0 win over Rochester, New York. Then the next day, Thornhill's goaltender narrowly missed another shut-out as Thornhill upset the favored Toronto Olympics 4-1. McLaughlin and Gordon were the offensive stars of the game with two goals each.

The win left Thornhill tied in first place with Olympics and Scarborough Sabres. But both had a game in hand on the Glaverbels and were scheduled to play that same evening. The result left the picture clearer, but no brighter. Sabres won 4-2 to take over first place.

**FACED HEAVY ODDS**  
To dislodge Sabres, Thornhill would not only have to beat them in the final division game the next day, but also, because of Sabres' superior goals-for-and against record, would have to win by at least three goals, to advance to the grand championship. To make the job must far out of position before sliding in the 5-3 counter that tied Thornhill with Sabres in the goals standings.

**TIE BREAKING GOAL**  
Before anyone could find a tournament official to check on a tie-breaking formula, Gordon came back with the answer. Deep in the Sabres end, he ducked a vicious check and sent a perfect pass to Paul Bernardi all alone in front of the Sabres' net. Bernardi took lots of time in lofting a high shot that gave Thornhill an incredible 6-3 lead. The clock stood at 19:54.

**BEAT WHITBY EASILY**  
Win or lose, the grand championship game had to be anti-climax. Fortunately, it was pleasant anti-climax, an impressive 6-4 win over a tough Whitby team. Thornhill jumped into an early 3-0 lead, then stayed off a second period threat, to pull away in the third

period. Bernardi, Friday's hero with that sixth goal against Sabres, stayed hot and led the scoring with four strategic goals. Gordon and Winger Brian James added two each.

The whole Thornhill team, their sponsor Dick Herbert, Manager Vic Steele, Coach Jack McLaughlin and assistant coach Brett Davidson, all are to be congratulated on the victory. It was a gutsy performance they and their fans will not soon forget.

Brian Anderson contributed this write-up on the Bantam Tournament.

## Hospital Alumni Carry On Annual Reunion Tradition

Nearly 1,500 people turned out January 13 to the annual reunion of former patients, staff members, and spouses associated with Shoulidge Hospital in Thornhill.

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**LANGSTAFF NEWS**  
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**School News**  
The Home and School Auxiliary of Langstaff Public School has arranged for another skating party, similar to last year's event. There will be skating on the rink at the school while the music plays and hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served. It will be this Friday from 7 to 10 pm. In the event of rain or weather too mild for ice, it will be held on the following Friday.

There was no room to expand in the city, so Dr. Shoulidge bought the former McCullough Estate at John Street and Bayview Avenue as a second surgery.

In 1970 a large addition to the Thornhill hospital was completed and the premises in Toronto vacated.

Meanwhile the number of alumni has continued to grow and the traditional reunion gets bigger every year. An alumni committee was formed to make arrangements for the first reunion, and the committee continues to function, although new members have been added from time to time. One of the "new boys", Alan Martindale, 77 Elgin Avenue, Thornhill, who had his operation in 1959, is a member of this committee.

It now takes a team of about a dozen doctors to carry out the physical examinations, says Martindale, and the response is invariably enthusiastic. The program consists of dinner, a speaker, and socializing.

### Thornhill Ball Meet Tuesday

The Thornhill Softball League requests all coaches, parents and anyone interested in the future of softball in Thornhill to attend a general meeting Tuesday at Royal Orchard School at 8 pm.

Thornhill softball's position in regard to OASA (Ontario Amateur Softball Association), PWSU (Provincial Women's Softball Union) and All Star Teams to compete outside the Thornhill home league, will be discussed.

President Stan Daurio feels Thornhill softball will be expanding once again. The league would like to meet men, women and experienced teenagers who have not coached or umpired in Thornhill in the past. Please come and make yourself known. Thornhill will have openings for either boys' or girls' coaches and the newly formed umpires association will be able to pay softball umpires this season.

### North Richvale NEWS

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**Neighborhood Notes**  
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