

Thornhill and District News

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Socially Speaking In Thornhill

Lions News

The Lions have set aside September 29 as Arbour Day. At 11 o'clock that morning, they will plant 26 Mountain Ash trees at Proctor Park. This number is to mark the 26th anniversary of the Lions Club.

On September 19 at 7 pm the Wednesday evening bingos, sponsored by the Lions, will be resumed. They take place at the York Market.

Any Lion members who have moved to Thornhill and wish to transfer their membership, are most welcome at the meetings which are held on the first and third Mondays at 6:45 at the Holy Trinity Church Hall.

The pre-school story hour for three and four year olds will begin on October 25 at 10 am. Pre-registration is a "must", and the librarians will register your children at any time during library hours.

Library News
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Scottish Dancing
Just a reminder: The Scottish Country Dancing for the youngsters starts on September 29. Registration is September 22 at 10 am at Thornhill United Church.

Church News
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Old St. Luke's Ukrainian Catholic Church has been painted both inside and out by some of the men of the church. It looks so bright and gay and welcoming, especially for the anniversary service on Sunday next when the Bishop will be present.

The UCW of Thornhill United Church are sponsoring a Fashion Show in connection with the Helen Mills Fashions on October 2.

The Explorers for girls from grades 3 to 6 inclusive meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. There is good leadership and an excellent program of crafts, games, singing and Explorations which are all manner of things. This is a Christian Education program. And I hear there is room for more members!

The UCW are sponsoring a rummage sale on September 29 from 10 am-1 pm. Clothing, white elephants and small pieces of furniture are needed. For pick-up please contact Mrs. Beth Smith at 889-0296 or Mrs. Dorothy Warnica at 889-1572.

Margaret Batten and Sue Brain, both of John Street, graduated from Thornhill Secondary last year. Sometime last fall they decided they would like to do some travelling.

So they set about earning enough money to go on a trip. Margaret took temporary work. Sue helped in a local nursery school. By July they decided they had sufficient funds. They agreed to go overseas and stay as long as their money lasted.

They flew to London, stayed in an inexpensive hotel, and went exploring. They saw Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, art galleries, went to the theatre to see and hear Alex Guinness, and found many friendly people who advised them about where they should go. Some even invited the girls to stay

with them. On this advice they went to the south of England, taking in Devon, Winchester, etc. and enjoyed it all.

Next they flew to Paris, but were horrified at the prices. They simply couldn't afford to stay there, but did manage four days, thanks to some friends who looked after them.

They went off to Nice and found a reasonable hotel. There they had five perfect days, on the Mediterranean. The water was wonderful! Travellers urged them to go to Sitiges in Spain, so off they went via Barcelona which they did not like.

But Sitiges made up for disappointments. They spent all of 10 days there, living on the beach most of the day time hours, with gorgeous weather, gorgeous breakers, gorgeous scenery. And the town itself was so quaint.

Back to Barcelona to fly to London again. They were exceedingly fortunate for they met a girl whose two roommates were off on a holiday, and she was delighted to have them share the flat and expenses. Just before they left Roger Brain, Sue's brother, and his wife arrived for their holiday.

"We were over for 10 weeks altogether," said the girls. "And that was long enough; but it was great!" It may be a little difficult to settle down to everyday jobs again.

Mrs. Arthur Ward of Stornoway Crescent has just returned from a four week visit to England. She was with relatives most of the time, but managed to work in a little genealogy, and a holiday. The weather was unbelievable. She only needed to use her umbrella for 10 minutes in the four weeks!

I asked about the bombs. "Such unnecessary disruption, as well as death and destruction." Trains had to be cancelled or re-routed. Subways received bomb scares and had to empty the cars; you might be miles from your stop.

No one is allowed to use station lockers, so the queues for the "left luggage" depots are very great. And it is usually a case of: if somebody takes his out, yours can go in!

This week Mrs. Jean Goodchild of John Street leaves for the East. Peking if she can get her visa in time, plus Indochina, Singapore, and Kalampong where she will be staying with friends. She expects to be away for six months and has rented her house. Her two daughters, Lynn and Lee, will be in an apartment in Toronto.

Since Mrs. Goodchild will be away over Christmas, and has always held a family party—for immediate friends as well—the party was duly held this month. There was a Christmas Tree and presents. But the Christmas Dinner was a barbecue with a corn roast. Sounds like fun!

Her daughters also arranged a wine and cheese party in honor of their mother, for the neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. William Batten of John Street, have had three weeks in the 10th province, Newfoundland. They both came from there originally, and so it was visiting

their own parents. They took three of the children, and wisely—if unknowingly—avoided the railway strike troubles.

Gordon Fleming, the new director of music at Thornhill United, had the misfortune to break his hip recently. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Garry van Bruchem has just returned after a very busy and most interesting summer in Banff. He was doing "youth work" at St. Paul's Presbyterian.

Garry came to Thornhill with his family, to live on Laurel Leaf Drive, when he was 10 years old. He attended Bayview Glen Public and Thornhill Secondary. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jan van Bruchem, have gone out to the west coast to live.

Garry is enrolled at the University of Toronto and is a candidate for the Presbyterian ministry. He is living in residence.

In his report on his summer's work, he says there were no guide lines. He just had to fit in where he saw an opportunity and a need. He worked with a group, both Sundays and mid-week, known as Youth Alive. It was one-third transients, Hikes, games, swimming, etc., were included in the program, and singing and Bible study on Sundays.

He and three volunteers manned a coffee shop which was open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

It was called Present Tense and the church provided a hall. The average attendance was sixty, some local youth and some transients. There was always entertainment provided by the clients themselves. And it was a great success from every angle, even the financial one.

Much of Garry's time was given to talk: listening, discussing, being interested and concerned. But he did have to repair an automobile once. An American couple on a holiday with baby, who hadn't the money to pay for repairs and were stranded.

He also made contacts with persons who had specific functions in social agencies such as: preventative social services, drug information, etc. If some one came with a problem, he assisted him in finding the right agency. Or if there were none to solve that particular problem, he set to work either to help himself, or find volunteers who could.

Once a week he went to the campfire at the hotel, the Banff Youth Services, and he was regarded as their Chaplain on Call! The same type of ministry was carried out at the staff cafeteria of the Banff Springs Hotel.

To quote Garry, "People would ask me: 'How many converts have you had?' To this I would answer: 'Do you mean how many seeds have we seen sprout or how many seeds have we sown?'—I assure you that we have sown the seed for Christ by the bush!"

South Thornhill & Bayview Glen

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School News

Most of the local schools are still getting settled in for the new season. However, Henderson Avenue Public has announced that their girls' boarder ball league is underway. Boarder ball is a passing and catching game leading up to basketball.

Soccer tournaments for boys and girls in grades 4-6 are to be held presently and for the first time a grade three class soccer tournament will be included.

St. Luke's Separate has a new principal, Larry Tadman, who comes here from St. Joseph's in Aurora.

News from the E. J. Sand Home and School Association, not yet officially functioning at this time, is that their elections for new officers for this year will continue within a few weeks although their first official general meeting isn't expected before November.

Word was received of the arrival of the Carl ORFF instruments purchased late in the past year by the association. These are a group of musical instruments specially designed for use by the greatest possible number of students. They will be under the direction of Mrs. Jean Beatson.

Church News
Thornhill United Church Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Gordon Fleming, Mus. M. (Princeton) as the church's new director of music. Mr.

Fleming was choir director at Richmond Hill United and is a master of music in the York County Public School system. The sacrament of Infant Baptism will be celebrated at Thornhill United September 30 at 11 am.

If you and your family are interested in forming a church bowling league for all ages, call Ron and Irene Birrell at 920-3455 for further information.

The Mary-Martha Anglican Church Women of Holy Trinity Anglican have a delightful wishing well and several "hot" pink lunch cloths to rent for bridal showers. Please call Mrs. Eva Peters at 889-5763.

Neighborhood Notes
Birthday greetings are extended to Caroline LePage, 62 Glen Cameron Avenue, who will celebrate her 12th next Monday; and to John Carter, 42 Morgan Avenue, who marks his 17th Wednesday of next week.

Monday you can enjoy girls' softball championship play at the Grandview Park diamond as the Thornhill Midset girls team meets the Amesbury Park girls, who are 1973 All Ontario champions. The North York League championship is on the line.

This will be the second game in the best of three series which began Tuesday at Amesbury Park. The game in South Thornhill starts at 8:30 pm.

Call Citizens' Meeting Oct. 1

High Density Zoning, Traffic Threaten Thornhill Ratepayers

High density development control, Henderson Avenue truck traffic and property taxes will be equal time topics with guest speakers at the fall meeting of the South Thornhill Ratepayers Association October 1 at 8 pm at Henderson Avenue Public School.

Association President John Galbraith of 9 Brightbay Crescent, Thornhill says major developments in high density are faced by the town and the citizens must take an interest now if they are going to have anything to say about Thornhill's future character.

175 HOUSEHOLDS
The association now encompasses 175 households in its membership and further registrations will be taken at the fall Monday night session.

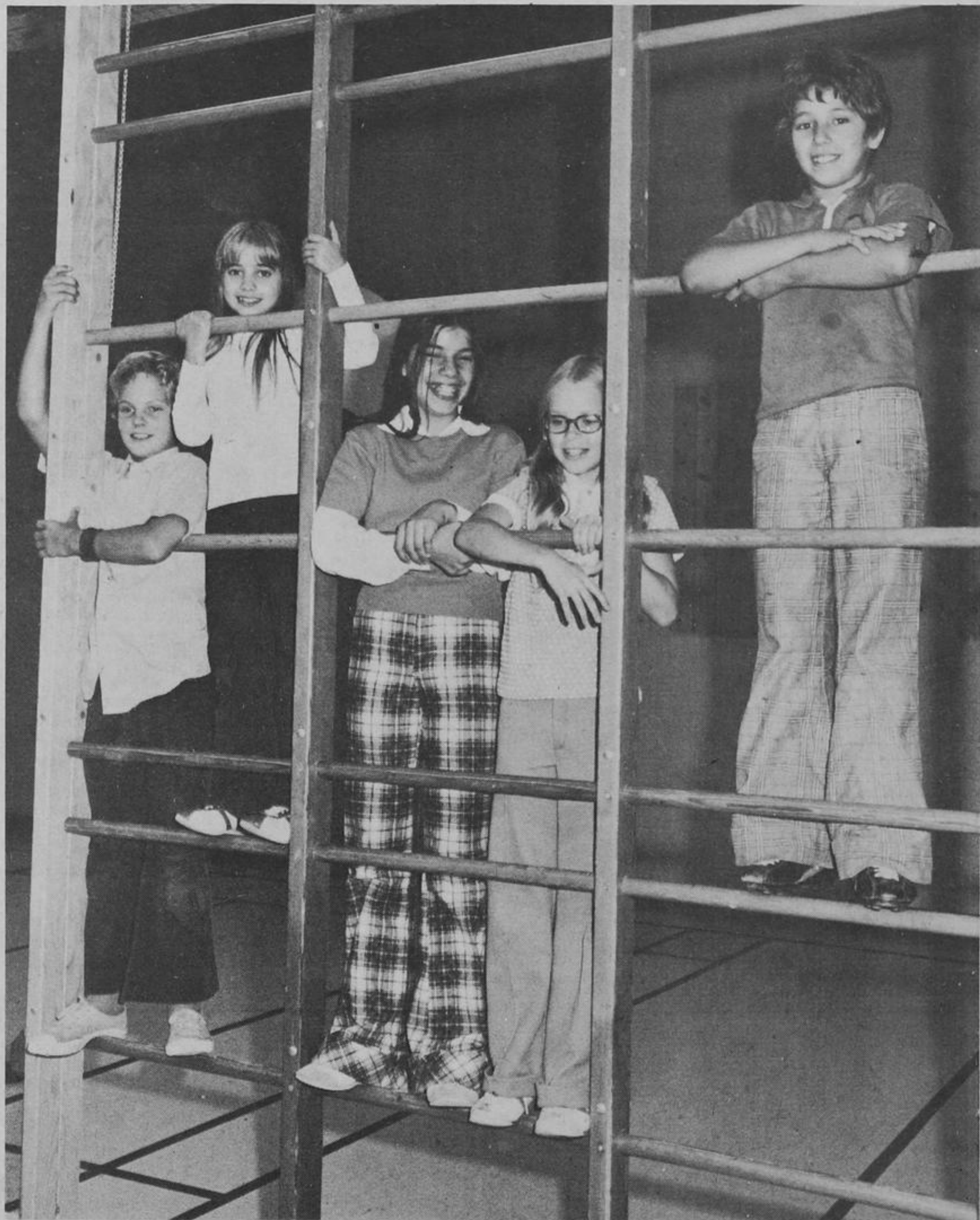
First speakers will be Mrs. Ann Bowry of 50 Henderson Avenue and Ian MacKenzie of 140 Grandview Avenue with comments about the high density zoning controversy and the Municipal Board appeal at the southeast corner of John Street and Bayview Avenue. Also discussed will be concerns related to the effect and control of high density development in the Thornhill area generally.

York Regional Police Chief Bruce Crawford has been invited to take part in discussion of the meeting's second topic, increased heavy truck traffic and traffic abuses on Henderson Avenue. Nick Belak of 5 Henderson Avenue will be the opening commentator.

Ed Patrick of 12 Brightbay Crescent will lead off the open forum with comments on realty taxes and other Thornhill matters. Citizens will be free to bring up topics of their own interest.

COUNCILLORS INVITED
Thornhill's members of Markham Town Council have been invited to take part in discussions, answer questions and meet the ratepayers, says President Galbraith.

Thornhill Ball General Meet
The Thornhill Softball League annual meeting will be held Wednesday at 8 pm in the Royal Orchard Public School, Royal Orchard Boulevard. All coaches, managers, umpires, division managers and prospective executive are invited to attend. This is your opportunity to help plan next year's format and elect a new executive.



(Photos by Susan Samila)

Thornhill Youngsters Tops In Fitness

In the past few weeks, the news media has informed the Canadian people of the poor physical condition of six-year-old and 30-year-old Canadians. We can only extrapolate the poverty of the rest of the population in this area. Thanks to the Canadian Fitness Award Program many school children have been motivated to overcome this alarming situation.

In May and June of this year, students at Thornhill Public School became involved in preparing for the program. As a result 89 will

be rewarded with crests, including five who will receive the award of excellence. They are seen above (left to right) David Bryce, Mary Malfara, Antoinetta Malfara, Rosalie Bagg and Nick Malfara, who will receive, in addition to their crests of excellence, a certificate in recognition of their outstanding achievement. This is given only to those who demonstrate all round physical abilities at the highest level.

Murray Smith Has High Points Annual Thornhill Flower Show

The Thornhill and District Horticultural Society's annual show was held on September 8 and 9 at the Heintzman House, in spite of the hot weather that has been plaguing local gardens, it was a colorful show with outstanding flowers and vegetables.

The weekend weather was lovely and many people visited the show both Saturday and Sunday. Members donated garden produce, potted plants, perennial roots and flower arranging supplies, and these were offered for sale. A tea room allowed people to socialize and discuss their flowers.

4 GARDENS OPEN
Four Thornhill gardens were open for people who wished to visit these, each one different and interesting. They were all lovely and each depicted the individuality of the gardener's tastes and interests. They were the Shouldice Hospital on Bayview Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jarvie's on Thornheights Road, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Calladine, also Thornheights Road, and Norm Lightfoot's, Vaughan Boulevard. Special thanks are extended to these people for having their gardens so beautifully prepared

for visitors. There were 102 entries in the Specimen Flower section and the high points went to Murray Smith. Others who did exceptionally well were: Joe Wain, the Kings, Evelyn Calladine, Margaret Riley and Kay Qually.

In the Decorative Designs section the winners for arrangements were: Bend and Stretch, a design showing motion—Kay Qually, Evelyn Turner, Doris Butterworth.

In the Spirit of the Day, an arrangement of flowers, vegetables or fruit for a patio table—Kay Qually, The Steeles, Sue Nishiyama. Let Them All Come, a basket of mixed flowers—Kay Qually, Sue Nishiyama, Mable Mizen.

A Little Dear, a miniature—Irene Steele, Evelyn Turner, the Kings. Eternal Flame, a design for a hall or a buffet—Kay Qually, the Steeles, Anne Kilham. Meditation, a design in a

low bowl—Anne Kilham, the Kings. Pery Bone Award, a lunch-on table arrangement—Shirley Le Page. High Karate, for men only—Andrew Brumelis, Rezin Steele.

The Vegetables and Fruit section had 27 entries with some particularly outstanding entries of tomatoes. Norm Lightfoot was first in this section, with Murray Smith, Lucille Pherrill, Rezin Steele and Alice Taylor all making good showings as well.

The juniors were well represented with prizes going to Sally Le Page and Beth Kilham for Flower Power; Kathy Nishiyama, Judy Nishiyama and Pam Wade for Your Own Thing; and Nancy Turner and Pam Wade for Barnyard.

SPECIAL AWARDS
Special awards went to Norm Lightfoot for flower and vegetable specimens, Kay Qually for decorative design, and Sally Le Page for juniors.

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BOOK TALK

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BIographical tribute to her mother. This vigorous, un-sinkable woman provides tart comments on the human condition from Victorian times onward. Margaret Powell's "mum" would never have anything to do with eugenasia, voluntary or otherwise. (Non-fiction at Markham, Thornhill, and Unionville.)

APPOINTMENT WITH YESTERDAY—by Celia Fremlin. Guilt-ridden Milly Barnes, fleeing from a night-marish incident in her past, attempts to make a new life for herself in an English seaside town. But inexorably the shadows of her old life begin to close in around her. Once again Celia Fremlin has written a gripping tale with a potent climax. (Fiction at Markham, Thornhill and Unionville.)

AND THEN WE MOVED TO ROSSENARA—by Richard Condon. Before this prominent novelist and his family finally discovered their Irish mansion, their wanderings and antics covered the entire international scene. Accounts of food, gossip and domestic upheavals are often hilarious. (Non-fiction at Markham, Thornhill and Unionville.)

MY MOTHER AND I—by Margaret Powell. The outspoken, Margaret Powell's



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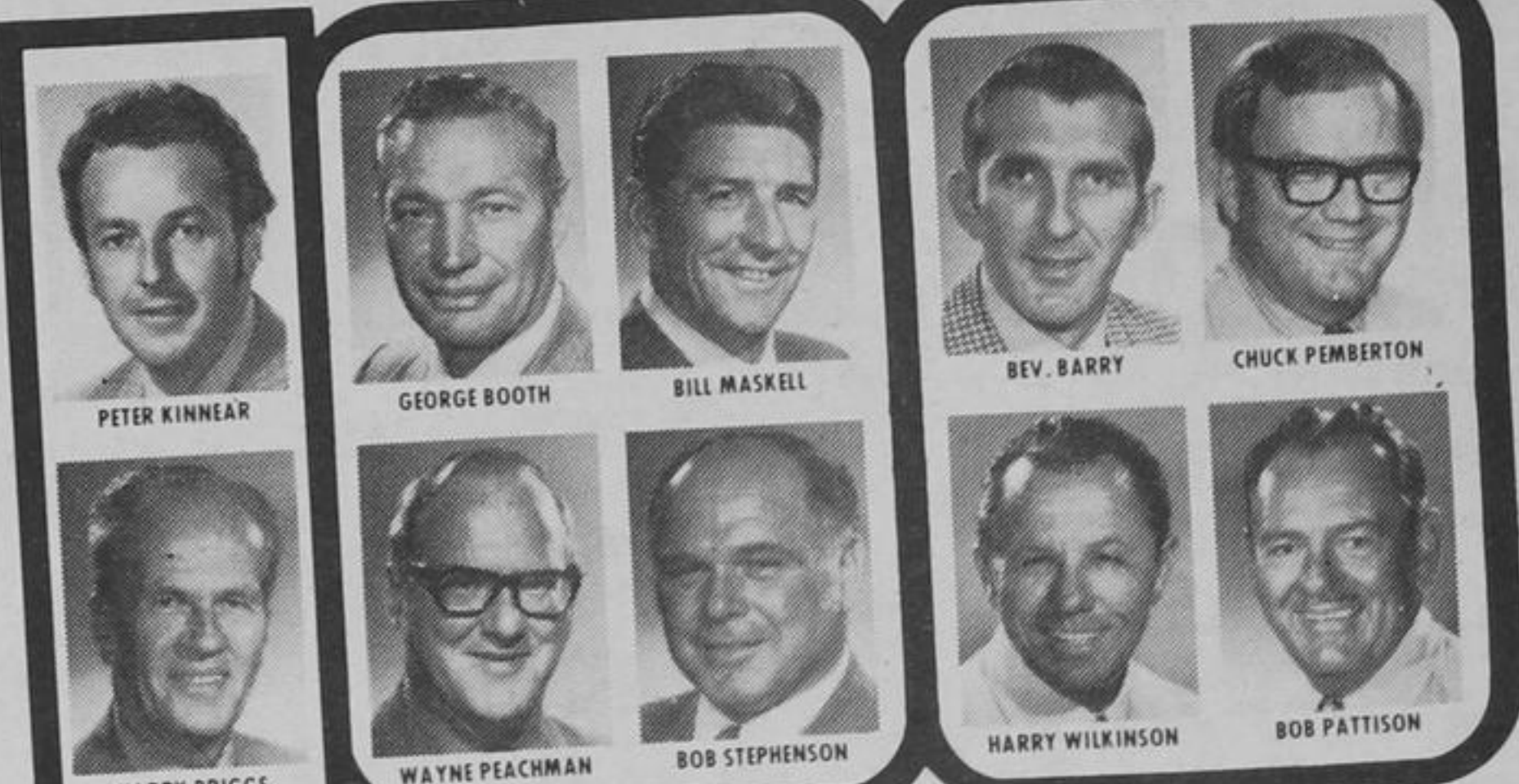
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Classes in Ukrainian reading, writing, history, culture and dancing have begun at the North Toronto School located in St. Timothy's Anglican Church, 40 Ridley Blvd., Toronto. These classes are held every Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon. If enough children register at the age of five a kindergarten is planned. There is still time to give your children a golden opportunity to become bilingual and to appreciate their heritage.

Belated birthday greetings to Michael Gill, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Breedon of Sixteenth Avenue, Michael was 17 September 19.

We are glad to hear that Stewart Thomson of Duncan Road is back at work after spending some time as a patient in York Central Hospital.

Bruce Maheu of Duncan Road is still undergoing treatments for the eye injury he received in late spring. However, we are pleased to report that he is back at school.



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