

Oct. 14-21 Set Aside To Mark 170th Anniversary

By MARGARET GOVAN

Eight days, October 14-21, have been set aside by the Thornhill United Church for celebrations. The reason: the 170th anniversary of the founding of a Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the predecessors of the United Church here. It began at Benjamin Hosbel's Farm at the northeast corner of Bayview and Highway 7. This was under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church of New York, United States of America, who had sent the Rev. Nathan Bangs and Presiding Elder Jewel to form a church wherever the ground proved favorable. The Richmond Hill Church was started about the same time: 1803.

Mr. Bangs received little encouragement until he came north of Steeles Avenue. He wrote: "I was the first Methodist preacher that ever attempted to preach in little York (Toronto) and I preached in a miserable half-finished house on a

week-evening to a few people, for there were not over a dozen houses in the place; and I slept on the floor under a blanket... I was induced to make a trial of this village; the settlers of which were as thoughtless and wicked as the Canaanites of old!"

In 1805 Rev. Daniel Pickett was sent to serve the area, and in 1832 Rev. Robert Corson, one of the saddleback preachers, reports the size of his circuit "fifty miles in length and twenty miles in breadth."

Six years later a church building was erected on land given by Elizabeth Lyons, Lot 33, Concession 1, Markham. A Methodist parsonage was built south of the Langstaff School. Next year a Sunday school was organized. In 1846 a British Methodist Church was opened and the year after the two united. And in 1852 the church moved to the site on Centre Street.

In 1925 Thornhill Methodist

augmented by some Presbyterians, became Thornhill United Church of Canada. In 1958, a new church building was erected on Dudley Avenue.

In 1921 David James (1843-1924) wrote a historical sketch. Part of a copy is in the Archives. Two incidents are particularly interesting. Rev. John Bredin DD, a former pastor in Thornhill) spoke of his life as a pioneer preacher; "I travelled throughout seven townships, taking three weeks to complete the trip, preaching twice each week-day and three times each Sunday. I travelled 4,500 miles in a year, and often dined on potatoes and salt with tea, cooked pumpkins and milk. Many souls were converted and it was one of the hardest and happiest times of my life."

Mr. James speaks of attending a quarterly service in the old north church. A large number of Indians partook of the sacrament. The service com-

menced at 9 and was not concluded until 1. Those who came a distance of 10 or 15 miles had to leave home early, and to make provisions for physical needs, lunch was often brought. There were "Quarterly Meetings" quite rich, containing both butter and cream, there being nothing to drink when eating them.

Tickets were taken at the door from the members, their attire noted, and sometimes comments were made: notwithstanding the strictness of the discipline the church was filled with worshippers. The plainness of dress by the women was a heritage from the early days of Wesley; for then the characters of flashily dressed women were not above suspicion.

(These notes are a compilation from Rev. Egerton Peacock's research, the historical sketch by David James written in 1921, and Mrs. Doris Fitzgerald's History of Thornhill.)

BOOK TALK

TOWN OF MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES



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TSS Tiger Tales

Thornhill's tigers downed King City's football team October 3, with a score of 10-6. Tiger Brad Kirkpatrick obtained the winning touchdown on a three yard run. Credit for the convert went to Julian Snedker. The Tigers are meeting Markham Secondary tomorrow (Friday) at Markham. This game promises to be a real thriller, so we're expecting to see all our fans out on the field.

Our junior and senior soccer teams were defeated by Huron Heights on Wednesday, with scores of 4-1 and 4-0 respectively. They are anticipating better luck in upcoming games against Richmond Hill and Thornlea.

Tuesday of last week was a grey day for our junior volleyball and our girls' field hockey team, all of whom lost to Langstaff Secondary, at Langstaff.

Skies were still overcast on Thursday as the field hockey team was defeated 2-0 by Bayview Secondary and the junior and senior volleyball teams lost to Woodbridge, two games to one.

Come out today (Thursday) to the far field to see our girls' field hockey team in action! Field hockey is a great spectator sport and there are always thrilling moments to be enjoyed.

Also, today (Thursday) our junior and senior volleyball teams are competing against Richmond Hill High School in Richmond Hill.

Yesterday (Wednesday) was our final session of activity days. Everyone involved will agree that this program has been enjoyable and worthwhile.

Rehearsals under Thornhill's Drama Director Isaac Pfaff, have started. The club's major production for the year, "The Matchmaker" will be presented after Christmas.

"Cheaper by the Dozen" was the subject of assembly that took place this morning (Thursday) at 9 am. Robert Dawe, a representative from Kontour Pens spoke to us about selling these pens as a successful fund raising project. Door to door sales in Thornhill will begin tomorrow (Friday). During the assembly we were entertained by the band playing a number called "Whodunit" with narration by Oliver Dawson. Camera Day was scheduled for October 24. The best pictures taken will be placed in the "Tricolour", our school yearbook.

Junior and senior commencement is coming up October 26.

Yearbook sales have improved greatly over last year.

The fall course of driver education is underway again.

October 19 is the date of Thornhill's annual "Sadie Hawkins Dance". This dance is open only to Thornhill students and their guests. Guests must be signed in at the office by October 18 (Thursday).

Notice Of Application By The Corporation of the Town of Markham TO DISPENSE WITH A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

- The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham intends to apply to The Ontario Municipal Board for approval of the construction of a works and maintenance garage on the north side of Miller Avenue being Part of Lot 7, Concession 4, in the Town of Markham, more particularly shown as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan R-4411 at an estimated cost of \$375,000.00, which amount shall be raised by the sale of debentures payable out of the general rate over a period not exceeding twenty (20) years.
- Application will be made to The Ontario Municipal Board for an order to dispense with the assent of the electors to the undertaking of the said works. Any ratepayer may, within twenty-one days after the first publication of this notice, send by post prepaid to the clerk of the Town of Markham at the address given below, a notice in writing stating his objection to such approval and the grounds of such objection.
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DATED at the Town of Markham this 11th day of October, 1973.

N. J. Pickard
Clerk-Administrator
Town of Markham
8911 Don Mills Road
Markham, Ontario.

South Thornhill And Bayview Glen News

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School News
Bayview Glen students David Evans of grade 6, his brother John of grade 5, Craig McLure of grade 6 and Thor Carlsen of grade 5 are publishing a school newspaper. The first edition is expected to be available this week some time.

The name of the publication is to be decided by the local students as the young publishers have sponsored a "name the paper" contest complete with prizes for the best entry.

Last Friday Bayview Glen Teacher Miss Dyson took her grade 2 students to a visit to the Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Mrs. J. Forrester's grades 1 and 2 classes at Bayview Glen, journeyed to the Kensington Market in Toronto and they took in the community school in the same area.

At Henderson Avenue Public School, a couple of championship teams have emerged from league play in the girls' borden ball (similar to basketball) and the grade three mixed soccer loop.

The team 4 girls, captained by Lynn Kelly, took the borden ball title. Other members of the team are Marie Bussieres, Senka Viricovich, Lauren Markovich, Janise Dickson, Mary Shephard and Nancy Robertson.

In the five team soccer league, the Tigers are the champs. They are Michael Casey, Yvette Ledwith, Mike Hutchinson, Karen Boss, David James, Brian Ford and Geoffrey Bascom.

Next Monday is the Henderson Avenue School's "Meet The Teacher Night" and the school will be open at 8 pm for parents to come in and see, hear and learn of the present day teaching facilities and methods.

Up at E. J. Sand Public School, we learn that their afternoon clubs have commenced. These feature

woodworking, athletics, cooking, chess and a host of other subjects. The students are instructed by volunteer parents and students from Woodland Senior School which is located on the same site. These classes are open to students from grades 4, 5 and 6, and special education classes.

Two ping-pong tables, purchased by the E. J. Sand Home and School group are nearly ready for use. It is expected to see heavy use during the bad weather this winter.

Principal Donald Yong reported that the school has an enrolment of 502 students as of September 30.

Today (Thursday) is "Meet The Teacher Night" at E. J. Sand. Parents are urged to come and learn of the school's programs first hand. Starting time is 8 pm.

New teaching staff members of Sand are Miss Shirley Wellington, intermediate special education; Mrs. Mary Jane Robson, grade 3; Mrs. Susan Gossman, grades 3 and 4; Peter Jamieson, grade 4; and Sylvia Brock, grades 5 and 6.

Norm Bowen is new to the custodial staff, working with Ted Waddell.

This season the school has one less special education class and one more regular class than last year.

All the grade 2 classes enjoyed at trip to the Markham Fall Fair two weeks ago.

The Sand girls' field hockey league is now underway, with play commencing last week.

Plenty of interesting news from Woodland Senior School sees a visit to the school by Band Leader Howard Cable, who will work with the school's Music Director Hugh Martin.

Nine grade 8 classes will make trips to old Fort York beginning this Friday. The three classes on the first trip are taught by Bob Newley, Harry Jarman and Mrs.

Alma France.

Next Monday the classes of Mrs. Fay Espinosa, Jack Shepa and Al Peachman go on this outing, Going Tuesday are the students of Mrs. Stephanie Dearling, Pat Tracy and Alex Guiney. All the trips have been organized by Al Peachman.

Tomorrow a UNICEF assembly will be held at Woodland with Mrs. Mary Darnell of UNICEF addressing the students.

Next Monday will see a project entitled "ECONOX" get underway and continue for two weeks. Thirty grade 8 students, selected at random, will study ecology under the supervision of Jack Shepa. The project ends October 26. The portable classroom closest to the school has been converted into a laboratory for the special study.

Neighborhood Notes
Birthday greetings this week are in order for Terri Godfrey, 60 Babcombe Avenue, 15, this Friday; Janice Barrington, 100 Clark Avenue, 12, Saturday; Brad Oliver of 201 Henderson Avenue and Susie McArthur, 45 Clark Avenue, each celebrated birthdays Monday. Brad will be 13 and Susie marks her eighth. Paul Silbernagel, 104 Morgan Avenue, will be 19 next Tuesday.

Tonight the Doncaster Community Ladies' Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Trudy Roberts, 114 Morgan Avenue, at 8 pm. All local ladies welcome.

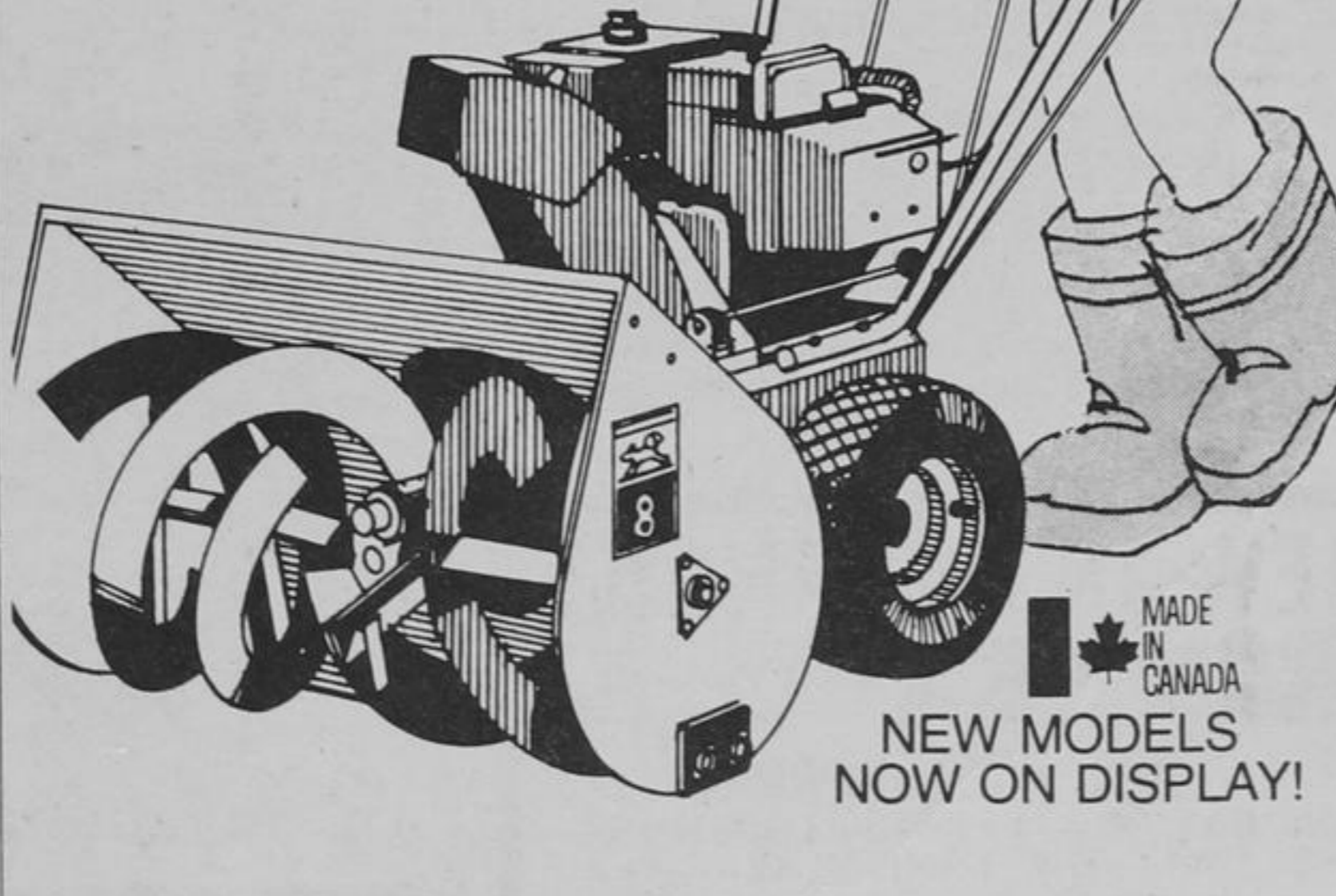
Church News
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