

Seneca To Hold Daytime Courses In Thornhill

In keeping with the philosophy of the "Community College", Seneca College takes many credit and non-credit courses off campus, to where the people are.

In the past several months, Irma Melville, co-ordinator of daytime classes for Seneca's King Campus, has been busy setting up just such courses. Four courses, one credit and three non-credit, are scheduled to begin in January in Thornhill and one in the old Town of Markham.

In an interview with "The Liberal" Mrs. Melville stressed that it is important for prospective students to register early, because if there are not enough applicants for a given course, that course could be cancelled.

It has happened in the past, she said. People have shown up at the time and on the day when a specific course was scheduled to begin, but because they have failed to make their intentions known to the college, the course has been cancelled.

The courses in Thornhill will be held in Thornhill United Church on Dudley Avenue, one block east of Yonge Street. In Markham the location is the Markham Library.

One very popular course, "Worlds of Women" will be offered at both locations from 9:15 to 11:45 am, starting January 8 in Markham and January 9 in Thornhill.

Another non-credit course, bookkeeping, is also being offered in both centres, from 9 am to 12 noon in Markham and from 1 to 4 pm in Thornhill.

Starting date for both is January 11.

Rounding out the program in Markham are a course in creative writing and a credit course, "Introduction to Basic Psychology", both starting January 9.

In Thornhill there will be a six-week course dealing with "The Changing Family" 1:15 to 3:15 pm beginning January 9, and a credit course on "Nutrition for Today's Family" from 9 am to noon starting January 11.

Participation in "Worlds of Women" is a marvellous step for women who have been in the home for a number of years, says Mrs. Melville. The family life cycle, school, work, home, children, seems to be grinding to a halt. She has lost touch with the outside world, begins to have doubts about herself, her place in the family and the community. In some instances the experience is so traumatic that it leads to a nervous breakdown, in others to prolonged and exaggerated menopausal symptoms.

In the WOW course women are given a better understanding of changes taking place in today's society and a broad overview of the opportunities available to them.

Participants are encouraged to assess, honestly and realistically, their aptitudes, abilities, education, personal situation, as well as home and family responsibilities.

They are also encouraged to read and to do individual re-

search. In some cases a woman may decide to update career skills or to acquire new ones and go out to work.

Others may choose to stay in the home, but to participate to a greater extent in community affairs or volunteer services.

No matter what their decision, says Mrs. Melville, these women have been exposed to new experiences, new faces, new ideas, to respect themselves as individuals.

"The Changing Family" is a series of six afternoon sessions to consider the status of the family today; its strengths, weaknesses and chances for survival, as well as providing opportunities for an examination of alternative family styles. Mrs. Melville will be instructing both of these courses.

"Nutrition For Today's Family" is designed to help participants decide what to eat by learning about food and its metabolism.

Although most people eat three to five times daily, few know what is in the food they eat, says Seneca's calendar of courses in its continuing education program for careers and leisure enjoyment.

Emphasis in this course is placed on the problems one faces when deciding what to feed one's family under the current bombardment of conflicting nutrition information. Students are encouraged to evaluate what they are feeding their families and what they need.

The courses will be taught by two nutritionists who have a

special empathy for persons interested in better food and better health. This is a credit course, and may become a springboard for students launching on a full-scale certificate or diploma program.

A non-credit course, "Basic Bookkeeping" can be useful to the person in business who wants to broaden his (or her) horizons as well as to the homemaker who would like to get out into the business world on either a full-time or part-time basis.

It covers the fundamentals of bookkeeping procedures and systems, including the mechanics of all vouchers, journals and ledgers. Many homemakers have found this a very useful skill, working from home and keeping books for small businesses and professional people.

For further information or registration, contact King Campus' area co-ordinator for Continuing Education, Paul Brilinger, or Mrs. Melville, co-ordinator for daytime classes. For the local area, Seneca's telephone number is 884-9901, and for toll-free long distance calls the number is Zenith 31-200.

Groups wishing to learn more about the college's continuing education courses can get first hand information from Mrs. Melville, who is always available to speak to church groups, service clubs or neighborhood coffee parties and community get-togethers to outline the aims and content of the innumerable courses both on and off campus.

Thornhill Pair In Fatal Crash

York Regional Police reported two motor vehicle fatalities in the area last week, while in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, a Thornhill couple was killed in an accident December 14.

Dead are: Angelo Desimone, 47, of 7515 Martin Grove Road, Woodbridge; Mrs. Emily Warburton, 77, of 74 Glenshepard Drive, Scarborough; and James Wadsworth, 29, and his wife, Mary Ann, 31, of John Street. Their two-year-old daughter, Mary Frances, was in satisfactory condition in a Nova Scotia hospital.

Mr. Desimone was killed when struck by a car while walking north on the shoulder of Martin Grove Road around 7 pm December 14. The driver of the car kept going, but the car was later found in an unoperable condition on a service station lot at Martin Grove and Highway 7.

Arrested and facing charges of criminal negligence and failing to remain, was George Bagg, 34, of Kipling Avenue, Rexdale.

Mrs. Warburton died in York Central Hospital about eight hours after being injured in an accident at 17th Avenue and Concession 6 in Richmond Hill December 10, about 4:20 pm.

She was a passenger in a car driven by her daughter, Mrs. May Czay, of the same address, which went off the road, causing Mrs. Warburton to strike her head.

Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth were killed in a two-car collision, which also took the life of a Nova Scotia man.

No other details were available.



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School News

"Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" was the title of the movie enjoyed by the Bayview Glen Junior Public students Monday of this week as a holiday treat.

This week the Bayview Glen students are writing plays designed to incorporate the Christmas and Chanukah themes together.

"The Golden Glen", the school's official newspaper is offering a prize for the best play written by the students on this theme.

Students at this school will enjoy a combination Christmas and Chanukah program as many of the residents of the Bayview Glen area are of the Jewish faith.

Chanukah is pronounced "Hanicka" and is the Festival of Gladness and Thanksgiving. The word is Hebrew meaning dedication, a Jewish feast lasting eight days. It starts on the evening of December 19 on the Christmas calendar, commemorating the rededication of the temple in Jerusalem, achieved in 165 BC through the heroic fight of Priest Judas Maccabees and his five sons against three years of profanation by Antiochus Epiphanes, King of Syria. It is celebrated by candle lighting an eight armed lamp and lighting one candle a day for the eight days, until all are burning. This ritual commemorates the miracle, said to have occurred at the time of the temple's rededication, when the oil supply, sufficient for one day only, lasted eight days. Hanukah or Chanukah is therefore also referred to as the Feast of Lights or Dedication.

Pique Nique

The other junior division grades, following the intermission, illustrated Christmas around the world, starting with Italy, then to England, Mexico, Austria, Scandinavia and winding up at home in Canada.

The junior choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jean Beaton, sang six seasonal musical selections.

The program concluded with the singing of "O Canada".

The E. J. Sand junior club periods have been very successful this fall thanks to the organization and hard work of Miss Bonnie Robertson particularly, as well as the strong efforts of the junior and special education teachers involved. They would like to thank those mothers and fathers who have given up so much time and effort to make the Friday afternoon time so worthwhile. Other mothers have given excellent help with individual children needing remedial assistance.

The E. J. Sand Parents Group have been very generous in donating funds to keep the clubs going and individual parents have given supplies such as wood for certain clubs.

On Wednesday of this week the St. Luke pupils presented an operetta entitled, "When The Toys Came To Life". The musical director was Dianna Gravelle. Miss Barbara MacRae provided the costumes and director was Mrs. Elaine Darby.

In the library at this school there's a funny little creature, who seemingly does not want any of the pupils messing about with the books, even reading them. Nobody knows what he looks like and so a prize was offered to the pupil coming up with the most appropriate name. Electa Wanko of grade 4 received the prize by submitting the name Mr. Don Don't.

The Henderson Avenue Public pupils this year are honoring the Christmas season by enjoying carol singing each morning of this week before classes begin.

On January 3 and 4 teachers of Area 3 of York County will be involved in two professional development days. After the first professional day in November teachers made choices of study and discussion in three areas: curriculum, evaluation and human relations. They have had one day's meeting on their interest choice and will continue with in-depth discussions January 3 and 4. School will end at the regular time December 21 and begin again January 7 at 9 am.

Neighborhood Notes

Birthday greetings this week are in order for Peter Harlick Junior, 138A Henderson Avenue and Margaret Ferkranus of 26 Woodward Avenue as each celebrate birthdays today (Thursday). Little Peter will be three years old while Margaret will mark her 11th birthday.

Guides & Brownies

The 2nd Thornhill Ranger Company enjoyed their Christmas party at the home of a member on Monday of this week.

This event featured a pot luck supper and an exchange of gifts.

The 1st Thornhill Guide Company enjoyed a Christmas Party of fun and games and refreshments Tuesday of this week.

The reactivated 5th Thornhill Guide Company with new Captain Mrs. Diane Wietzes, 62 Poinsettia Drive, also enjoyed a delightful Christmas party on Tuesday.

The previous week the 5th Company enrolled seven new members into the group, these being Karen Bauer, Linda Crossett, Shirley Hamm, Pamela Fruitman, Rachell Powell, Pam Horne and Janie MacLean. Commissioner Gail Thompson performed the enrolment ceremony.

Cubs & Scouts

The 2nd Thornhill Cubs & Scouts will, tonight, enjoy a fun-filled Christmas meeting at Henderson Avenue School. The boys will be treated to two movies and plenty of goodies.

The 8th Thornhill "B" pack Cubs also will hold their Christmas festivities tonight, with movies. They will see a one-hour presentation of Laurel & Hardy films.

This party will be held at the E. J. Sand School and will also feature refreshments and an exchange of gifts.

The 8th Thornhill Cubs and Scouts expect to earn about \$400 from their recent sale of garbage bags, when all bags are sold.

Church News

Special Christmas services at Holy Trinity Anglican will include the Children's Christmas Service at 7 pm with an address by Captain Bateman Christmas Eve. At 11 pm the Gallery Carols by the choir commence. This is to be followed by Holy Communion and the Rector's Christmas Message at 11:30 am.

Services Christmas Day at Holy Trinity: at 8 am Holy Communion and 10:30 the family Communion service with Captain Bateman preaching.

TSS Tiger Tales

Film Shows Faith In Agnostic Age Answer To Young Life Styles And Drugs

Let's start off with the good news! The first meeting of a group called "The Way" was held in Room 213 last week. It is sponsored by Mr. Derwin Foley and Mr. John Kajojka. A large number turned out to see a film called "My Brother Guru".

This film is about drugs and life styles of young people and how faith can be an answer in this agnostic age. Grant Heir and Ernie Leghein are acting leaders in this group, which hopes to have more meetings in the near future.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Christmas spirit is evident in Room 213, as Mr. Foley has hung his wreaths, strung his lights and decorated his Christmas Tree. This touch makes the last week of school more pleasant for everyone.

Now for the bad news! Reports are being issued tomorrow. If you don't pick yours up, the school will send it home.

POOR DANCE ATTENDANCE

Thornhill's Christmas Dance Friday was not as successful as was expected. The decreased attendance can probably be attributed to the whirlwind of Christmas preparations. The BOSS is looking forward to a better turnout at future dances.

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Transit Service

Local residents should be interested to know that the Markham Transit Service has been extended to Saturdays as well as week days. The Saturday service commences at 9 am and continues hourly to 6 pm.

It should be noted there will be no Markham Transit Service on Christmas or Boxing Days.

Your correspondent wishes you all a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and a Happy Chanukah to all our Jewish residents of South Thornhill.

NEWMARKET: Fairy Lake, drained so a small pond off its north side which had silted up could be dredged, will be refilled in time for freeze-up and use as a skating surface, the conservation authority reports. The drainage work has been delayed because of excessive wet weather.

NEWMARKET: There will be no public skating in the town's two arenas on Christmas and New Year's Days, it has been decided. In recent years so few people took advantage of the skating it was not worth while keeping the arena open.



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