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**Neighborhood Notes**  
Last month Sir Robert Watson-Watt, discoverer of radar, died. At one time he was a resident of Thornhill and there are many here who knew him and his wife. On February 13 a memorial service is being held for this distinguished scientist by the Royal Air Force. It is to be in St. Clement Dances Church London, the official church of the RAF. The Ministry of Defence and the Royal Family will both be represented. Tony Drew of Newmarket, stepson of Sir Robert, is planning to attend.

At the next meeting of the Thornhill WI they will be celebrating their 71st birthday. They are almost as old as the WI itself. Mrs. Lex Jamieson will be hostess for this meeting.

At the Tuesday morning

meeting last week, the Mothers' break had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Doreen Quirk of the York County Board of Education speak on the very pertinent issues of the day in education. Some of the proposed innovations are a junior kindergarten, and an "immersion" French class. This week one of the council members is coming from Markham Council.

**Guides**  
The 1st Langstaff Guides have made a display for the Thornhill Public Library on Indian life before the white man came to this area. It is in the children's section, and is well worth going to see. They made their models with great pains and patience. There are tiny snowshoes, tepees, a palisade, clay dishes, all sorts of things. It is quite fascinating. So please take time to go and look. Even young children would be intrigued. Thank you, Guides.

Church News

The following were elected at the recent vestry meeting of Holy Trinity Anglican: Churchwardens Denis Schmegelew (people's warden), Phillip Townsend-Carter (rector's warden), and Ronald Leitch (Deputy); Treasurer Ray Atkinson; Secretary Mrs. Grace Saunders; Lay Members of Synod Miss Jane McLaren, Mrs. Elaine Ackerhurst, William Robinson, Bert Funnel, Mrs. Evelyn Goodwin and Tim Rowsell are alternates. To advisory board the following were elected: Phyllis Atkinson, Arthur Crawford, Robert Harvey, Dr. Lloyd Saunders, and Mrs. Muriel Shaw. Appointed by the Rector were George Ackerhurst, Mrs. Doreen Chutter, Maurice Corbett, Tom Gough, William Martin and Ronald Neun. Parochial Tribunal: Mrs. Marjory Gough, Auditors: James Kearns, Robert Harvey.

Thornhill UCW met last week, and at the general business meeting reorganized themselves. Hereafter one group will meet in the morning, two in the afternoon, and the fourth in the evening. Further planning still has to be done in order to carry this out.

Reverend Muriel Stephenson of Ratlam, India, who has been working on a new hymn book, sent an anthem and the tune which she had composed. Mrs. Isobel Keighly, her sister, arranged the music for piano, and introduced it to the UCW. She played and sang it, and gave the members a lesson so they might sing it too. It has been passed on to the choir in hopes that they may sing it for the congregation one of these days.

The United Church Men's Club had a dinner meeting on January 28. Robert Tamblin of Tamblin and Associates, Consulting Engineers, presented a talk on energy. He is very optimistic about Canada's nuclear energy production. The Pickering plant is so very efficient. He was deluged with questions afterwards. The dinner was excellent as usual.

The "King James Version" group of singers will be taking a very active part in the Sunday evening service at Thornhill Presbyterian this week. Some know what to expect and others are advised to be there early.

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**Library Charms**  
Our little Colbourne Street Library is a delight. It is small and inconvenient and presents difficulties for the librarians. It certainly curtails some of the goals of the library board, but most of us enjoy it so much. It is not only the surroundings, and pleasant welcome we always receive from the staff, but also the amazing variety of very interesting books.

I discovered one by chance the other day. I should like to recommend it to all persons working with adolescents or very young adults in the church. Perhaps you won't agree with everything it says, but it is certainly worth reading, if only to make you think about the ideas. It is called "The Kingdom Seekers" by Johnson, Abington Press. It deals with the aspirations and attitudes of young people desirous of leading Christian lives.

The list of contents is hardly enlightening to us of the older generations. Actually it deals with the growth of our religion, the tremendous changes in attitude within the last 50 years, evangelization and conversion. It talks of the needs of modern translations which are understandable to youth, and of the importance of the Bible. The title of the last chapter is self-explanatory: "The Elusive Will of God."

I believe it would make a very interesting five-evening study course. Or you could study it individually. At least that is how I see it, to quote a radio personality.

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request and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience," said the Bayview Fairways Ratepayer Association letter.

A jackpot of \$100 could be won at the Lions Bin Night every Sunday starting at 7:30 pm at the Lions Hall 31 Spruce Avenue, Richvale.

### BOOK TALK

TOWN OF MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES

#### Story Of How Love's Anguish Led To Suicide

THE CRY OF A GULL: JOURNALS 1923-1948 — by Alyse Gregory; edited by Michael Adam. The exquisite prose of these journals shows the anguish and joy of marriage to Llewelyn Powys, whose love affair with another woman was the cause of the anguish. The circumstances of the author's suicide justify Janet Flanner's (Genet's) view "a possible act of liberation from whatever humiliating bondage on earth could no longer be borne with self-respect." (Non-fiction at Thornhill.)

THE RESIDENT — by Warren Tute. George Mado, notorious ex-spy, womanizer, and whiskey lover, is suddenly catapulted from a restful Whitehall desk job into a meadstrom of political and sexual intrigue in Athens. (Fiction at Thornhill and Unionville.)

CHANEL SOLITAIRE — by Claude Baillen. This biography offers staccato impressions of the last 10 years of Chanel's life. Less a woman emerges than a disembodied voice uttering harsh opinions of all with whom she came in contact. Yet the

many lovely photographs of the clothes she created compel the reader to admire the talent of this lonely woman. (Non-fiction at Unionville.)

THE MERMAID AND THE WHALE — by Georges McHargue. A delightful story about a likeable, though sly and often petulant mermaid who has fallen in love with a whale. The blurred, delicately-colored illustrations add to the attractions of this outstanding book for children from preschool age up to about 10. (Fiction at Markham, Thornhill and Unionville.)

A HOST OF HAUNTINGS — by Peter Underwood. Convincing accounts of eerie personal experiences in scores of haunted houses up and down Britain. This unique and carefully documented record of a quarter century of psychic investigation by the president of the ancient and highly respected Ghost Club, must present a serious challenge to the sceptic. (Non-fiction at Markham and Thornhill.)

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## Thornhill Archives Committee Collecting Community History

By MARGARET GOVAN North Thornhill Correspondent

The Archives Committee of the Thornhill Branch of the Town of Markham Public Libraries, met the other morning. It consists of Mrs. Nan Burridge, Mrs. Betsy Stow and myself. The librarians also attend whenever they can. They are so busy with the very active present library and the plans for the future one, not so far away now.

I am the newest member of the Thornhill community now serving on the committee. At every meeting I learn more about Thornhill such as "Holy Ann's house was once a small barn; no one knows how old it is",

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## TSS Tiger Tales

\$300 Raised During D-Day For Participation House

D-Day at Thornhill Secondary last week was a great success. Approximately \$300 was raised during the carnival. This money is being donated to Participation House in Markham, which aids handicapped men and women of the area.

Some of the sideshows and activities included shaving balloons with a razor blade, snuffing candles with squirt guns, a nerve test, dart throwing, bowling and basketball accuracy, a horse race game, a used book sale, and several bake sales.

It was a great way to raise money and have fun at the same time.

**DRAMA SUCCESS**  
Wednesday and Thursday of last week were Drama Nights at Thornhill Secondary. The TSS Band entertained before the show with musical numbers from "Hello Dolly". Then followed, "The Matchmaker", billed as a farce in four acts. The cast deserves much credit for their excellent portrayal of the characters in this comedy. Credit is also due to the many teachers and students who worked behind the scenes to make the show successful.

**START REHEARSALS**  
Now is the time to start rehearsing for Health's a Poppin' '74. This year's theme is "The Big Band Era", so get your friends together and start planning. Showtime will be here sooner than you think!

### Crestwood Road

Correspondent: Mrs. Fred St. John 75 Crestwood Road Thornhill Telephone 889-3443

Guides, Brownies, Rangers, Scouts, Cubs are invited from Thornhill and district to attend a church parade on February 24 at 2 pm in St. Paschals Baylon Church, 92 Steeles Avenue West, Willowdale.

All groups are assembling in the church hall at 1:45 pm to parade into the church.

The service is inter-denominational, as there will be representatives from United, Hebrew, Catholic, Presbyterian and Anglican clergy taking part in the service.

The special speaker will be Father Chiaro of New York. He spoke to the children last year and was asked to return this year for this special occasion.

Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

This special event is "Thinking Day" celebrating the birthday February 22 of founders Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

For further information please contact Chris Oliver, 225-1867, Paul Anderson 635-8047, Scout leaders; Pat De Cheara 226-2094, Dorothy Wise 221-7007 Guide and Brownie leaders.

There will be news coverage of this special event.

**Neighborhood Notes**  
Birthday greeting to Peter Webster who celebrated on February 4.

Late Saturday night there was a fire, the house formerly owned and built by the late Paul Sproule, it had been vacant for the past two years.

No one seems to know how it started but the fire department was there to keep things well under control.

**PICKERING:** A spokesman for the federal Department of Transport has denied a statement that the cost of the proposed Pickering Airport has escalated from \$350 million to \$1.2 billion. The figure of \$350 million is for the first phase including up to two runways. The \$1.2 billion estimate is the cost of the whole project when it is completed about 2,000.



Described as too dangerous at rush hours for a single traffic control officer is this new Thornhill intersection at Steeles Avenue and New Leslie Street. In the foreground several lanes of cars are shown leaving Metro's newly opened extension of Don Mills Road while a bewildered cyclist wonders what to do next. Large numbers of new residents are moving into the new Thornhill development area shown across Steeles Avenue. There have been many complaints of snarled traffic and accidents. (Photo by Susan Samila)

## Thornhill's New Game Of "Chicken"

Lack of traffic control signal lights and night illumination at the Leslie Street-Don Mills Road crossing for Steeles Avenue is bringing a rising chorus of complaints from South Thornhill residents.

Steeles Avenue is the boundary between Markham Town-York Region and Metro Toronto, so the traffic situation at this point seems to have gotten lost in a maze of municipal authorities. Thus Thornhill residents have gone to their own Markham Town Council, York Region Council, North York and Metro for relief.

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### Markham Condominium Project

Already In Homes, Couldn't Get Deeds

With Richmond Hill Councillor Lois Hancey leading the way, York Regional Council last week turned down a recommendation of the regional planning committee that would have delayed occupancy of a condominium development in Markham until the availability of satisfactory sewage treatment and disposal facilities.

Ian McCulloch, speaking on behalf of Realty Capital Investments Central Limited developers of the project in the former village of Markham near Deer Park Lane, said building permits for the 44-unit development had been issued in 1971 and had been approved by the Municipal Board.

Construction began at that time and all the units were sold.

**ALREADY OCCUPIED**  
McCulloch said the units were "substantially now all occupied," and that the people were getting "excited" about registration being withheld, as it also prevented them from getting their deeds.

He said he realized sewage disposal was a problem, but it wasn't a problem of his client. "York had a chance to deal with this when the OMB approved," he said.

Mayor Gladys Rolling of East Gwillimbury, region planning committee chair-

man, said if sewage facilities weren't available, the matter had to go through the engineer.

Councillor Hancey wondered if Markham had had any hesitation about the availability of services at the time. "I suggest we re-assess this," Mrs. Hancey said.

Mayor Anthony Roman of Markham said he couldn't approve the planning committee recommendation, and felt the project should be given the green light.

Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora also disagreed with the recommendation. "Is it punitive?" she asked.

**NOT PEOPLE'S FAULT**  
Councillor Harry Crisp of Markham said that, at the time of approving the project, the sewers did have capacity. "If there was any fault on the municipality's part, it was lack of knowledge of the number of units," Crisp said. "It's not the fault of these people."

"The point is the project was approved by the OMB," said Councillor Hancey. "It doesn't matter how many units are occupied."

Councillor Ray Twinney of Newmarket said he didn't think the developers should be penalized and that council should disregard the planning committee recommendation.

Council agreed.

If you're losing your hair, don't lose your head.



Everything has a rightful place. Your hair belongs on your head. Not on your comb or in the bathtub. But if your hair does seem to be popping up in some strange places, don't get upset. Get into action. Call us at Sevier Institute. Perhaps we can help. Not with a bottle full of miracles and a line of bull. But with a hair and scalp treatment which includes formulae developed by Scandinavian researchers.

And it must do something for somebody. Because the formulae were awarded a gold medal as the outstanding new development for hair problems by last year's International Exhibition of new Products in Brussels. What the treatment does is reduce itchiness and tenderness in the scalp. Remove not-so-hot-looking scales. Correct oil imbalances. Stabilize excessive hair fall. And increase circulation in the scalp. (A must for revitalization of the growth

cycle and proper replacement.) This treatment can be found only one place in Toronto. Sevier Institute. Give us a call. We'll help keep your hair and your head together. **Sevier Institute** 91 Yonge Street, Suite 302, Toronto, Ontario. 364-4591.

### EAST RICHVALE

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**Neighborhood Notes**  
Timothy Muus, son of M and Mrs. Ted Muus of Duncan Road, was christened Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Muus of Kapuskasing were the Godparents of the baby.

John Lukianuk of Dundas Road has just returned from a well deserved holiday in Florida.

Belated birthday greetings to Dennis Merry of Dundas Road, who added another to his shoulders.

Happy greetings to Brigitte Hohener of Dundas Road, who will celebrate her eighth birthday on February 10. Greetings and best wishes to Mrs. Gutsch of Dundas Road, on her 73rd birthday on February 11.

It is that time of year again when the Richvale Lions are holding the February Fling on February 16 at their newly redecorated Hall at 31 Spruce Avenue, Richvale. For a mere \$8 per couple you dance to your heart's content, with buffet privileges, and door prizes included. For tickets please telephone 889-3787. You forgot about Valentine's well here is your chance to make up for being forgotten and have a joyful time.

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**Thornhill Lions Club**  
**BINGO**  
Every Wednesday  
YORK FARMERS' MARKET  
STARTING TIME - 8 P.M.  
EARLY BIRDS - 7:40 P.M.  
MINIMUM JACKPOT - \$600.