



Taking part in the music night presented recently by students of Royal Orchard Public School in North Thornhill were these eight youngsters. Doing the Scottish folk dance

(Photo by Dave Barbour) "Strathspey" are (left to right) Kim Scott, Susan Hicks, Alison Copeland, Peggy Schkster, Ian Matheson, David Martin, John Lowrey and Michael Danchert.

Music Night At Royal Orchard Public

The students of Royal Orchard Public School, under the direction of Mrs. Jane de Arnot, performed a spring concert May 16-17. It consisted of songs and dances of England, Ireland, Scotland, South Africa and Canada.

The evening opened with the children waltzing into the gym. The gentlemen were dressed up nicely in suits and the ladies looked lovely in their long summer dresses.

The first announcer of the evening was Alison Copeland. The first two songs which she announced were the "Oak and the Ash" and "Oh, No John" sung by the choir. Next, a humorous duet was sung by Michael Danckert and Peter Steinbrecher backed by the six well-known characters of "Widdicomme Fair". The boys sang with a great deal of aplomb and they even had a touch of Devonshire accent in their speech.

Next, also from England, was a triple duet "Blow the Wind Southerly" sung by David Cyna, Michael Danckert, John Lowrey, David Martin, Ian Matheson and Jimmy Stever.

LONGWAYS DANCE
The students then performed the colorful "Ribbon Dance" from England. With ribbons of all colors twirled by the gentlemen, the children skipped gracefully through this longways dance.

The next country moved to was Ireland with the songs

and dances announced by Ian Matheson. A humorous song "My Boy Willie" was first sung. The audience as well as the children enjoyed the fact Willie's girlfriend, although too young to be taken from her mummy in marriage, was really 77 years old.

The next song, also sung by the choir, was "The Snowy Breasted Pearl", a sentimental song about a lover who is not willing to be accepted by the lady of his choice.

SOLOS FROM IRELAND
Michael Danckert treated the audience to two solos from Ireland "The Little Red Lark" and "I Know Where I'm Going". Michael has a lovely clear ringing tone which was a pleasure to listen to. Next the children performed the complicated steps of the "Donegal Round Dance" from Ireland.

David Martin, the next announcer, then gave a brief history of Bonnie Prince Charlie. The choir sang "Charlie Is My Darling" about the triumphal entry of the Prince into Scotland and "Bonnie Charlie's Now Away", a song sung by the lamenting Scots about the Prince after he had escaped to France.

Again Michael Danckert sang two songs from the Hebrides, "Sea Feast" and "Fion's Keening" for his Grandson, Oscar. These two songs had beautiful haunting melodies and Michael brought out these qualities in the songs and sang with ease even the high notes.

SCOTLAND DANCE
The next dance was the "Strathspey" from Scotland. This was a complicated longways dance performed more than adequately by a competent group of attentive dancers.

Jimmy Stever gave a moving speech about the early Boer settlers in South Africa and their Great Trek into Natal. This was an introduc-

tion to the next two songs and dances from South Africa, "Suikerbossie" and "Jan Pierewiet". The South African dances are most interesting as the dancers sing at the same time that they dance.

FINALLY CANADA

John Lowrey then introduced the last country on the program, Canada. The choir sang two songs, "Brave Wolfe" commemorating the famous Battle of Quebec and the death of its hero at the moment of victory. The second song "Peter Amberg" was about a lumbering man who left his native home in Prince Edward Island to go to the lumbering woods at Miramichi. There he was killed by a yarded log falling on him. The two songs were effectively accompanied by Graham Craig on the guitar.

Next a quartet composed of Suzanne Davies, Haley Sone, John Greer, and Peter McCathie sang two songs, one was a bilingual song from Quebec "I Went to the Market". The other was a humorous song entitled "There is Lots of Fish in Bonavist Harbor".

These four not only sang the songs but also added movements of their own which added to the bounciness of the music. They were competently accompanied by Graham Sandham on the accordion. The last number was greatly appreciated by the audience.

SQUARE DANCING

The last dance of the evening was square dancing, with calls being done by Roy Clifton. The children really enjoyed this dancing especially and flung themselves into it with gusto.

The piano accompaniment throughout the evening was done by Mr. de Arnot with the two South African songs being done by Barbara Kaye, and the sound was efficiently handled by Leigh Finlay. The children obviously

learned a great deal from the experience and had a great deal of enjoyment out of performing these songs and dances. The numerous practices at noon hour and after school paid off in an evening of most enjoyable entertainment.

The children too had an added pleasure in being able to view themselves the next week on television as they had been taped by Classcom, Richmond Hill Cable T.V.

NORTH YORK: Mayor M/1 Lastman has called for provincial legislation that would make it illegal for motorists to pick up hitchhikers in North York.

Colborne St. Library Stays For Thornhill

Patrons of the Thornhill branch of the Town of Markham Public Libraries have expressed concern about the future of the library on Colborne Street now that a large branch is under construction in the new Thornhill community complex at John Street and Bayview Avenue less than a mile away.

The Library Board wishes to announce that it plans to continue operating the Colborne Street Library as a branch of the Town of Markham Public Libraries, and anticipates a return to the warm atmosphere of a village library so much loved by the library's patrons, while still satisfying a real need for popular and current books.

A statement issued this week.

The library will continue with popular hardback books and a wide variety of the latest paper backs. In addition there will be the good-sized juvenile picture books

South Thornhill And Bayview Glen News

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School News

The Woodland Senior Public School's planned light opera "The Pirates Of Penzance" has apparently been scuttled due to lack of interest. The show was meant to be a fund-raising venture for the grade 8 students' trip to Ottawa later this month plus the purchasing of graduation awards.

We have learned that the Ottawa trip will not be affected by the cancellation of the show and the students will graduate anyway.

The second contingent of Woodland students left for a journey to and visit in Quebec City last weekend, a few days before the first group returned from the same outing. This weekend will see the third and final group leave to visit the Quebec capital.

There are about 70 students in each of the three contingents all of which are in grade seven.

Neighborhood Notes

The Doncaster Community Ladies Club's Annual June Tea will be held June 13. As usual it will take place in Mrs. Henry Mizen's beautiful, spacious, serene garden at 77 Sprucewood Drive. The affair will also feature the traditional pot luck luncheon. The time is set for 1 pm, and as usual, all local ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Two weekends back the 8th Thornhill Cubs "B" Pack, despite the nasty, wet weather, enjoyed a camping weekend near Norland. For the first time in this pack's history on such an outing some of the lads made use of tents as living quarters, although cabin space was available.

The Cubs enjoyed movies, a treasure hunt plus a new game called simply "egg throw", which they enjoyed thoroughly. This game is played by throwing a raw egg from one to another, taking a step backwards after each toss.

The 8th Thornhill "A" Pack Cubs are all set to travel to Clareview for the Lakeland Region Camporee to be held this coming weekend. The camporee is being hosted by the local York Summit District. Some 300 Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Venturers are expected to participate in this event.

The 5th Thornhill Guide Company is looking forward to this outing as well. They have been preparing for it now for some months.

Eppie Wietzes, 62 Poinsettia Drive, Canada's race driver of the year, was doing fine in his first contest of the season down in Ohio, when he apparently blew his engine and had to come out of the race.

Eppie and crew are scheduled to participate in the 3000 Series Event at Mosport on the June 13 weekend. His many friends, neighbors and Canadian racing fans all wish him better luck at Mosport, his first home appearance in about two years.

Church News

Camp Big Canoe, located nine miles east of Bracebridge, has eight-day and 10-day camps for girls and boys from grades 3-10; also a 10-

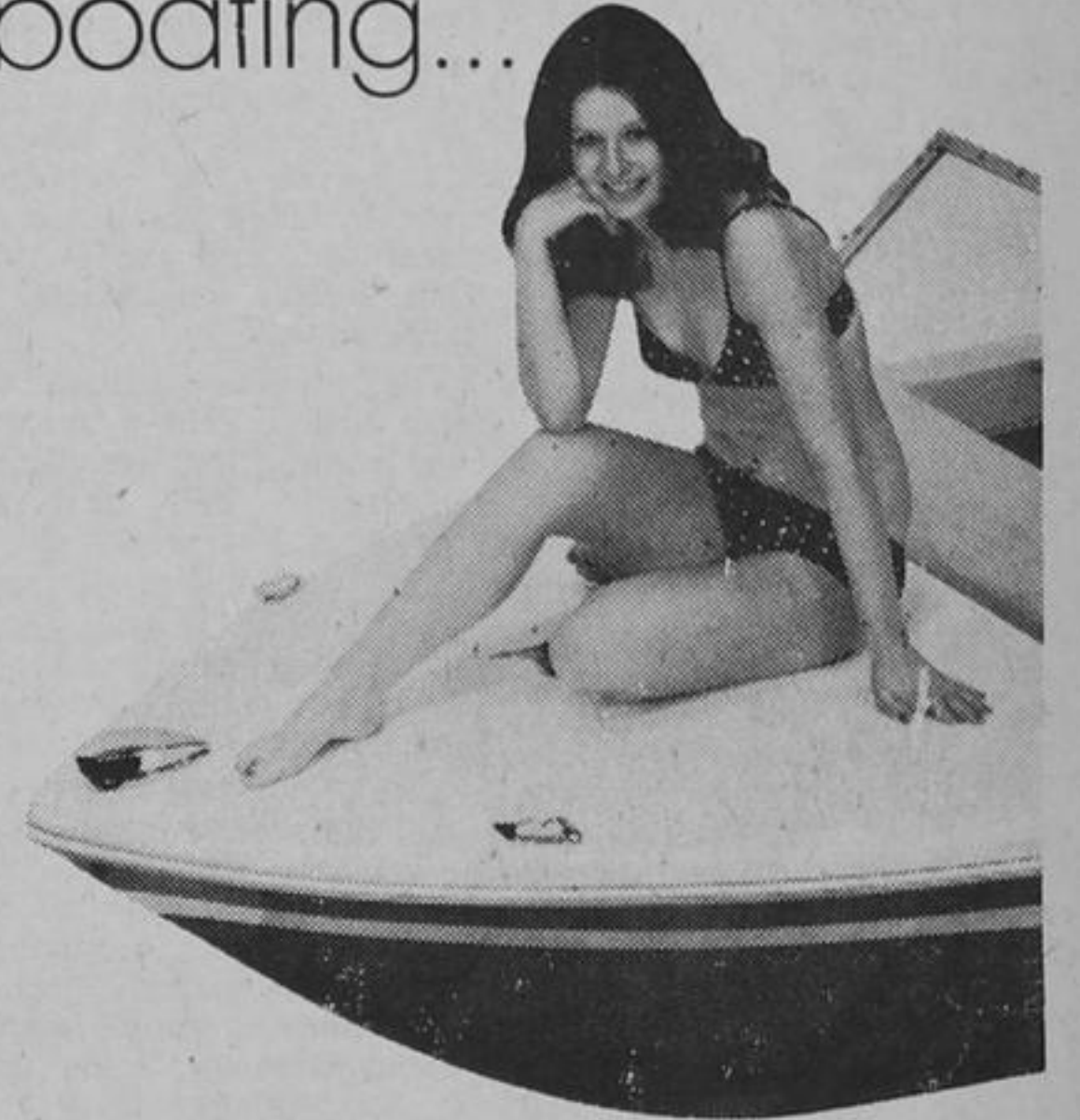
day canoe trip camp for boys and girls from grades 6 and up. Activities includes swimming, canoeing, overnights, archery, special events and many opportunities to develop skills and friendships. Camp 2 and Canoe Trip Camp 1 are filled up. Register now for other camps and avoid disappointment. Brochures may be obtained at the Thornhill United Church.

Please save the stamps off your incoming mail. Be careful not to tear the stamp — leave one quarter inch of envelope surrounding it. Deposit the stamps in the box in the narthex of the United Church. They are taken to the Leprosy Mission, where they are shipped to Europe and sold to collectors. The money buys supplies for the Leprosy Mission.

Good, clean, modern, used clothing can be obtained from the Helpmate-Information Clothing Depot at very low bazaar sale prices. The depot is located in Thornhill United Church and is open Tuesdays from 9 am to 3 pm. For those who find that visiting the depot on Tuesdays is inconvenient please call Mrs. Jean Bryce to make special arrangements to visit the depot. Mrs. Bryce can be reached at 889-5102.

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