

Gormley Neighborhood News

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Mervin Wideman had an appendectomy at Centenary Hospital, Scarborough, Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barrett and Mrs. Robert Millen were guests at the wedding of Janis Millen and Alan Douglas Robertson at St. Matthew's United Church in Richmond Hill October 19.

Mr. and Mrs. John Honsberger and sons of Barrie were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. Deb Baker.

Mrs. Allan Pope of Glen Orchard, Muskoka, recently enjoyed a holiday with Mrs. Norm Brown.

Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Brown of Stayner were weekend guests of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Doner.

Miss Wendy Naugle of Sharon enjoyed the weekend with Miss Connie Ash.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Steckley are having their auction sale November 1. They will be moving into the Parkview apartments at Stouffville as soon as they are ready.

Church News

The WMS had a work meeting at the Missionary Church Wednesday afternoon. During the meeting they had a baby shower for Mrs. Wayne Bacon in honor of her new daughter.

It was truly Nigerian Day at the Missionary Church Sunday. Allan Doner (who was born and raised in Gormley) was the guest speaker at 11 am. Allan is

now the field superintendent of the United Missionary Society in Nigeria and is home on a short business trip for the mission. He spoke on the past, present and future of the WMS work in Nigeria. At the 7:30 pm WMS annual thank-offering service Rev. Tom Dow, a faculty member of Emmanuel Bible College, Kitchener, was the guest speaker.

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Thornhill Lionettes name executive

The Lionettes Club of Thornhill District is an active and enthusiastic group of women who assist the Lions in their work for the benefit of the community. Guiding the club through the coming season will be the executive pictured above at a recent meeting at Heintzman House:

Front row (left to right) Barbara Warburton, Rose Thompson, Doreen Parker, Pat Ashworth, Susan Rae. Rear row (same order) Sylvia Alley, Jill Ring, Isobel Graves, Ruth Clarke, Ann Berlitte, Bertha Kraemer.

Chris McMonagle seeks seat on school board

Salary parity and equal working conditions with surrounding boards of education will be among the goals of Chris McMonagle, of 51 Colonsay Drive, Thornhill, who will be seeking one of the five seats in the Markham area of York County Board of Education.

Mrs. McMonagle, a member of the citizens' watchdog group, WEB — Watchers of Educational Bureaucracy — said she felt the money for this could be found "if spending priorities



Chris McMonagle Thornhill candidate

were rearranged." Other methods of improving "staff morale" would be by changing the grievance committee for teachers "to ensure that trustees who have rapport with staff are in a voting position." Such is not the case at present, she said.

Another method would be through open line and open mind communication with teachers, custodians and school secretaries. "Establishment of a liaison committee will help to ensure a direct pipe line," she said.

Mrs. McMonagle said she hoped to restore public trust in the board through responsible action. She had been shocked when the board had voted to accept the teachers' resignations last winter, and felt it "created havoc" with staff morale.

Irresponsible
"This vote was the height of irresponsibility and could have destroyed our secondary school system for years to come," she said. She said there should be more open meetings, which the public should be able to attend. Also trustees must be more available to their constituents.

She said she would be accessible to all ratepayers and would present their requests at board meetings. Mrs. McMonagle said she would also stress "establishment of priorities in planning and spending to ensure that students have an equal opportunity." Cutbacks should be made on "administrative frills."

Also, alternate space should be sought for the administrative staff — \$1,500,000 is too much to spend on an administration

building when there is no grant available from the province.

Philosophy?
"Establishment of a liaison committee with representatives from each of the schools in Markham... to ensure that their (student) concerns and priorities are properly presented at the board."

"Establishment of an educational philosophy across the country." Should there be senior public schools, etc.?

Mrs. McMonagle is a member of the Thornlea Secondary School Advisory Council; founding president of the local Association for Children with Learning Disabilities; co-founder of York Educational Clinic for children with difficulties in basic skills; president of Ontario Association for Children with Learning Disabilities; advisory member to the Ontario Commission on Emotional and Learning Disorders in Children.

She and her husband, Robert, have two children, a boy at the University of Toronto, and a girl at Thornlea Secondary School.

Fashion show had blackout

A blackout in Thornhill on October 23 caused considerable embarrassment and inconvenience.

Hertzliah Chapter, Toronto Women's ORT, is particularly apologetic to the public for the inconvenience caused when the blackout occurred during the fashion show and tea the chapter was having at Atwood's Traditional Interiors, North Thornhill.

The show was a financial success, however, and the students of ORT schools, who benefit through training for gainful employment, wish to thank those who so graciously accepted the interruption in their evening's enjoyment.

The board includes the

7th Thornhill auxiliary gives painting to centre

By Margaret Govan North Thornhill Correspondent

At the North Community Centre Board annual meeting recently George Meek presented the annual report. Here are some of the high lights:

The exterior of the Community Centre received a fresh face-lifting with a change in the color scheme. The front driveway was paved. Also there was an excellent display of flowers outside. The air conditioning for the main floor finally is in working order. The "Cork Room" in the lower floor has been completely carpeted.

A new boiler is to be installed by the end of the year. The board received a painting of the "Home" painted by Shirley Foster, a local artist, and presented by the 7th Thornhill Girl Guides and Boy Scouts Ladies' Auxiliary.

The North Thornhill Ladies' Auxiliary with over 40 members, was founded in the last year. Their goal is the restoration and furnishing of the building in 19th Century period furniture and accessories. They have already held a Toy Sale and a Passport Dance, and are very busy now with the plans for a Christmas Bazaar.

Large capital outlays such as outside painting, a new furnace, etc., are not included in the self-sustaining funds.

\$9,500 budget
The operational budget of the board for 1973 was \$9,500 — all of which was raised through rental revenue. Over 350 functions (small, medium and large) took place at the centre which was a 40 percent increase over the previous year, and about 85 percent of the functions were "community" ones.

Mr. Meek concluded: "Many people over the years have contributed to the development of this facility as a living centre in this community and one of the people who currently fills this role is Manager Mrs. Chris Rearden. This Centre is what the community makes it and it is only when people use it that it does really come alive."

The board includes the

following nominees of the Markham Town Council: Irene Clatworthy (secretary); Judy Sneider, Nick Belak, Merf Goldstein, Bill Graham (vice-chairman), Glenn Rae (treasurer), Gary Kay (councillor), Ray Muldrew (councillor) and George Meek (chairman.)

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AT 3 P.M.

The March of Remembrance forms at 2 pm at Richmond Heights Centre — proceeds along Yonge Street to the Cenotaph.

All ex-service personnel are invited to take part in the march.

All citizens are urgently requested to attend this service.

All groups or persons who wish to deposit wreaths at the Cenotaph during the service are requested to leave their names with the Police Department.

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