



Several shades of local brick Unionville house is 102 years old

JAMES ECKARDT HOUSE
BY ASTRID TAIM
(seventh in a series)

Travelling through the township, one occasionally comes across a Heritage Building that is constructed of brick from the Snowball Brick Factory once operating out of the Village of Markham.

137 Main Street in Unionville, is one such Heritage Building. The property, on which the 102-year-old structure rests, was willed in 1842 by Godlip Eckardt, to his youngest son James Eckardt, then only 15 years of age.

Whether it was because James was too young at the time to do anything constructive with the property, or because he simply had no interest in it; it was not until around 1873 that James Eckardt finally made a move towards making use of his land.

Up to this time, he chose to live with his first wife, Sarah Jane Size whom he married in 1859; on land owned by her father.

In 1875, the building he

designed, and which we now see, was erected. And shortly after he moved into it with his second wife, Agnes.

Four bays wide, the house is sheathed in varying shades of red brick.

Lighter brick appears on certain corners to accentuate the shape of the house which is based on an irregular cross plan with a rear addition projecting out of the eastern appendage.

Two interesting features this house possesses are in the construction of the bay windows.

The principle bay window on the west facade is two storeys high and segmented in a fashion that gives an odd line to the roof projecting above it; especially noticeable when viewed standing across the street and a little south of the structure.

The second bay window is located on the south wall and is only one storey high.

Square in appearance and composed of several narrow, romanesque windows, the glazing is separated from each other by decorated wooden trim.

WI played a part in Festival success

By
MARILYN MCDONALD

A hand-cranked iron sewing machine and a pair of folding curling irons were among the artifacts which attracted customers to the Women's Institute booth at the recent Thornhill Jubilee festival.

The booth was set up in the old Wesleyan Methodist church on Centre Street and manned by WI members dressed in costumes from the 1800s.

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The bake sale and treasure tables were popular and profitable. Both were sold out by four o'clock.

One young customer bought up all the bran muffins and returned later with instructions from her grandmother to buy all the home-baked muffins she could get. The institute met last Thursday at the Erica

Road home of president Anne Jackson.

Mrs. Lex Jamieson, sister of Carol Nealey, was a guest from Arizona. Mrs. Nealey acted as cashier for the WI booth on Jubilee Saturday.

Alva Thompson will be the Thornhill branch delegate to the November 8 area convention at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Humane society half way to goal

By **LESLIE ANNE REID**

In the past 15 years the Ontario Humane Society has grown from a small community based group to a province-wide concern.

With animal shelters in most major areas and a third veterinary clinic being built the society is only just beginning to grow.

Executive vice-president Tom Hughes feels that it will be another 15 to 20 years before the society is fully equipped to meet modern needs.

At Sunday's open house, Hughes said that the purchase of Rev. E.H. Dewar on Yonge Street was an important step in the growth of the Humane Society.

The location, which is to be used as a head office, is more accessible than the society's former downtown site. There will be more money to put toward other society needs now that there is no more rent to pay.

There is, however, a large mortgage on the two acres of land and the house. Hughes estimates that it cost \$250,000 to purchase and renovate the house.

The society is presently

trying to raise enough money to pay off this debt. They are about half way to their total and had hoped to have the money by the new year.

The recent York County tag day effort raised \$4,700 but that is only a small step to paying the more than \$100,000 remaining.

Sunday's open house and garden party was designed to let the public know of the changes in the society's location and to emphasize the need for funds. The turnout was better than expected for a rainy day.

More than 700 children had entered the society's poster competition. Secretary-treasurer R. A. Hosegood has planned a mail campaign starting October 12 to help with the fund-raising. More than one million pieces of

hand delivered mail will be sent out to promote the Humane Society's cause.

Once the Thornhill house is paid for there will be other uses for the money. Andrew Trawford, director of Veterinary Services at the Mississauga hospital sees a need for improved and extended hospital services.

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Heart fund needs board In two communities

A new volunteer board is needed for the heart fund in Thornhill and Richmond Hill.

Even though the annual fund raising drive is half a year away, there is some urgency in getting the board going.

Field co-ordinator Cicely Thomson explained a local board is needed for the educational part of the Ontario Heart Foundation program.

"We need to get out and talk to people in places like service clubs, particularly service clubs, they are the ones who get the heart attacks," she said.

About 16 cents of every dollar raised goes to the

educational program aimed at cutting down the annual fatality rate of 77,000 in Canada from heart-related diseases.

Most of the money raised, 73 per cent, goes to research.

Last February, under the chairmanship of Ellen Leon, nearly double the amount of money was raised in Thornhill than was raised the year before.

"It will be a shame if this organizational effort is lost," said Mrs. Thomson.

It could be, if volunteers for a board do not come forward.



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