

From the churches

For what did I give thanks?

Pastor Gormley Missionary
Thanksgiving Day 1977 is now history. Were we thankful?

Were we thankful for the weather, or lack of it? Was it the safe trip to and from the cottage or to friends and relatives?

Maybe it was the absolutely sumptuous turkey dinner with the too much ice cream and apple pie?

Being community minded, did I give thanks

for the new fire hall under construction, or the protection provided for children by the Block Parent program.

Or was I stimulated to thanks by the upgraded routes and vehicles of the local transit system?

Anyway, was the day meaningful in the category of gratitude? I would like to rephrase the Apostle Paul's statement in I Thessalonians 3:9: "For what thanks can (did) we

render to God?" That idea changes any tendency in being flippant to a more subdued and practical outlook on what we have and why.

In traditional homiletical style, let's look at three suggestions from the Scriptures pertaining to "for what did I give thanks?"

One: according to II Corinthians 9:15, did I thank God for "His unspeakable gift"?

This gift in question is

the person of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Christ was fully God and fully man.

In being so, He had authority to pay the penalty for sin and destruction that's so evident around us today.

In accepting this gift we must be willing to admit our need of a change from sin and receive Christ as the Saviour for our lives.

Two: through Jesus Christ we may have not only a life and faith to guide us in that life but victory in the process.

This evidence is found in I Corinthians 15:57. No "sour lemon" or "pickle juice" association here.

Victory is promised to us as we continuously obey the directions of Jesus Christ.

Three: in Ephesians 5:20 we are admonished to "give thanks always for all things". The all is right in there.

To be thankful for everything? What about the tragic accident, the financial loss, the upset plans, etc?

One thing is sure, we can't be thankful on our own.

The Bible tells us that it is possible only through Jesus Christ.

What a challenge, what a difference when Jesus is allowed to captivate and motivate our lives.

Then we are really able to reflect and willingly offer thanks at post-Thanksgiving.

Bayview Fairways

Parents group plans Fun Fair December 3

By NAZNEEN SADIQ 881-4408

The Parent's Liaison group of Bayview Fairways Public School is planning a family Fun Fair for Saturday, Dec. 3.

The purpose of the fair is to raise funds towards the purchase of books for the school library.

A list of the books needed has been prepared and the cost is considerable.

The group hopes to match the money raised with a grant from Wintario.

The fun fair will include bake sales, games, refreshments, a raffle and a craft table which will feature Christmas decorations.

SPEAKER
Glen DiPasquale of the psychological services in Area 4 of the York County Board of Education will address the first general meeting of the Parent Liaison Group of Bayview Fairways Public School.

The meeting will be held

at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday October 12.

The subjects discussed will be perceptual handicaps and learning disabilities.

Mr. DiPasquale has taught and led workshops in these areas at Western and York University.

Parents are invited to participate in the discussion.

PARTICIPATION
Residents of Bayview Fairways plan to launch a television program on Classicom's Channel 10, called "Participation".

As a community program it will have varied themes and there will be emphasis on multiculturalism.

Some of the programs now being prepared will feature talk shows, international foods and music.

A serialized puppet show produced by the students of Bayview Fairways Public School will be a regular feature on the show.

The Richmond Hill Curtain Club promises to contribute with dramatic excerpts from their current productions.

The television show will be a volunteer project with technical assistance provided by Classicom's Scott Colbran and Kim Wildfong.

The community production team will work closely with T.V. 10 personnel and eventually handle the entire production of the show themselves.

"Participation" will be in color and the first weekly program will go on the air in the new year.

The next two months will be used for pre-taping some of the shows.

Ideas and suggestions from the residents of Thornhill, Markham and Richmond Hill will be welcomed. Contact person for "Participation" is Mrs. Sadiq 881-4408.

Enrichment class planned for area's bright children

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The Thornhill Chapter of the Association for Bright Children is organizing an enrichment class to be held five successive Saturday mornings commencing November 5.

From 10.30 a.m. to noon at a Thornhill location, children ages 7 to 12 will consider topics dealing with mathematics, the sciences (chemistry, biology and anatomy) and other areas of interest.

Teachers instructing the classes are all specialists in their particular fields.

To ensure an effective Association, parents of the children will be hopefully involved in a program which will parallel the children's program.

Registration for the classes will be at the Thornhill Community Centre Monday, October 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.

As this is a pilot program registration is limited, however, it is hopeful that a subsequent program will begin in the new year.

The objectives of the Association for Bright Children pivot on the concept of shared responsibility and extending the bright child.

It hopes to create a

climate of acceptance and provide the required stimuli to develop the potential of intelligent and highly motivated children.

Some characteristics of gifted children taken from various reports and identification profiles issued to teachers in North York schools can be recognized by one or more of the following:

"Often works abstractly, learns easily and rapidly, has a wide range of interests, shows perseverance and has a long attention span. Usually an avid reader, tends to think critically and challenges 'pat' responses. Displays versatility, is curious and adapts easily to new situations, reaching academic levels in advance of his class the gifted child will often express his or her intellectual status in a less pleasing manner. The child may appear restless and in an attempt to receive personal attention, may intentionally disrupt the class or home."

Mrs. Margaret Macdonald, residing at Bayview Fairways, who heads the Executive of the Thornhill Chapter expresses it all quite simply "if your child is gifted or talented and in need of additional enrichment then the Association for Bright Children will appeal to you."

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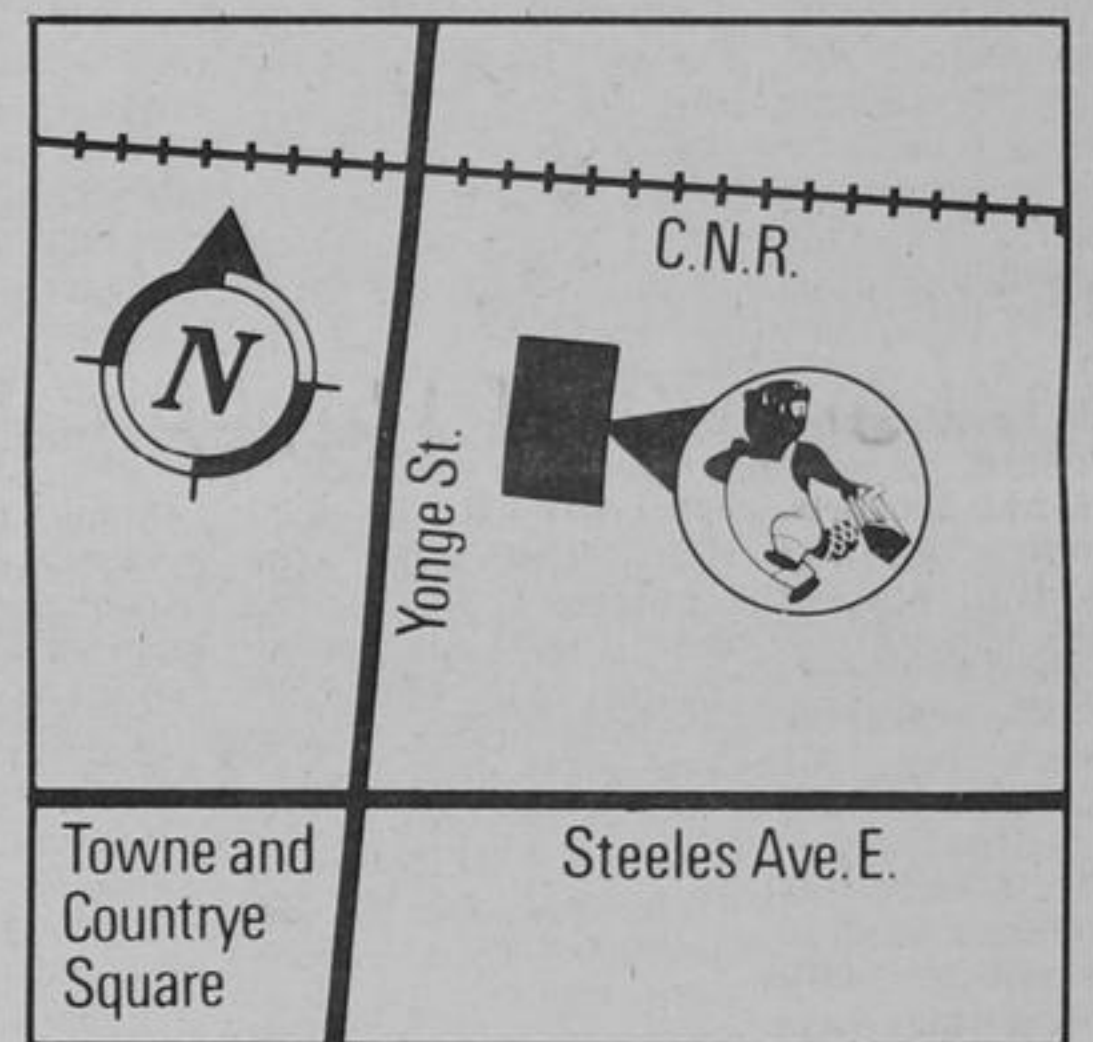


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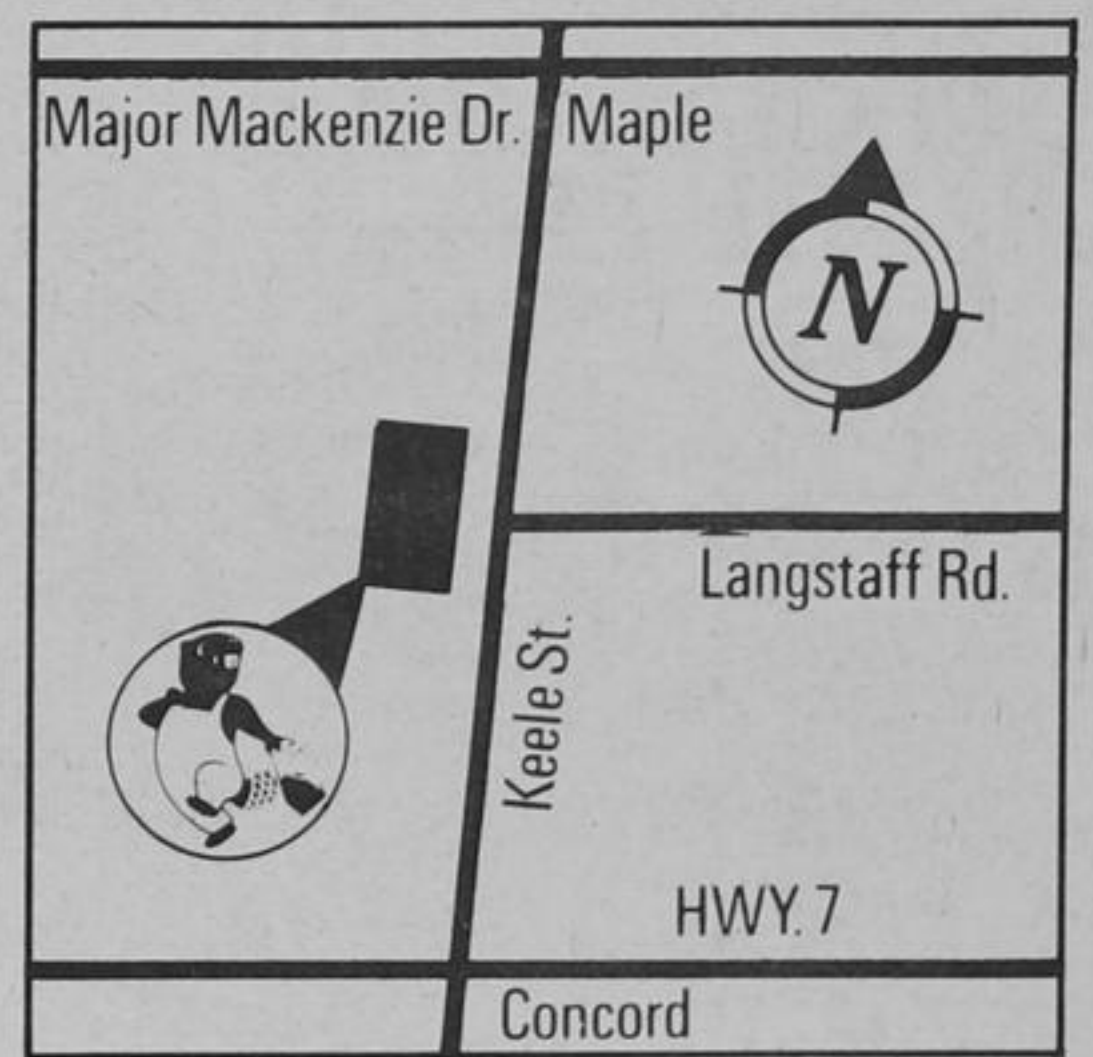


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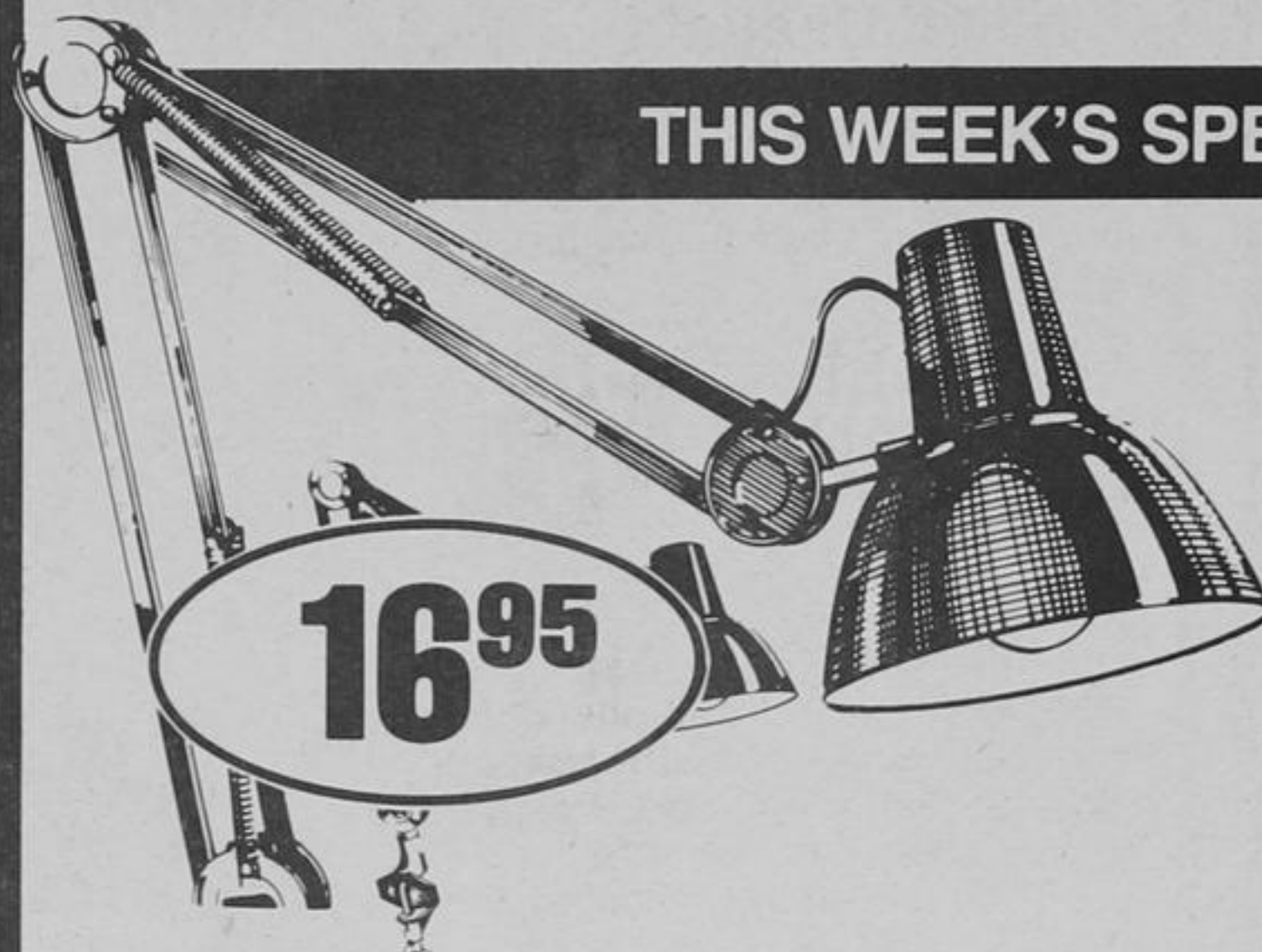
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