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Nature's wonder

A dog that never had pups is nursing a three-month-old kitten. According to the veterinarian, the kitten, Sylvester, has stimulated the milk of 3-year-old Princess. The three-month-old kitten belongs to Sherry Di Matteo, 10, 230 Cedar Ave., Richmond Hill.

Firm finds market in metric

By DOREEN LIVINGSTONE
Although 20 years in existence, Harris, Weiner and Associates has been based in Thornhill for the past 2½ years and also represents companies that deal with automotive parts, accessories and tools. Harris himself is a Thornhill resident and has a background in sales.
Harris objects to claims as published in the media and from Marilyn Lister, Chairman of the Consumers Association of Canada, Metric Conversion Committee, that suggest the public mark in kilometers by applying paint, nail polish, tape, a grease stick or even lipstick.
He says that if a person would stop to think about it, using most of these items would be very messy. He says that those who advise this probably don't do it themselves.
As far as using the stick-on kind, which is the only other type, Harris advises "Many cars don't have their speedometers dead set to the steering wheel. It is difficult to line up. If your car should have a curved glass you're in trouble. Our kit will be as accurate as the speedometer itself".
Ms. Lister of the Consumer's Association has inferred that the Australian converter needs the replacement of the speedometer dial and advises that it is not only expensive but should be done by an expert.
Harris refutes this by saying that the dial is not replaced.
The Metric Speedometer Conversion Kit is available over the Counter in Sears, Woolco, from automotive jobbers and distributors throughout the country and from General Motors dealers, Toyota dealers, Ford dealers and Volvo dealers.

Libraries needed

even hockey players have to read

By HAL BLAINE

"Lots of hockey players need a library, too," says Larry Short, chairman of the Markham Town library board.

Chairman Short, 57, veteran of more than 30 years in the book trade with a major international book firm, sounds very pleased with Markham's system of four libraries.

"That's just an observation (about hockey players and all the community) you can't miss. A library service is necessary. It's really a very important part of the community," says the Second World War Canadian Navy signalman.

"We read more as a population than we do such things as play hockey."

Short thinks the people of Thornhill are going to be thrilled with their renovated little village library branch.

"I think it'll be a show place really. It'll be lovely."

"I think it's going to enhance the whole neighborhood. I expect a large jump in circulation now. It's so much more attractive."

"It contains mostly paperbacks, a new trend in libraries. Nowadays many

books are only available in paperback.

The old village library building is the current board's second most interesting project. The building is a very fine example of early Georgian construction.

The footings were rotted, but now are all fixed up. An addition built in character with the old part now provides modern washrooms.

VESTIBULE REMOVED

An out-of-character vestibule of more recent construction has been removed. The improved landscaping has been done professionally by a volunteer citizens' committee, he notes.

The work was done very much at cost.

Interviewed at his 120-year-old farmhouse residence on Kennedy Road near 14th Avenue, Library Board Chairman Short said things are going well with the Markham system.

"Town council generally is very sympathetic. We don't have great hassles. We have a very good board (seven members)," said Short.

He's a little disappointed the major 1977 project of the library board hasn't been able to go ahead yet.

That's the addition to Markham

Centennial Library. That 10-year-old branch is to be about doubled in size at a cost close to \$500,000.

But the town has used up most of its capital funds. Council at a meeting earlier this month had to hold up construction because it is \$160,000 short.

Although a start in construction of some major housing projects could pour sufficient lot fees into the capital fund at any moment, Short is now looking to a start on the Markham Centennial addition early next year.

That branch was built in 1967 with long range plans for extending it in five years. The board is now five years past that target.

BUDGET CONSCIOUS

"Originally, in our planning for the addition, we were very budget conscious. We made a plan that involved little excavation and mostly surface construction."

"But town council thought the plan should be enlarged, with extra meeting rooms in the basement area."

"We found regulations made it necessary to put in an elevator or ramps for wheelchairs. The extra \$30,000 for an elevator is underwritten

by the province.

"The elevator replaces the planned dump waiter that would have carried books between floors, making a saving."

"The books that are to go in will be paid for over a two-year period. That makes it easier."

"Actually the population of the Markham Centennial branch area is growing quite rapidly. So expansion there is really overdue."

"We will be using the site to maximum capacity. There's a certain ratio of parking required."

The library entrance will be a ramp that's heated in winter so it won't be slippery with ice and snow, says Short.

He says board surveys have turned up very little public discontent with the Markham library service.

"People seem to be getting what they want. The library system is run very efficiently. It's a big job."

"By and large the system here is quite on a par with neighboring municipalities in the region. Lack of books is a chronic ailment of all libraries," he says.

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Public Library site was built back in 1851

By MERILYN McKELVEY
(Eighth in a series)

The Thornhill Public Library is housed in a building that was erected in 1851. 10 Colborne Street was first the home of Mrs. S. Ramsden who was born of the pioneer Frizzell family and this information is on the plaque on the building.

The architectural style of the library is modest Classical Revival and it was most popular in Canada between 1830 and 1860.

It was rarely used on domestic buildings, however, and the library building is one of the few examples in the Town of Markham.

One of the characteristics of the style seen on the library building is the gable end pointed to the sidewalk with the main entrance on this wall.

This is unlike the other houses on Colborne Street which have their long wall facing the public road.

The columns on either side of the front door are carved in the

Doric order which is the simplest of the classical orders of architecture. The columns are not rounded but are flat against the doorway and so are called pilasters.

The transom, a rectangular window over the door is recessed and the glass has mullions which divide it into 18 different panes.

The boxed cornice has a plain molding that extends down the wall about a foot.

The building is currently being renovated under the direction of architect J. Napier Simpson whose office is next door.

The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee of the Town of Markham is recommending the designation of this building under The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.

Library officials are interested in designation for one of the benefits is that designation will qualify them for funds from Wintario to pay for some of the renovation work.



Modest classic revival style

HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

883-2234 **October-November** 883-2234

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			19 Film & travel. R. Hill library 8 p.m. free. Jazz festival, Hillcrest Mall. 5:30 - 8 p.m. Royal Jubilee - St. Paul's United, Oak Ridges. 8 p.m. LCW meeting. St. Paul's Lutheran. Bayview Ave. 8 p.m. Bridge, euchre, crokinole. Maple United. 8 p.m.	20 R.H. Minor Ball Assn. general election. Consumers' Gas Building. 7:30 p.m. Brass rubbing. Richmond Hill Library 1-4 p.m., 7-10 p.m. Slides of Morocco at York Region Family Y, shown by A. Elson. 7:30 p.m. Thornhill Seniors Note: Nutrition and fitness seminar. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. 6030 Yonge.	21 Aldred Art exhibition. All month at R.H. Library. Mini-draw for Caribbean cruise. Lions Hall. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Aircraft models. R.H. Library until end of month. York Symphony wine & cheese concert. Musselman's Lake, Glendale pavilion. 727-6164.	22 Richvale Seniors bazaar and draw. Lions Hall. 31 Spruce. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Oak Ridges Lions costume dance. 8 p.m. CWL Fall Bazaar. 1-4 p.m. Our Lady Queen of the World, Bayview. Turkey shoot at Victoria Square community centre. 10 a.m. to dusk. St. Patrick's Anglican fall mini-carnival. 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	
	23 Thornhill Kiwanis Club craft sale. York Farmers' Market. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	24 New Group at Canadian Housewives Organizational meeting. 8 p.m. 832-2364.	25 Family Service Volunteers antique refinishing demonstration & auction. 8 p.m. Consumers' Gas bldg. 884-3577 or 889-2843. Community Schools "Nutrition & Fitness". Crosby Senior Public. 7:30 p.m. York Choral Society rehearsal. M.L. McConaghy Public School. Legal Aid clinic. 7-10 p.m. 884-9148. 10225A Yonge.	26 Jazz festival at Hillcrest Mall. 5:30 - 8 p.m. Carrville United Church annual turkey supper. 4:30 - 8 p.m. Gormley, Headford & Victoria Square branch of York Central Hospital auxiliary - buffet luncheon 12:30 p.m. and bazaar, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Victoria Square Community Centre. 887-5806. Widows & widowers monthly meeting. Consumers' Gas bldg. 8 p.m.	27 Tag Day for Sea Cadets and Navy League. Through Saturday. York Central Assn. for the Mentally Retarded. Coffee House. St. Mary Immaculate Church. 8 p.m. 884-9110. Recreation club for disabled adults. Maple. 898-4554. Joseph A. Gibson Public School.	28 Octoberfest Dance. St. Mary Immaculate. 8:30 p.m. Alpine Show Band. Halloween Howl. Lions Hall. Dress optional. Sponsored by Richvale Lions Majorette Corps. Tops ON-80 sponsoring a bazaar. Consumers' Gas bldg. 7-9 p.m.	29 Order of the Eastern Star bazaar. Wrixon Hall. 10:30 a.m. Fuddle Duddle Fall Dance. Legion Hall. 8 p.m. Sr. Citizens Club bazaar. 10145 Yonge. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. York Central Hospital auxiliary auction. Consumers' Gas bldg. 1:30 p.m. Disco night and coffee house. St. Mary Immaculate. 8-10 p.m.
30 Beta Sigma Phi Eta Psi chapter. Annual craft fair. Thornhill Community Centre. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Temperanceville United Church anniversary. 11 a.m. Former members & friends invited.	31 Euchre at the Wheel House. Oak Ridges. 7:30 p.m.	1	2	3 Richvale Writers' Club meeting. Richvale Community Centre. 8 p.m. 884-0855.	4	5 Bazaar at St. Stephens in Maple. Magician. Connor Library. 3 p.m. R. Hill Kinettes, Rummage Sale. St. Gabriel's. 10 a.m. to noon. R. Hill Presbyterian Christmas Carousel. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	