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Village Artists still need home

An art show organized two years ago by Harriet deGiacomo for the Thornhill Historical Society...

Mrs. deGiacomo, of Thornhill, was very impressed with the art displayed by the local Thornhill artists...

The Thornhill Village Artists sponsor art classes for adults at the Gallanough Library on Wednesday nights...

teaches children at the Gallanough Library. They had their own art display recently.

A HOUSE But what the group lacks, according to Mrs. deGiacomo, is a home of its own.

Two years ago when the club was incorporated, Mrs. deGiacomo's first priority was to find a house.

The group then planned to purchase a house and move it to another location. The Arnold House was suggested...

Mrs. deGiacomo says all the artists need is a "super basement with wall space and a place to paint."

ARNOLD IN LIMBO Charles Brooks, president of the club...

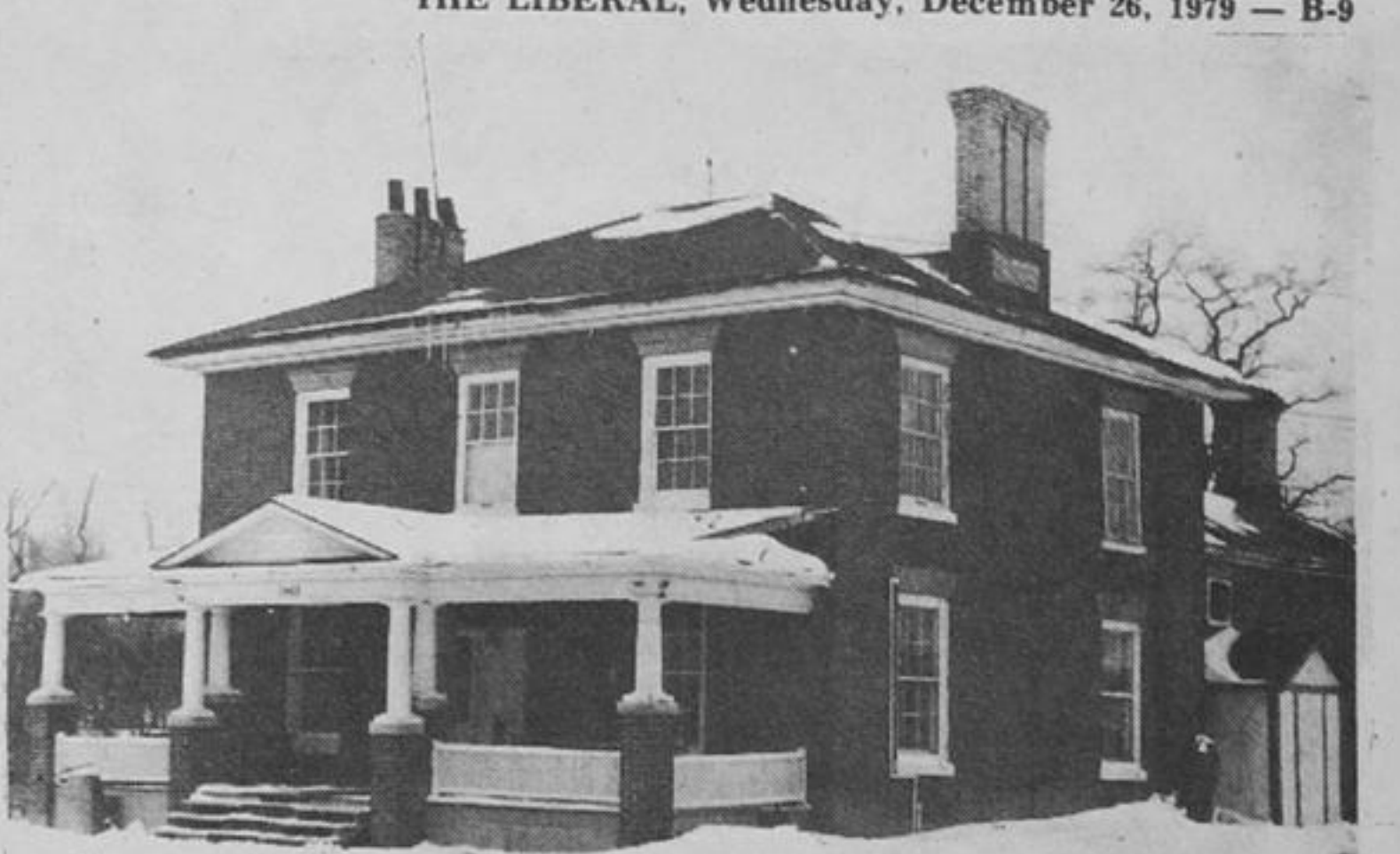
Although he says he was a fair painter 40 years ago, he never bothered showing at that time. More recently he has had showings at the Gallanough Library...

Mrs. deGiacomo, who has been ill recently, says "bit by bit we're building a very good membership list of artists."

Brooks says he is "more or less an artist." He was originally an architect and designer but since he retired he "gets a little tired of this business of doing nothing very much so I quit that and I started to paint seriously again."

He does mostly water colors or oils in landscape or street scene. Mrs. deGiacomo, who has been ill recently, says "bit by bit we're building a very good membership list of artists."

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The Arnold House, an historic building nearly 140-years-old is still being discussed as a location for the Thornhill Village Artists.

Vaughan and displaying its paintings in such places as Heintzman House. It hopes to obtain a permanent home sometime this year.

Happy Birthday Horiticultural Society

By GEORGIE BURKHOLDER Liberal Correspondent

The Thornhill and District Horticultural Society celebrates its 65th birthday this year.

In April 1914, a few citizens of Thornhill gathered at the home of Francis Simpson, now occupied by the Town and Country Nursing Home on Yonge St. They formed the roots of present society.

grown to more than 100 members with 10 Honorary Life Members. Their age range from 12-95, all enthusiastic and dedicated.

Dedicated to good gardening and beautification programs in the community, strong leadership has been provided by such as Joe Waine, Ernie Kohler, Percy Bone, and Alexander Galbraith...

where there is a plaque in his memory. Flower shows and meetings have been held nearly every month...

Flower shows and meetings have been held nearly every month, usually at the Gallanough Library, Thornhill. Over the years, the Society has been active in various local and public projects...

Members are currently working on the upkeep and beautification of the Percy Bone Memorial Parkette, in Thornhill Park. The Thornhill Horticultural Society is proud of the young members who compete regularly for top prizes.

Christmas memories, thoughts of neglected kids

By N. BRUCE McLEOD Richmond Hill United Church

As the magic turns Christmas Eve into Christmas Day, I sat in a children's prison in Costa Rica.

An 11-year-old boy, with lifeless eyes and expressionless stare, cut his arm methodically with a piece of glass.

Beyond him were 30 or 40 other boys, some as young as three years old.

Some had been picked up for sleeping in doorways or begging or trying to get coins out of pay telephones.

There was a cell for solitary confinement. It had no windows. There were guards with guns.

In Central and South America, there are one to three million abandoned children. Not because families are too large.

United Nations studies have shown that when poverty conditions are alleviated to the point where parents have some assurance their children will live more than two or three years...

Poverty conditions continue because land that should be used for food is used to produce coffee, sugar, and even flowers for export to us at prices we won't complain about.

Canada has a law which provides that three-quarters of government aid to the third world never leaves this country. It goes directly to our manufacturers who send, for instance, "free" tractors whether they are wanted or not.

One tractor displaces 12 men who used to work a piece of land. They go to the city to find work. But there is no work.

They lose their dignity and their ability to keep their families together.

660 Cards of Thanks We would like to thank neighbours, friends and family for flowers, cards, messages of sympathy...

635 Births DYSON, Tom and Patricia (nee Seal) are happy to announce the arrival of their first child, a son, David Brook, born November 24, 1979...

665 In Memoriam IN memory of Donald W. Somerville, who passed away December 23, 1975.

Their children take each other's hands and go out into the world. Some are organized into gangs or thieves. Others live out of garbage cans.

Maria de los Angeles (Mary of the Angels) was 12 when I met her. She was in a holding centre designed to hold 75 children for up to a month while the Children's Aid attempted to place them.

There were 205 children there the day we went, some in their second year.

Thirty-two of them were going to Pueblo, a children's agricultural co-operative, where they would live in family groups.

Mary of the Angels was older than most, and wasn't sure if she should act like a little girl or like a grown-up, so she hung on hard to a doll that was half her size.

When we arrived at Pueblo, it was supper time and all the other children were in their houses.

The names of the 32 were called out and their new parents took them to the empty houses.

Mary of the Angels thought she had been overlooked, as the others disappeared, one by one. Tears began to roll down her face.

But I took her and her doll by the hand and we walked to one of the occupied houses.

The door opened and there were 11 people sitting around a table set out for supper, with one place empty.

Mary of the Angels sat down, ate her meals, and, because she was so nervous, brought it up almost at once.

The next night someone heard a voice coming out one of the windows of that house. It was Mary of the Angels helping two of her new little brothers say their prayers.

She had become a sudden big sister. She has a place to belong now. Her doll sits in the corner for anyone who needs it. Last time I heard from her she had the measles.

Last Christmas at Pueblo the children had just opened presents, many of them sent from Canada, when a bus pulled in.

It was full of refugee children from Nicaragua. They were lost, and the driver came in for directions.

Mary of the Angels, and the Pueblo children, came out and stared warily at the newcomers.

Then instinctively and without any instruction, they ran back to their houses, brought their new presents and stuffed them

through the windows of the bus.

None of them had lifeless eyes or expressionless stares.

David Beattie, from St. Matthew's United Church in Richmond Hill, will soon be going to Pueblo to join the Canadian volunteer team which works under Costa Rican

Milliken school to be called Mother Theresa

York Region Separate School Board broke with tradition in the naming of its new school in Milliken Mills.

The new school will be called Mother Theresa Catholic School after the nun, who received the Nobel Peace Prize.

Traditionally only the name of a dead person could be used for a Catholic School, but Ernie Nyitrai from Markham and parents groups in conjunction with parish priests were all excited about the name of Mother Theresa, and the board agreed, with one exception.

King Trustee, Elio Bell was opposed to the exception to board policy because "There is always a chance along life's road of blemishing an immaculate image."

Chairman, Larry Pellicciani was quick to point out "We are not adjusting the policy, merely making an exception."

Trains and buses will GO New Year's

GO Transit is either confused or just confusing. New Year's Day — Tuesday, January 1, 1980 — the first day of the new decade, GO Transit trains and buses will operate their Sunday service.

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