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On Tuesday evening, Feb. 6, an Oyster Supper and entertainment will be given at the Methodist Church, Rev. M. Hay, of Richmond Hill, will give an address, and there will be vocal selections by Mr. Herb. Smith, of Headford, and violin solos by Mr. Lowe. Supper from 6 to 8 o'clock. Admission 50 and 25 cents. The chair will be taken by the pastor, Rev. H. S. Warren.

### R. H. H. S. Commencement

A great treat is in store for those who attend the entertainment of the High School in the Masonic Hall, Friday, the 9th of February. The programme will include folk dances, recitations and music, and the Principal will present "A Case of Suspension." Diplomas and Prizes will be distributed. Mr. Allan Armstrong will preside. Tickets, 25 cents.

### Home and School Meeting

The meeting of the Home and School Club Friday evening proved both interesting and instructive. Major Blaney, Vice-President, presided. Miss Cherry, one of Toronto's Principals was unavoidably absent, but a splendid address was given by Dr. G. E. Reaman on "The Schools of Tomorrow." The singing of the double trio from Earl Grey School, and the two soloists from Gladhill School, were loudly applauded. Refreshments were served at the close.

### MAPLE

The Community Hall was crowded at the concert given by Ben Hoken's Hawaiian Orchestra. A dance was held after the concert.

The Agricultural and the Domestic Science classes held a dance in Findlay's Hall, Thornhill, on Tuesday night of last week.

The children of the village and vicinity enjoyed a sleigh-ride on Saturday afternoon. They also spent a couple of hours skating on Cousin's pond. On their return supper was served in the school room.

The choir of St. Andrew's Church was assisted on Sunday morning by Mrs. D. Watson, who sang the solo "This is My Task."

Mr. and Mrs. W. Woods gave a Progressive Euchre party at their home last Thursday evening.

Mr. J. T. Saigeon, reeve of Vaughan, is attending the January session of the County Council.

### An Explanation

Editor of The Liberal  
Sir: I owe some explanation to those whose orders I took for coal that they may know why they cannot be filled. The car was delayed so long by causes that I, like so many others can only guess at that many of those who ordered had supplied themselves from other sources. Being laid upon my back when the invoice and draft for the car arrived, I was not present at our farmer's meeting when it had to be dealt with.

A new president and secretary had been elected and not one of the small number present wanted the coal when it arrived, so that a resolution was passed instructing the president to resell the car without unloading. I did not know of this action until a week later and was much disappointed and annoyed and requested that the resolution be rescinded. Learning, however, that it would place our president in a false and awkward position, I withdrew my opposition. Had I been present at the meeting I would have held the car for delivery to any who desired it.

I wish now to urge that were our farmer's club supported as it should be this 60 tons of coal would have been saved for the needs of our people at a cost of \$1.50 to \$2.00 a ton less than we have all been paying for it. This statement applies to a considerable part of the supplies that the public require to purchase. Much of it has been lowered in price by our Co-operative Co., breaking the prices that were being charged to the people.  
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There is no other organization that is determinedly moving along the line of protection of our people from the exploitation of profiteers than the U. F. O., we are paying \$8.00 to 10.00 per ton more for coal than we should because capitalistic companies in the United States have secured ownership of one of the necessities of life. Criminal acts of the labor party are more or less severely punished, but criminal deeds of capital are allowed to pass practically unchallenged, the daily press scarcely even referring to them.

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### The School Situation

What would happen in the School Situation, if the High School By-law were defeated?

FIRST—Richmond Hill would probably lose its High School.

SECOND—An addition would have to be built on the Public School before next September.

Fifty years ago Richmond Hill built its first High School and paid every dollar for its construction. Again in 1897 Richmond Hill built the present High School and bought the site, entirely without assistance from the county.

Now, once again the old school must be replaced, but this time the new school act of 1921 requires that York County pay 65% of the new school.

Surely Richmond Hill will not throw out the High School when such generous help is assured.

Next September there will be six classes to accommodate in the High School. We have three class rooms.

What is to be done?  
If the Board of Education refuses to admit any county pupil next year, the county can withhold the grant. The county is paying 80% of the upkeep of the school. The withdrawal of the county grant means the closing of Richmond Hill High School.

SECOND—If a new High School is not built, an addition must be built on the Public School before next September.

The building of this addition on the Public School will cost eighteen thousand dollars, and the entire payment must be borne by this school section.

This means a very material increase in Richmond Hill taxes (no help from the county here.)

But, if a new High School is built, the old High School building will be released, with its three class rooms, for the use of the Public School.

There is another great objection to enlarging the Public School. The playgrounds are much too small for the present school. If the school is enlarged this difficulty increases.

The Board of Education feel that the old High School would be an ideal place for the primary children, keeping them by themselves and with a playground of their own. It would give them more freedom and protect them from rougher play of older children.

The only solution to the school situation in Richmond Hill that will not increase our taxes is the building of a new High School.

If Richmond Hill loses the High School it will be a very serious loss to the town. We all believe, with the improved highway and transportation to Toronto, and with the advantages Richmond Hill is now able to offer of waterworks and electricity, that Richmond Hill is going to grow rapidly. But Richmond Hill's High School is a most important asset.

People who have children, think first of educational advantages, and a High School right here in town where the children can live at home and attend school, is a very important factor in deciding where to locate.

The High School certainly brings much business to Richmond Hill. One to two hundred students and their friends coming into the town everyday surely bring a good deal of money here.

It would not look like progress to allow the High School to go out of our town after maintaining it for fifty years, almost entirely ourselves.

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