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## DEATHS

McNEELY—On February 2nd, 1923, at Richmond Hill, Amanda, wife of Andrew McNeely, in her 68th year. Funeral on Monday, from 27 Brookmount road, Interment in Norway Cemetery.

## Grand Opening of the New Rink

The New Rink will be officially opened on Friday, the 16th, when a Grand Carnival will be held. No detail will be lacking to make of this event a grand success and in keeping with the occasion that it will be.

Councillor Monkman and Lieut. Harry Morden of the York Rangers Regiment, are now working jointly and arrangements are under way for the York Ranger's Brass Band to come up for the occasion. His Worship the Reeve and Councillors, Lt. Col. Clarke, D. S. O., M. C., and Executive Staff Officers, the Clergy of Richmond Hill and the members of the school board will be the official patrons and guests of the evening.

## The High School Situation

To the Editor of "The Liberal." Dear Sir:—Allow me to add a word to the discussion re building a new High School in Richmond Hill.

In any case the present conditions of things cannot remain unchanged. You and other citizens have no doubt noticed a car arriving here a few minutes before 9 a. m. full of High School pupils from points south of the village. Most of these are Form I pupils who entered High School last September. Their presence in such numbers makes the overcrowding acute this year. By renting a room in the Masonic Hall and furnishing out small library as a class room the Board have made shift to receive all who wished to attend this year. We may expect a larger number of new pupils next year. It will be impossible to receive them.

Apart from the overcrowding the present High School is hopelessly out of date. There is no science laboratory; an overcrowded class room has to serve also for that purpose. There is no library; it has been necessary to use it as the only available accommodation for Form IV. There is not even room in the cloak rooms for every pupil's hat and coat.

These county pupils are not a burden upon the taxpayers of Richmond Hill. The full cost of their education has been for two years and will in future be borne by the County Council. Not only is their share of the cost of the High School paid by the county, but their attendance in such numbers reduces the cost per pupil all around. Last year it was \$35 per pupil—the lowest I have ever heard of. This is because, other things being equal, the greater the number of pupils assembled in one building, taught by the same staff of teachers and kept warm by the same fuel, etc. the lower will be the cost per pupil per year.

It appears to me that there are three possibilities. 1. To build a modern High School of adequate size, the county paying two-thirds of its cost and its full share toward its maintenance yearly thereafter according to the number of county pupils in attendance. This would release the present High School building for Public School purposes for which I understand it is urgently needed. A new High School would attract here all the pupils from this part of York County and thus keep down the yearly cost per pupil to all.

2. To exclude county pupils and maintain the present High School as a village school without contribution from the county. On account of the small number of Richmond Hill pupils the cost per pupil per year would be much increased; probably trebled. This of course involves with the putting up with the present out of date building indefinitely, and building elsewhere for Public School purposes.

3. The present High School building might be given over to Public School use, and High School education abandoned altogether, leaving it to some other municipality on Yonge St. south of here to provide a new High School. Richmond Hill pupils would have to attend it if they desired secondary education and Richmond Hill would, under the Amended Schools Act 1921, contribute the full cost of their education. This is all that Richmond Hill would have to contribute to the maintenance of a new High School here, with the added advantage of having control of it and having the pupils at home.

It should not be difficult for the electors to choose on Saturday between the above alternatives. When the best is no more expensive than the worst and something MUST be done, I am confident that our Council and School Board will be given the requisite authority to proceed with a new High School.

JAMES STEWART, Principal.

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The Women's Institute held a box social in the Community Hall on Wednesday evening of last week. An interesting programme was given by local talent, after which the boxes were sold, and the buyers and the ladies who provided the boxes had lunch together. Quite a number remained for the dance at the close of social.

The Hope Sewing Circle held its monthly meeting on Friday last at the home of Mrs. C. Robeson. Three quilts were finished and these with a large number of towels and other useful articles were sent to be distributed among the sufferers of Northern Ontario.

Owing to the cold weather and many suffering from la grippe the churches were not very well attended on Sunday.

The service at St. Andrew's Church will be withdrawn next Sunday on account of Communion Services in St. Paul's.

Mr. Chester Saigeon who has been spending the winter with his parents left on Saturday to attend a convention in Chicago, after which he will go on to Manitoba and the other western provinces.

The Quarterly Official Board meeting of the Maple Methodist church will be held next Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the church. A full attendance of members is desired. Service will be held in Hope Methodist church next Sunday morning.

## York Ranger Cadets

The Cadet Radio Club meet at the home of Cadet Sergt. "Atra" Armstrong was greatly enjoyed by the Cadet Radio fans. A most instructive paper was given by the Club president, and intelligently demonstrated with blackboard illustrations. The next meet will be held at the Rectory when Cadet Schofield Battersby will give the paper for the evening. The Cadet parents are cordially invited to these meets, which are proving a marked educational departure for the Cadets.

Next Wednesday night the 14th. Cadet Seniors will play Schomberg it is expected at the new rink, it is to be hoped the hockey fans will stand by the Cadets, whose sportsmanship for this season is receiving admiring comment through the Metropolitan League district.

The O. C. will attend the York Rangers Regimental dinner next Saturday at "York Hall" Toronto, and submit to the Regimental Command, the annual report of the Corps.

Mr. A. J. McLatchy and Mr. George Lasher have successfully qualified for their commissions, and the Corps extend hearty congratulations. Cadet Lieut. Bert Grant succeeds Lieut. George Lasher as Cadet Capt. of the Corps, an honour that he justly deserves for a loyal devotion to duty.

His Worship the Reeve and Councillors have granted permission for the Cadet Corps holding a Grand Carnival in the new Rink, and the O. C. with the Senior Cadets, will "stand to" to make the Carnival a success in every way possible.

## 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.

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