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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 19, 20, 21

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COMEDY—2nd ONE HUNDRED YEARS



**REEVE W. C. GOHN**  
Reeve of Markham Township who has served with distinction as head of his municipality and who is standing for re-election at the coming elections. He has an excellent record of service to Markham Township and is a valuable member of the County Council.

**ELGIN MILLS**

The many friends of Mrs. R. D. Campbell will be pleased to learn that she is able to be around again after her recent illness.

The Community is looking forward with much interest to the Sunday School Concert and Christmas tree which is being held in the pavilion on Tuesday, December 20th at 8 p. m. Gifts have been prepared for the sixty Sunday School children, and as the entertainment is being given entirely by them, we are looking for a large attendance of their friends and relatives at their first Christmas tree ever held in Elgin Mills.

The boys athletic club held their final meeting for the year on Tuesday evening last with an attendance of twenty-one, they were given instructions in a physical drill by Mr. Jenkins. The next meeting will be held on January 10th.

Don't forget the Friday night dance to be held in the Elgin Mills pavilion, on Friday, December 23rd. The regular Happy Five Foot Warmers provide the music at 8.30 p. m. Mr. W. Walker, floor manager. Refreshments served. Admission 80 cents, extra lady 30 cents.

**United Church W.M.S.**  
Held Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the W.M.S. of the Richmond Hill United Church was held on Thursday afternoon in the Sunday School room, with Mrs. Trench, the President in the chair. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the presentation of a certificate to Miss Page, making her niece a life member of the Society.

The reports given were gratifying, the allocation of \$400, being fully met and money yet to come in.

The following officers were elected for 1928:—  
President—Mrs. Trench; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. F. Atkinson; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Burr; Secretary, Mrs. H. Endeau; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Lillian Langstaff; Secretary of Christian Stewardship, Mrs. Hume; Secretary Supplies, Mrs. H. Thompson, Assistant, Mrs. J. Smith; Secretary Missionary monthly Mrs. Mylks, Assistant, Miss Alcombrack; Press Secretary, Mrs. Wiley; Strangers Secretary, Miss Burr, Assistant, Mrs. Quantz; Secretary Associate helpers, Miss Gibson.

**Oak Ridges**

"Successful Dance at The Summit"  
Yes? Billy MacDonald and his famous three put over their stuff at the weekly dance, held last Wednesday night at "the Summit." Just a few too few girls, made the boys keep on their toes for partners if they expected to get a round of fun on the well filled floor. Centrally located the hall is rapidly becoming popular, and familiar faces from all quarters, were numerous. Probably one of the most pleasing features of the evening were the good old square dances, with C. R. "Farmer" Ball doing the calling. A good slogan for the boys would be "a partner each, I'll take a peach."

**Buttonville Appreciates Services of Fire Brigade**

Reeve Lunau has received from Dr. Kelly, of Buttonville, the nice sum of Fifty Dollars as an expression of thanks and a mark of appreciation of the services of the Richmond Hill Fire Brigade at the recent fire in that Village. The Doctor stated to Mr. Lunau that the whole village would undoubtedly have been destroyed if it had not been for the good work of our efficient brigade and our splendid machine.

**Secondary Education Costs Have Increased 900 per cent in 7 years In The County Of York.**

Richmond Hill High School Cost Per Pupil Well Below the Average.

One of the foremost problems facing municipal legislators in the County of York to-day is the rapid and somewhat startling rise in the cost of secondary education. It is a problem worthy of much deliberative thought and consideration in as much as it concerns one of the most important duties of the community—that of providing an adequate education for the rising generation.

A careful survey of the whole situation reveals the fact that the increasing cost of Education in our High and Continuation schools, is due in part to legislation which it became necessary to introduce to relieve those towns and villages in which the High School districts were located previous to 1920 together with the fact that at that date there existed in the southern portion of this County, but one High School located in the town of Weston.

In 1920 5 High Schools cost York County	\$25,096
In 1921 5 High Schools and 6 Continuation schools cost York County	49,819
In 1922 6 High, 6 Continuation schools cost York County	58,099
In 1923 7 High, 8 Continuation schools cost York County	76,879
In 1924 7 High, 9 Continuation schools cost York County	123,069
In 1925 7 High, 9 Continuation schools cost York County	134,403
In 1926 9 High, 7 Continuation schools cost York County	162,400

In addition to this by the amendment to the High Schools Act in 1924, \$63,328 has been levied by the way of a direct tax to the County by the municipalities outside of High school districts, which brings a total cost of secondary education of \$225,650, or an increase of 900% in seven years.

In 1920, the County rate for higher education was .1-1 while in 1926 it was 1.7 mills or almost one third of the total rate collected in the County, while for the same period, the assessment has only raised from some \$60,000,000 to the 1926 assessment of \$90,000,000. A comparison of costs per pupil per day for 1926 in the High and Continuation Schools, in the different districts follows:—

No. pupils	Cost per pupil per day
Weston... 941	75c
Markham... 180	49c
Richmond Hill 309	58c
Newmarket... 398	73c
Aurora... 216	86c
Scarboro... 326	88c
Mimico... 356	73c
York... 417	76c
East York... 294	1.21*
Continuation Schools	
Stouffville... 99	46c
Sutton... 74	44c
Mt. Albert... 48	41c
Islington... 61	85c
Agincourt... 61	47c
Schomberg... 26	32c
L. Branch... 95	74c

Surrounding this one school the population has grown so rapidly that rural conditions no longer exist and we find to-day a similar state of affairs in every municipality bordering on the City of Toronto.

At this date many of the County pupils were taught in the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes of the City but with a gradual increase in the number of resident pupils, it became necessary to debar those coming from the County. With this growth of population on the outskirts of Toronto we now have several High and Continuation Schools established close to the City, while throughout the northern districts of the County the demand has arisen for a higher education than that which can be secured in the Public School, which is reflected by the doubling and in some cases trebling of the number of pupils attending the High and Continuation Schools.

The following table will prove to some extent the increasing cost:—

The average cost in High Schools per pupil per day is 77 cts. and in Continuation Schools approximately 50c.

The wide variation in costs in High Schools can be accounted for by difference in equipment, providing in some cases of technical education, and in some schools, a commercial course is given, while the modern school has many advantages not possessed by the older structures.

The changes which have been made from time to time in the High school Act, compelling the County to contribute 50% of the cost, have not given any control of the amount which a local High School Board may expend and only those within a reasonable distance of a fully equipped modern school can reap the benefit while those living at some distance have to contribute their proportion in taxation as well as the cost of transportation.

At the June session of York County Council a recommendation was approved that an Advisory Committee having jurisdiction over the several High School Boards be appointed and it would appear that where an expenditure of a quarter million dollars is concerned The Department of Education of Ontario should seriously consider an amendment to the Act dealing with secondary education.

**NEW BLOOD PROMISED FOR 1927 COUNCIL**

The municipal pot which is now quite actively boiling this week disclosed the names of at least two prominent citizens of the town who are willing to offer their services to the municipality as councillors for the coming year. The Liberal has been informed that Mr. Wilfrid Thompson and Prof. Walker have signified their willingness to stand for election. Both are very capable men and their presence should add much to the deliberations of the town's administrative board. Mr. Thompson has been the president of the Ratepayers Association for the past year and has been untiring in his efforts for the welfare of the village. Mr. Walker has also taken an active interest in local affairs and should prove very valuable to the town as a Councillor.

**Unionville**

Excellent progress is being made with the construction of the new Community Rink which has been donated to the Village by Mr. W. H. Crosby, Buffalo, N. Y., a former resident and a son of the late H. P. Crosby, of Unionville. The structural steel has been erected and the roof is expected to be completed this week. The contract for the building proper is H. H. Powers, Unionville, and McGregor and McIntyre, Toronto erected the steel. Mr. Harold A. Babcock of James, Proctor and Redfern has charge of the structure, which will cost around \$30,000. It is expected to be completed and ready for the opening early in the New Year.

**MARKHAM TOWNSHIP NOMINATION DEC. 23**

The nomination meeting for the Township of Markham will be held in the Township Hall, Unionville on Friday, December 23 commencing at 1 p. m. A By-law to this effect was passed at the last regular meeting of the council and the voting will take place on Monday, January 2nd at the following places:

- No. 1—Findlay's hall, Thornhill; N. J. Smellie, D. R. O.
- No. 2—Kerswell's house, Elgin Mills D. W. Clubine, D. R. O.
- No. 3—Buttonville; Cline Burr, D. R. O.
- No. 4—Temperance Hall, Victoria Square; Thos. Frisby, D. R. O.
- No. 5—Township hall, Unionville; Jas. A. Gibson, D. R. O.
- No. 6—Cashel; A. H. McKinnon, D. R. O.
- No. 7—C. M. Crosbys' house, 8th line; Geo. R. Cowie, D. R. O.
- No. 8—Campbell's house, lot 10, cor. 8, A. A. Campbell, D. R. O.
- No. 9—Dickson's hill; A. M. Grove, D. R. O.
- No. 10—D. Ramer's house, Cedar Grove; Dan Ramer, D. R. O.
- No. 11—Mongolia; Wm. Rennie, D. R. O.

**CARRVILLE**

The special services in the church, closed last Friday night. They were a decided success and the attendance spirit was continued in the Friday night meetings. Everyone is invited to attend these lively singing, spiritual fellowship, and good to all are looked for.

The Sunday School Christmas entertainment will be held on Tuesday, December 20th. It will be good and everyone is invited.

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Thursday, Friday, Sat'y  
Whispering Smith  
Chapter No. IX

**FINE PICTURES SHOWN AT W. I. MEETING**

At the December meeting of the Women's Institute at which a special Christmas programme was presented the main feature of the evening was a lantern talk by the Rev. R. S. Mason, Anglican Chaplain to the philanthropic institutions of Toronto and vicinity. The slides which were of remarkable beauty and historical accuracy, dealt with the life of Jesus of Nazareth from the miraculous birth onward. In many cases they were copies of famous paintings by Copping, Jole, or other celebrated artists and the whole series was of intense interest, an interest much intensified by the highly edifying running comment of the clever lecturer, whose familiarity with his subject and of art made the showing an outstanding event.

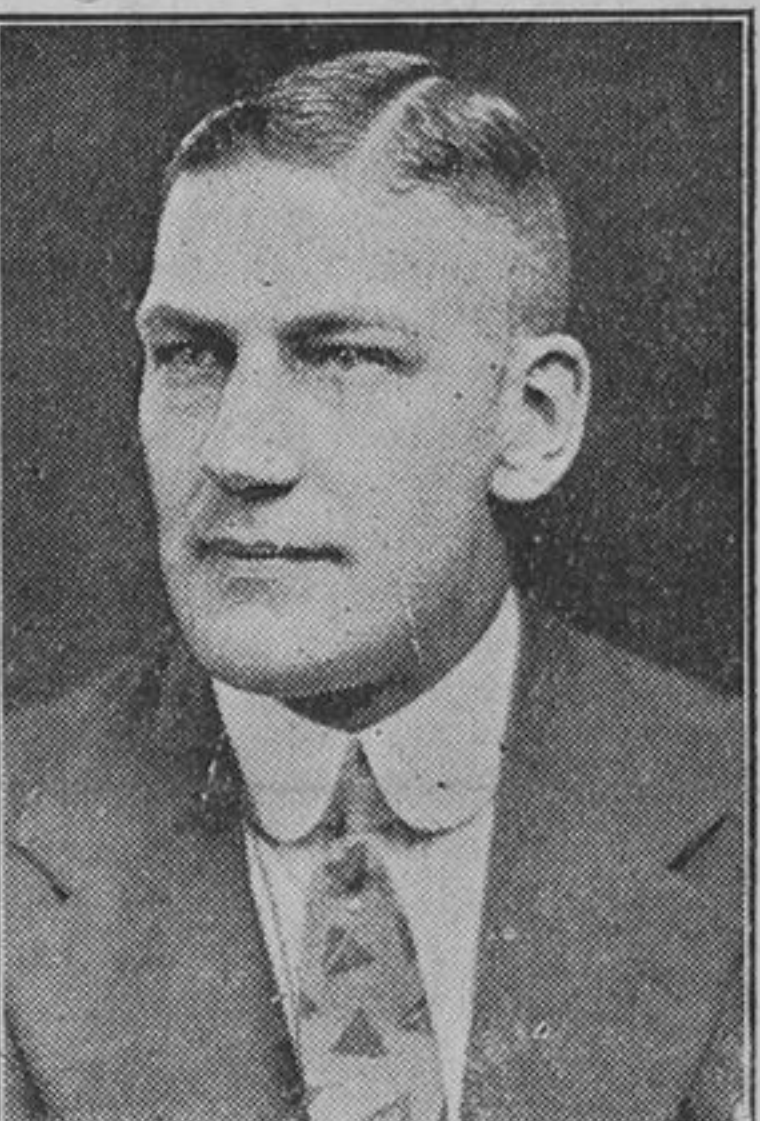
The meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. Mylks was well attended, a very pleasing feature being the attendance of a number of the past members who had been specially invited to be present. Other attractive numbers on the programme were provided by Miss Phyllis Glass who sang twice, and Miss Mildred Wright, a pupil of Miss Marguerite Boyle, who recited Eugene Fields, "The Night Wind" and "The Ruggle's Christmas Party" most acceptably.

Mrs. A. Phipps, president of the W. I. was in the chair and in a short business session which preceded the programme, a report was heard of the progress made in making arrangements for the "Children's Hour" at the Library, the treasurer, Mrs. Mylks, presented her report which showed that there were twenty-four new members, and that of the committee dealing with the impending presentation to Mrs. Innes. Regretful note was taken of the departure of Mrs. Finch, one of the most faithful members of the Richmond Hill Institute. After the programme a jolly half hour was spent over the teacups.

**HEADFORD**

The Sunday School Christmas concert will be held in the Church, on Monday, December 19th, to commence at 8 p. m. sharp. It will be unusually good and a large crowd is expected.

Last Wednesday night the Young People's Society in the Brown's Corners United Church, entertained the Young People's Societies of Headford and Victoria Square. The program was profitable, the fellowship good and we believe such gatherings together of the neighborhoods is very beneficial and should be repeated.



**MR. WILFRID THOMPSON**  
President of the Richmond Hill Ratepayers Association for the past year who has signified his willingness to stand for election as councillor at the coming municipal elections.

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