

**Victoria Square**

The delightful winter weather is enjoyed by all. The mild days save the fuel yet they are unfavourable for the thrasher who has much clover to separate.

In this district the yield of red clover is better than it has been for several years.

All roads led to Victoria Square on Saturday afternoon to witness the second church wedding since the building of the church in 1880. Friends of the bride and groom filled the church to see the knot tied. May we suggest that others follow their example.

Dame rumour reports that in the near future the wedding bells will ring two or three times. These reports make our pastors smile.

Mrs. Chas. Wellman, Miss Marjorie Messrs George, Harold and Chester Wellman, formerly of Gray, Saskatchewan, are spending a few days with friends here. They plan to settle in Toronto shortly.

The sale of Mr. George Hunt was well attended on Saturday afternoon. Record prices were received. One pair of grade cows sold for \$300.

Pilgrims Gibb and Rowdow visited with Mrs. Louis Nichols on Saturday.

A rather unique communion service was held here on Sunday afternoon. Seventeen members were received, five by card of transfer and twelve for the first time. Both our pastors were present. Rev. W. Haig gave the sermon on the "Lords Supper." Rev. A. A. Wall gave a short address to the young communicants. His words were practical, helpful and inspiring. Just one less than one hundred were at the Lord's Supper. Just when so many were present before we cannot recall. Such a service is not only an inspiration to the pastors but to all members and adherents it is indeed encouraging.

We are sorry to state that Miss Ella Dennie of Toronto Normal School is suffering with the mumps.

Some of the little folk around Gormley are enjoying chicken pox. Miss Dorothy Steckley, little daughter of Mr. Landon Steckley is in sick children's hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

The electricians are busy in this neighborhood at present. Everyone is ready to have Hydro installed.

On next Wednesday evening Pilgrims

Gibb and Rowdow will visit the Prayer Union. We invite their many friends to meet with us.

We are sorry to hear that one of our young men Mr. Frank Brumwell is destined to spend Christmas on his back. On Tuesday morning he mounted his spirited driver "Lady" and enjoyed a lively ride in the fresh air. As lady was crossing the rough ground along the creek at the back of the farm she made a misstep and Francis found himself on the ground with his leg twisted under him. Lady returned to the stable and her rider managed to walk a few paces, but at length his leg gave out. Mr. James Carrie, on finding Lady riderless at the door reported the fact to Mr. Brumwell senior, who set out through the fog to investigate. He found the injured man and brought him to the house. A doctor was summoned and pronounced his trouble, a broken bone. He is resting easily. His many friends trust that the bone soon knits.

The teacher and pupils of No. 6, Markham are holding their closing exercises on Wednesday afternoon of next week.

No. 7, Markham will be open to their friends on Thursday afternoon. A first class programme is prepared by the pupils consisting of choruses, speeches, drills, readings, recitations, and dialogues. The chair will be occupied by Rev. W. Haig. The Pilgrims Gibb and Rowdow are assisting with the programme. A visit is expected from Santa Claus at the close.

Saturday, December 17—Auction sale of overstock of boots, shoes, rubbers, underwear etc. at the General Store, Victoria Square, at 1 p.m. Terms Cash. A. Farmer, Auctioneer

**SMALL WORLD SMALL PEOPLE**

So far as Dad can figure out, the whole thing was planned by a couple of mother-in-laws.

There's only one trouble with this custom of giving gifts at Christmas. And that it—this custom of giving gifts at Christmas.

They make the kids hang socks on the chimney, Christmas Eve; they hold so much less than stockings.

**Bennet Club Organized**

The Conservatives of North York met in the Council Chamber, Richmond Hill on Tuesday evening, and completed the organization of a Bennet Club. Mr. Ball, of Stouffville, met Club. Dr. Ball, of Stouffville members of the party from all sections of the riding were in attendance.

**Renewed Acquaintances**  
Dr. John Pringle, Sydney N. S., accompanied by Dr. J. N. E. Brown, Toronto, called Saturday on Miss Isabella Moodie. All three spent some time in the Yukon together.

**School Board Elections**  
Nominations will be received at the regular municipal nominations for three school trustees for the Richmond Hill School Board. The members whose terms of office expire this year are chairman G. H. Duncan, Harry Edean and Frank Atkinson.

**Sunday School Entertainment**  
The annual Christmas Tree and Entertainment of the Richmond Hill United Church Sunday School will be held on Wednesday, December 21. Santa Claus will be on hand and there will be a varied program of entertainment.

**Home and School Club Meeting**  
The Christmas meeting of the Home and School Club will be held in the Public School on Thursday afternoon, December 22. The Christmas meeting has always been one of the most pleasant of the year and it is hoped that a goodly number of the parents and friends will attend the concert given by the different classes of the school. The concert will be given in the following order: the rooms of Mrs. McConachie, Miss Mortley, and Miss Webb at 1.30, Miss Fox 2 p.m.; Miss Brown 2.30 p.m.; Miss Richardson 3 p.m.; Mr. Scott, 3.30 p.m. Afternoon tea will be served and a silver collection will be taken in aid of the Hot drink fund. All are welcome to come and spend an enjoyable afternoon with the children.

**Gift Services**  
Special Gift Services will be observed at the Richmond Hill United Church, Sunday School on Sunday, December 18. At this service children will bring their gifts which will be of use to needy families and to the children at the Orange Home.

**Nomination Day For Maple**  
Nominations in the newly organized Police Village of Maple, will be held next Tuesday, December 20, commencing at 12 o'clock and ending at 1 p.m. Three trustees are to be elected to administer the affairs of the village and if an election is necessary the voting will take place the same day as the township elections, Monday, January 2. J.B. McLean is the Returning Officer.

**Plomen's Annual Meeting**  
The annual meeting of the King and Vaughan Plowmen's Association will take the form of a banquet, which will be held at Armstrong's Hotel, King City on Friday evening, December 16.

**Shower for Christie Street Hospital**  
The W.C.T.U. will hold another miscellaneous shower for the boys at the Christie Street Hospital and anyone wishing to donate anything which will contribute to the comfort or pleasure of the boys are asked to leave same at the home of Mrs. John Palmer Yonge Street on Tuesday, December 20. The shower recently held was very much appreciated by the boys and the local organization are endeavouring to again make a substantial contribution to the hospital.

**Nomination Meeting**  
Nomination meeting will be held in Richmond Hill on Monday evening, December 26 in the Masonic Hall, at 7.30 p.m., when nominations will be received for candidates for the offices of Reeve, Councillors and Public School trustees for the coming year. If an election is necessary the voting will take place on Monday, January 2, the polling hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Jail Sentence for Breach of Drug Act**  
Dr. E. P. Soanes, of Oakville who, on Wednesday, December 7th was sentenced to three months in jail for a breach of the Drug Act is the son of Rev. P. R. Soanes, Rector of Trinity Church at Aurora and St. John's, Oak Ridges.

**Coming Event**  
To-morrow, Friday, December 16, a sale of work will be held and afternoon tea will be served in the Masonic Hall under the auspices of the W. A. of St. Mary's Anglican Church. In the evening a play entitled "When a Fellow Needs a Friend" will be presented by the St. Leonards Players of Toronto. This play was recently given to crowded houses in the city of Toronto and comes very highly recommended. The admission is 35 cents and 25 cents. There are no reserved seats.

**Curlers Will Meet**  
A meeting of the members of the Richmond Hill Curling Club will be held at Dinty Moore's on Monday evening next, at 8 p.m., when the skips for the coming season will be elected.

**Scholarships for High School**  
At the meeting of the Richmond Hill Board of Education held this week, it was decided that the Board give three scholarships for the students of the High School. Awards of \$5 each will be given for general proficiency in the Upper, Middle and Lower Schools. This action was taken with the idea of not only encouraging the pupils but also as an incentive to other public spirited bodies of individuals who may see fit to offer scholarships in other lines of the academic work of the High School.

**League Meeting**  
The regular meeting of the Senior League of the Richmond Hill United Church will be held Monday night at 8 p.m. This is the last meeting of the year and will be under the leadership of the Christian Endeavour Department.

**BIRTH**  
MANSBRIDGE—At York County Hospital, Newmarket, December 4th to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Mansbridge, of Richmond Hill, a son.

**High School Notes**

The opening meeting of the Richmond Hill High School Literary Society was held on Friday, December 9th, in the school Gymnasium. The president Mr. E. Young occupied the chair and the program was in charge of the newly elected executive. The pianist Miss Iris Thompson rendered a delightful instrumental solo, after which the assistant editor, Walter Steckley gave a report of the editors convention held recently in Toronto. Miss Dora Anderson delighted the audience with a reading and "The Tatler" was read by the Editor in chief, Mr. Clarence Price. A short sketch entitled "A Spanish Tragedy" was enacted by Allan White, Walter Steckley and Miss Nellie Collins. The meeting was closed by singing The National Anthem.

A few pupils in the school are still suffering from the results of vaccination. We hope they will soon be able to resume their usual activities. We know of only one case which did not take.

On Friday night, December 16th at 8.00 p.m., a basketball game will be played between the Forestry Department of the University, of Toronto and the Local High School Team. The public will be admitted.

**COLLARD — NICHOLS**  
Victoria Square United Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday afternoon, December 10, when Miss Winnifred Jean Nichols, daughter of Mrs. Ida Nichols, became the bride of Mr. Harvey Fraser Collard. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. A. Wall assisted by Rev. W. Haig. Miss Jessie Collard, sister of the groom, played the wedding march. The bride, who was given away by her uncle Mr. G. H. Boyd of Toronto, was charmingly gowned in pink crepe Romaine with velvet trimmings. She wore a large black picture hat and carried a bouquet of sweet heart roses and maiden hair fern. Miss Mary Lloyd, gowned in pink chiffon velvet trimmed with lace, wearing a large black hat and carrying a bouquet of Ophelia Roses, acted as maid of honor, while Misses Margaret and Betty Richardson in yellow and blue georgette and carrying baskets of mums acted as Bridesmaids. The groom was assisted by Mr. Heber McCague.

During the signing of the register Mrs. Falvey, sang "Dawning" and "O Promise Me" accompanied by Miss Jean Coram, of Toronto. Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the brides home, where a buffet luncheon was served to sixty-five guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Collard left that evening for a motor trip to Ottawa and other points east. The bride travelled in a brown costume with brown fox fur the gift of the groom. On their return they will reside at Victoria Square.

His brother sent out a card bearing "Best Christmas Wishes for 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930."

Tight? That whole family squeaks when one bends.

Their second cousins tell the kids there ain't no Santy Claus, so they won't expect gifts.

Merry Christmas!—and a Happy New Year to each customer, without extra charge.

**The Christmas Rose**

Words By F. H. MARTENS Music By W. LESTER

This Christmas Cantata will be given by the Richmond Hill United Church Choir, Sunday evening, December 25th. The following soloists are taking part:—

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