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I pray Almighty God that the words I write in this house may be pure and honest—that they be dictated by no personal spite, unworthy motive or unjust greed for gain; that they may tell the truth as far as I know it—and tend to promote love and peace—amongst men.

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1928

**NEED FOR FOOTPATHS**

Jack Miner, the Kingsville Naturalist who has a great love for the birds and also for human beings, especially the children, diverted his attention from the wild geese long enough to say a few pertinent things about the wild motorists, a short time ago, and suggested that if speed is to continue to be the ruling motive in the minds of automobile owners—and there seems to be no let-up to the pace—the government of this country should consider seriously the construction of footpaths, especially in school districts, for the benefit of pedestrians.

"Uncle Jack" was widely quoted for his very sensible remarks. Newspapers supported him whole-heartedly, but the agitation died down, probably because there are more motorists than pedestrians, and the children are taking the same long chances on the heavily-traveled highways.

The St. Thomas Times-Journal renews the discussion, and after pointing out the difficulties which motorists experience in seeing pedestrians, and strongly supporting the idea of building footpaths, it says:

"People are prohibited from walking on the railroad tracks on account of the danger, yet they are forced to accept the dangers of the highways or else take to the ditch. Yet in some ways it would be safer to take to the railroad track, were they permitted. It is easier to avoid a train that has to stick to the rails, than to escape cars coming and going, all the time on both sides of the road. Yes, footpaths at the sides are badly needed, and everyone admits they should be provided. The time to make a start is long in coming."

The hardest thing to get done is something which everybody thinks should be done, but which nobody in particular proposes to do. The matter of expense is a serious stumbling block to the proposal to construct side footpaths along all pavements, but the government could very reasonably and beneficially make a start by providing these "safety paths" for children in the vicinity of schools situated along provincial highways, and then gradually extend the system as finances permit.

The rights of the pedestrian seem to be entirely overlooked in most instances in this motor age. We build pavements for cars, signs to warn drivers of dangerous turns and perilous intersections, and we issue attractive booklets inviting them to come to this country and encouraging them to monopolize the roads, while we practically say to the pedestrian "Look Out! Watch your step! Keep out of the way there!"—all the time making it harder and harder for him to follow the advice.

It is a fine thing to encourage the tourist trade, and to provide such facilities that visitors will be encouraged to come, but there is a danger of making the question of transportation a very one-sided affair. The pedestrian also has rights, and they should be respected and protected.

**EARNING AN EDUCATION**

In these days the all-absorbing ambition of most parents is to give their sons and daughters a flying start along the road to success. How often the remark is passed, "I hope my boy will never have to go through the hard times his dad has had to contend with!" The greatest desire of most fathers is to give their boys the best education they are willing to receive, to set them up in business, or give them a favorable start should they desire to enter one of the professions; and with the conscientious parent, no sacrifice is too great, no hours of work too long, no task too difficult to enable them to live up to the job they have set before them.

All of this is most praise-worthy, but cannot indulgence be practiced to such an extent that it becomes a hindrance rather than a help to the child? Is the spoon-fed child always the one who makes the greatest success in life?

Listen to the remarks of a prominent educationist on this same subject. Dean Scott H. Goodnight of the University of Wisconsin, is the speaker, and he says:

"In general, I am inclined to believe that the average college boy is better off, if he has to earn at least part of his expenses."

It just happens that the young men who learn the most in college are quite often—almost invariably—the boys who have to "work their way through." Many youths whose father provides them with ample spending money, are so busy having a good time in their college days that they have little time left for acquiring knowledge and an education.

Naturally it depends upon the boy. A young man is fortunate in having a father who is able to pay for his education, providing he is duly appreciative of his good fortune, but as far as protecting children from the necessity of looking out for themselves, or neglecting to make them appreciative of the value of money, and of failing to impress upon them the realization that life is one round of steady and earnest work for the person who succeeds, the system is all wrong. The parent is laboring under a delusion when he protects his boy from the "hard knocks" of life, and the boy himself is gaining a wrong impression of what it means to live, and get the most out of an existence. We appreciate most, what we work for, and the harder we work the more appreciative we are. This applies to students acquiring an education, the same as it does to the man at his bench, in his office, or behind his counter, who knows the nobility of toil through the fruits of his labors.

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**"Way Back in Liberal Files"**



The Richmond Hill residence of Mr. Wes Middleton, North Yonge Street, which is one of the historic landmarks of the district. It was formerly the home of Col. Moodie who was killed in the month of March 1837 at Montgomery's Tavern, Yonge Street, near Steele's Corners.

**DO YOU REMEMBER  
This Week of 1889**

When Richmond Hill and Thornhill baseball clubs met on the park here, and played a freindly game. The visitors proved too strong for the home team, whom they defeated by 30 runs to 9. Messrs R. Lelliott, of Thornhill and C. Pilgrim of the village acted as umpires.

When at the residence of the brides parents by the Rev. W.W. Percival, William H. Vanderburgh was united in marriage to Sarah, second daughter of Mr. Alex. Moodie, all of Richmond Hill.

When by the Rev. Newton Hill of Markham, Dr. Francy, of Richmond Hill was united in marriage to Marie M., only daughter of Thos. Hastings, Esq., of Almira.

When at Maple July 1st was celebrated by a Garden Party in the orchard of J.C. McQuarrie, Esq. and the proceeds were applied to aid the parsonage fund of the Methodist church.

When an Anti Jesuit meeting was held in the Masonic Hall. Rev's. Messrs Percival and Rutledge delegates to the Toronto convention gave reports of the work done and addresses were given by Mr. Douglas Armour and Rev. A. C. Courtice.

When Henry Snider died at the residence of his brother-in-law, Wm. Line, Sherwood, at the age of 62 years.

**DO YOU REMEMBER  
This Week of 1902**

When the following were successful candidates at the entrance examinations held at the Richmond Hill high school:—Elmer Andrews, Oscar Andrews, Frank Boyle, George Deadman, Garnet Dickenson, Harry Francis, Edwin Hilty, Wm. Lawson, Frank McDonald, Murray Rowbotham, Russel Rumble, Bert Schmidt, Albert Stone, George Topper, Ellis Wiley, Mable Bowes, Emily Boyle, Jean Boyle, Mable Byam, Ella Casley, Jean Clark, Almeda Clubine, Lizzie Cooper, Maggie Cosgrove, Edith Cross, Mable Gooderham, Maud Helmckay, Mary Henricks, Ethyl Hughes, Maud Lee, Minnie Lines, Jessie Morgan, Ethel McNaughton, Laura Richardson, Annie Rumble, Hazel Switzer, Elsie Troyer.

When in Richmond Hill, Mary, wife of John Chaffey, passed away in her 41 year. Interment to Thornhill R. C. Cemetery.

When Master Percy Hill and Misses Keith and Cassie Hill spent a month with relative in Victoria Harbour.

When Rev's. Messrs Wellwood and More preached their last sermons, as pastors on the Richmond Hill circuit last Sunday. The former preached in the morning, the latter in the evening. There were good congregations at both occasions.

When at Richmond Hill, Leroy Wilson passed away in his 20 year. Interment followed to Thornhill cemetery.

When the Curtis Hotel property, Oak Ridges was purchased by a Mr. Stephenson, of Toronto.

When the annual gathering of the Casely family was held at Mr. Henry Bond's, 3rd concession of Markham. The family consisted of seven Brothers and five Sisters. Tea was served on the lawn and 73 were seated around the tables.

**DO YOU REMEMBER  
This Week of 1895**

When at Maple a strawberry festival was held in connection with the Methodist church. Music was furnished by the Teston Brass Band. Speeches were given by Rev. A.P. Brace and Rev. Mr. Dimmick, of Toronto and Rev. C. A. Campbell, of Maple. Mr. E. Coombs of Clinton, also favored the audience with a recitation.

When Messrs J. T. Saigeon, R. Rumble, of Maple, and a number of others took lessons in bicycling and were soon able to master a silent steed.

When the Richmond Hill Board of

Education met with members present, W. H. Glass, J.A.E. Switzer, A. Newton, W. Trench, W. T. Storey, F. McConaghy, T. Palmer, D. Lynett, J. N. Boyle, and M. Naughton.

When at the church of the Immaculate conception, Miss Jennie Goode, of Richmond Hill and Wm. Seager, of Thornhill were united in marriage by very Rev. Mr. Thorpe.

When the following were the names of those promoted from Form I in the Richmond Hill High School:—Merritt Benson, Annie Boyle, H. Brown, Agnes Dilworth, Henrietta Elliott, H. Jackson, E. Joyce, H. Keffer, Ella Marsh, M. McLennon, Agnes McNeil, Harold Percival, Nellie Rankin, Hattie Riseborough, Harry Vanderburgh, Alberta Watson.

When the concrete house, was burglarized many articles being stolen.

**MAPLE**

The annual picnic of Hope Sabbath school and the Sewing Circle was held at Bond Lake on Saturday afternoon. A large number were present and a good time was spent by all. In the afternoon a game of softball was played, and after a splendid supper was served a number of races for young and old were run.

Miss Doris Cook a pupil of Miss M. Hendry has passed with honours her elementary examination at the Conservatory of music and Miss Catherine McQuarrie another pupil has passed with honours the introductory examination.

On Saturday the passenger train going south at midnight ran off the track near Concord. Several of those on board received painful injuries.

Mr. C. Barkemeyer and family of McKeesport, Pa., are spending the week at the home of Mr. H.C. Bailey.

Mr. C. H. Keys and family arrived on Sunday having motored from Port Arthur and will spend part of their vacation with friends here.

Mrs. Kinsell, of Ithaca, N.Y., is visiting her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Keys.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Clarke, of Thorold, visited over the week-end with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Manning and family of Hamilton, visited over Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. J. Manning.

Mr. J. Matheson of Alberta, is visiting her mother Mrs. T. Matheson.

The pupils of S.S. No. 5, Vaughan presented their teacher Miss Amy Brooks with a beautiful rose and pearl manicure set and an address. Miss Hunter the assistant was presented with some China ware.

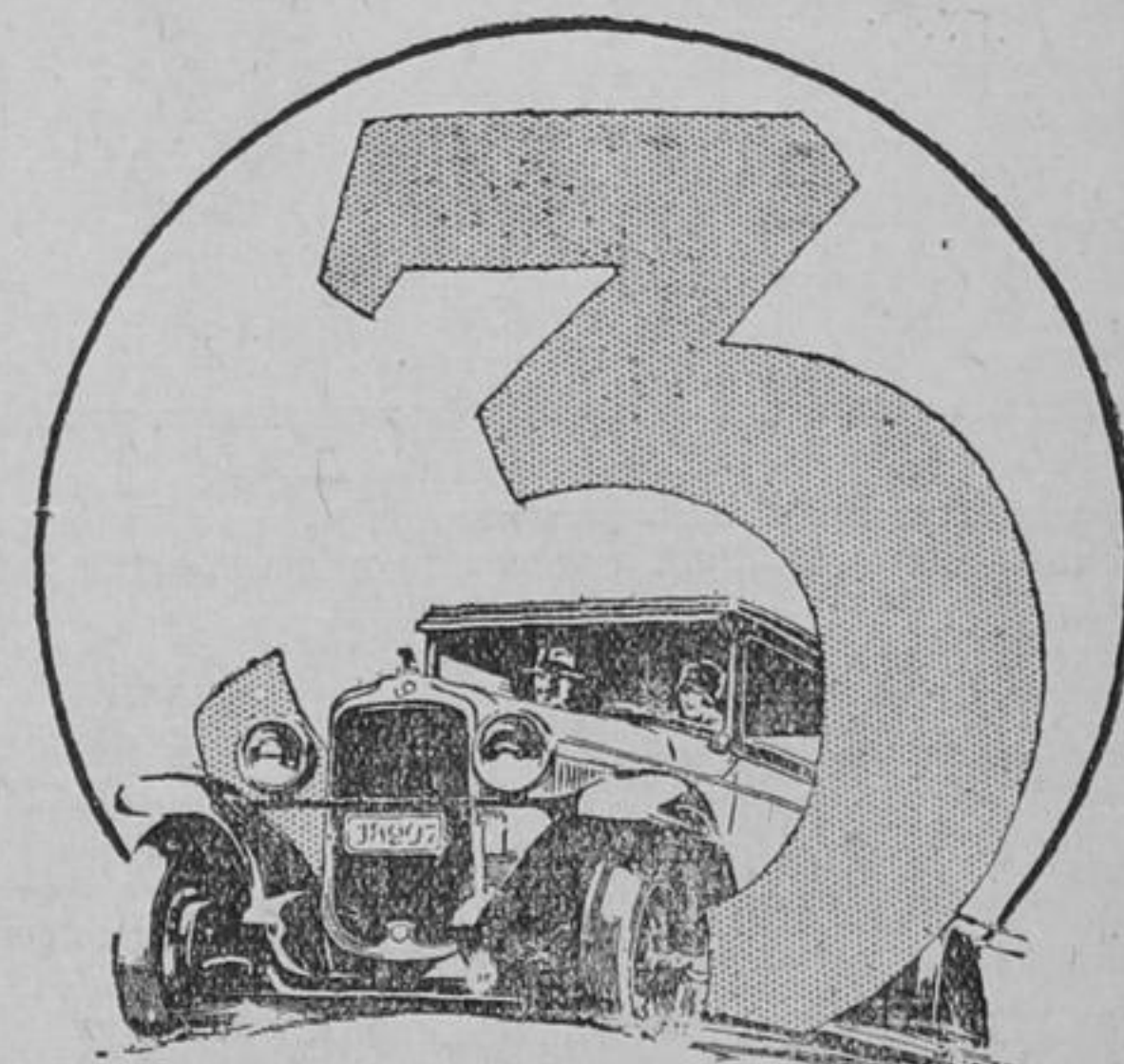
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