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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 12, 1928

THE WESTERN OUTLOOK

Reports emanating from western Canada, and particularly the official reports of the Canadian National Railways, paint an optimistic picture of the crop prospects for this year. There are few subjects in which, year after year, Canadians are more interested than the success or failure of the western grain crop. It means much to this country. On it depends the prosperity of the great stretch of prairie beyond the great lakes, and, in an indirect measure, the prosperity of the industrial east.

For this reason, there is cause for congratulation on the prospects for the 1928 crop. Weather conditions have been unusually favorable and the grain has made an excellent start, so much so that it is predicted that the crop will be one of the largest on record. This means wealth to the western farmers, and the putting into circulation of hundreds of millions of dollars of new money, money wrested from the soil of the prairie provinces by the hard toil of the farmers. The reports state that everything is favorable, that the early work on the farms was greater in extent than for many years, the seed of better quality, and the early growth very rapid. This makes for optimism in the west and that, in turn, is reflected all over the dominion. Canada is still largely dependent on the western grain harvests for its prosperity, and another good harvest in 1928 will further stimulate the prosperity which the whole country is now enjoying.

Before you complain of the heat, remember what you said about the cold weather only a few months ago.

Automobile traffic continues to increase with such rapidity that one hesitates to visualize what it will be in twenty or even ten years.

The consistent increase in County taxation should give food for thought to every taxpayer when he receives his bill. The County of York has some big problems to face and the expenditure in many departments particularly secondary education has rapidly advanced but the question which Mr. Average Taxpayer asks is "Where is it going to stop?" The time has arrived when municipal ratepayers should pay a little more attention to County affairs and possibly ask a little more rigid accounting of the expenditure from County Council representatives.

Under United States immigration laws one hundred Yaps have the right to enter that country annually but last year it is recorded only one took advantage of the opportunity. Probably thought there were enough there now.

THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR TO MAKE SURE OF THE WEED CROP. Cut them before they go to seed and avert the bountiful but unwelcome harvest which is sure to follow if you neglect the duty. Weeds are the enemy of production. Clean them up before it is too late.

We have been asked several times during past weeks by tourists as to the location of the Richmond Hill Park. We were sorry to have to tell them that they'd know it by the lock-up at the Main Entrance.

Year by year Township road work is undergoing change and improvement. It is not long since the days of statute labor but, even those opposed to its abolition now admit the superiority of the new system. Vaughan Township this year has purchased a new gravel loader; Markham township this month purchased two new road graders. This is the age of machinery and the municipalities like industrial concerns in all countries are coming to a full realization of this fact and the belief that only by having the best possible equipment can the best possible work be accomplished. We believe they are right. A good workman must have good tools and you cannot expect a gang of men to keep the highways in first class shape with a meagre supply of antiquated equipment.

Richmond Hill council are to be commended for their action in deciding to construct a new sidewalk on the west side of Yonge Street. The old walk is in a deplorable condition, not in keeping with the spirit of progress typified by the new pavement. It was a badly needed improvement and the council will never receive criticism for expenditures on such needed public works.

It appears now that it is possible for Richmond Hill to have a magistrate here to try all local cases. There may be some difficulties in the way of which we are not aware but it would seem that in the interests of efficiency and convenience in the matter of law enforcement and traffic control that the appointment of a magistrate would be a well advised step in the right direction and we feel it would meet with the approval of citizens generally.

We intend ordering a handsome loving cup which we will present with solemn and fitting ceremony to the first man or woman who comes in our office with a bright and cheery smile, a hearty hand-shake and a good word for the community we live in, with good will toward all and without a frown against the town council, the township council, the county council, the taxes, the roads, business or the world and the people in general.

There would not be so many fatalities on level crossings if the race with the locomotive did not end in a tie. Quebec has a good law requiring all motor vehicles to slow down to 8 miles per hour when within 300 feet of a railway crossing.

Crime has reached such a stage in Chicago that the murder by machine gun bullets of a prominent politician of that city is scarcely worth mentioning on the front pages of the newspapers. It would be a real sensation, however, if the murderers were found, convicted, and executed.

The price of strawberries nowadays makes people wonder if there will ever be a return of the time when they could go to a strawberry festival, pay a quarter for admission, and be supplied with all the strawberries they could eat, with liberal helpings of cream to go along with them.

"Way Back in Liberal Files"DO YOU REMEMBER
This Week of 1893

When the following candidates who wrote the entrance examinations for the High School at Richmond Hill were provisionally admitted by the local examiners:—Miles Langstaff, Richmond Hill; M. Fisher, Concord; Etta Richardson, Maple; Lorne Morris, Richmond Hill; Fred Harrison, Richmond Hill; John L. Husband, York; Percy Keffer, Vaughan; Hector Munroe, Richmond Hill; Louise Langstaff, Markham; Emerson Ball, S. S. No. 4, York; Hattie Linfoot, Richmond Hill; Mary McLean, Richmond Hill; Netta Armour, Willowdale; Eva Johnston, Maple; Ida Andrews, Richmond Hill; Arthur McNeil, Vaughan; Mabel V. Lane, Thornhill; Laura Comisky, Headford.

When the following stood first in their examinations at the Richmond Hill Public School:—To Jr. IV, Bee Harris; To Sr. III, Fulton Chamberlain; to Jr. III, Stella McNair; to Sr. II, Johnny Clifford; to Jr. II, Frank Storey.

When the United parishes of Richmond Hill and Thornhill held a most enjoyable picnic in aid of the R. C. Presbytery. The ground where they assembled was at the Hawthorne Mineral Spring Grove.

When Palmer and Kelly's Honest Billy won first prize in the free-for-all trotting race at Markham on Dominion Day.

When the Thornhill Epworth League and Christian Endeavour of the Methodist church elected officers for the ensuing 6 months:—Hon. President, Rev. Mr. Edwards; President, Mr. David James; 1st Vice-President, Miss Fanny Bowes; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Lottie Martin; 3rd Vice-President, Mr. Jno. Clubine; Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Richardson; Secretary, Miss Florence Clubine.

DO YOU REMEMBER
This Week of 1903

When the lacrosse boys excursion from Aurora and Richmond Hill to Hamilton was an immense success. The following was the Richmond Hill Aurora team:—Gee, Webster, Michael, Whiteak, Pringle, Browning, Trench, Urquhart, Latimer, Sims, Clifford. C. H. Ellston, field captain.

When the following were the names of the successful candidates trying the entrance at Richmond Hill:—Donald Atkinson, Richmond Hill; Alex. McConaghy, Richmond Hill; Clarence Kinnee, Vellore; Carrie Harvey, Purpleville; Hector Edgar, Concord; Erling Gibson, Willowdale; Georgia Brown, Jefferson; Alonzo Watson, Thornhill; Franklin Jackes, Thornhill; Morton Gibson, Willowdale; Edna Keam, Thornhill; Olive Keam, Thornhill; Louie McDonald, Vellore; Rae Jarret, Vellore; Joseph Elliott, Bethesda; John Matheson, Maple; Alice Cooper, Carrville; Peryl McLean, Purpleville; Murray Storey, Richmond Hill; Archie Palmer, Toronto; Warren Page, Langstaff; Marguerite Boyle, Langstaff; Nellie Cowie, Dollar; Fred Campbell, Richmond Hill; Arthur Ball, Langstaff; Nora McMahon, Richmond Hill; Flossie Snider, Vellore; Russell Hoff, Thornhill; Ama Kerswill, Richmond Hill; Jessie Graham, Richmond Hill; Norman Birrell, York Mills; Keith Hill, Richmond Hill; Wm. Schmidt, Newtonbrook.

When the Richmond Hill Methodist church held their excursion to Munro Park.

When R. & J. Michael, coal dealer put in a new set of Wilson's three beam scales in the Dominion house.

When at Thornhill, Rev. Mr. McKinley moved in the Methodist Parsonage vacated by Rev. Mr. Keam, who had taken his departure to Barrie.

When at the Manse, Richmond Hill, by the Rev. James A. Grant, uncle of the bride, Rolph L. Langstaff, M.D., Richmond Hill, was united in marriage to Lillian, only daughter of the late Henry Carrol, Fremont; Meleraska and granddaughter of the late Rev. R. D. MacKay, Toronto.

When at Maple the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held when addresses were given by Miss Gray and Miss Maddock. After the meeting tea was served on the lawn.

DO YOU REMEMBER
This Week of 1907

When the following Richmond Hill pupils passed with honors in the entrance examinations:—Maggie Cowie, Gertrude Derry, Alice McNair, Carl Hill, Lloyd Hill, Myrtle Smith.

When the remains of the late Mrs. Thos. Mortson who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Crawford, in Hamilton, were brought to Oak Ridge and interred in St. John's cemetery. A short service was conducted at the church by the rector, Rev. Mr. Kirby.

When Mr. F. W. Harrison, and Mr. Walter Frisby who attended the Ontario Normal College at Hamilton,

passed successfully the Professional examinations.

When the Methodist church was reopened, Rev. J. C. Speer, D.D., president of Toronto Conference and a popular former pastor here. Rev. A. P. Brace gave a detailed statement of the cost of improvements showing that \$2500 was needed to complete all necessary work.

When a successful picnic was held at Newtonbrook on the school grounds. An exciting football match was played between the Newtonbrook school and the German Mills school. In the evening a concert was held in front of the school, the Rev. F. Keam, of Newtonbrook being the chairman. The following artists took part:—Solos by F. E. Gibson, Newtonbrook, recitations by Mr. Flook, Newtonbrook, solos by H. Henderson, Dollar; and gramophone selections by Mr. W. Fuller, Thornhill.

Unionville

We are pleased to offer congratulations to Master Davison MacKay and Miss Jeanette Brown on their success in the recent musical exams. Both receiving honours. They are pupils of Miss Weighill.

Rev. and Mrs. Eaton are holidaying at Lake Couchiching, the United church summer school being in session at this time.

The local girls softball team met the Milliken team in a friendly game last Saturday night, defeating the visitors by a small margin, the score being 16-15.

Miss Mary Gibson, of Toronto was the guest of her aunt Mrs. Jas. Gibson over the week-end.

Rev. W. W. Peck representing the Ontario Prohibition Association—occupied the pulpit of the United church in the absence of Rev. H. Eaton.

Quite a number attended the annual strawberry festival of St. Paul's Anglican church, Lamerock on Wednesday.

We regret that Mr. Oscar Cox has been confined to his home by illness for the past two weeks.

The Induction of Rev. E. Heimerich into the parish of Unionville, Sherwood and Buttonville, on Sunday last was a very fine and impressive service. Rev. Gartung of Welland, officiated. The church was beautifully decorated, the color scheme being pink and white. We extend to Rev. Heimerich and Mrs. Heimerich a most hearty welcome to our midst.

Misses Elsie Hobbs, May Stonehouse, Helen Honey and Florence Brown are attending summer school at Lake Couchiching, as representatives of Unionville and Ebenezer United Church.

Miss Mary Underwood, of Kingston, Mrs. T. W. Underwood, Mrs. Glenn, and Rev. W. H. Filler, of Markham were guests of Mrs. M. C. Summerville on Saturday.

Miss Marion Hood is spending a few days with her Aunt Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, at Bruce Beach, Kincardine.

Miss Irene Hobbs, of Toronto, was the guest of Miss Dorothy Stiver over the week-end.

Rev. Gartung, of Welland, spent Sunday with Mrs. A. Summerfeldt.

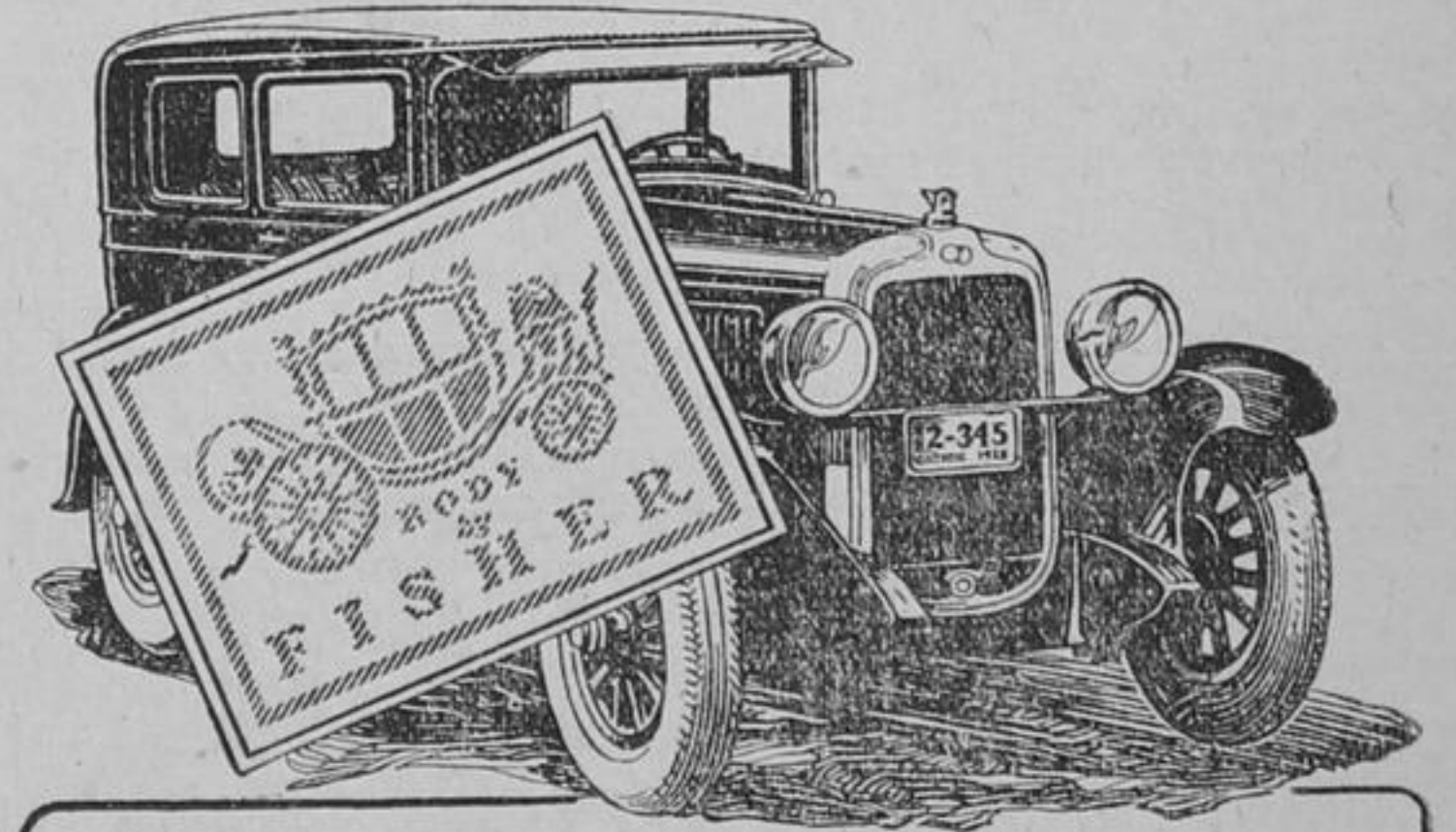
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whaley, were Toronto visitors this week.

The Unionville Branch of the W. I. met at the beautiful summer home of Col. F. H. Deacon, on Thursday last. Ideal weather and the pleasant motor ride brought many ladies to the meeting. Mrs. R. L. Stiver presided in her usual efficient manner. The chief item of business was the granting of a gift of \$60 to the Unionville Public Library, \$50 of which is to be spent on new books and the remaining \$10 toward a rug. Mrs. T. A. Patterson gave a valuable address on Flowers, giving many instructive suggestions regarding the propagating care, etc., of many different varieties, including peonies and lilacs. At the close of the meeting a delightful lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. Deacon.

Mrs. W. A. Annis, Miss Grace Annis, Mr. O. Harding and Mrs. O. Ash, motored to Woodstock, London and other Western Ontario points this week.

Mr. A. Bell, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Chaut, Miss Hemingway and Mrs. Carmichael went on a motor trip to Bond Head last Monday, returning the same day. They report the wheat crop excellent in that country.

Judging by the number of American cars passing through our village these days, Ontario seems to be getting her full quota of tourists and may indeed be rightly called the Tourists Paradise.

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