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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1928

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As 1928 draws to a close and the progress of the past twelve months have been summed up it will be said without a doubt that it has been a great year for Canada.

Monday, December 31st is nomination day when municipal legislators will appear before the electors to give an account of their stewardship. Ratepayers should show enough interest in their own business to attend the meeting and hear the business of the municipality discussed. Plan now to attend the nomination meeting of your municipality.

Richmond Hill will be on the air next Wednesday evening. It will mark an epoch in the history of the village and it is impossible to estimate the hundreds of thousands of people who will hear the name of Richmond Hill for probably the first time. Local residents who tune in on the program should show their appreciation of the opportunity afforded the village by communicating with the broadcasting station and the firms through whose courtesy the concert will be on the air.

**THE NEED OF A KING**

During the whole of the present illness of King George, the whole empire has waited anxiously every day for the latest bulletins from the royal physicians. Crowds of Londoners have loitered on the streets in front of Buckingham Palace, from early morning until late at night, to learn of the King's condition. This circumstance has caused an United States writer to comment that all of this strikes the average American as puzzling. The King of Britain, he says, reigns but does not rule. The empire will go on after his death precisely as before. Why should his subjects be so anxious?

There was a time when the illness and death of a king were matters of profound concern to everyone in his country. It was said that kings ruled by divine right; but most of them ruled chiefly by force of their strong characters and by ruthless, imperious ability. When such a monarch came to the end of his reign, nobody could tell what would happen next. His country might fall apart. It might become the prey of some other nation. It might be split asunder by civil war.

But that time has passed. George V. has never held more than the shadow of the power of his ancestors. His life is made up largely of ceremonies and forms. In his public addresses he speaks of "my army" "my people", "my government," but these are but mere forms of speech. Why, then, should the British people be so aroused by the fear of his death?

The British Empire has been in existence for a long time, and its leaders have learned a number of profound truths. Among them is the fact that people need a symbol as much as they need anything on earth. Most people are not capable of going very far by themselves. They need something to bind them to their fellows and give them cohesion. All of their lives they look for a leader—someone who can take them out of themselves, someone who can demand of them everything that they can give, someone who, because he is a better man than they are, can impel them to do the noble and high-minded things that they would never do if left alone.

It is that spiritual need that makes men want a king. That is what explains the Empire's devotion to its titular ruler. Whatever comes to Britain—war, internal troubles, famine, general strike or what-not—there always remains, above all contending factions, the figure of the king, a rallying point for earnest men, a personification of the nation.

It will be a long time before that institution outlives its usefulness.

It is significant that every distinguished visitor who come to Canada from Great Britain becomes a splendid publicity agent for Canada as soon as he returns home. Sir Austen Chamberlain has followed in the footsteps of the Prince of Wales and Premier Baldwin in this respect. Canada cannot have too many of this kind of visitor.



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**"WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES"**

**DO YOU REMEMBER This Week of 1894**

When at the Methodist Sunday school here "The Sower" the lesson for the day was taken by the teachers—A. J. Hume, Wm. Glass, W. A. Wright and J. A. E. Switzer. At the close of the school, Mr. David James, superintendent of the Thornhill Sunday school gave an interesting address.

When the Vaughan Township Council met with members present; Messrs Arnold, Bryson, Kirby, and Watson George W. High, Reeve and Jas. M. Lawrence, Clerk.

When David Byer passed away at his residence, lot 23, con. 8, Markham in his 75th year.

When the Markham Township council met in the council chamber with the Reeve in the chair, and members present:—Scott, Reesor, Lawrie, and Quantz, Jno. Stephenson, clerk.

When at the last regular shoot of the Victoria Square rifle club, the following scores were made:

	100y	200y	Total
W. Scott	40	41	81
W. Mustard	33	39	72
J.E. Jenkins	36	34	70
A. Quantz	36	27	65
Geo. Brown	47	17	64
Geo. Dennis	30	31	61

**DO YOU REMEMBER This Week of 1899**

When at the regular meeting of Court Union A. O. F., Thornhill, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—P. C. R., J. Drury; C. R., E. A. James; S. C. R., Geo. Pearson; Treasurer, J. E. Francis; Secretary, A. E. H. Pearson; S. W., J. Pearson; J. W., J. Chapman; S. B., J. Moore; J. B., J. Baker.

When at the Epworth League here a debate was given on the subject, "Resolved that the present modes of raising money for church purposes are not conducive to spiritual development." The affirmative was taken by Mr. Harrison and Mr. Johnston and the negative by Mr. McMahon and Mr. Storey.

When the concert in the Richmond Hill High School proved a great success, solos were rendered by Misses Clubine, Stevenson, and Lynett, interesting papers were read by Miss Clark, Mr. C. Wiley, and F. Storey. The opening address was given by Mr. Roy Kirby and later in the program, Mr. D. Derry and Mr. E. Newton contributed recitations. The ever popular selection Lock Lomond was well rendered by three old boys of the village, Messrs R. Farquharson, F. Johnston, J. H. Sanderson. The presentation of Diplomas were made by four clergymen, Messrs J. A. Grant N. Wellwood, J. W. Stewart and F. C.

**Keam.**

When Thornhill welcomed Dr. Dame, of Toronto, who had returned after many months work in New York and Chicago hospitals. Dr. Dame joined Dr. Rolph Langstaff in his private hospital at Richmond Hill.

When at the regular meeting of Vaughan Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Maple the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—W. M., J. A. McDonald; S. W., W. Wier; J. W., R. Rumble; Secretary, R. Richardson; Treasurer, J. H. Kirby.

When at a meeting of Court Richmond, No. 7046 A.O.F. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—P. C. R., F. E. Sims; C. R., Jas. A. Wright; S. C. R., F. Grainger; Treasurer, H. A. Nicholls; Secretary, W. E. Wiley; S. W., Robert Carson; J. W., Thos. Trench; S. B., Geo. Grainger; J. B., Jno. Glass; Trustees, Thos. Newton, H. F. Hopper, D. Hill, Auditors, A.J. Hume, R. W. Glass and Thos. Ludford.

**DO YOU REMEMBER This Week of 1907**

When an enthusiastic meeting of hockey players and friends was held at the Palmer House. The large attendance settled down to business and re-organized with the following officers:—Hon. President, J. H. Sanderson President, Geo. Sims; 1st Vice-President, J. Michael; 2nd Vice-President, E. M. Byrne; Secretary-Treasurer, A. Savage; Capt., A. Boyle. Committee of management, J. Naughton, A. Glass F. Dennis; Team committee, Geo. Sims, J. Michael, A. Savage.

When at the English church, Thornhill, Mrs. Nellis and Mr. John Breakey were united in marriage.

When a large enthusiastic meeting was held in Hughes Hotel, Thornhill, for the purpose of organizing a hockey team for the coming season, when the following officers were elected:—Hon. President, Dr. C. P. Johns; Pres. R. L. Henry; Secretary-Treasurer, Hector Wright; Captain, Manager, G. H. Hooper; Managing Committee, A. E. H. Pearson, P. Fisher, Wm. Riddell M. A. Dean, G. Killops.

When at the home of the brides parents, Headford by Rev. A. P. Brace B. D., Mr. Albert Leek was united in marriage to Miss Cora Brodie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Brodie.

When a meeting for the formal organization of the ladies Hockey club was held. The following officers being elected:—Hon. President, Mrs. T. M. Henry; President, Mrs. A. Savage; vice-President, Miss Lamont, B.A.; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Edwards; Management Committee — Misses W. Hume, L. Duncan, Jean Boyle, Hazel Switzer, Referee, Miss Annie Boyle.

**GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS**

Burglars carried away between \$400 and \$500 from Newmarket merchants last week when they broke into the stores of C. S. McCauley and H. Molyneaux. As well as the cash, chocolate bars and a quantity of tobacco was stolen from Mr. Molyneaux grocery store.

With the town hall jammed to the doors, Friday night's commencement exercises of the Markham High school were a success in every respect. Chairman Todds of the High School Board presided and a feature of the evening was the presentation of two plays, Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" and Ruth Bridgman's "Polly Prue."

Sydney Chaney, Dufferin Street, Toronto, was arrested on Saturday night by Sergeant Tom Kirk, of Newmarket on a charge of being drunk in charge of an automobile. Chaney while driving south on Yonge Street crashed into a horse and buggy, so severely injuring the horse that it had to be shot. Chaney was taken to the Langstaff jail farm later being released on bail.

The hit-and-run driver who caused the death of six-year-old Keith Courtney outside his home at Langstaff some three weeks ago is still at large. Constable Barraclough, of Richmond Hill and Sergeant Kirk of Newmarket state that although they are in possession of certain clues, they have not learned the identity of the motorist.

Principal A. Stouffer, of the Stouffville continuation school, has resigned to take effect at the end of the year. The ratepayers are more or less concerned as to the ability of the board to fill the position in a satisfactory manner at this season of the year.

Returning from their honeymoon, Rev. W. H. Fuller, minister of the Stouffville and Markham Presbyterian congregations, and Mrs. Fuller were kindly remembered by the presentation of a handsome steamer rug and address. The presentation was made by William Rennie. Miss Jean Morr-

ison also made a presentation on behalf of the young people and Kathleen Anderson and Ray Ferguson one on behalf of the mission band. Refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller will reside in Markham.

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