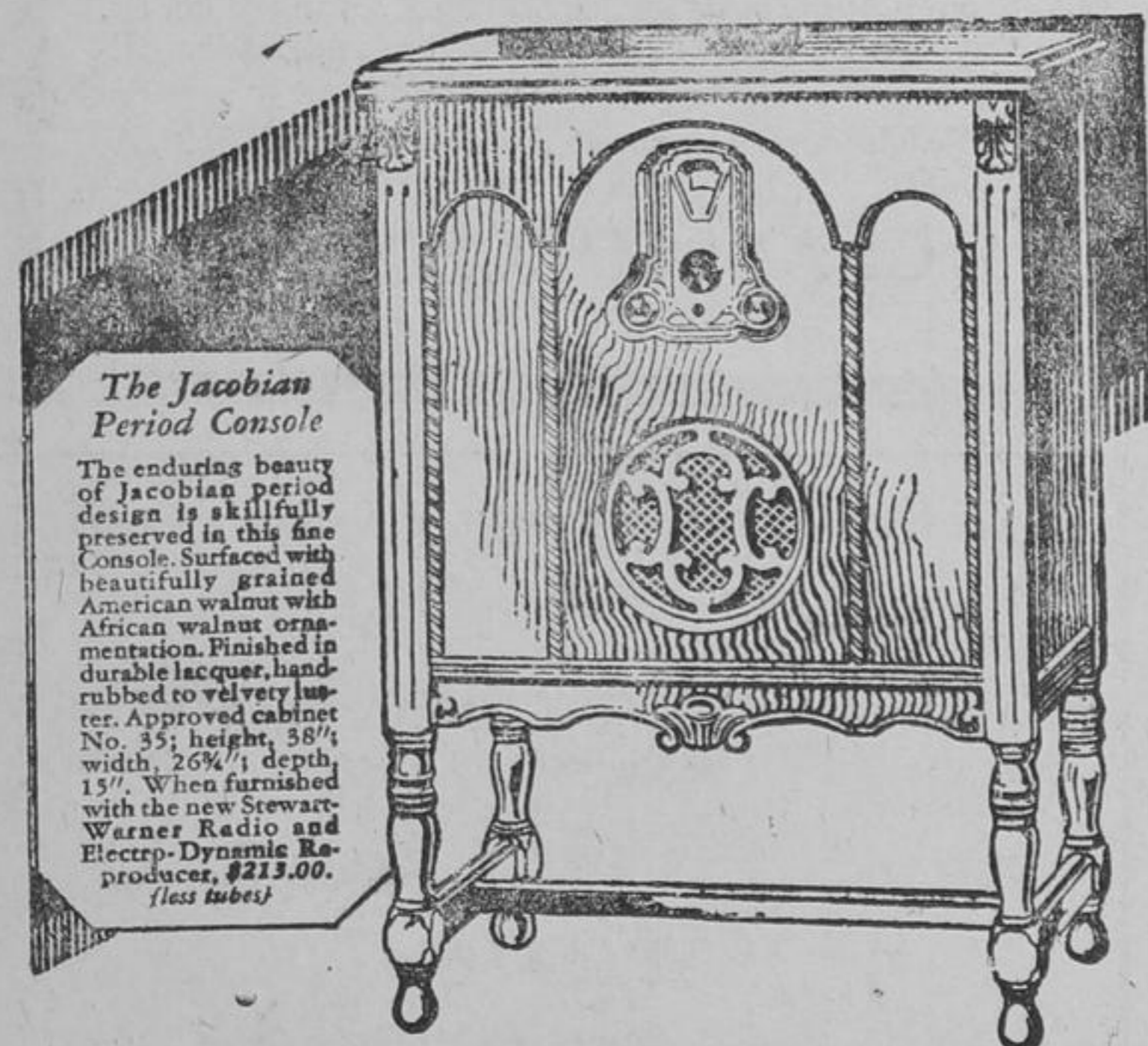




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### LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

**DEMANDS THAT COUNCIL TAKE ACTION TO KEEP ROADS OPEN IN WINTER — ASKS CONSIDERATION FOR THOSE ON BACK ROADS**

Hagerman  
February 19, 1930

Editor Liberal,  
Sir—

The Markham Council now finds itself confronted with a new and perplexing problem, which deserves special consideration. As taxpayers the people feel they are entitled to some kind of relief, and look to the Council to make the roads passable. Langstaff Provincial Highway has to take all the traffic north and part of the traffic south. And there is Lansing Provincial Highway that runs to Malvern these roads are forcing the traffic on Yonge Street. The City Council has to solve the greatest question that ever has confronted them and that is controlling the traffic and Yonge St. runs right into the heart of it. The congestion causes so many accidents and a great many deaths. Note the great contrast between the two roads. Where Danforth makes the turn you will notice on the corner, "This way to Markham" and go a little farther you see a gas station and there is a sign "Beware of the Desert." If the County Council would open the Kennedy road from Unionville to Scarborough Junction it would relieve Yonge Street of all the traffic that comes from the north and east of Unionville and would relieve Lansing highway at Agincourt. The northern part of Scarborough is very much neglected, it is all Birchcliffe and there is no help for them. At Milliken the farmers and gardeners have to draw their trucks with horses part way and drive thirty miles to market where it would only take ten miles if the Kennedy Road was open. I could mention dozens of instances like this. Our council lives comfortably all in a cluster in a little village on the highway and the buses pass the door and they call it "Home sweet Home." I don't think the

County Council was ever asked to open the Kennedy Road.

Over the radio you will hear (where the roads are kept open) that real estate is very high and there is no place this distance from Toronto where land is as cheap as it is here. Now for instance there were four acres forty rods east of here which sold for \$500. On Yonge Street or Kingston Road the same land would have brought \$3000. You could grow as many vegetables here and one thousand hens would lay as many eggs. We can't be isolated we must be where we can market our produce during the winter. We can't all live on the highway. The council should show a little consideration to those who live on the back roads.

Our trucks and cars are here to stay and we are taxed for them and the time is ripe that we should have a large truck and snow plow and scrap that wheelbarrow and shovel. Then our Commissioner could earn his \$125 a month. He would have something to do with it. The difference between hiring a truck and owning one to draw gravel in the summer would almost pay for cleaning the snow on every road in Markham Township. If the snow was thrown well into the ditch at first, when it would start drifting it would blow the snow across the road into the ditch.

Every farmer in Markham township would be worth more financially. In the course of one year their property would be worth one half more and their garage bill one half less. In four days the snow plow could go over every road in Markham township twice. A great many more would come to the country to live. At the present time all are leaving that can get away.

The butchers and bakers could dispose of their horses, we would have fire protection and bus service if the township council would only do something or at least try to do something in any event and when they come to give an account of their stewardship at next election they wouldn't be full of imaginary talk and all kinds of excuses.

RATEPAYER

### Thornhill

#### SPECIAL SERVICES AT TRINITY CHURCH

On Friday, February 28th at 8 p. m. the service will be held in Trinity Church, Thornhill, to commemorate the official opening of the church by Dr. John Strachan, exactly one hundred years ago. The Bishop of Toronto will preach and the Rector extends a cordial invitation to all friends of Trinity Church to be present.

#### SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING WELL ATTENDED

A well attended special meeting of the ratepayers of union school section No. 1, Vaughan & Markham was held last Friday night in the Public School for the purpose of electing a trustee. Mr. A. Morgan acted as chairman and Mr. W. A. Howard as secretary, Mr. W. Riddell and Mr. A. Brillinger being the only nominations and on a vote by ballot, Mr. Brillinger was elected.

#### PULPIT PRESENTED TO RICHVALE CHURCH

Mrs. McKean and the members of her Sunday School Class with the young ladies bible class, motored to Richvale last Sunday afternoon. The occasion being the presentation of the pulpit formerly owned by Thornhill United Church to Richvale Church. Mrs. Edith Luesby made the presentation while Miss Nora Johns unveiled the pulpit. An anthem was sung by the class members and the five piece orchestra rendered two beautiful musical selections.

#### SUCCESSFUL EUCHRE AND DANCE

The North York Ladies club held the most successful dance and euchre of the winter at Lawrence Memorial Hall on Monday evening. The orchestra was in charge of Mr. Floyd Henderson and Mr. Dick. Prizes for euchre were awarded as follows:—Gents first Allan Muirhead, Todmorden, second, Thomas E. Robinson, Toronto, and third, Earl Richardson, Thornhill. Ladies first, Mrs. J. Fisher, Concord; second, Mrs. R. Petch, Richmond Hill, third, Miss D. Kelly, Buttonville. A good time was enjoyed by all.

#### YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS SPENT PLEASANT TIME

The members of the young men's bible class of the United church, with their friends spent a very pleasant time in the public school room Wednesday evening. Mr. Cecil Martin made a very humorous and capable chairman. The programme which consisted of a selection from the stringed orchestra, reading from Miss Marguerite Boyle and vocal solo by Miss E. Barker was enjoyed by all. The four girls, Misses Marguerite Echlin, Isabel Farr, Lela Brillinger and Edith Davies who assisted the young men in their New Year's play were presented each with a compact. The address was given by Cecil Martin and Bruce McDonald made the presentations. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, and a social time followed.

#### W. A. MEETING

A meeting of the Trinity Church W. A. will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, February 28th at 8 p. m. Mrs. Cuttle will address the meeting.

#### BIRTHS

McDONALD—On Wednesday, Feb. 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDonald, a son.

HARRISON—On Wednesday, Feb. 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Harrison, a son.

#### OBITUARY

##### LATE S. B. ELSON

Stanley B. Elson, manager of the Thornhill branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, died at his home here last Friday, after a prolonged illness. Mr. Elson was born in Markham 44 years ago, the only son of the late Allen B. Elson. The funeral was held on Tuesday and was largely attended by many friends. Rev. Dr. J. J. Sparling, pastor of the United Church, where Mr. Elson attended, conducted the service. He is survived by his widow and two aunts, Mrs. P. Robinson and Miss S. Elson. Interment took place in Thornhill cemetery.

##### LATE MRS. O. C. JAMES

Maud Ellen Helmky, beloved wife of Otto C. James, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Helmky passed away at her home here last Wednesday morning, after a brief illness. Mrs. James had been a resident of Thornhill for a number of years and was greatly loved by all who knew her. She was a true Christian and her passing is felt deeply by her many friends. She was a member of the Thornhill United Church and Women's Association and a life member of the Women's Missionary Society; also president of the Women's Institute. A private funeral was held last Friday Rev. J. J. Sparling and Rev. R. S. Tralick conducting the service. Interment took place in Thornhill cemetery.

##### LATE WM. NESS

The funeral took place Wednesday, February 19th, of Mr. Wm. Ness, sr., from the home of his son Howard to Carrville cemetery. Mr. Ness was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to Canada in 1875 at the age of twenty-one. He settled on a farm at Dollar in Markham township. He married, Miss Annie Grainger, of Carrville, who predeceased him twenty-eight years ago. From this union two sons were born, Edward of Willowdale and Howard of Thornhill. Some time afterwards he married Miss Florence Reaman, of Carrville, who with the two sons live to mourn his loss.

##### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Tom Muldoon, of Niagara Falls New York, an old resident of this vil-

lage, is visiting with Mrs. Seager and family, Centre Street.

Mrs. Flinloff, of Newmarket, spent the week-end with Mrs. A. Brillinger.

#### THORNHILL UNITED CHURCH

Rev. J. J. Sparling, D. D.

11 a. m.—Subject — "Uncirculating Coinage."

2:30 p. m.—Sunday School

7 p. m.—Zimmerman's Painting "Christ and the Fisherman," illustrated by lantern slides.

Monday evening 8.15 p. m.—Y. P. S.

#### Newtonbrook

Master Kenneth Riddell, of Steel's Corners, met with a very unpleasant accident last Friday evening. While delivering papers along Yonge Street, in a snow storm he was struck by an automobile. He was thrown to the ground and badly bruised but no bones were broken.

Mrs. A. W. Galbraith was called away last week to Hamilton. A nephew, coming into Hamilton with a load of hay, came into collision with a truck. He was thrown from his load, suffered a broken leg and other injuries and is now in Hamilton hospital.

Last Thursday evening the entertainment given in the Public School auditorium under the auspices of the United Sunday School was a great success. Miss Forrester, of Lansing, gave a delightful reading and was heartily encored. Miss Jean Milburn contributed a piano solo and Mr. Egerton Young a vocal solo. The young people of Fairbank excelled themselves in their rendering of the play, "Mary made some marmalade." The humorous title does not convey to the reader the depth, pathos and power of the play; all which are real and fine. The fun over the marmalade is incidental and just enough to gracefully balance the rich pathos and good moral of the play. Where all did so well it is hard to pick those who took their parts the best. Certainly the lady who took the part of the mother captivated many hearts, while Mary and her clever, determined sweetheart were warmly admired and heartily applauded. These clever young people have been asked to present the play in the city and no wonder. We wish them every success. They gave Newtonbrook people a real treat; and everyone present agreed with every word of praise expressed by the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. J. R. Smith, when he thanked the entertainers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hill entertained the members of the choir of the United Church, on Friday evening, at a Valentine party.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, who has served for some time as a missionary in Rhodesia, gave an illustrated address upon his experiences at the meeting of the Newtonbrook Young People's Society, last Monday evening. The informative address was very much appreciated. Miss Irene Kilford contributed an instrumental solo and Master James Cameron gave an Harmonica selection. Miss Bessie Brett presided. Next Monday evening will be Musical Night at the Newtonbrook Young People's and the meeting will be held in the body of the church. The young people of the Thornhill and Lansing societies are expected. A cordial invitation is extended to all the young people of the neighborhood to attend.

The Rev. A. E. Marshall, B. A., of Newmarket, preached in the United Church last Sunday morning.

Next Sunday morning, February 23, the Rev. T. R. White, of Temperanceville charge, will conduct the service in the United church.

There was a large and enthusiastic attendance at the February meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, which met on Tuesday afternoon at the Parsonage. Mrs. Soden gave a report of the annual meeting, recently held in Toronto. Mrs. D. H. Bales sang a delightful solo, "In the Garden." Mrs. Roy Stewardson, Mrs. Arnold Douglas, Mrs. Hill, Miss Hope and Mrs. Bellsmith also took part in the programme. Mrs. E. R. Young, presided.

Next Saturday afternoon, weather and roads being favorable, the annual Sunday school sleigh-ride will take place.

A petition circulating in North York for the continuance of radials on Yonge St. is being largely signed. It will be presented to North York township council and points out that the discontinuance of the radial would be a serious matter for residents and might bring disastrous results.

Richmond Hill Boy Scout troupe is well under way and already about thirty boys are enrolled. The troupe was organized and is under the direction of Rev. Marshall. We will hear more of this very worthy organization in the coming weeks.

We have not heard anything of the street numbering suggestion since the 1930 council took office.

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