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GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

A week from next Tuesday is Christmas.

During the past week we have been treated to some real winter weather. The thermometer has hovered round the zero mark and the old coal bin which maintained its proportions well during November has considerably shrunk.

Have you completed your Christmas shopping? If at the last minute you have forgotten someone remember a year's subscription to The Liberal will be an acceptable gift. Then, too, we take subscriptions for any magazine.

Collectors will probably visit you in the next few days appealing for funds for Richmond Hill annual Community Christmas. This event brings joy and gladness to hundreds of kids and is a worthy undertaking.

Surveyors are busy these days making a survey of Yonge Street between Richmond Hill and Steele's Corners. It is in preparation for the widening of this stretch of road which is now the bottle-neck of Yonge St. It may be undertaken next summer.

Last Thursday evening the Barnstormers made their debut in the entertainment world and presented a very enjoyable entertainment in the Masonic Hall under the auspices of the local Veterans. This organization, under the direction of L. W. Zuelfelt, provided a couple hours concert which was featured by funny skits and varied musical numbers which merited a larger attendance than was on hand. We hope to hear again from the Barnstormers.

A committee in charge of the Community Christmas Tree met Monday evening in the Municipal Building and made plans for the event. Chairman McLean and his willing workers have a lot of work to do but they do it cheerfully and it is hoped they will be given the hearty support of the public.

A half mile of pennies to provide Christmas Cheer for the needy of Markham township is the aim of a drive now under way by the Markham Workers' Association. Their aim is to see that no family in Markham township is without an ample supply of good things for Christmas. A great Community Tree will be held in Thornhill Christmas eve when the hampers will be distributed. Can you help along this good work?

The Richmond Hill Council has been assured the co-operation of the Ontario Department of Highways and Yonge Street through the village will be sanded in icy weather. This is good news for motorists and pedestrians who use Yonge Street.

You can't do your Christmas shopping early, but at least do it now.

Nomination day in Richmond Hill and surrounding municipalities will be held Monday, December 31st.

Mr. George Walwin of Richmond Hill Dairy has sent out a very attractive and useful calendar for 1935. The calendar is of attractive design and contains a wealth of useful information including many fine recipes which make it a very acceptable gift and popular with the housewives.

The daring adventure of a thief or thieves who entered homes in Whitechurch Township the past week or ten days is coming to light slowly. At Arthur Smith's home at Bloomington someone entered the home while the family slept, and helped themselves to boots and rubbers, then turned attention to the larder. The thief was particular, and while not adverse to carrying off a choice ham, he wouldn't have the fat, and simply cut it off, and carried away the lean. The nerve of some people is beyond comprehension.

How many feathers does the average chicken have? The question arose in a classroom of a high school. Students guessed from 10,000 to 100,000. One of the students settled it. He killed a chicken and counted the feathers. His count was 8,537.

Mayor of Winnipeg says the time is coming when the car driver who kills a man will become responsible for the care of his dependents. When that comes the married man with a

family should wear a tag so the auto drivers will know enough to leave him alone.

Give but little advice and applaud frequently if you would be popular.

Women are as delicate as watches, says a writer. Yes, and about as difficult to regulate.

The fact that fish cannot close their eyes is the only thing that keeps them from winking at some of the anglers.

Business, according to the analysis, is on the mend, but the small coins have not yet disappeared from the church collection plates.

And daughter is still a great little helper around the house. She keeps the most entrancing musical numbers on the radio while mother does the dishes and sweeps up.

Conductor: "Can't you see the sign says 'No Smoking'?"

Passenger: "Sure, mate, that's plain enough. But there's another daft sign that says 'Wear our Corsets,' so I ain't paying attention to any of them."

The personnel of the new committee named by the Ontario Government to complete the re-organization of the York County Children's Aid met in the county buildings in Toronto last week, and took tentative steps toward that end. The new society will have nearly 500 children as wards and will proceed to appoint a field staff to look after this large family.

The York County Children's Aid is financed by the County Council, last year to the extent of \$18,000. The organization hopes to obtain other assistance from those who are in a position to help such a worthy cause.

Since the dissolution of the former society because of inefficiency, the Ontario Department of Welfare has taken steps to bring about a new organization such as is now taking form. When completed the society will have about 24 members, but as a nucleus the Department named the following to move in the formation of the new organization.

Prof. E. D. McPhee, York Township; A. D. Bruce, Markham, Township; R. L. Stiver, Unionville; Scott McNair, Elgin Mills; P. W. Pearson, Newmarket; Douglas Webster, Weston; W. O'Brien, Toronto; V. B. MacLaren, Toronto; A. V. Nolan, Stouffville; Mrs. D. B. Sinclair, Toronto; Mrs. Howard Cane, Newmarket; Mrs. W. J. Noble, Mount Dennis; County Council Representatives: Dr. Cooke, Forest Hill; Reeve Johnson, Leaside; Deputy-Reeve Little, Newmarket.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

From Our Issue of Dec. 11th, 1884
School Board met in the High School on Dec. 9th. Members present: Messrs. Trench, Naughton, Patterson, Savage, Switzer, Boyle, Skeele McConaghy and Duncan. Minutes of last meeting read and on motion adopted. Moved by Mr. Trench, seconded by Mr. Naughton, that Mr. John Sanderson be appointed Returning Officer for the election of Trustees to fill vacancies. The report of the Managing Committee on stoves for Public Schools was concurred in. Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Boyle, that the petition of rate-payers for changing wood stoves in Public Schools to coal stoves be left in the hands of the Committee of Management. Amendment by Mr. Trench, seconded by Mr. Naughton, that the Committee of Management be instructed to take out wood stoves and replace them with coal stoves. The amendment was lost. It was decided that no advance be made to some of the school teachers' salaries for the year 1885. The meeting adjourned.

The first reunion of the season given by the Directors of the Mechanics Institute was held in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening last. Owing to weather conditions and other attractions the audience was not so large as could have been desired. Although some whose names were on the posters did not put in an appearance, a good program was well carried out by those who took part. The President, Mr. J. A. E. Switzer, opened the Reunion by a few appropriate

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