

District Mourns Passing of Distinguished Citizen

The district was shocked last Friday morning to learn of the passing of G. A. M. Davison following a short illness of about six days. Stricken with an attack of pneumonia the previous Saturday he fought a gallant fight against the dread disease but in spite of all that medical aid could do he passed away in the early hours of Friday, Feb. 8th.

The funeral was held on Sunday and was attended by a very large crowd, it being the largest funeral ever witnessed in this district. The hundreds who came from near and far to pay their last respects was a remarkable tribute to one of Unionville's best known sons and one who has been closely and actively identified with the life of this district during his lifetime.

The late George Arthur Moore Davison was in his sixty-second year having been born at Unionville Aug. 31st, 1873, the son of the late J. F. Davison and Eleanor Pingle Davison. Following his school days at Unionville Public School and Markham High School he took a course at a Hamilton Business College after which he returned to work in the general store of his father in Unionville. Later he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business with Mr. A. Canning and for a few years he worked as a commercial traveller for different firms. In the year 1907 he went to Oklahoma, U.S.A., and in the town of Avant carried on an extensive real estate business. Returning to Unionville in 1910 he took the business of his father and succeeded him as postmaster, a position which he held until the time of his death. Shortly after his return to his native town he became associated with the Ford Motor Company and was one of the earliest dealers of the company in the Toronto district and his association with this company continued throughout the remainder of his life. In the motor car business he was a singular success and was known throughout the country as one of the Ford organizations largest distributors. For the past sixteen years he has been issuer of motor licenses at Unionville. Thus, through his wide business activities, he came in contact with a great many people and earned for himself a reputation for square-dealing and he was regarded by all as a man of sterling character and integrity.

Although engaged in a big business which made stern demands on his time the late Mr. Davison took time from an active and busy life to be an exemplary citizen of the community and gave freely of his time, his energy, his ability for leadership, and his means, in promoting the welfare of the community and in supporting worth-while organizations and undertakings.

In the sporting and fraternal world his friends were legion. Possessed of a distinctive and pleasing personality he had the happy faculty of making friends. As so many have said since his passing "you couldn't help but like Art Davison." His presence everywhere radiated good-fellowship and in all his sporting activities whether on the curling rink the bowling green or in the show ring he typified good sportsmanship in its true sense and meaning. He was a genuine sportsman who played to win but was always the same genial sportsman whether in victory or defeat.

He was an enthusiastic member of the Masonic order and in 1912 was honored by his brother masons by election as District Deputy Grand Master, an office which he filled with credit and distinction. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite, Odd-fellows, Macabees, Chosen Friends, and L.O.L. No. 228 Unionville.

A keen lover of good horses the late Mr. Davison was known throughout Canada and United States as a breeder of Hackneys and his string of horses and ponies have won coveted trophies at the largest and most celebrated horse shows of the continent. His collection of ribbons and trophies were highly prized and treasured by him. His interest in horses naturally led him to an active interest in fairs and agricultural societies. For years he had been a director of the Markham Fair and was a past president of the Markham Society. He was also associated for a number of years with the Canadian National Exhibition and Royal Winter Fair. Last week he was elected president of the Standard Bred Horse Breeders Association.

The late Mr. Davison was widely known in municipal circles. Appointed clerk and treasurer of Markham township in 1918 he held the office until his death. During these long years of service to the municipality he won the confidence and respect of succeeding members of municipal councils and his advice and counsel on municipal affairs highly valued by those closely associated with the administration of the business of the



LATE G. A. M. DAVISON

municipality.

The funeral on Sunday was under Masonic auspices and leading members of the Craft from Toronto and surrounding district attended. Following a brief service at the family residence a service was conducted in St. Phillip's Anglican Church of which Mr. Davison was a devoted member. Rev. J. J. Robbins, the Rector, had charge of the service and he was assisted by Rev. G. I. B. Johnson and Rev. H. Rae. In paying tribute to the life of the late Mr. Davison, Rev. Robbins said that his epitaph might be written in two words "Good Fellowship." He remarked that the great gathering present to pay last respects was an indication that in the passing of Mr. Davison a great many had felt the loss of a friend. In his address he urged those who would follow after him to emulate his virtues.

Immediate members of the family who were mourners at the funeral were his widow, formerly Nancy Matilda Canning, daughter of the late John and Martha Canning, to whom he was married in 1895, Dr. C. R. and Mrs. Mackay of Unionville, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rae of Willowdale, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wyndham of Toronto, Mrs. Harold Young of Montreal, Davison MacKay, LeNora MacKay, Norman Davison of Kitchener, Betty Nancy and "Sonny" Rae, Miss Mina Sommerville, Mr. James Boa of Montreal, Miss Vera Weighill who was an assistant in Mr. Davison's office for over twenty years. In addition to his widow and four daughters the late Mr. Davison is survived by one sister, Mrs. Isaac Sherrick of Balcarras, Sask., and one brother Horace J. in England.

During the service the gathering sang two familiar hymns "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer my God to Thee." Rev. Johnson read the lesson and Rev. Rae led in prayer.

As the hundreds present at the service filed past the flower banked casket there was many an eye dimmed with tears and it was with heavy hearts the great throng wended their way to the Unionville Cemetery where interment took place.

The active pallbearers were members of Markham Union Lodge A.F. & A.M., Hector Patterson, William Young, R. L. Stiver, Edward Kirk, James Torrance and F. J. Pollard. The honorary pallbearers were Hon. George S. Henry, M.P.P., Rev. G. I. B. Johnson, Alex. MacGregor K.C., George B. Padget reeve of Markham Township, W. C. Gohn former reeve of Markham, A. J. H. Eckardt, G. I. Tamby, James Malcolm, George P. Little, Albert E. Glass, J. B. McLean, Clerk of Vaughan, Fred Jordan, Andrew Herron, W. J. Ness and J. F. Farr.

A great wealth of floral tributes was evidence of the widespread sorrow felt on the passing of Mr. Davison. In addition to sprays and wreaths from many friends the following organization sent flowers, Canadian National Exhibition Association, President, officers and members Ontario Curling Association, Directors of King Kirkland Gold Mines Ltd., Fort Motor Co. of Canada, Strathcona Curling Club, Ontario Horse Breeders Association, Guelph Winter Fair, St. Phillips Anglican Church, Unionville Lawn Bowling Club, Markham Township Council, Markham Fair Board, I.O.F. Council of Willing Workers, Scottish Rite Masons, Toronto, Markham Union Lodge A.F. & A.M., L.O.L. No. 228 Unionville, O.E.S. No. 155 Markham, Directors Royal Winter Fair, Standard Bred Horse Breeders Association, Canadian National Trotting Association, County Office Supply Co., Markham Township Employees, M. F. Hogg and staff, Unionville Public School Teachers and staff, Unionville Police Village Trustees, The Macabees, Markham Township Veterans Association, Canadian Hackney Horse Association, Unionville Curling Club.

In the passing of Art Davison his family has lost a devoted husband and father, Unionville and Markham Township and outstanding and public spirited citizen, the municipality a devoted official, the fraternal societies and sporting organizations with which he was associated one of their most popular members and scores of people throughout this district, a loyal and true friend. To know Art Davison was to like him. He dearly loved his fellow men and his kindly genial disposition reflected a keen interest in the welfare of others and a desire to live a useful life. His warmth of friendship and his high ideals of service match well the words of the poet who said: Let me live in a house by the side of the road, Where the race of men go by— The men who are good and the men who are bad, As good and as bad as I. I would not sit in the scorners seat. Or hurl the cynic's ban;— Let me live in a house by the side of the road, And be a friend to man.

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I see from my house by the side of the road, By the side of the highway of life. The men who press with the ardor of hope, The men who are faint with strife. And I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears— Both part of an infinite plan;— Let me live in my house by the side of the road, And be a friend to man.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road, Where the race of men go by— They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong, Wise, foolish—so am I. Then why should I sit in the scorners seat Or hurl a cynic's ban?— Let me live in my house by the side of the road, And be a friend to man.

Truly Art Davison in his lifetime was a "friend to man" and those privileged to know him will treasure through the years to come the memories of that association with him. In common with scores of others who knew him we feel very keenly that in his passing we have lost a friend. The Liberal joins with the people of this district in extending to the bereaved family sincerest sympathy in their great loss.

WEDDING

CLUBINE-POWELL

A very pretty wedding took place on Thursday last at the home of the bride's parents, 34 Wells St., Aurora, when Ruth Josephine Clubine became the wife of Charles Richard Powell. The house was tastefully decorated in pink and white, and the ceremony was conducted by Rev. A. C. Hoffman. Lohengrin's Bridal March was played by Miss Marjorie Andrews as the bride entered the room with her father who gave her in marriage. She looked lovely in a white gown and veil and carried a bouquet of sweetheart roses. The bride was attended by Miss Bertha St. John who wore a gown of pale Marina blue tulle and the groom, by his brother, Mr. Vernon Powell.

After the ceremony, forty guests enjoyed the delicious wedding supper. The toast to the bride was proposed by Mr. Hoffman who spoke very highly of Ruth, whom he has known as a neighbor ever since coming to Aurora.

The happy couple left on the evening train with a shower of confetti and the good wishes of all who knew them.

The High School Commencement has been postponed from March 1 and 2 to March 8 and 9.

HAD A LOOK

A woman had a parrot that was free to roam where it chose in the house. Polly was often in disgrace and had damaged some onions, which had been tied up in bunches to dry. For this she was caged and severely reprimanded by the owner, who said, in the course of her remarks: "If you do that again, Polly, I'll pull every feather off your head."

The following day the lady was called upon by the vicar who was bald. On being shown into the room, the parrot greeted him with: "Hello! Been at the onions?"

SIZING HIM UP

"Life is always changing," remarked the grocer philosophically, as he removed a piece of sugar from the sack that he weighed. "For instance," he said, "only a few years ago I was a pugilist."

"Yes," replied the customer, "a light-weight champion, I presume."

"Some men thirst after fame, some after love, and some after money."

"I know something they all thirst after."

"What's that?"

"Salted almonds."

Social and Personal

Reeve Greene was host to the members of Richmond Hill council at dinner at his home Wednesday evening.

A large audience is expected for the presentation of "Nothing but the Truth" at the High School Gymnasium Friday and Saturday evening by the Richmond Hill Dramatic Club.

Mr. James Langstaff, who suffered injuries to his knee while skiing this week, is progressing very favorably.

Mrs. A. E. Phillips of Elgin Mills spent Monday and Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. West of Toronto.

Miss B. Brethour of the local Post Office spent the week-end at her home at Sunderland.

The many friends of Mr. George Harding regret that he was taken seriously ill on Wednesday but his condition this morning was reported to be somewhat improved.

Plan to attend the Euchre held in the Masonic Hall on Friday, Feb. 22nd, under the auspices of Empire L.O.B.A. 894.

Mr. G. Yerex and Mr. R. Paris attended the DeForrest radio banquet at the Royal York Wednesday evening.

The Richmond Hill Young People's Council met at the home of the President, Mr. Lewis Sims, on Tuesday evening. March 23rd was the date selected for the second annual Dramatic Contest which will be held in the Masonic Hall with Mr. Harry Sayers as Conventor.

W.I. RELIEF COMMITTEE

The Relief Committee of the Women's Institute report clothing on hand for distribution to anyone in need. Apply to Mrs. C. Patrick, 44 Centre Street W., telephone 215; Mrs. A. L. Phipps, 68 Richmond Street, telephone 13; or Mrs. Moors, telephone 1-r-3.

ANNUAL SUPPER

Our annual supper will be served in the United Church Sunday School Room on Tuesday, Feb. 19th, from 5 to 7. Proceeds in aid of the Floral Fund. Admission 25c. Floral Committee.

CARD OF THANKS

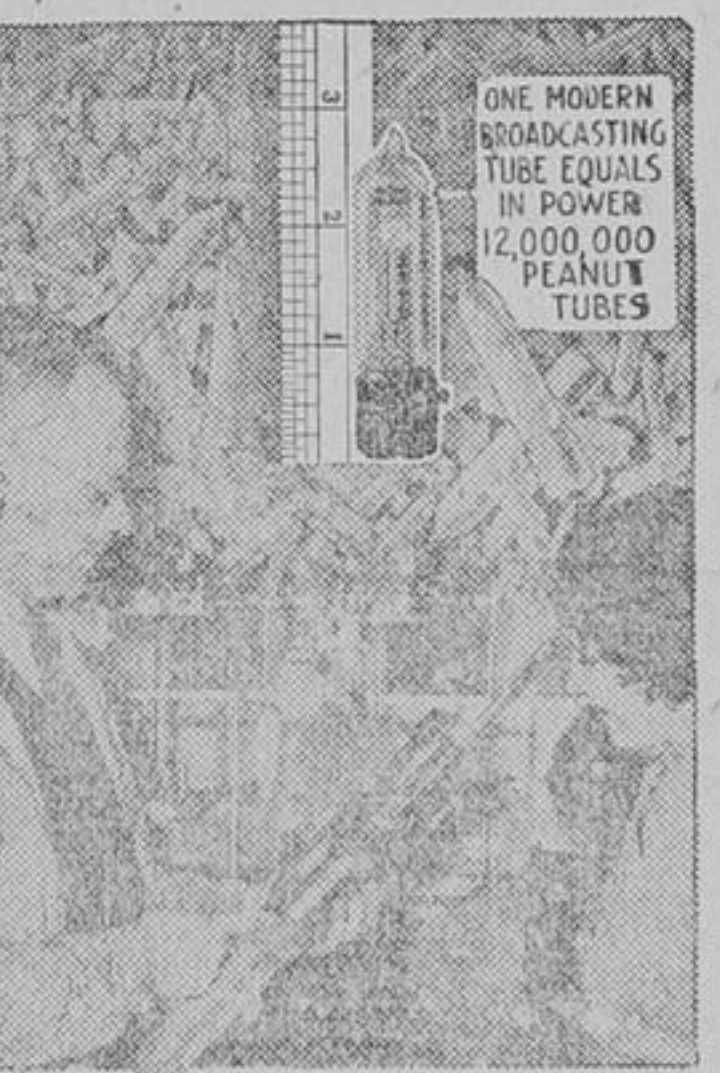
Owing to the recent death of their aunt, Miss Ellen McGowan Kirkland, Mrs. Harry Dawn and family of York Mills, Ont., wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to their friends of Richmond Hill and district for their kind expressions of sympathy and many floral tributes.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Forrest Bishop wishes to thank the Gore Fire Insurance Company through their agents, Messrs. J. T. Saigeon and Son, for their prompt settlement of his recent fire loss. A settlement was made within nine days of the loss.

GALT COAL—Classed among the best Alberta coals and selling at the price of an ordinary grade. Jones Coal Company, Richmond Hill, telephone 188.

Thirteen Years of Progress



ON the third of February, 1922, the first three-element vacuum tube made in Canada was manufactured in the Montreal Plant of the Northern Electric Company, Limited. This was a repeater tube for telephone use, and was followed in May by the "Peanut", the radio receiving tube known from coast to coast, and beyond, as the "Necromantic Bottle of the Age". Today, one hundred and forty standardized types of radio vacuum tubes are manufactured in Canada, not to mention those used for telephone communication and other purposes.

Above, the peanut tube is shown beside a tube for comparison. The bottom picture shows H. A. Robinson, Northern Electric Radio Engineer, showing to a fair visitor one of the new 35,000 watt water cooled transmitting tubes used in Canada's newest and most powerful Broadcasting Station CKY in Winnipeg. This tube equals the combined output of more than 12,000,000 peanut tubes; which serves to illustrate the gigantic steps which science has made in the past thirteen years.

ROBERTSON LODGE EUCHRE AND DANCE

Euchre and Dance, under the auspices of Robertson Masonic Lodge, King City, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 21st, at 8 p.m. Good prizes. Lunch served. Everybody welcome.

EUCHRE

Empire L.O.B.A. 894 are holding a Euchre in the Masonic Hall, Richmond Hill, on Friday, Feb. 22nd, at 8 p.m. Good prizes, refreshments served. Admission 25c. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

SEE "NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH" AT THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS OF THIS WEEK.

VIMY RIDGE PILGRIMAGE

Dedication of the colossal war memorial, erected to the glory and honour of the men who fell in Canada's wartime effort in France, will take place on Vimy Ridge on July 1st, 1936. With the approval and co-operation of the Dominion and Provincial authorities, the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League is organizing and sponsoring a National Pilgrimage to Vimy and the Battlefields for Canadian and Imperial ex-service men and women and immediate relatives of those who served.

The Cunard White Star Line and Canadian Pacific Steamships will operate special sailings direct to French ports and, in view of the patriotic and sentimental nature of the Pilgrimage, these Companies have authorized special low fares. The Canadian railways will also authorize reduced fares, details of which will be announced later.

Descriptive literature may be obtained from C.N.R. Agent, Richmond Hill.

JANUARY'S WEATHER COLDER THAN USUAL Had More Rain, Less Snow and Less Sunshine Than Normal

Weather records for January, issued by the Dominion Meteorological Bureau, indicate that the month was 1.1 degree colder than normal, with .69 of an inch more than the usual. There were, too, eleven completely clouded days and the sunshine for the month was seven hours less than normal.

The mean temperature for the month was 20.8 and temperatures ranged from 11.2 below zero on the 27th to 45.6 above on the 7th.

Rainfall totalled 1.83 inches and snowfall 11.3. The heaviest snowfall was 3.6 inches on the 13th and the heaviest rainfall 1.37 on the 8th.

There were 71 hours of sunshine, the sunniest day being the 29th, with seven hours and 42 minutes.

January, 1924 and 1896, with only 45 hours each of sunshine, are the dullest Januaries on record here. The brightest January was in 1921, with 112 hours of sunshine.

CAUGHT!

From the Trenton Courier-Advocate Following the receipt of a particularly nasty letter which had been mailed on a Sunday, we had a good suspicion of the identity of the writer. Meeting the suspect on the street on Monday afternoon, we approached her and said: "Next time you mail me a letter you better put a stamp on it." "I did put a stamp on it," she blurted.

EUCHRE AND DANCE

A Euchre and Dance, under the auspices of the Vaughan Workers Association, will be held in Richvale School on Wednesday evening, Feb. 20th. Good prizes, lunch provided. Music for dancing by Royal Arcadian Orchestra of Toronto. Euchre starts at 8.30 sharp. Admission 25c.

Letters From The People

WANTS THE TOWN BELL RUNG Editor, The Liberal, Sir:—

Alas, alas, the old town aint what she used to be. And all because our town fathers in a moment of weakness decided to stop ringing the town bell. I think, Mr. Editor, if the members of our council had such radical moves in mind they should have come out boldly like men at the first of January and told us what their platform for the year was to be and I for one am sure there would not have been any acclamations. On the contrary I doubt if any of our present council could be elected on a platform which called for the silencing of the town bell.

I have yet to hear one logical argument in favor of the move. If our former caretaker, a man well up in years could do the job in addition to all his other duties then surely the new man who is much younger could have carried the burden of the job without much extra effort.

The people of Richmond Hill do miss the ringing of the town bell. It's not just imagination, and we will not soon forget about it, at least I know many who will not, and unless the members reconsider this matter I know curfew will ring for them with sad and solemn notes next January.

I hope the members of council will be good enough to admit they did not give this matter much consideration and on second thought will restore this convenience and treasured custom to our people.

BELL HOPE

NOTE—We have received a number of communications on this subject but owing to lack of space we print only the above letter which is similar in sentiment to the other three received. (Editor).

Editor, The Liberal, Sir:—

At the joint meeting of candidates for council, held at Thornhill, Saturday, Jan. 5th, I made the public statement that the Vaughan Council had distributed clothes to those on relief, and that no receipt was taken from those who received the clothes.

Another lady denied this and stated that she had helped to distribute the clothes and that clothes which she handed out were signed for.

I notice from the report of the last council meeting, as reported in the Liberal that Constable Ireland admits that no receipts were signed for the clothes. This indicates who was telling the truth at the Thornhill meeting.

MRS. PERCY SPARKS, Richvale, P.O.

Editor, The Liberal, Sir:—

You will notice in the Feb. 7 issue of the Liberal that Vaughan Municipal Council will attend a two day Good Road's Association convention in Toronto this month, and that W. O. McDonald will give a paper at the convention on the subject "Planning and Estimating the Year's Work."

This trip to Toronto will cost the Township \$48.00. The council complain about spending a few dollars on lumber to put up a shack to protect the men in bad weather and noon heat.

By spending \$48.00 on lumber, the government pays two-thirds of cost. Would consider it more beneficial to all concerned, if council took less trips to Toronto, and would get Mr. McDonald to read his paper at next council meeting, the subject to be "Planning and Estimating."

J. P. SPARKS, Pres. Vaughan Workers Assn.

Royal Theatre, AURORA

Two Shows Daily — 7.30 & 9.30 — Sat. Matinee 2.00 p.m.

TO-DAY — THURSDAY, FEB. 14

PAT PATTERSON — NILES ASTHER

LOVE TIME

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEB. 15-16

Tom Keene in "Cheyenne Kid"

— also — MIRIAM HOPKINS — JOEL McRAE

The Richest Girl in the World

MONDAY & TUESDAY, FEB. 18-19

WM. POWELL — MYRNA LOY

EVELYN PRENTICE

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, FEB. 20-21

JOAN CRAWFORD — in "CHAINED" CLARKE GABLE