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### General News & Views

Markham Village electors surely must lack in chivalry. A lady was a candidate for election to the Board of Education in the recent election and was snowed under in an avalanche of ballots. The fair candidate polled only 50 votes compared to 221 for the gentleman who headed the poll for re-election.

Rev. George M. Dix, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Aurora, concluded his ministry in that church last Sunday evening, having accepted a call to Truro, Nova Scotia. Rev. Dix was the unsuccessful Stevens candidate in the last Federal election in North York and is a native of the Woodbridge district.

Some 27 schools in Ontario having an attendance of less than eight have been closed by the Department of Education.

January 18th has been set as the last day of grace for securing 1937 motor licenses.

The Town of Newmarket will save \$2,942.00 annually as a result of the Hepburn government legislation by which the province assumes the municipalities share of Old Age Pensions and Mothers' Allowances.

Thirty-one Newmarket citizens took part in a drive on Jack Rabbits on New Year's Day and as a result of their efforts eighteen "speedy jacks" bit the dust.

Stanley Osborne was elected Reeve of East Gwillimbury this year with a majority of one vote. There will be a recount.

1936 was the biggest building year in the history of North York township.

York County farmers welcomed the heavy rainfall of last week-end as it replenished the water supply in the wells.

David Church, a member of Orillia Board of Education unsuccessfully sponsored a resolution to abolish homework in Orillia schools just before the close of the old year. In the New Year election he polled the largest number of votes accorded any municipal candidate in that town. He stated that he accepted the large vote as an endorsement of his stand against homework.

### VELLORE

The Vellore Euchre Club met last Monday evening when nine tables were played. The prize winners for the evening were as follows: Ladies, 1st, Mrs. J. Brownlee; 2nd, Mrs. A. Cameron; 3rd, Mrs. W. Crane and Consolation won by Mrs. A. L. McNeil. Gents, 1st, Mr. Art Foster; 2nd, Mr. Geo. Brownlee; 3rd, Mr. Laurence Foster and Consolation won by Eldon Fierheller. After this a social half hour was spent while lunch was served by the committee in charge.

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. J. A. McNeil. The president, Mrs. C. H. Rutherford, gave a short talk on the motto, "A Man's a Man for a' That." The roll call was responded to by a Scotch joke. Miss E. Farr gave a paper on New Year's Resolutions. Mrs. J. Brownlee read a paper on "Woman." Mrs. L. Weldrick conducted a Cake Contest which was won by Mrs. Crane and Mrs. Stephenson. Mrs. Crab gave a demonstration on the making of marmalade and doughnuts. Miss C. Brownlee put on a contest of Scotch songs which was won by Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. J. Murray. Current Events were given by Mrs. C. H. Rutherford. The meeting was closed by singing God Save the King after which lunch was served by the hostess and committee.

The Vellore Old Boys are holding their annual dance at Vellore on Friday evening, January 22. Dancing and Euchre to commence at 8 o'clock. Catania's Orchestra will provide the music and E. Evans, Floor Manager. Lunch will be provided.

Misses Clara Phillips, Sara McNeil and Catherine Brownlee attended the Community Life Conference held at Pickering College in Newmarket and report a very profitable time.

The members of St. Paul's Presbyterian church entertained the Sunday School to a Supper and Social evening on Friday of last week.

Election year always restores our faith in humanity. It's so encouraging to see big men loving the farmers.

You can't sell a philosopher anything. He knows a shiny new car will look just like his old one when it gets equally dirty.

### WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

#### FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of January 14, 1897  
On Saturday afternoon last, the 9th inst., a curling match was played by rinks chosen by the President and the Vice-President of the Thornhill Curling Club. After a spirited contest the match resulted in favor of the President's side by 3 shots. The following are the players who took part: Pres., J. Morgan, Dr. Nelles, Rev. Pearson, Joseph Cox, Thomas Hughes, R. Thompson, S. Dunn; Vice-Pres., R. Clark, Dr. Gallanough, Rev. Morgan, Robt. Cox, H. Harper, H. Smith, James Ward.

#### A Trip to Richmond Hill

What to thousands of Toronto citizens has been an unexplored territory will no doubt be opened up by means of the new extension of the Metropolitan Street Railway during the coming summer. The trip, under existing circumstances, may not be all that might be desired, but the grand weather of Saturday went for to create a very favorable impression of what might be expected when the entire journey can be covered by the trolley. Leaving the C. P. R. crossing, Yonge Street, at 9.45, a rapid passage through Deer Park and the town of North Toronto lands one at the summit of York Mills hill. Here an excellent view of a gorge of peculiar grandeur is spread out to view, the creek below made solid by winter's chilly grasp, dwellings of many descriptions dotted here and there throughout the valley and nestled cozily on a prominence at the other side of the ravine the pretty little English Church of St. John's. A transfer is here made to Thompson's bus, which has for so many years plied between the city and Richmond Hill, but the end of whose days is now in sight. Seated on the front, with the driver, behind a good span of horses, little time is lost in reaching the other side of the hollow. We are now rustling through a country for some miles as level as a plateau, with fine farm houses and well tilled lands on either side. The many styles and forms of architecture for some distance are probably the most attractive pictures—here a neat, small frame dwelling and on the other side a fine facsimile of an English castle, allowed to become dilapidated perhaps the more to imitate its original. Engaged in thus contrasting, we pass through the Villages of Lansing, Willowdale and Newtonbrook, and having but faint impression where one ends and the other commences, and reach the brow of the ascent into Thornhill. The view from here is probably bolder and of larger expanse than that at York Mills, and the impression created by the pretty dwellings and surroundings in passing through the Village is that of a successful and happy community. A stiff climb is necessary for the horses to get out of the Village, and from this out to Richmond Hill the grade is gradually north. Between the last two villages one cannot help noting the many handsome farm residences, equalling, if not excelling, many of moment in the city. As the stage is drawn up to the Palmer House, in the centre of this busy little community, one cannot help thinking that with electric cars running Richmond Hill will assume more the character of a suburb of Toronto than an outlying country Village.—World.

#### THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of January 10, 1907  
The barn and contents of Mr. Robert Monkman, 5th con. Markham, near Buttonville, were destroyed by fire Monday. The origin of the fire seems to be a mystery.  
Mr. George H. Pingle died at his home near Unionville on Sunday last in his 71st year. Deceased leaves a widow, a son and five daughters. He was a brother of Mr. Alex Pingle, ex-County Councillor.  
Mr. Jonathan Brillinger, lot 46, 1st con. Markham, near this Village has shown us a sample of Northern Spy apples grown in his orchard in 1905. The proprietor evidently understands not only how to grow good apples, but also how to preserve them.  
Last Friday evening a surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones of Elgin Mills, where about fifty of their friends gathered from Toronto, Grand Valley, Jefferson, Teston and Richmond Hill, and spent a pleasant time. Lunch, with all the delicacies of the season, was served at 12 o'clock. Interest-

ing games and amusements were indulged in, and all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

#### MRS. H. A. MULLINS


Mrs. Annie Mullins, wife of Senator Harry Mullins of Winnipeg died at Santa Monica, Cal., on January 1st. Her maiden name was Annie Langrill and was born in North Toronto in 1861. She was a daughter of Frank Langrill.

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