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General News & Views

At an auction sale north of Stouffville last week a 29 year old horse sold for \$72.00. A seed drill purchased second hand 35 years ago for \$35.00 sold at the same sale for \$25.

Charles Billbrough has been elected president of the Aurora Bowling Club.

To mark the completion of 45 years as a member of the Aurora United Church choir W. J. Bassett was recently presented with a hymnary.

In Chicago, Charles A. Johnson, 64, was awarded a divorce after 35 years of married life, explained that for the last 15 his wife had habitually called him "Skunk."

A price of \$1.75 per bag to farmers for potatoes is reported in the Stouffville district.

Kindness is a language the dumb can speak, and the deaf can hear and understand.

If your foot slips you can recover your balance; if your tongue slips you cannot recall your words.—Kitchen Record.

"Any woman can train herself to move slowly and gracefully." Except when the 'phone rings. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

Former head of the Canadian Radio Commission, Hector Charlesworth, is returning to journalism, another proof that the pen is mightier than the "mike."

"If Candlemas Day be dry and fair,
The half o' winter's to come and mair;
If Candlemas Day be wet and fowl,
The half o' winter's gone at Yule."

Local legend is that Britain will hold Gibraltar only until the last of the wild apes of the Rock dies. To impress superstitious Spaniards, the British Government feeds, breeds, guards the apes, makes it illegal to harm them. When the troop dwindled to two age-withered females a few years ago, Rock officials imported new ape blood. Ape population is now twelve.

If you were asked who is the richest man in the world you would probably say Henry Ford or Jno. D. Rockefeller. But listen to this from Scribner's Magazine: "The Nizam of Hyderabad is by far the wealthiest man on earth. By the universal reckoning the Nizam is worth at least one billion dollars. He has 800 tons of gold stored up in the strong room of his palace—more gold than the Bank of England holds today. The stoop-shouldered, collee-colored master of 13,000,000 lives has so many diamonds, rubies, emeralds and pearls that he could use shovels to take them from the bins where they are stored."

It may come as a surprise to the reader to learn from an Ottawa statement that the production of horse-drawn vehicles in this country is still valued at over a million dollars a year. The horse lover still demands sulkies and light rigs for trotting races and horse shows; business still calls for delivery wagons of certain types; while the farmer and lumberman continue to use heavy wagons and sleighs.

Five years ago, Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin declared: "When I conceive a matter to be one of principle, I feel I would rather go to the stake than give way. It sometimes brings me into trouble, and has brought my friends into trouble, but I am afraid that characteristic will remain with me as long as I live." That is why they call him, 'Honest Stanley,' because whether they agree with him or not, they always think he is standing for his principles.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of Feb. 4th, 1897
The citizens of this Village, and all along Yonge Street will be glad to know that the Metropolitan Railway Company have employed Mr. R. Thompson, late of Thompson's bus line, to look after their parcels and all kinds of freight to or from the city. There has been considerable trouble and annoyance during the past few weeks over parcel delivery, but now that Mr. Thompson has been engaged those entrusting him with parcels may expect prompt delivery. He will leave here by first car every morning.

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier accompanied by Hon. Wm. Mulock and other prominent Liberals, passed by Richmond Hill station on Monday morning en route for Orillia and other northern towns where they addressed meetings in favor of Mr. H. H. Cook for North Ontario.

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday. Members present: Messrs. Storey, Newton, McConaghy, McDonald, Boyle, Lynett, Harrison, Clubine, Switzer and Dr. Hutchison. As this was the annual meeting, the Secretary announced the business, the first being to appoint a chairman for the year. The following officers were then appointed: Chairman, M. Naughton; Sec.-Treas., J. Switzer; Committee of Management, Messrs. Newton Storey and Boyle. An account for seats and desks for the High School from the Novelty Company, Newmarket, amounting to \$177 was, on motion, ordered paid. The minutes of last meeting showed that the Secretary had been instructed to deposit the \$2000 cheque, received for insurance, in the Bank of Commerce. A resolution of condolence to the bereaved family was unanimously carried relative to the death of Mr. W. H. Glass, late chairman of the Board. Mr. Harrison reported to the Board relative to available sites for the new High School. Those referred to were the old site, the park, the Arnold property, Richardson farm, Stockdale's and Ambler's. The members of the Board thought the park would be likely selected, and several advantages and disadvantages in their opinion were referred to. It was finally resolved that the Reeve be requested to call a public meeting of the ratepayers so that the wishes of the people in the selection of a site can be obtained. On motion the Secretary was instructed to have the new High School desks, etc., insured to the amount of \$200.

On Saturday afternoon last two trunks from here went to Thornhill to play a friendly game which had been talked of for some time. All the players from here were young men who have not been in the habit of playing matches, but by the manner in which they acquitted themselves on Saturday, we think they would do no discredit to the club if they represent it in all matches. The game was won by Richmond Hill by four points. After the match the visitors were entertained to supper at Hughes Hotel.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of January 31, 1907
The York County Council Old Boys' Association was formed at a meeting at the Clyde Hotel on Tuesday evening of last week. The officers elected are: President, W. H. Johnston; Vice-Presidents, W. J. Hill, W. H. Pugsley, H. Duncan; Treasurer, John Ramsden; Secretary, W. H. Hall. These together with J. D. Evans and C. E. Lundy were appointed to draft a constitution.

An enjoyable evening was spent in Forester's Hall on Friday evening last, when Court Richmond No. 7046, A.O.F. had for their guests the local camp of the Sons of Scotland. Mr. H. A. Nicholls was in his happiest mood as chairman, and on behalf of Court Richmond welcomed the visiting brethren in well chosen words. After an hour spent in various kinds of games and amusements the meeting was called to order, and an interesting programme was well carried out. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to Bro. Wm. Gibson, who is leaving the Village for British Columbia, of a Forester's Pin; another pin with appropriate emblems by the S.O.S. and a Book of Praise on behalf of the Presbyterian Church Board. The presentation on behalf of his brother Foresters was made by Bro. T. H. Trench, Bro. T. Newton presented the

gift from the S.O.S., and Bro. Brydon on behalf of the church. Bro. Gibson responded in a few appropriate remarks thanking his friends for their remembrance. Before closing a vote of thanks by Messrs. Newton and Cowie was tendered the A.O.F. for the hospitality extended the visiting brethren.


BEFORE AND AFTER

Before I married Maggie dear
I was her pumpkin pie,
Her precious peach, her honey lamb
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