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### General News & Views

Tomorrow is Friday the 13th.

Richmond Hill Fair, Tuesday, May 24th.

According to the famous "Tommy", Church everyone has now been mentioned as a successor to Hon. R. B. Bennett except Ghandi and Charlie McCarthy.

Invite your friends to Richmond Hill for Victoria Day.

A wild-eyed suggestion which came out of Toronto this week was that Victoria Day be celebrated on Monday. However we are glad to say the suggestion was decisively squelched.

Correct this sentence: A Richmond Hill by-law forbids dogs running at large and all dogs have been tied up.

Up in Cobalt the tax rate for 1938 has been struck at 90 mills.

500 bags of carrots were shipped from Stoffville last week. Their destination was England.

Aurora town council voted \$150 to be spent in providing some suitable recognition for Aurora Jubilee junior O.H.A. team.

According to the new 1938 assessment rolls the population of Markham village is 1153, and the total assessment \$544,717.00.

Reports from Western Canada state crop prospects are excellent. There has been an abundance of moisture. Our Western cousins deserve a break.

Markham village will adopt daylight saving time May 22nd to September 10th.

The speed with which events move in Europe suggests that a climax in international affairs is not too far distant.

There will be a provincial election in Saskatchewan in June. Opposing the present Liberal government will be Conservative, C.C.F. and Social Credit candidates.

A proposal to add five new rooms and an auditorium to Markham High School at an estimated cost of \$55,000, of which the village's share would be approximately \$18,000, was turned down by the village council for this year.

A total of 3,339,900 sheep on Canadian farms as at December 1, 1937, was an increase of 48,300 over the number at the corresponding date in 1936. There was also an increase of 300,000 in the number of sheep on farms in the United States, bringing the total in that country up to 52,900,000.

As a means of increasing employment in Orillia and at the same time provide a remedy for the shortage of homes, the Orillia Board of Trade is taking steps to obtain Government approval of a proposal to guarantee a fixed tax rate of thirty mills for a period of five years for all new buildings in Orillia.

For the third year in succession, average values of occupied farm lands in Canada are estimated at \$24 per acre. Farm land values have been declining since 1928 when they were reported at \$38 per acre. A low point of \$23 per acre was reached in 1934 and an increase to \$24 occurred in 1935, since when the values have remained at that figure.

Spokesmen for the provinces in placing their views before the Rowell Commission show a great desire for increased provincial taxing power, but have nothing to say as to the urgent need of reducing the amount of their own expenditures. Their sole idea appears to be to get more money to spend.

Compulsory disbandment, as in the case of the Boy Scouts of Germany, Italy and Russia, is now faced by the Boy Scouts of Austria, as a result of the absorption of that country by Hitler. Dictators have no use for youth organizations whose principles include international friendship. The world Scout census of 1937 gave Austria 10,466 Scouts and leaders.

### WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

#### FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of May 12th, 1898  
Wheat sold in the Toronto market this week as high as \$1.15, and in Chicago \$1.75 a bushel was paid. These are the highest prices paid for many years.

The Edgeley Bicycle Club recently formed, wheeled to Richmond Hill last Sunday, had dinner at the Dominion House, and attended service in the Church of England in the afternoon.

Flags throughout Ontario will fly on the Public Schools on Wednesday next, the 18th of May, in honor of the landing of the United Empire Loyalists who arrived in this country on the 18th of May, 1783. No doubt the flag on the High School will be run up on that occasion.

The work of cheese making in Maple is being carried on vigorously at present. Many of the farmers around are sending their milk in to the factory.

#### Our Fair 1898

Coloured posters are being circulated announcing the annual Spring Fair of the Richmond Hill and Yonge Street Agricultural Society to be held here on the Queen's Birthday. The day's programme will open with a football tournament at 11 a.m., open to all teams, for which a prize of \$16.50 will be given. At 1 o'clock a lacrosse match between two good teams will take place, to be followed by a 2.30 and a 3 minute trot or pace, farmers trot, running race, bicycle race, stilt race, foot races, sack races, etc. Programmes will be distributed in a few days showing the numbers to be given at the concert in the evening. A first-class bill of fare may be looked forward to.

There was a good turnout at the first fire practice of the season on Monday evening, few of the members being absent. The engine, hook-and-ladder, and other apparatus were taken down to the tank opposite the Fire Proof. The engine worked first-class and the hose was found to be in good condition. At the business meeting held after the practice Mr. Charles Johnston was added to the list of members.

The concrete store and residence is being nicely painted this week by the master hand of Mr. W. Hewison. The colors are green, cream and terra cotta.

Arbor Day was not observed this year as has formerly been the custom, but a large number of trees principally maples, have been planted this week in the Park and other places where needed.

#### THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of May 7th, 1908  
The Directors of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society have decided to enter the Field Competition this year, and the grain chosen is oats. All members are eligible to compete. For other rules and regulations apply to the secretary. The prizes are \$15, \$12, \$10, \$8 and \$5.

A call at the Richmond Hill Creamery shows that that institution maintains its clean and tidy appearance. The building has been painted, it has undergone the usual spring white-washing, and a new smoke stack has been erected. The clean manner in which Manager Lynett keeps the place makes it a pleasure to visit that industry.

Dr. J. I. Cassidy has disposed of his practice to Dr. John Wilkinson of Toronto, formerly in practice at Woodbridge. Dr. Cassidy decided to give up practice for at least six months owing to poor health. Dr. Wilkinson comes highly recommended as a gentleman with wide experience as a medical practitioner and is well and favorably known throughout Vaughan Township. He was raised in Markham Township near Unionville, and was recently married to Miss Stong who formerly resided near Woodbridge.

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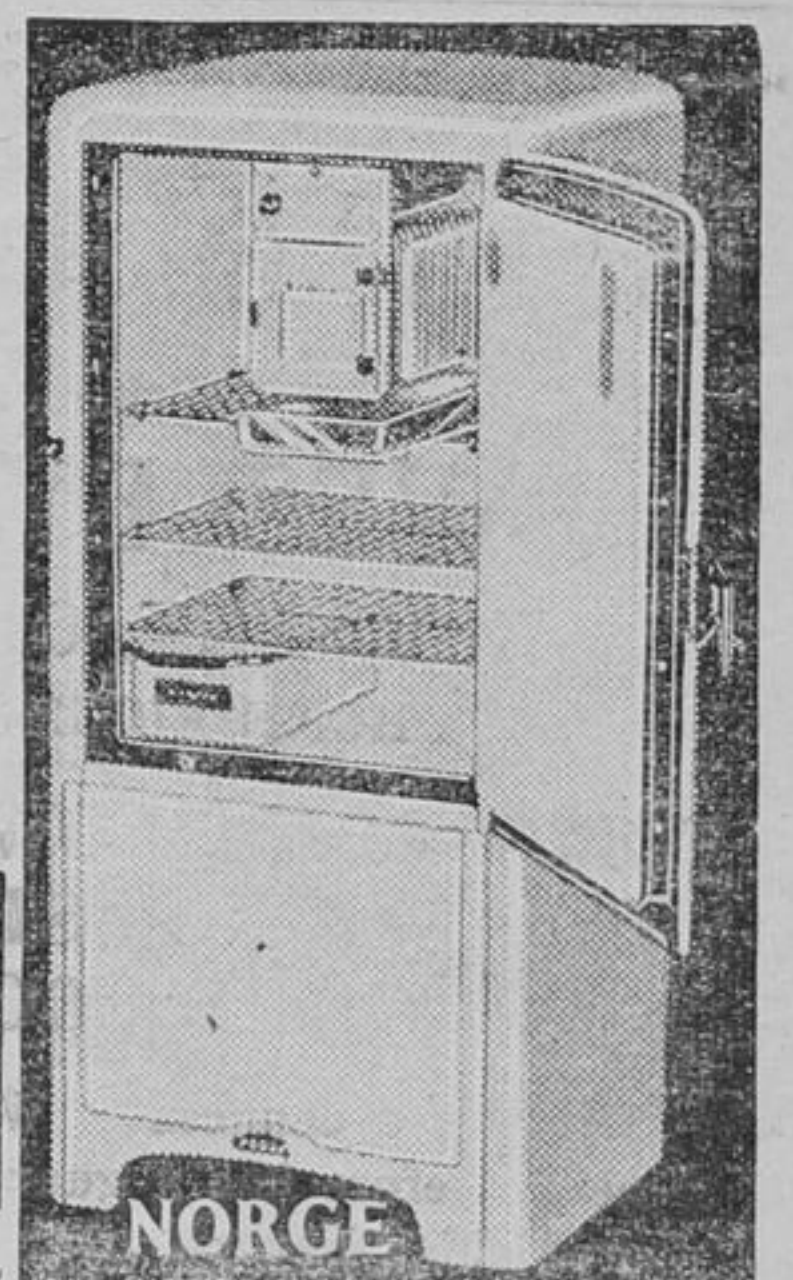
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