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FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of January 26, 1899
Two rinks went to Thornhill Saturday afternoon to play a friendly match with the curlers of that place. After a sharp contest the game ended in a tie. The following are the players and scores made in the match: Richmond Hill, A. E. Coombs, P. G. Savage, W. H. Pugsley, H. A. Nicholls, skip, 18; Thornhill, J. Drury, H. Ward, R. Clark, F. J. Gallanough, skip, 14. Second rink—Richmond Hill, J. H. Sanderson, A. Moodie, W. T. Storey, M. Boyle, skip, 8; Thornhill, H. Harper, T. Hughes, Dr. Nelles, J. Morgan, skip, 12.

A very fast and exciting game of hockey was played on Thursday evening last between the Massey-Harris team and Richmond Hill in which the visitors were successful in defeating the home team by 10 goals to 5. A game has been arranged with the Crawford Hockey Club of Toronto.

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meeting of the Vaughan Sabbath School Institute was held in the Lutheran Church, Sherwood, on Thursday and Friday of last week. The programme as advertised was carried out almost to the letter. Before adjourning it was decided to have next year's convention at Pine Grove. The following are the officers elected for the current year: President, Mrs. Wm. Cook, Carrville; 1st Vice-President, Mr. J. Williams, Edgeley; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. Thos. Hutchinson, Pine Grove; Cor. Sec., Mr. Isaac Devins, Kleinburg; Minute Sec., Mr. J. H. Keffer, Sherwood; Treasurer, Mr. Frank Keffer, Sherwood.

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Kinnee took place at Maple on Monday afternoon and was largely attended. After the interment a service was held in the church conducted by Rev. J. W. Stewart. Rev. A. J. Toye, a former pastor, took part in the services.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of January 21, 1909
There was a good crowd and a good time at the Hockey and Skating Carnival in the rink last evening. Harbord Collegiate Institute won the match from the home team by a score of 3 to 2. A quintette from the Newmarket Band furnished good music and lots of it.

Two rinks of the Curling Club went to the city on Wednesday and took part in the competition for the Ontario Tankard. They were defeated by the Torontos in their first game by 25 shots. Our players could scarcely have expected to win the trophy as the players had only been selected a day or two before the matches and consequently had practically no time to practice together.

Baker-Reaman

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Reaman, Carrville, on Thursday, January 14, when their daughter, Lucy Ethel, was united in marriage to Mr. Ernest A. Baker of St. Claude, Man., formerly of Carrville, son of James Baker of Moorwood Farm. The bride entered the parlor on the arm of her father, wearing a princess gown of white embroidered mull and carrying a bouquet of pink American Beauty roses and maiden hair fern. She was attended by her sister, Miss Pearl Reaman. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Will Baker. After the ceremony was performed by Rev. Philip Jones of Maple the guests partook of the wedding breakfast, after which Mr. and Mrs. Baker left on the 7.40 car for Toronto, amid showers of rice and good wishes of their many friends. They left for their future home at St. Claude on Saturday the 16th. The guests included Rev. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. James Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tyndall of Richmond Hill, Mr. and Mrs. John Prentice of Unionville, Mr. and Mrs. Coombs of Maple, Miss Nita and Mr. Sidney Baker of Carrville, Miss Ethel Patterson of Carrville, Mr. Edgar Bowes of Concord, Kenneth Campbell and Misses Nellie and Estelle Campbell of Carrville.

At the annual Trustee Board meeting of the Victoria Square church last week it was decided to follow a large scheme of improvements on the church graveyards and shed accommodation. The burying ground will be enlarged considerably.

Mrs. Wm. Knight has disposed of her dwelling house and shop at Maple to Mr. W. O. McDonald of Purpleville.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From our Issue of January 24, 1924
Mr. Robert Johnston, sporting editor of The Liberal Staff, returned Saturday evening after a very pleasant week spent with relatives in Huron County after an absence of thirty years.

Mrs. P. C. Hill, life member of the Canadian Red Cross, attended the annual meeting of the Ontario branch, which was held at Government House on Monday, January 21st, at the invitation of the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Cockshutt.

Although Monday was extremely cold, a goodly number gathered at Mr. D. W. Clubine's auction sale of Holsteins, and a good sale was the result. In a few hours auctioneer Saigeon sold 12 cows for the sum of \$1,610. One cow was sold for \$185.

The choir of St. Mary's Church (C. of E.), Richmond Hill met at the Rectory on Monday evening, January 21st and drove by sleigh to the home

paying a surprise visit to Miss Smart. After a social evening of games Mr. Allen Armstrong read the address, and Miss Patton presented Miss Smart with a silk umbrella on behalf of the members of the choir. Refreshments were then partaken of and all returned home having spent an enjoyable evening.

The Presbyterian church choir held their annual meeting in the school room of the church on Friday evening, January 18th, when the election of officers took place. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Mr. A. L. Phipps; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Atkinson; Secretary, Mrs. Snedden; Treasurer, Mr. John H. Dunlop; Mistress of Robes, Miss C. L. Heise; Librarians, Mrs. John Palmer, Miss M. Ireland.

Ratepayers' Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Ratepayers' Association was held in the Public School Monday evening. Mr. J. McLean reported that the proposal to grant a sum of money for the erection of a tannery was not considered. Mr. Pugsley had no report regarding a chartered accountant to audit the Village and school accounts nor had Messrs. Cowie and Wright a report from the Board of Education re sanitary conditions at the Masonic Hall rooms. Regarding improvement of electric light, President Greene hoped to give a report at next meeting. The question of a new High School was again discussed. The great majority of those who spoke were in favor of commencing operations as speedily as possible, but that the Board should endeavor to keep down the expense as low as in consistent with a good building. Before closing, a resolution moved by R. E. Edean, seconded by W. Wellman, was carried, asking the Board to discuss the question with the ratepayers at a public meeting. The question of purchasing a snow plow for the Village was also discussed. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of fountain pens to Mr. L. Teetzel and Miss F. M. Brown, Secretary and Assistant Secretary respectively, for the excellent work they did last summer in connection with the Old Boys and Girls Reunion. Both recipients made appropriate replies in thanking the donors. Officers for the current year were appointed as follows: President, L. Teetzel; First Vice-President, H. Davis; 2nd Vice-President, T. F. McMahon; Treasurer, H. Morden; Secretary, not appointed.

Report of Memorial Committee Re Memorial

Nicholson and Curtis, Stone-work \$3740.00
J. Reynolds, lettering 215.00
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The funeral of the late Wm. H. Graham who died Wednesday of last week in his 43rd year, took place from his home on Church Street, Saturday afternoon. The service was taken by Rev. J. W. McIntosh, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, followed by the Masonic service in which several Grand Lodge officers took part. More than 70 members of the Order from Toronto, Thornhill, Maple and other lodges marched to the grave, and paid their tribute of esteem to the late brother who at the time of his death filled the position of Junior Warden in Richmond Lodge. In the Lodge Room after the funeral several of the brethren spoke feelingly of the sterling character of deceased who was an enterprising citizen, a true friend and a faithful Mason. The deepest sympathy is felt for his widow and four children, his mother, brothers and sisters, his father having passed away only a week previous.

AT THE CROWDED HOUR

The doctor was travelling by a crowded street car and was forced to stand. Beside him a stout woman vainly endeavoured to get her fare out of the pocket of her cloak tightly buttoned as a protection against pick-pockets. After some minutes the doctor said, "Please allow me to pay your fare."

The woman declined with some asperity and renewed her attacks on the pocket. After some little time the doctor said again:

"You really must let me pay your fare. You have already unbuttoned my suspenders three times."

General News & Views

Someone has been mean enough to suggest that Toronto police force should be insured against theft.

We experienced the first real blizzard of the winter last Sunday. A terrific gale, lots of loose snow and a temperature of nearly zero combined to make it one of the old time winter days.

Legislation aimed at legalizing sweepstakes in Canada will again be sought in the House of Commons this session, a bill to that effect being contemplated by Vital Mallette (Lib., Jacques Cartier).

J. B. McGroarty, 54, a native of Woodbridge, but a resident of Winnipeg for the past 24 years died January 18th. He is survived by two sisters Mrs. J. Rhynders and Mrs. J. Duggan and a brother T. McGroarty, all of Toronto.

Citizens of this district will be interested to know that Rev. E. C. Currie, of Creemore, in the Presbytery of Barrie, and a former minister of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, was nominated for moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston at a recent meeting of the Guelph Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph, recently.

James Graham, Sutton, died at the Sutton private hospital on Sunday in his 86th year. He suffered a stroke about six weeks ago. He was for many years proprietor of the Mansion House.

He was born at Pefferlaw and grew up there. His wife died about six months ago. He is survived by two sons, Marsh of Sutton and William of Pefferlaw, and a stepdaughter, Mrs. James Blanchard, Cannington.

L. A. Kennedy, treasurer, reported a cash balance on hand and an increase in missionary givings for 1938 at the annual meeting of Knox Presbyterian church, Agincourt, last week. A final payment during the year cleared the church of debt, he reported. The church was built at a cost of approximately \$25,000 one year after church union. Dr. Alex. Doherty and William Nicol were re-elected to the board of managers. James Muirhead was in charge of the meeting, assisted by the minister, Rev. A. C. Jamieson.

North Gwillimbury Township surprised many residents with their decision to appoint Fred Peel, of Keswick, to be the new clerk of the Township, succeeding the late Fred VanNorman, who died between the election and the first meeting of the new council.

Many of those in attendance had expected that one of the former clerks would be appointed. Mr. Peel, who has lived in the Township for about five years, operates Keswick mill, and has become very highly regarded during his residence in Keswick.

All the other township officials and appointees, who were rumored to have been due for a "housecleaning," were re-appointed.—Newmarket Express-Herald.

The following officers of Markham Agricultural Society have been elected for the coming year:

Honorary Presidents—A. J. H. Eckardt, W. H. Crosby, R. R. Corson, and R. P. Armstrong.

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Scarboro Township—Geo. B. Little,

Alex. Davidson, Maurice Hamill.

Pickering—John Scott and Walter Milne.

Whitchurch—Jesse H. Cook.

Stouffville—Geo. Rodanz.

North York Township—Jos. Darlington, Geo. W. Henry Jr.

In an interview in London with Mr. H. Halton of the Toronto Star, Lucy Moo Tou, an assistant and friend of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek



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and a direct descendant of the last Ming Emperor tells of the horrors taking place in China. She says:

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"As for the total number who have been killed, it is incalculable." These horrors are one of the things responsible for the unification of the Chinese people for the first time in history, she said.