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Extra—The JONES FAMILY in "DOWN ON THE FARM"

MONDAY & TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - 14

ROBT. MONTGOMERY	JANET GAYNOR	FRANCHOT TONE
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— IN —

THREE LOVES HAS NANCY
— ALSO —

TOM WALLS in "STRANGE BOARDERS"

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - 16

OLIVIA de HAVILAND	GLENDIA FARRELL
ALLEN JENKINS	

— IN —

HARD TO GET Torchy Gets Her Man

Snow Shoveling Costs Vaughan \$650 in January

One Year Snow Shovelling Cost
Township Over \$2000

Snow storms in January cost Vaughan Township six hundred and fifty dollars. That is the amount of bills submitted at last Monday's meeting for opening township roads. A man and a team are paid at the rate of fifty cents per hour and men shovelling get twenty-five cents per hour. All bills sent in by road foremen were carefully scrutinized by members of council and it was noted that opening roads was more expensive in some sections than in others. One account was held up until road superintendent McDonald investigates the apparent high cost. Opening roads is one of the township council problems which has grown acute with the general use of motor cars and trucks. Ratepayers now demand that roads be open for motor travel and the expenditure for snow shovelling in severe winters reaches considerable proportions. A few years ago in Vaughan it cost over \$2000 and it is money which members of council are reluctant to spend because there seems little value for the money. Some municipalities are purchasing snow plows to do the work but so far Vaughan has not ventured into such an expenditure. While all used roads in the township are now open the snow banks are piled high in some places and it will take only a small blow to fill them in again.

At Monday's meeting of Vaughan council the road expenditure for the coming year was estimated at \$25,000. This is simply an estimate for the provincial department of highways but the Vaughan expenditure in 1939 will likely be under that figure. Last year the amount spent on roads on which the provincial subsidy will be asked was \$20,576.

A letter from Mrs. Ball on behalf of the Langstaff School section asked that school pupils be given permission to ride bicycles on the sidewalks on Yonge Street. No action was taken by council as it was felt dangerous to extend this privilege to bicyclists.

Notice of claim was received from Mrs. George Merrick who fell on the sidewalk near the Maple Presbyterian church on the evening of January 5th. The claim was referred to the insurance company.

The usual grant of \$10 was voted to the Thornhill Public Library. Norman Sommerville, K.C., wrote council on behalf of Maurice Wolfe asking that the road be fixed in front of Wolfe's property on May avenue. The clerk was instructed to advise Mr. Sommerville that the township has not assumed the road mentioned.

Relief for the month of January amounted to \$226.77. One relief recipient complained that the relief officer had taken his driver's permit and felt this was unfair. Council members upheld the relief officer and ruled that he was quite justified in the action he had taken.

CURLING NOTES

Jim Young's Richmond Hill rink won second prize at the Unionville 'spiel last Friday and received lovely blankets as individual prizes. The rink: Norm Chatterley, R. Moodie, E. Morris, Jim Young skip.

E. A. Bonnick's rink representing Richmond Hill in the British Consol competition won from W. C. Gohn of Unionville Tuesday but lost out to Skip Campbell of Royal Canadians Wednesday morning.

Two local rinks will compete in the big Ontario bonspiel in Toronto next week. They will be skipped by Jim Young and E. A. Bonnick.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

Richmond Hill High School Literary Society announces that it will hold the Sixteenth Annual Commencement in the Gymnasium on Friday and Saturday, March 3rd and 4th. This year the Literary Society presents "The Gypsy Rover", a romantic, musical comedy in three acts.

Presentation of prizes and scholarships on Friday night only. Please reserve these dates. Tickets will be available shortly.

FOUR MILLION ROSES GROWN HERE YEARLY

New Methods Produce Blooms Without Soil—P. E. Angle Gives Interesting Talk To Lions Club

Addressing the Richmond Hill Lions Club last Thursday evening Paul E. Angle of the Bedford Park Floral Company told the members an interesting story of recent scientific developments in the business of rose production and some interesting figures showing the importance of the rose growing industry to Richmond Hill.

Believe it or not scientific discovery during the past few years promises to revolutionize the whole rose growing business. Newspapers recently carried stories of flowers and vegetables being grown in windows fed only by chemical solutions. This very thing is now being done in the commercial production of roses in Richmond Hill. Rose bushes are planted not in soil, but in beds of cinders or gravel and all food for the plants which are to produce the choicest of all blooms is fed to them by flushing a liquid containing just the right proportion of all plant foods through the beds three or four times a day. It's not just as simple as it sounds as the greatest of care must be taken to keep the solution with the exact amount of each chemical content. However it has been under experiment for some time and is now at the stage thought practical for commercial use. The speaker was enthusiastic concerning the prospects of the new method of production which is now being tried in two of the three local rose-growing establishments.

Approximately 4,000,000 roses are grown each year in Richmond Hill and the industry here employs from 85 to 90 men throughout all seasons of the year and the annual payroll is between ninety and one hundred thousand dollars. Coal consumption at the three greenhouses amounts to about 9,000 tons in a year. These are only a few of the facts concerning this highly specialized industry of rose-growing which occupies a major place in the interest of this community which were given in a most interesting manner by Mr. Angle to the members of the Lions club. President James Stewart expressed the appreciation of the members to Mr. Angle for his very instructive and interesting talk.

Lion L. A. Hill, chairman of the activities committee, reported a profit of about \$60 as a result of the recent skating carnival sponsored by the club.

OBITUARY

LATE MRS. J. D. CUNNINGHAM
The funeral of the late Mrs. Mildred Cunningham, wife of the Rev. J. D. Cunningham of Richmond Hill and Thornhill Presbyterian churches who passed away Tuesday, January 31st was held last Friday and was very largely attended. The Presbyterian church was filled for the service which was conducted by Rev. C. K. Nicol of Oakville, Moderator of the Presbytery, assisted by Rev. C. H. Cowan of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton. The solemn and impressive service included solos by Mr. A. C. Chapman of Toronto and Miss Emma Barker of Richmond Hill.

Members of the Sunday School attended in a body and amongst those who gathered to pay their last tribute were many members of the Toronto Presbytery and representatives of the district clergy. A large number of floral tributes were evidence of the esteem and affection of a wide circle of friends of the sincere sympathy extended to the bereaved husband and family.

Following the service interment took place in Richmond Hill cemetery, the following being the pallbearers: Frank Teasdale and George Cooper of Thornhill, Rev. A. Quinlan and Rev. B. Riley of Toronto, and J. A. Monkman and J. E. Smith of Richmond Hill.

FLORAL TEA

The United Church Women's Association Floral Tea, Tuesday, February 14th. Supper served at 6.30 followed by entertainment. Price 25 cents.

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NORMA SHEARER - TYRONE POWER
— in —
Marie Antoinette
— WITH —
JOHN BARRYMORE - ANITA LOUISE
— And —
ROBT. BENCHLEY
— IN —
HOW TO READ

Agricultural Society Held Annual Meeting on Saturday

Harry Charles Again Heads Fair For 1939 — Society Considering Sponsoring Better Farms Contest, Field Crop And Plowing Competition

The annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society was held in the Municipal Hall Saturday afternoon when the main business was the election of officers for the coming year and the hearing of the reports of the 1938 activities. The financial statement showed the financial condition of the Society to be slightly improved over a year ago and the officers and directors are looking forward with confidence to the coming year.

The Society is considering sponsoring a better farms contest, a field crop competition in oats or potatoes, and a better plowing contest. Just how many of these projects will be proceeded with depends on the amount of interest shown by farmers of the district. The officers of the Society are anxious and willing to give leadership in any project which will be of help to the community but if these projects are to be a success there must be co-operation on the part of those particularly interested.

The Society will co-operate with the other Agricultural Societies of the County in sponsoring the annual County Seed Fair which will be held this year at Sutton. It is planned

to hold this event in Richmond Hill in 1940.

President Harry W. Charles and all the 1938 officers were re-elected, the officials of the Society for the coming year being as follows:

Honorary Presidents, Mr. A. J. H. Eckardt, Mr. E. T. Stephens, Mr. Jno. D. Patterson, Mr. Gordon Taylor, Mr. H. R. Bain.

Honorary Directors: Lt.-Col. W. P. Mulock, K.C., M.P., Mr. Morgan Baker, M.P.P., Mr. Geo. S. Henry, M.P.P., Mr. A. Wright, Mr. Justin Cork, Mr. B. R. Leech, Mr. George Lunan.

Officers: Immediate Past President, R. W. Scott; President, Harry Charles; 1st Vice-President, Alex Little; 2nd Vice-President, Lt.-Col. G. H. Basher; Secretary-Treasurer, J. E. Smith.

Directors: T. H. Trench, L. H. Clement, F. S. Tyndall, E. Morris, R. L. Stiver, J. S. McNair, W. Neal, C. McTaggart, Morgan Boyle, O. D. Robinson, J. W. Palmer, Jas. Ellis, J. A. Greene, G. Agar, R. E. Perkins.

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Village Tax Rate is Slightly Reduced for Year 1939

Tenth of A Mill Lower Than Last Year

At the regular meeting of the municipal council of Richmond Hill held Monday evening the tax rate for 1939 was fixed at 44.9 mills, one tenth of a mill lower than last year. Reeve J. A. Greene favored a larger reduction and as chairman of the finance committee tried hard to have the rate struck almost a mill below last year. The members of council however could not agree that it would be possible to get through the year with any larger reduction. Councillor Little said that a much heavier expenditure would be needed on the roads this year and the sidewalk program already planned called for the construction of some 2600 feet of walk. We have to take the figures as they are and strike our rate accordingly said councillor Little. "Let's levy for the money we need and not gamble on the tax arrears we may get during the year," he said. "If we are able to show a surplus at the end of the year the tax reduction can come next year," said councillor Hill. "I don't think the ratepayers really expect a reduction in tax rate this year," contended councillor Little. Reeve

Greene pointed out that it was his opinion that it was the constant reduction in tax rate which was the incentive for the payment of tax arrears which has been quite satisfactory in recent years. On motion of councillors Mills and Nelson the rate was finally fixed at 44.9 mills which leaves the rate for village purposes the same as last year. While the tax rate is only slightly reduced the amount of money raised will be lower as the taxable assessment of the village is down about \$8000 compared with 1938.

While the tax reduction this year is not large substantial debenture payments will be dropping off in the near future. This is the last year for the floating debt debenture and in 1943 the public school, paving and railway debentures will be wiped out. These four debentures account for over nine mills of the tax rate.

KING CITY HOCKEY CLUB TO HOLD EUCHRE AND DANCE

King City Hockey Club are giving a Euchre and Dance in McDonald and Wells' Hall, Friday, February 17th. Catania's orchestra will furnish the music. Dancing and Euchre will start at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome. Admission 25c.

Vaughan Ratepayers Favor Plan for a Game Preserve

UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSE SUGGESTION AT PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT VELLORE WEDNESDAY

A representative body of over 200 farmers in attendance at a public meeting held at Vellore Wednesday afternoon were unanimously in favour of having a regulated game preserve in Vaughan Township. J. Macartney of the Provincial Department of Game and Fisheries addressed the meeting outlining the benefits of the regulated area.

Mr. Macartney distinguished between a regulated game area and a crown game preserve. "The department would not consider establishing a crown game preserve in a southern township, by that I mean an area in which no shooting is allowed except by licensed farmers on their own property and which is kept merely to raise wild animals which might otherwise become extinct.

"The regulated game preserve or area on the other hand," he continued, "allows an open season of two days once a year, on pheasants in our case. Rabbit shooting is open from November 1 to February 28 and licensed hunters from the other regulated areas such as Markham and King townships or any regulated hunting area in the county of York is allowed to come into Vaughan and shoot rabbits with the licenses they have obtained from their own municipality. But when we declare an open season in some townships and if we include Vaughan these hunters will not be allowed to come in unless they obtain a license specifically for the pheasant hunt from the township clerk. A minimum of 100 non-resident licenses have to be issued by the township. These licenses will be sold for \$2 or \$1 a day each. Every resident is entitled to a license for which he will be charged 25c. for the whole season.

Answering a charge that pheasant hunting may reduce the number of pheasants in Canada if an open season is declared every year Mr. Macartney said, "We import these pheasants from Europe, we have bird farms on which we raise pheasants and we buy them from private parties. Every year we release about 20,000 pheasants in the regulated game areas. Divided among fifty townships that means about 400 to each township.

Mr. Macartney said that this system of the regulated game areas was new being only in practice the last two years. "The birds we stock the regulated areas with belong to the hunters whose fees make this possible, the land on which you hunt belongs to the farmer who can if he wants prevent any hunters by posting his farm," he continued. "So it is only a matter of co-operation between the hunter and the farmer. The number of irresponsible hunters will be limited and a check can be made on them because there are only 100 non-resident hunters who will be hunting during the pheasant open season. Tales of blood and gore during the recent open seasons were when investigated merely products of the imagination and were based on trivial incidents," he stated.

Les Robb, a farmer, favored the idea of having a complete restriction of hunting in the township. "Five years ago my son was injured by a bullet shot by one of these pests. Cattle aren't safe when they come around. They don't pay any attention to what they are shooting at or what damage they do to the fences when they come through. I've seen my wire fence cut for a path and they've taken rails out to get across easier.

Mr. Macartney stated that the question about cattle killed by hunters had been brought before Mr. Nixon, the minister, and he said that if the fact was established that they were shot by hunters some measure of compensation would be granted the farmer.

Mervin Keffer, farmer, stated that he favored a complete restriction on hunting. "Farmers in Vaughan are sick and tired of having irresponsible city people destroy property, tear down fences and generally make themselves a nuisance. None of them know how to handle a gun and as a result they endanger the lives of everyone around them. There are a few decent sportsmen who know how to act and take care just as if they owned the property themselves. When we go down to the city we are treated mean, we aren't allowed to park in certain places and then only for a limited time. I'm in favour of prohibiting them from our property just as they do us from theirs."

Council was given a resolution to pass which will be effective in time for the next open season about October. Reeve Robert Scott stated that he had spoken with a number of councillors in other municipalities that have the regulated game areas and they were satisfied with it. "This is the only form of control that we have. We have either to accept this or go on with our present system which is not satisfactory," he said. "This will not be a revenue producer for the township because the deputy-wardens will be paid a certain fee to enforce the game and fisheries act during the open season. We can only go by the examples the other townships have given us."

He asked all who weren't in favour of the plan to stand. The plan was then passed unanimously to be passed officially at a council meeting in the near future.

Many of the ratepayers agreed that this plan was better than the present one although it was only a half-way measure towards their idea of total restriction of hunting. In the game regulated areas ground-hog shooting can be done by a farmer on his own property without a license and outside of his own property with a license obtained from the department.

Farmers who post their lands can shoot in other areas of the township but cannot post them just so that they can have outsiders come in to shoot for a fee imposed by the farmer.