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From our Issue of May 25th, 1899
The 80th anniversary of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, was loyally honored in all parts of the British Empire yesterday, but it is safe to say that in no place was the celebration carried to a more successful issue than in Richmond Hill. Barring unfavorable weather the directors of the Agricultural Society are always able to guarantee a successful Fair, and this year their expectations were fully realized. The weather was perfect. There was not the shadow of a dark cloud in the sky, the sun shone bright from early morn, and the heat from its rays was tempered by a gentle breeze. The crowd which gathered at the Fair was unusually large, the gate receipts be-

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The Metropolitan Railway accommodation was pretty well taxed on the Queen's Birthday and it is said that between 3,000 and 4,000 patronized the line between Toronto and Richmond Hill.

A fast and exciting lacrosse match took place last Saturday on the park between the Mintos (of Toronto) and the Richmond Hill Juniors. The Mintos were good shots and did some good fielding but were surpassed by the combination of the home team and the game ended 2 to 1 for Richmond Hill. The visitors remarked while leaving that they were used fine and that they hoped at some future time to meet the Hill boys again. The home team lined up as follows: Goal, F. Storey; R. Goode, F. Lillie, R. Redditt, W. Ludford, F. Ludford, N. Barker, C. Wiley, F. Hopper, F. Shaw, C. Glover, W. Storey. Referee, Mr. A. Savage. C. Glover, Sec.

The village band resurrected on Queen's Birthday eve, and played a number of popular airs to the delight of a large crowd of our citizens who congregated around the illuminated band stand about 10 p.m. The musicians were assisted by their old friend Mr. E. Mason who is taking a few days holidays before his return to Stayner.

The Queen's Plate of 50 guineas was on Saturday won on the Woodbine by Mr. Hendrie, the well known Hamilton turf man. For the eight previous years it had been won by Mr. Seagram of Waterloo.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of May 20th, 1909
Mr. Armand Savage has purchased a grocery business on Bloor St. West, Toronto, and will take possession on the first of June.

The treasurer of the Public Library has received from the Treasury Department a cheque for \$57.98, being the Government grant for the current year.

Markham High School gets the highest grant of any school in the county. This year it will get from the County of York \$2,242.51. Richmond Hill comes next for a grant of \$1,023.70, Newmarket gets \$896.55 Aurora \$814.27 and Weston \$700.

The Presbyterian congregation will resume worship in the auditorium of the church on next Sunday. The interior has just been beautifully re-tinted and varnished and presents quite a new and attractive appearance. Fine weather and renewed conditions should see the congregation present en masse at each service hereafter.

Another prominent citizen has crossed the bar. After a lingering illness Mr. J. A. E. Switzer passed away early Tuesday morning surrounded by his wife and daughters. Although of a quiet and retiring disposition he was always willing and anxious to aid in any undertaking for the benefit of the Village, and he will be greatly missed as a citizen, and particularly in the Methodist Church. He was a member of the Royal Templars and the A.O.U. W. and was for many years prominently connected with the Board of Education. He was recording steward for the Methodist circuit, had long been a class leader in the Church, and was superintendent in the Sabbath School until his health compelled him to retire. Mr. Switzer, who was born in the County of Peel, came to this Village in 1872 and for three years was Principal of the Public School. In 1876 he married Elizabeth A., daughter of the late Wm. Atkinson, and in the same year became a member of the mercantile firm, afterwards known as Atkinson & Switzer. The funeral will take place on Friday.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From our Issue of May 22nd, 1924
The new time was ushered in Monday morning by the ringing of the town bell at 7 o'clock.

The Cadet Corps at the Orphanage, which has a strength of 35, will be reviewed officially on Saturday afternoon next by their visiting Board of Directors, and the corps

GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

The King's visit to Toronto was the outstanding event not only of the week but many a lifetime.

York County citizens joined with the people of Toronto and all central Ontario in giving the King and Queen a royal welcome Monday.

Despite the fears expressed by many everyone was able to see the King without any danger of discomfort.

Residents of this district who attended the Royal parade in Toronto Monday felt at home when they saw Provincial Constable Alex. Ferguson as one of the khaki clad escorts leading the procession.

Provincial Constable Ralph Taylor who suffered serious injuries in a motor accident south of Langstaff a month ago is progressing favourably. He expects to leave the General hospital in a month or so to go home where he will be confined for another month.

You may take the florists' advice and "Say It With Flowers" or the Hydro slogan and "Do It Electrically," but here's a quotation from an undertaker's advertisement in an English paper which tops them all off: "Why live and be miserable when you can be comfortably buried for \$5?"—Bowmanville Statesman.

will make their official appearance in the regimental whites.

Bond Lake on North Yonge street is being stocked with 500,000 pickerel fry by the Hydro-Electric Commission. The fry are arriving from London. Because of the extreme depth of the lake it is 'elieved the fish will thrive in the lake, thus affording good fishing at the park. The Hydro controls the Metropolitan, which, in turn carries the picknickers to Bond Lake, hence the interest of the Hydro in stocking the lake.

Miss Mary E. V. Hodgins, a student in the Richmond Hill High School, secured one of the cash prizes in the "Save the Forest" contest. There were 320 competitors.

The Salvation Army secured about \$15,000 on Saturday—tag day.

Here is a slogan for hatters, whose sales have been cut down by the hatless habit—"If your head is worth the expense, put a hat on it."—The Efficiency Magazine.

Club Member (in the swimming pool): "Stevens, can you float alone?"

Stevens: "Harry, I wish you'd come down to the bank if you want to talk business!"

Sir Frederick Banting has withdrawn from the vice-chairmanship of the Leadership League, it was learned recently.

When asked why he had resigned, Sir Frederick said: "I have nothing to say."

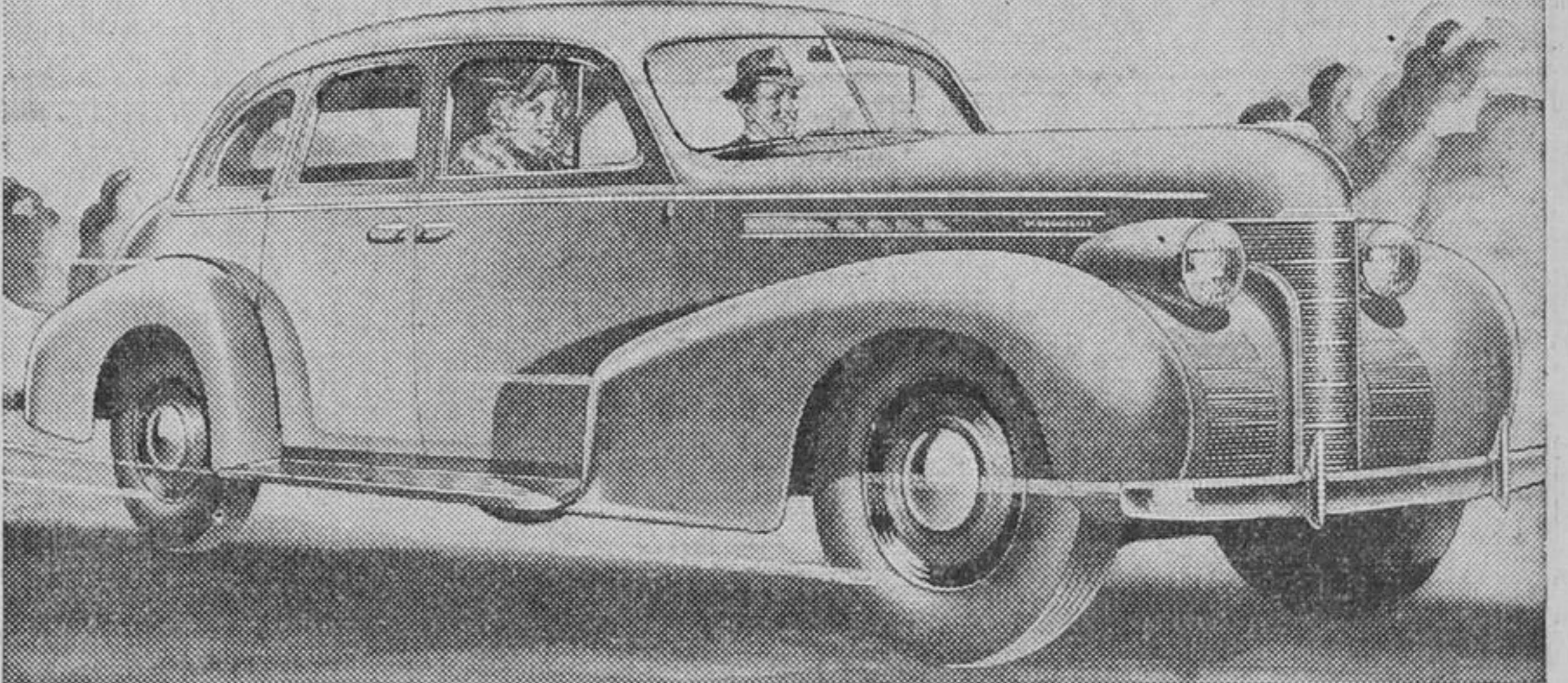
After two years of successful financing on a voluntary giving basis, the congregation of St. John's Anglican Church, Bowmanville, has returned to the old system of raising money by concerts, suppers, bazaars, cooking sales and similar methods. When St. John's congregation announced their new policy two years ago it was favorably commented upon all over the province. Now it seems that for some unaccountable reason the old system has the stronger appeal.

The farmers are wearing broad smiles these days over the splendid prospects for bumper crops in fall grains. In practically every case in this district wheat came through the winter in excellent condition and the general opinion among the farmers is that prospects never looked better at this time of year. The clover and alfalfa meadows also appear very promising and considerable seeding has been done. The fine weather has brought growth along and work on the land is general.—Stirling News-Argus.

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