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#### SUPPORT HOME MERCHANTS

Emphasizing the desirability of patronizing home merchants The Liberal is now conducting a Good-Will Shopping Club. Even at this early stage the results are most gratifying and everywhere we find evidence of an appreciation of the fact that ONE OF THE MOST ESSEN-TIAL FACTORS IN THE LIFE OF ANY COMMUNITY IS A HEARTY SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION. It is vitally important that home industries, merchants and business men receive local support if the town is to make progress.

Every community whether it be Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Maple or Victoria Square is infested with representatives of large firms who make every effort to draw trade from local merchants. They use every known method of drawing your trade and paint glowing pictures of the savings to be made. When tempted to deal with these large corporations whether they be great department stores, chain stores or peddlars ringing the door bell it would be well for all citizens to keep in mind the following facts:

Merchants and business men who faithfully serve your community are taxpayers and without them the community would sink to oblivion. THEY CAN BE DEPENDED ON TO SUPPORT EVERY WORTHWHILE COMMUN-ITY UNDERTAKING.

Their prosperity is reflected in the community in which they live, have their homes and raise their families. They are not merely here to-day and gone to-morrow with only one thought of getting your money.

Local industries mean employment for local citizens who in turn take their places in community life, paying rent, taxes and other financial obligations.

Your local business men are interested in the support of schools, churches, and every worthwhile agency in your community.

Your local business man is established in your community and is there to offer service not merely for the present but throughout the days that are to come.

Your local merchant is in your community to serve you and whether you live in Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Langstaff, Maple, Elgin Mills, Victoria Square, Unionville or anywhere else we commend him to you. In the long run it will pay you to support and deal with your home merchant who like yourself has an interest and a stake in your community.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING LASTS TOO LONG

Exhibition is on, schools open next Tuesday and with the fading of summer should go "summer time". The need for Federal or Provincial action in the matter of daylight saving time becomes more apparent every year, but apart from the inconvenience of having different time in different municipalities there is general agreement that fast time should cease with the opening of school. To continue on until near the end of September is carrying the magic time saving about a month too far. We hope the time will soon come when we will have at least provincially one standard time and that there will be an end to the Alice-in-Wonderland hit-and-miss individualism now being practiced. For the sake of business economy and the soothing of frayed tempers Toronto or Ottawa ought to decide the matter one way or the other.

#### MORE STRICT LAW ENFORCEMENT NEED FOR SAFER DRIVING

Many recent serious highway accidents have created a demand for revision of the driving laws. It will take more than changes in the law to make some people drive with safety to themselves and others. Some of the proposals and changes are, however, worth consideration.

"Slow Down at Sun Down" is a good slogan, and a reduction on the speed limit from 50 to 40 for night driving might help a lot if it were enforced. The trouble with all our legislation is that most people feel perfectly safe in ignoring it when no cops are in sight. We cannot see, however, that safety would be promoted by forbidding cars to overtake and pass on the highway. It would be quite as difficult to make some people drive at a reasonably fast speed as to make the speed fiends slow down. Driving would become an irritation instead of a pleasure if all motorists were forced to conform to the speed of the slowest drivers. Even making slow driving an offence would not help. If a man does not feel safe driving faster than 25 miles an hour he is surely entitled to go at that speed, though he would be well advised to travel by other than main highways. It is not only the owners of worn out and decrepit cars that travel slowly. We passed a huge Cadillac the other day which was not going more than 30 miles an hour, and seated comfortably in the back seat was an old lady who doubtless was constantly warning chauffeur James not to go so fast.

The inspection of all used cars offered for sale and a refusal to permit a tsansfer unless they are deemed roadworthy is a reform that is long overdue. An inspection of all cars at the time licenses are issued might also be worth what it costs. The establishment of a minimum speed on main highways could not be enforced without provision being made to see that all cars using the highway could be driven safely at the minimum speed. Enforcement of the law against glaring headlights would do much to protect the public. They cause many accidents.

What is needed more than anything else is some way of preventing nit-wits from driving cars. There are altogether too many careless, irresponsible, selfish and brainless drivers on the highways. Men will drink intoxicating liquor and then take the wheel utterly regardless of the peril they are to others as well as themselves.

One thing is absolutely certain. It is altogether too easy to secure a car driving license. The tests imposed are in most sases nothing but a joke. People are given licenses to drive who have not the slightest idea as to what is under the hood of their cars, nor how the various parts function.

The greatest need of all to our mind is the need for a more strict enforcement of the traffic laws. The best insurance we know of for sane driving is a motorcycle policeman on the job. And instead of hollering our heads off against speed traps we should be singing the praises of those officers who are enforcing the law. More enforcement officers on our highways and stricter penalties for infractions of the law will most quickly make our highways safe for motorists.

# WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

#### FORTY YEARS AGO

Wright Bros. of this place have | dence. bought Mr. John Wilson's undertak- Weston will vote on a by-law to their business here. They have Village. new brick block, and will keep on enterprising Village every day. The as making satisfactory progress. other undertaker's supplies. Mr. ing a coal shed and hope to be in a James A. Wright will be in charge. position to supply all patrons. Mr. train Tuesday morning. Deceased houses, and Mr. Jerry Lyons, formwas 58 years of age, and had made erly of Cleveland, purposes utting 178 trips across the ocean with cattle | up a fine residence on the lot he and horses. He was a nephew of recently purchased. Mr. Thomas Breen, a farmer near All the members of Vaughan York Mills.

age of Weston are about to vote on feet. In order to have a satisfacta py-law to raise \$7,000 to construct ory job the council purchased a small and operate a system of electric piece of land from Mr. George Cooplight. This will necessitate the issu- er. Contractor Hicks will commence ing of debentures to the amount of work at once, and he hopes to have \$515.07 a year for 20 years.

through the Village on Friday over The Bank of Commerce estimates township rate remains at three mills. the Metropolitan Railway. The plea- the western wheat crop at 113,979,sure trip was planned and carried 000 bushels, the oat crop at 157,out by Mr. D. B. Birrell, proprietor | 537,000 bushels, and the barley crop of the York Mills hotel, and Mr. at 24,320,000 bushels. Henry Duncan, reeve of York. The party consisted of all the members of York township council, Warden From our Issue of August 28, 1924 Woodcock, county councillors Fisher and Gibson, county clerk Ramsden, W. J. Hill, M.P.P., and others. At Bond's Lake the excursionists inspected the new machinery at the Power House and afterwards had a sail in Mr. Warren's yacht Gipsy. They again boarded the car and made the run to Newmarket from which place accompanied by Mayor Cane and one or two other officials they drove in busses to the Industrial Home at the instance of Warden Woodcock. All seemed to be well pleased with the cleanliness of the institution and surroundings, and with the apparent contentment of the inmates who now number about ninety of both sexes. At the invitation of Mayor Cane the party afterwards visited Cane's factory and other places of business in Newmarket, and returned southward early in the evening. The day seems to have been most enjoyably spent, and all on board were loud in their praises of those who furnished such excellent entertainment for the day. For several years past the Village

of Stouffville has been in a position to boast of probably the best market of any village in the province. Every Thursday, market day, the streets are thronged with farmers' wagons, and a large amount of money passes weekly through the hands of the buyers and sellers. The merchants of that enterprising village are doing a good trade, and every line of business appears to be successful. The present market house has not sufficient accommodation to meet the requirements of the place, therefore it will be closed and two others of larger dimensions will take its place. The corner stone of one of these was laid on Friday last in the presence of a large and in-W. F. Maclean, M.P., who performed the ceremony, referred to the busihome market which has done more than anything else to make the vill-

age what it is. well situated for a mammoth market as Stouffville is, yet in many | of produce can be created if the cemetery. citizens are thrifty, and show a spirit of enterprise. Richmond Hill has had a market scheme on its nothing has so far been decided upon it is hoped that a grain market, as well as a market for all kinds of here with satisfactory results, at no very distant day. But this will depend upon the enterprise of our citizens.

# THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of August 26, 1909 Markham Village has struck the tax rate for the current year-29 mills on the dollar.

from the Switzer estate the Temp- of several clubs and fraternal orerance Hall on Centre Street. Mr. ganizations including the Orange, Sanderson will likely take the build- the Empire, Canadian, Lions' Clubs, ing down and erect a comfortable the Toronto Board of Trade and the dwelling on the lot.

Mr. Chas. Soules, who had been in l the hardware business here for the | Mr. Donaldson: "Ruth, name a past 41/2 years, has sold out to Mr. bird that is now extinct." Batty of Toronto, who took posses- | Ruth Brown: "Our canary. The

# | and family are removing to the city,

From our Issue of August 31, 1899 | where they have purchased a resi-

ing business at Thornhill, which raise \$57,000 for the construction of they will conduct in connection with a system of waterworks for that

hand a good stock of caskets and Standard Fuel Company are erect-

Municipal Council with contractor Mr. W. Trench's many friends will Hicks, and County Engineer Barber be pleased to learn he is able to walk | met on Wednesday of last week and out again after a confinement of decided on a new reinforced coneight weeks with a fractured leg. crete bridge over the Humber River, The property owners of the Vill- water, and will have a span of 50 the bridge completed in about eight rate is down from half a mill to A happy excursion party passed weeks. The contract price is \$3600. four-tenths of a mill. The general

#### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at St. James Church, Orillia, on August 18th, the Rev. J. R. S. Boyd officiating, when Annie Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Haggas, of Toronto, became the bride of Mr. Adelmo melecci, of Newark, New Jersey, organist of the Richmond Hill Methodist Church. After the wedding breakfast the happy couple left for a trip to the United States, going first to Watkin's Glen, New York. They will reside in Toronto.

They used to say "all roads lead to Rome". Judged by the new sidewalk it will be in order to say they all lead to Skeele's store.

We are pleased to report the steady progress in the erection of Mr. Stan Smith's new house at Victoria Square.

C. N. Hoffman, his brother Harry, | their wives and two children, from Holland, who are travelling about the world giving lectures on the Land Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott, on the 2nd of Markham and were in Richelder brother, who is an artist and author is gathering material for a book. The bright colors of the costumes which the party wore could not fail to attract attention.

## OBITUARY

WM. J. LOCKE

W. J. Locke, lifelong resident of the Edgelev district died on August 24th in his 76th year. He was a member of the United Church. Surviving are his widow, formerly Lena McDougall; one son Frank and three than the front." daughters, Mrs. Alf. Bagg, Mrs. Leslie Robb and Mrs. John Devins.

MRS. ELIZABETH SHARP terested crowd of spectators. Mr. | A native of Maple, Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp, passed away on Wednesday, August 16th in her 92nd year. Deceased died at the home ness enterprise of Stouffville, and of her grandson, Mr. Cecil Sharp. spoke at length of the merits of a Toronto. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Feighton. Early in life she moved with her family to Blanchard Twp. Her husband and four sons predeceased her. Surviv-All towns and villages are not as ing are 9 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday places a home market for all kinds | afternoon with interment in Maple

COL. R. J. STUART York County lost one of it's best known municipal men with the death hands for some time, and although | yesterday of Col. R. J. Stuart, deputy-reeve of York Township. Col. Stuart was born in Durham county nearly 74 years ago. He had a long municipal career which included six farmers' produce will be established years on the village council of Norwood, three years in the city council of Calgary and six years in the York County Council. In 1932 and 1933 he was deputy-reeve of York township, 1934 and 1935 reeve and again deputy-reeve for the past two years. In early years he became associated with the Sun Life Insurance and represented this company first in Nova Scotia and later in China and Japan. During the war he was attached to Kingston Military District as an inspector of supplies and transport. He had one son Herbert Mr. J. H. Sanderson purchased killed in action. He was a member

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sion a day or two ago. Mr. Soules cat extincted him this morning.

# DISTRICT NEWS

Farmers in Caledon township describe crops as being the best in 20 years.

Working in a King Township gravel pit last week Albert Farren of Kettleby was severely injured when sliding gravel buried him to his rented one of the flats in Francis | Gormley is looking more like an | Dr. C. R. Boulding and is reported

John George Muir, 81, son of the late Alexander Muir who composed Patrick Breen, a Toronto cattle Leary and Mr. John Forrester are Newmarket on Saturday as the redealer, was killed by falling off a each erecting comfortable brick sult of a motor accident. For 52 years previous to his retirement eight years ago he had been associated with The Newmarket Era.

William Kerr of King Township observed his 88th birthday at the home of his son Abram, 6th concession, last week. He has another son Albert of Vaughan township, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Sloan, of Vaughan. Born in Whitchurch township he was the son of Irish pion-Wyc. is gaining strength every day on the 8th concession, between Pur- Vaughan area for over 50 years. but will carry his crutches for some pleville and Kleinburg. The new Despite his 88 years he attended the structure will be 16 feet high above Orange celebration in Barrie last

> Rigid economy is resulting in a reduction of slightly more than half a mill in the Caledon township tax rate this year. The allocation for roads has dropped from three to two and a half mills. The wire fencing Higher outlays for education and the county appropriation will more than absorb this saving. For road maintenance, about \$2,300 is being spent in each of the four sections. Replacement of a bridge on No. 5 sideroad will bring the total to about \$10,000 as compared with the minimum of \$11,000 in other years.

Robbers again invaded Leo Watson's service station at the corner of No. 7 Highway and the Weston road early last Thursday morning. The break-in is the 8th reported from the same location in 7 years, the previous one having been committed about 2 months ago. Constable Scott, who investigated, reported that entrance was gained via the east window and that \$30 worth of goods were stolen.

He said one man, picked up in Toronto the following day, is held on \$10,000.00 bail. Tobacco stolen from the station and a wrecked car, believed used in the robbery, were also found in Toronto, he said.

A near tragedy took place on the farm operated by F. Coombs, corner of No. 27 Highway and the Claireville sideroad, on Friday morning of last week when H. Gilbank of Woodbridge was overcome by gas while digging a well 26 feet below the ground level.

Mr. Gilbank's helper, Joe Breeden, was also affected, to a lesser degree, when he descended in an attempt to rescue the digger. Two trucks on the hiphway were stopped of Dykes spent Friday night with by occupants of the farm, one the York County road truck, to secure men for rescue work. York road workers T. McLean and E. Kitchener mond Hill, Saturday morning. The laboured to get the unconscious man to the surface, the latter finally succeeding, in the limited space, in getting a rope around the limp body.

Dr. Charlton had meanwhile been summoned from Weston. Medical aid was given but one and a half hours elapsed before Mr. Gilbank regained consciousness.

"Spring gas" was responsible Mr. Gilbank reported.

Mrs. Becker: "Oh, Mary, why do you wipe your mouth with the back of your hand?"

Mary: "Because it's much cleaner"



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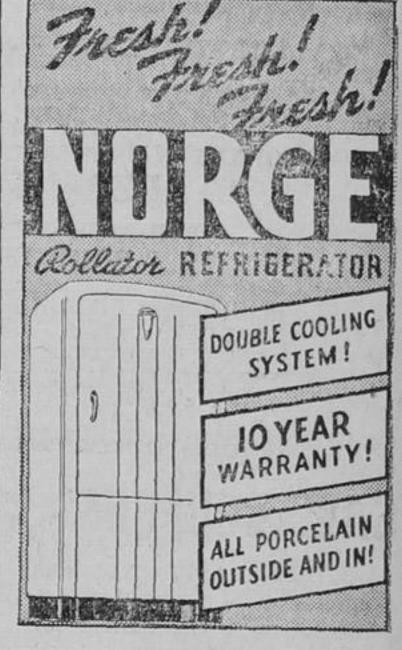
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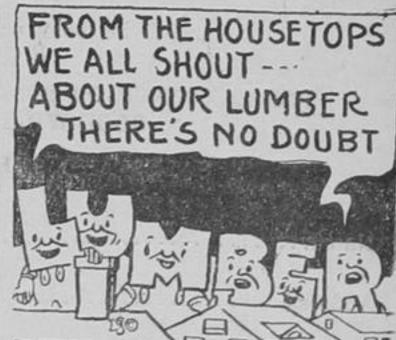
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