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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 ESSENTIAL FACTORS IN THE LIFE OF ANY COMMUNITY IS A HEARTY SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION.

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.

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 COMMUNITY 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.

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.

"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.

The inspection of all used cars offered for sale and a refusal to permit a transfer 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.

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.

One thing is absolutely certain. It is altogether too easy to secure a car driving license. The tests imposed are in most cases nothing but a joke.

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.

WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of August 31, 1899 Wright Bros. of this place have bought Mr. John Wilson's undertaking business at Thornhill, which they will conduct in connection with their business here.

Mr. W. Trench's many friends will be pleased to learn he is able to walk out again after a confinement of eight weeks with a fractured leg. Wyc. is gaining strength every day but will carry his crutches for some time yet.

The property owners of the Village of Weston are about to vote on a by-law to raise \$7,000 to construct and operate a system of electric light. This will necessitate the issuing of debentures to the amount of \$515.07 a year for 20 years.

A happy excursion party passed through the Village on Friday over the Metropolitan Railway. The pleasure trip was planned and carried out by Mr. D. B. Birrell, proprietor of the York Mills hotel, and Mr. Henry Duncan, reeve of York.

The party consisted of all the members of York township council, Warden Woodcock, county councillors Fisher and Gibson, county clerk Ramsden, W. J. Hill, M.P.P., and others.

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.

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.

All towns and villages are not as well situated for a mammoth market as Stouffville is, yet in many places a home market for all kinds of produce can be created if the citizens are thrifty, and show a spirit of enterprise.

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and family are removing to the city, where they have purchased a residence. Weston will vote on a by-law to raise \$57,000 for the construction of a system of waterworks for that Village.

Gornley is looking more like an enterprising Village every day. The Standard Fuel Company are erecting a coal shed and hope to be in a position to supply all patrons.

All the members of Vaughan Municipal Council with contractor Hicks, and County Engineer Barber met on Wednesday of last week and decided on a new reinforced concrete bridge over the Humber River, on the 8th concession, between Purpleville and Kleinburg.

The Bank of Commerce estimates the western wheat crop at 113,979,000 bushels, the oat crop at 157,537,000 bushels, and the barley crop at 24,320,000 bushels.

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 Melucci, of Newark, New Jersey, organist of the Richmond Hill Methodist Church.

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 of Dykes spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott, on the 2nd of Markham and were in Richmond Hill, Saturday morning.

The elder 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.

Wm. 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 daughters, Mrs. Alf. Bagg, Mrs. Leslie Robb and Mrs. John Devins.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp, a native of Maple, Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp, passed away on Wednesday, August 16th in her 92nd year. Deceased died at the home of her grandson, Mr. Cecil Sharp, Toronto.

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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 waist. He was given medical aid by Dr. C. R. Boulding and is reported as making satisfactory progress.

John George Muir, 81, son of the late Alexander Muir who composed "The Maple Leaf Forever," died in Newmarket on Saturday as the result 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 pioneers. He has lived in the King-Vaughan area for over 50 years.

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 rate is down from half a mill to four-tenths of a mill.

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.

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.

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

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