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**RECKLESS DRIVING SHOULD BE CURBED**

Reeve T. H. Trench and members of the Richmond Hill Municipal Council meeting this week decided to confer with County and Provincial authorities as to means of curbing speeding and reckless driving in Richmond Hill. We hope the conference and study of conditions will result in a decision to engage an enforcement officer at least part time during the summer months.

Traffic hazards in the village demand that action be taken and we are satisfied that a series of convictions is the only effective means of curbing the reckless driving so evident here.

The speed limit in Richmond Hill is thirty miles per hour and it should be observed. In a village where there are numerous parked cars and a large number of pedestrians including hundreds of children any higher speed is dangerous and should not be tolerated. Other municipalities insist on the thirty mile speed limit as a protection to their people and Richmond Hill citizens have every right to the same protection.

The large number of serious accidents here over a period of years is a challenge to those in authority to take steps now to curb reckless driving and speeding so evident here. It is utter nonsense to hide behind a sign posted at the entrance to the village which reads "speed limit 30 miles per hour, strictly enforced" when as a municipal councillor stated Monday night there hasn't been a conviction for speeding in the village for five years. Speeding and disregard of traffic laws is evident on the side streets as well as on Yonge Street and should be curbed. There are motorists who daily disregard stop signs in Richmond Hill and if the signs are not to be obeyed they should be taken down.

Traffic conditions in Richmond Hill today constitute a serious hazard to life and stern measures should be adopted now before we have occasion to mourn another serious accident.

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**TWO YEAR TERMS FOR COUNCILS**

While municipal councils in this district have not yet made any more in the matter there is every likelihood that there will be votes taken next January on the advisability of extending council terms to two years. Under new provincial legislation municipal councils will automatically have their council terms extended if they do not vote disapproval of the scheme.

Last year the provincial government announced its intention of making longer terms for municipal councils and we opposed the suggestion because we do not think longer terms are desirable and because we felt such a move in any event should come from the municipal councils. The new legislation is still wrong in our opinion because we think it should provide that councils will have a one year term unless the people vote for a two year term. However the legislation is passed and municipal councils now have the responsibility of placing the issue before the electors unless they want to take the responsibility of adopting the two year term.

We do not think many municipal councils will wish to assume this responsibility and in many municipalities plans have already been made for taking a vote. It is a matter which should be decided by the people and municipal councils throughout York County should make early preparations to let the people's voice be heard on this important question.

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**RICHMOND HILL FAIR NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT**

Richmond Hill Agricultural Society will hold its 91st annual Spring Fair Friday, May 24th and this event is one which should have the whole-hearted support of the people of the district. Certain holidays of the year become identified with certain communities and May 24th is Richmond Hill's one big day in the year. As such it merits more generous support from the people of the village and the people of the district round-about.

An event which has been held annually for almost a century necessarily becomes part and parcel of the community. It is unfortunate that the task of continuing the annual fair falls on the shoulders of so few people. A small group of officers and directors each year without thought of any remuneration only the satisfaction of doing something for the community spend a great deal of thought and effort in staging the annual fair. It is not Toronto exhibition or the New York World Fair but it is Richmond Hill Fair and it should have the support of the people here.

This year resolve to give the Richmond Hill Fair your patronage and support. The directors have planned a splendid Horse Show and a large entry is assured in the light and heavy horse classes and keen competition is promised in the jumping and saddle events. In addition there will be a sports program with many features and attractions for young and old including several classes for school children's work for which many prizes are offered. The Fair offers a wonderful opportunity for renewing old acquaintances as hundreds of Richmond Hill old boys and girls return from widely scattered points for this annual event. The success of the Fair depends on your support and if it is to continue it needs more loyalty from the people of the town and district than it has received in the past. This year plan to stay home for the Victoria Day holiday and boost the Home Town's Big Day.

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**AFTER THE LIONS**

It is somewhat of a "let-down" publishing the regular issue this week after having had a large and brilliant staff of contributors such as assisted in the Lions special. However the best we can do is to assure our readers that we hope the service club members will repeat the venture next year.

Last week's Lion's Special was very gratifying to us, and from the many comments we know it was enjoyable to our readers. Apart altogether from the financial gain which accrued to the Lions treasury we feel the issue served a useful purpose. First it directed public atten-

tion to the fine work carried on in this community by the Lions Club, and secondly it demonstrated how interesting the Home Paper can be made if more people take a hand in contributing to it. We are hopeful the Lions special will inspire many more of our readers to contribute to our columns. We have long since abandoned the idea of making a million dollars as a weekly newspaper publisher, but we do cling tenaciously to the belief that the Home Paper is an important factor in community welfare. And while certain responsibilities rest with the publisher, a newspaper's usefulness to a community is in part determined by the support it receives from citizens and business people and by the use that is made of it. The columns of The Liberal are open to our readers to discuss topics of local and general interest and we are hopeful that in future more and more of our readers will avail themselves of this opportunity in the community's interest.

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**Another Balladeer Heard From**

May 4th, 1940.

To the Editor of The Liberal  
 Dear Sir:

I consider the Lions' issue of The Liberal a splendid achievement, worthy of sincere congratulations. In particular The Ballad of Stinking Still afforded me so much enjoyment that I thought some others of your readers might enjoy the enclosed ballad. I found it this morning on my doorstep (either outside or inside, I have forgotten which).

Faithfully yours,  
 Dullas Ditchwater.

**BALLAD OF THE NAMING OF A VILLAGE**  
 (about the year 2000 A.D.)

Listen, my townfolk, and you shall hear  
 Of the deep distress of a village dear,  
 A healthful hamlet, of altitude great,  
 Quite unsuspecting its final fate.

A drainage ditch was turning to mud  
 A piece of land both sound and good.  
 Do fix this ditch, the owner pled,  
 (A while in vain, it must be said).

To a court of law the case he took  
 When peaceful means were all forsook.  
 The ditch must be, the Judge laid down,  
 Removed to purify the town.

The Council tried the job to do  
 But the owner refused to let them through  
 Till the Council would agree to sign  
 Right here and here on the dotted line.

What do you think, the Council cried,  
 We are magicians or Pipers Pied  
 That we can whistle away your Mud?  
 Holy Moses, we wish we could!

They hired lawyers, more and more—  
 Lawsuits were started by the score.  
 Year by year the battle grew  
 And reached proportions quite undue.

The class each year could hardly wait  
 From Osgoode Hall to graduate  
 To rush to the suburbs, one and all,  
 And enter this glorious free-for-all.  
 ("Free-for-all" was a slip of the pen.  
 'Twas the fee-for-all that drew these men.)

The tax rate soared as the years sped by,  
 Time was when fifty mills seemed high.  
 When it reached one hundred, people started  
 To leave the village, broken-hearted.  
 They hated to go, but they could not stay  
 With their tax debts mounting day by day.

When it hit FIVE hundred, every one  
 Of the early settlers away had gone,  
 Leaving the town to the lawyers many,  
 Houses, and lots, and gardens a-plenty.

To rename the town the lawyers did crave  
 And met one day in close conclave.  
 Spoke one, "What brought us to this town  
 Was that oozy mud of color brown,  
 The mud from which we were deriving  
 (Before folks left) our right good living.

The mud around that drainage ditch  
 On this fair hill has made us rich.  
 For Services Rendered then we will  
 Christen this village RICH MUD HILL."

**NORMAN JACKMAN HEADS  
 TENNIS CLUB FOR 1940**

Norman Jackman was elected to succeed Mrs. Leo Watson as president when the Woodbridge Tennis Club met at Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Henderson's home Tuesday night. Others elected were Miss Betty Wallace, vice-president; Mrs. Leo Watson, secretary; R. G. Henderson, treasurer; Miss Bertha Whitmore, social convener; J. A. Fraser, Lyness Glass and Bill Watson, grounds committee; Miss Bertha Whitmore and J. A. Fraser, tournament committee; Jack Powlesland and Lorne Carr, auditors.

Special provisions were made to allow tourists and non-residents to use the courts. The club also announced a drive to secure new members and an estimated sum of approximately \$200 for installation of modern flood lighting at the courts. The new part season fees will be 2 months for \$2, 1 month for \$1.50, 50c. per week, or 25c. per day. Adult season fees were set at \$3.50 with a Junior rate (under 16) of \$2.00. The latter will apply for use of the courts until 6 p.m. daily except Saturdays and holidays.

On Friday, April 26th, John Cairns of King celebrated his 86th birthday. He was born near Eversley and has spent his entire life in King township. Mr. and Mrs. Cairns celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary earlier this year. They have one daughter, Lena, at home, a son James, who lives nearby, and three grandchildren.

**Notice to Creditors**

**HENRY DANIEL GAMBLE  
 ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the Estate of the above named decedent, who died on or about the 6th day of May 1938 at the Township of Markham, are requested to send on or before the first day of June 1940 to the undersigned, agent for the Executor, their names, addresses and full particulars of their claims, duly verified.

Take notice that on and after the first of June, 1940, the assets of the Estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been received, and that the Executor will not be liable for the assets to any person whose claim has not been received.

Dated at Aurora the 6th day of May, 1940.

J. M. WALTON, Box 476, Aurora,  
 Agent for the Executor,  
 Harriett I. Gamble.

William Dale, 66, assistant superintendent of the Dale Estate until his retirement three years ago, died in Brampton on Monday. He was a brother of the founder of the flower firm, Harry Dale, who died in 1900.

**Notice to Creditors**

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Susan Henrietta Gooderham, late of Lansing, Township of North York, Widow, deceased, who died on or about 23rd December, 1939, are required to forward their claims, duly proven, to the undersigned Henry James Elliot and Ira Worts Gooderham, executors, on or before 20th May 1940.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that after said date, the undersigned executors will proceed to distribute the estate amongst those entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which said executors shall then have notice.

DATED this 3rd day of May, 1940.

Alexander MacGregor, K.C.,  
 614 Confederation Life Bldg.,  
 Toronto,

Solicitor for Henry James Elliot,  
 and Ira Worts Gooderham, Executors of last will of said Susan Henrietta Gooderham, 30 Sheppard Ave., East, Lansing, Ont.

Bible instruction in several schools in Peel and Dufferin presbytery has been progressing successfully, it was reported at a presbytery meeting in Shelburne on Tuesday.

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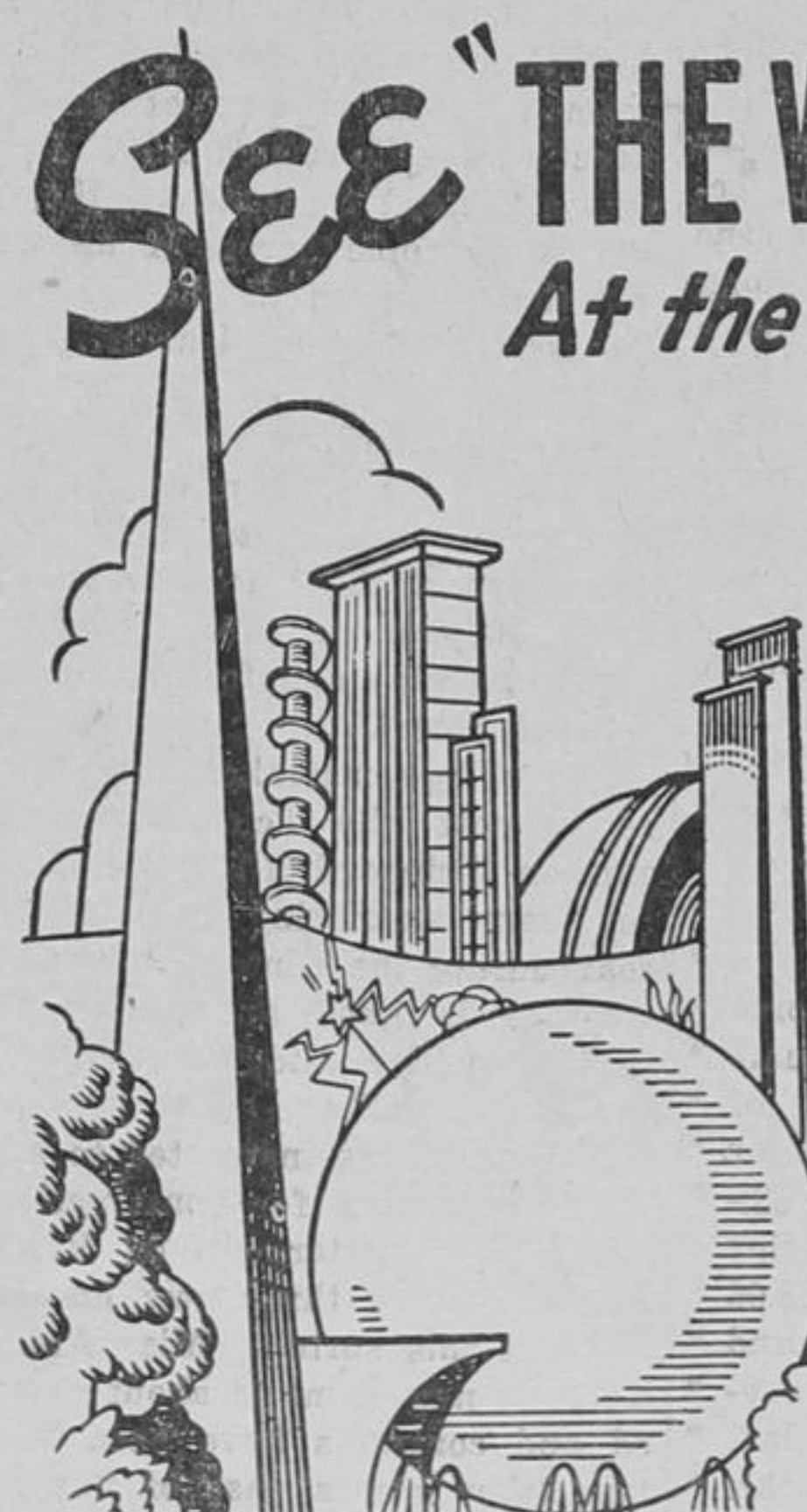
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