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FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of July 5th, 1900
Auctioneer Saigeon had a busy afternoon yesterday. The Soules property was sold to Mr. H. F. Hopper for \$800 and about 40 cattle and a large number of plow shares were disposed of at the sale at the Palmer House. Milk cows went to \$50.

In response to a requisition of citizens, Reeve Savage has proclaimed next Thursday, July 12, a Civic Holiday for the Municipality of Richmond Hill.

The Epworth League furnished an excellent tea at their lawn party on Mrs. Trench's grounds, Monday evening. The strawberries, ice cream and other delicacies were much enjoyed though the evening was a little cool for cold drinks. The grounds were nicely illuminated and a pleasant social time was spent by those who attended. The receipts, including a ten cent dinner on the following day amounted to about \$45.

Mr. I. Brumwell's barn raising at Victoria Square went off well. During the morning Mr. D. Woodard had the misfortune to fall and break his leg.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of June 30th, 1910
A considerable number of our young men have recently had the

good fortune to come into good positions in the city and are receiving the congratulations of their friends. Among the number are George Allison, Wilfred Redditt, Newton Brydon, Alex. McConaghy and Ray Grant.

At a joint meeting held some few evenings ago of the managers and members of the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church the managers were agreeably surprised to receive from the "Aid" one hundred and thirty-five dollars, which was sufficient to pay off all the indebtedness on the church and church property.

Last Friday afternoon Mr. Thos. Teasdale of Concord had a successful barn raising on his farm. The dimensions of the barn are 76 ft. by 40 ft. The cement work was done by Mr. J. Watson of Laskay, and the woodwork by Smith Bros. of Edgeley. The captains at the raising were Mr. H. Fisher and Mr. F. Johnston, victory being with the former. A bountiful supper, including strawberries, was provided, and was enjoyed by all. Quite a number of visitors beside the workers were present, and were interested spectators.

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General News & Views

Sutton Horse Show has been cancelled for this year owing to the war.

Traffic on Yonge Street over the Dominion Day holiday was very heavy.

There is a marked shortage of experienced farm help throughout Ontario this year.

Ken Prentice of Markham, well known York County insurance agent and auctioneer has signed up for military service. He is a Veteran of the last Great War.

Elimination of the Yonge Street bottle-neck is likely to be postponed until after the war, as all governmental bodies enter an economy program which will practically eliminate all public works.

It sure was the "leafy month of June". In fact someone said it was the "leafiest" June on record. Trees this year have a most abundant foliage and all vegetable growth has attained remarkable proportions.

The Western Fair at London has been cancelled for 1940 the first time since its institution in 1867. The grounds are being used for military purposes.

War Saving Stamps are available at many business places. Everyone can help in this way to "stamp out Hitlerism".

Present indications are for better than average crops in Western Canada. In Alberta the grain is short due to late seeding and cool weather, but in Manitoba and Saskatchewan crops are well advanced.

On Sunday, July 7th at 12 o'clock midnight the CBC will further extend its news service from overseas. On this date the first of a new series of broadcasts entitled "The BBC News Reel" will be heard over CBL

Lieut. W. E. S. Briggs, a former resident of Richmond Hill and a former CBC announcer is now commanding a Canadian Mine Sweeper on active service.

Every theatre in Canada will hold a special show to raise war funds on Monday night, July 15. To get an admission ticket, patrons must purchase war savings stamps, which remain their property, the theatres' aim being to boost war savings stamp sales.

Police are trying to solve the strange case of a man who gave about \$25, the first pay he had earned in some time, to an unknown boy on the Bloor street viaduct because, the man said, "the Lord told me to."

We always thought that it was the hen that had the most to crow about, but somehow nature implanted that privilege in the rooster. However, W. R. Chapman of Whitechurch has a Plymouth Rock hen that inherits the male instinct, and can crow like a rooster. When she lays eggs she cackles like every other hen, but out in the yard, when the old rooster lets go one of his flapping struts followed by the sonorous well known notes, the old hen up and imitates him to perfection, believe it or not.

The story of rural depopulation in Ontario is strikingly told in statistics relating to the closing of country schools because of insufficient attendance. In 1936 twenty-six schools ceased to operate on that account. In 1937 another twenty-eight schools were closed and in 1938 37 more were added to the list. This means that in three years' time nearly 100 schools were boarded up because there were not enough pupils to warrant their continued operation.

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