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EVIDENCES OF VILLAGE GROWTH

Although the life of the village flows smoothly along day by day, there are usually certain undercurrents, sometimes weak and at other times quite unworthy, that may eventually affect the community. Undercurrents suggesting growth are at present most pronounced. A start has been made on the building of 25 new homes; a gentleman who proposes to erect four stores on the site of the old Rustic Inn and to open offices here as a solicitor and barrister has become a resident along with his family; two press photographers qualified to meet the exacting technical requirements of the Toronto daily newspapers have already commenced business here in home portraiture and other forms of picture making and they are looking about for quarters that will be suitable as a studio; the village council is inclined to take a popular vote this year on the question of a sewage system; plans for improved transportation to Toronto are taking shape with the widening of Yonge St. south of the village. And one could probably discover a number of other trends, too, pointing in the general direction of community development.

It is well that there should be such evidence. Richmond Hill has been and is content to remain the finest residential village in the Dominion, but residents realize that no community can stand still. It must either go forward or lose ground. Progress is possible without the sacrifice of any of the things that make residence here so desirable. Growth can be selective. We can pick the type of new industries and businesses we wish to encourage, and in such control we can find adequate protection for all our interests. New municipal undertakings, such as a sewage system, will create new municipal obligations, and a few more taxpayers to help discharge such obligations will, of course, be welcomed by the present taxpayers.

> COME REAR THE PIPERS! Wi' a hundred pipers an' a' an' a' A hundred pipers an' a' an' a' We'll up and gie them a blaw, a blaw, Wi' a hundred pipers an' a' an' a'.

Announcement is made in this issue of the Ontario championship Highland games to be held at Woodbridge August 5th when, as the sponsors of the big event promise, "ancient customs dear to the hearts of all familiar with Scotland will highlight the day."

The glories of Scotland never grow old. Nor do her sons and daughters throughout the world ever fail to uphold her traditions. Lads and lassies in far off Africa and Australia love to get together and hear Scotch music, play Scotch games and lay claim to the link that binds them to the land of their forebears just as much as do their breth-

ren in Canada. It has been never possible to say, so far as the historical records show, that a Scottish event failed for want of attendance, enthusiasm or buoyancy of spirit, and even persons who are not privileged to call themselves Scottish find in Scottish picnics, outings and concerts something

that lightens the spirit and chases dull care away. That being the case the celebration at Woodbridge holds every promise of attracting large crowds from many places hereabouts, every man, woman and child among them being assured of a right jolly time.

THE RADIAL OUTLOOK

When the North Yonge St. radial revenue commenced some years ago to show appreciable increases, one reason often advanced for the climb was that more people were going to business and to jobs in war plants. However, the making of munitions and other war work has ended, and yet radial revenue grows. For the first five months of this year receipts have increased 5.53 per cent over the same period of 1945, and the figures for the most recent month reported, May, show an increase of 9.14 per cent.

It is generally acknowledged that fewer people are going to employment in other communities than was the case in the war years, but this factor may be largely negligible in as much as those who are going to the city daily are using the radials rather than their own cars, one reason no doubt being that in comparison with pre-war years

there are fewer cars in condition for the road. However, it cannot be safely assumed that when new cars are released fewer passengers will travel by radia! and more by private conveyance, particularly if the public transportation system is improved in the meantime. Toronto residents who own cars do not use them daily to go back and forth to business, and there should be no reason

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°68% out of this is wage rate increases; the remaining 38% is due to increased production since 1939.

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for folks this distance from the city to do so if, as should be, adequate radial transportation is provided.

THE SCHOOL ADDITION DELAYED

Parents and the teaching staff of the Richmond Hil! public school had hoped that the opening of school this Autumn would see an enlargement to the present building, but they will have to defer their hope for probably another school term. The delay cannot be helped. The school board has done everything possible to try to have a four room addition erected at a cost not to exceed \$86 .-000. For a time the undertaking seemed assured. The municipal board approval was obtained and a contract was awarded. But the contractor apparently found that the ups and downs of the building industry were such that he could not with reasonable certainty go ahead, and so he withdrew his offer.

The work could, of course, be done, but the prices quoted to the board by other contractors are in excess of \$100,000, and, very wisely, the trustees have decided to get along without the annex until building prices are more normal. The children will not suffer. Another room can be made available in the Municipal Hall as a class room, and doubtless other accommodation can be temporarily arranged for should it be badly needed. The school board is to be congratulated for weighing the pros and cons and keeping an eye on the tax rate. A period of economic readjustment is never one in which expenditures can with certainty be profitably made.

'\$1,000 A TRIFLE'

Everyone will agree with the observation of Councillor P. C. Hill at the July meeting of the village council that even a cost of \$1,000 for a stoplight is not to be compared with the loss of one life.

"With traffic conditions as they are at week-ends, it's a wonder somebody hasn't been killed," said Councillor Hill, a sentiment with which, on many occasions, the Liberal has had occasion to concur heartily.

This week a gifted Richmond Hill lady whose letter appears elsewhere in this issue writes some highly interesting and worth while advice on the subject. "It should be made emphatically clear to passing motorists," says this correspondent, "that the speed limit within the precincts of Richmond Hill is 30 miles per hour - strictly enforced - and then see that it is carried out."

We fully agree. A week ago we pointed out that with the frequent stops and slow travel made necessary in heavy traffic, a motorist is tempted to take whatever opportunity he can get to make up for lost time. He cannot on that account be classed as a reckless or dangerous driver, but he can and should and must be controlled, and about the only way in which we can exercise such control is by traffic signals. 'What is \$1,000 compared with the loss of one life?' as Councillor Hill puts it.

WHAT PEOPLE READ

The Picton Gazette in an interesting article says that a survey made in the United States for the Book Manufacturers Institute reveals that while the Bible is still the most read book, it is currently being pressed in popularity by the novel "Forever Amber." Ninety-five per cent of those polled said they read the Bible, and 84 per cent read "Forever Amber."

"While the majority may have read the Bible, or parts of it sometime in their life, it is questionable that they are habitual readers," says the Gazette. "A large percentage of Bible readers read only a few verses in church on Sunday. We doubt if 30 per cent of the people make a practice of studying the Bible daily, or even once a week, judging from the knowledge of Biblical events shown by most people. It used to be that much more emphasis was placed on Bible reading than nowadays. No Christian home was without a Bible, displayed in a prominent place in the household. Often it was the large size book, in which was recorded the births, deaths and marriages. Nightly reading of the Bible to the assembled family was more the practice than the exception. It doesn't seem to be the fashion anymore, however.

"Even apart from its inspirational value, the Bible presents the finest style in our literature. Its many stories hold an absorbing interest. If you have not read it, we advise you to read a chapter or so daily.

"The Book Manufacturer's poll also revealed that fiction accounts for 58 per cent of all books read and 37 per cent deal with non fiction. Adventure type stories are the most popular, while least read is poetry.'

### MAPLE NEWSY NOTES

Miss Margaret Fockler spent sev- Helen Johnson, sister of the bride eral days in Toronto the guest of and fiancee of Mr. Harry Armitage Keswick this week.

Wednesday to visit her sister. Mrs. Egbert Keffer and daughter

spent the week-end at Orillia. cut about the face last week when

he fell off a load of hay. the Junior Farmers of York County. Miss Orphie Orr has returned from her trip to Virginia which she also won in a similar manner. Orphie enjoyed the trip very much but was distressed on her return to find her father's barn had been destroyed by

Mrs. L. Marritt has purchased a tennis net to be used by anyone so desiring in the new stadium in the plan was postponed of necessity un- | tired Merchant, deceased, who died til next year, the net is to be used on the 8th day of March, 1945, are at the park for this season.

Mrs. Armitage and sons spent which notice has been received. Sunday at Bigwin Inn in Muskoka. DATED at Toronto 16th July, 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lahmer and Tilley, Carson, Morlock & McCrimson Jacob and his wife and two mon, 80 King St. W., Toronto, Sodaughters, all of St. Catharines were | licitors for Norman Frederick Parkvisitors last week-end at Mr. Lah- inson, Administrator. mer's sister, Mrs. Jesse Keffer.

Mr. Herb Keffer is ill, having suffered a slight stroke recently. Callers at the home of Mrs. I. Watson last Sunday were Mrs. John Grey of Aurora, her nephew and niece Mr. and Mrs. Pinger of Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Minty of Toronto. Mr. Minty who is a layman conducted the evening service in St. Stephen's Church in the absence of the rector, Rev. E. W. G. Worrall.

An interesting wedding took place on Saturday in St. Stephen's Anglican Church with Rev. E. W. G. Worrall officiating, when Miss Marion Jehnson, W.R.E.N., of Parry Sound was married to Mr. Gordon White, late of the R.C.A.F., also of Parry Sound. They were attended by Miss

Miss Ina Forrest. The girls enjoyed of our village and Mr. Donald Hama boat trip to Niagara Falls. Miss ilton, groomsman. Mrs. Walter Roll- Range, Radio, Motor, Washer Fockler is up at their cottage at ing of King played the wedding music. Afterwards Mrs. S. Armitage Mrs. J. Harris went to Fergus last entertained the wedding party at a luncheon.

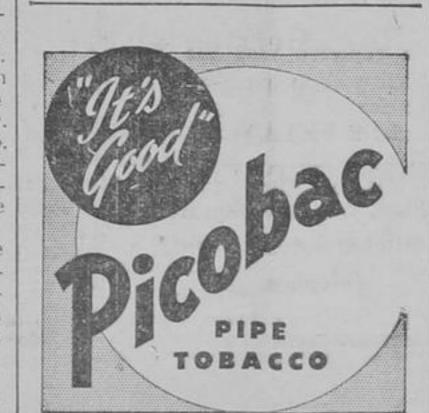
Guests last week-end at the home Mrs. Reg. Hammond of Toronto of Dr. and Mrs. S. Armitage were Mr. and Mrs. Williamon and Mr. and Mr. Wm. Noble suffered a severe Mrs. Wm. Owen of Akron, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hodge receiv- With the increase of fire hazards, ed word by telegram that their son, Congratulations to Allan Orr who W. S. Hodge, who is with the T.C.A. has won a trip to New York through at Moncton, N.B., is being transferred to Goose Bay, Labrador. Donald Hodge is visiting this week with relatives in Buffalo.

**Notice to Creditors** 

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All persons having claims against village, park. The original plan was the Estate of Frederick Alexander Richmond Hill to have a tennis court at the rear Parkinson, late of the Village of of the United Church but since the | Thornhill, in the County of York, Rehereby notified to send in to the un-The Young Men's Club is planning | dersigned full particulars of their a Carnival and Dance some time in claims on or before the 25th day of August, particulars to be given lat- July, 1946, after which date the assets of deceased will be distributed Mrs. Wiltshire and Margaret are among the parties entitled thereto, visiting at Fenelon Falls this week. having regard only to claims of



Last Thursday the Edgeley Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Percy Usher with a good attendance. It was "Grandmother's Day" and several were present and they contributed the program. Mrs. Alf. Bagg and Mrs. Wm. Dalziel were in costume of 50 years ago which added to the program greatly. At the close a dainty lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of

Mrs. Chas. Snider spent last week at Canadian Heswick, Ferndale, Muskoka.

Miss Esther MacClean of Willowdale spent last week with her sixter, Mrs. Campbell Snider.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Bagg were Mr. and Mrs. Hallowell and Miss Margaret of Concord and Mr. John Martin of Maple, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Giffin and baby Andrew of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Symons and children, Mrs. Symons, formerly Miss Nora Bagg, and three children are remaining for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Bagg is spending this week in Muskoka with her cousin, Mrs.

Hallowell.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stong were Mr. and Mrs. Stuart MacDonald of Smith's Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols of Victoria Square and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bone of Carrville and Mr. Wallace Aicheson of Weston,

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Esther were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Broadbelt.

Mrs. Donald Foster of Toronto is spending this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mrs. Annie Mortson is spending a

couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. Richard Thomas.

The church services will be discontinued for the next month while Rev. Fockler is having his vacation. Mrs. Breese of Windsor is spending a few days with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dalziel.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peelar and little sons, Lorne and Donald, nad tea on Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stong.

Mr. William Price has rented the

farm now occupied by Mr. Mike Donohue and family. Mr. and Mrs. Donohue and little Mary plan to move to Agincourt this Fall. We regret to learn that Mr. Orange Church of Streetsville, father of Mrs. Paul Snider, is se ill at his home. A week ago Sunday he and Mrs. Church spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Snider. We sincerely hope there will soon be a ?

Mr. Harold Milnes of Detroit, Mich. spent a day last week at the home of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Middle-

change in his condition.

The Young People's "Get-Together" at Musselman's Lake was a complete success last Sunday. The meetings will be discontinued through the summer.

### CONCORD

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hallowell and family have returned after spending an enjoyable holiday at Penetang. Mrs. Jas. Hallowell and Mrs. Alfred Bagg of Edgeley are holidaying at "Bangor Lodge", Bracebridge. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin are njoying a well earned holiday in Mus-

koka. Concord is very much in need of a scribe. Will some one volunteer for this job and let us hear what this lively community is doing?

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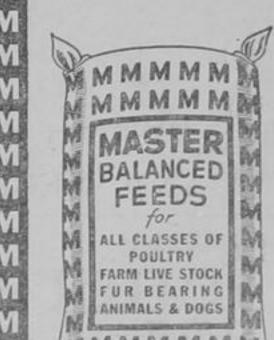
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