

## Lively Markham Election Makes Vernon Griffin Reeve

Win. Timbers, Harry Barber and Fred Wicks Jr. in Council

Some future Village historian, recounting to his grandson how elections in the "grand old days" were fought and won, may point a waver-finger at a spot on the map of Ontario and exclaim: "Yes, my boy, that WAS some fight between Mr. Reeve Hooper and would-be Reeve, Mr. Vernon Griffin. I'm telling you it was a hot campaign. Yes, Sir, Yes Siree."



VERNON W. GRIFFIN

And the old historian will be right, for we who have lived through it, know that it was a hot campaign, with a veteran fighter on the one hand, and a fledgling in municipal affairs on the other. For Mr. Griffin has been in office as councillor for one year only, and has now won through to the office of Reeveship. He has been described as an aggressive young business man, and the description appears in no way inadequate. That he is a fighter no one will doubt; and now that the election is over it is seen and proper that he should receive congratulations on his triumph. For a majority of his fellow-voters have placed him, by their votes, in an important office, and rule by majority is the basis of our democratic system.

We wish Mr. Reeve-elect Griffin a prosperous year and hope also that Markham Township will prosper in every way under the new municipal government.

Nor will the Markham Township historian overlook the fine and vigorous record of its outgoing Reeve, Mr. C. H. Hooper, with so many long years of public service to his credit. Mr. Hooper has had in many ways a remarkable public history, for so young a man. In sixteen years' municipal service the outgoing Reeve has been accorded a dozen acclamations. In victory or defeat, such a record is a truly wonderful one in local civic history. Only a man of immense fitness for public life could carry off such honours. In temporary absence from Markham Township affairs—and we can hardly doubt that such absence is only temporary—Mr. Hooper will be able to recall such public confidence demonstrated towards himself. He has been beaten this year. Well, what of it? Even Winston Churchill was beaten, and soundly beaten, two years ago.

This election in Markham Township has created an excitement that penetrated far beyond the bounds of the territory concerned. In many parts of the county telephone bells

were ringing on election night in quest of the result. Two vigorous, hard-fighting contestants were right in there, in the middle of the cockpit. Both couldn't come out of it as victors. One did. To him, congratulations; to his opponent, congratulations.

The new Reeve will have a fine council over which to preside. Mr. Harry H. Barber, who lives at Victoria Square, is a farmer, like his brother members of council, Mr. Win Timbers and Mr. Fred Wicks Jr.

Mr. Barber has had seven years experience as a member of council, while Mr. Timbers, who resides at Stouffville and is a very successful farmer, has been in council for the past two years.

Mr. Fred Wicks Jr., who lives at Markham, is well known for his activities in the Federation of Agriculture, Milk Producers and Co-operative organizations.

The losers for council seats were Mr. Leslie Couperthwaite of Buttonville, farmer, and member of Markham Township council for the past two years; Mr. Alfred E. James of Unionville, an employee of the Bell Telephone, and Mr. W. L. Scandrett of Richmond Hill, whose business is tea and coffee importer with the firm Hayter and Scandrett, Toronto.

The full results of the election are tabulated hereunder.

Polling Sub-Division	Griffin	Hooper	Barber	Couperthwaite	James	Scandrett	Timbers	Wicks
1 and 2, Thornhill	345	61	125	71	215	237	80	23
3, Langstaff	197	17	43	19	152	163	29	21
4, Elgin Mills	117	93	46	21	74	137	50	37
5, Buttonville	82	102	93	81	44	36	124	52
6, Victoria Square	34	126	102	51	11	14	132	67
7, Hagerman	84	46	44	63	27	7	150	115
8, Unionville	166	75	126	59	103	48	150	115
9, Cashel	25	98	61	53	14	6	111	63
10, Cowie's House	43	35	26	27	13	9	57	56
11, Mount Joy	10	55	15	31	4	5	53	53
12, Dickson's Hill	15	106	18	34	5	1	122	43
13, Cedar Grove	25	128	24	34	2	5	115	196
14, Mongolia	26	61	25	45	0	1	72	58
	1169	1003	748	584	664	664	1173	758

\*Candidates elected.

## Thornhill Concert Proves Treat To Music Lovers

Four talented students from the Royal (Toronto) Conservatory, who are preparing for musical careers, were heard at a delightful concert in Lawrence Memorial Hall, Thornhill, last Thursday.

To add to the pleasure of the evening, the young artists and their accompanists were very agreeable to the eyes as well as to the ears. On the platform they exhibited a refreshing, poised naturalness, and an enjoyment of their own efforts which was shared by the enthusiastic audience.

The soprano soloists, Patricia Snell and Sylvia Cokram, possess excellent well trained voices, of good range and power, and each charmed in their own way. Dark haired Miss Snell in bouffant black evening frock, chose two old English melodies, "Pastoral", "My Lovely Celia", and "The Wandering One", (from "The Pirates of Penzance") for her opening group of songs. Slight vivacious Sylvia Cokram in a long, graceful gown of ruby red, gave a gay rendering of some old Welsh airs, and the ever popular "Songs My Mother Taught Me".

Miss Snell and Miss Cokram are pupils of Miss Nina Gale, and were ably accompanied by Miss Edith Foot, well known Toronto pianist.

Playing from memory Steve Staryk gave the long and difficult Mendelssohn Concerto (Last Movement) in faultless and sensitive manner, to the spirited accompaniment of Elena Ropchan at the piano. Staryk, a pupil of Eli Spivak, won three scholarships—the Exhibition open, the Conservatory, and the Secondary Schools, totalling \$1200 during the past year.

Inborn aptitude plus 11 years of intensive study and practice have made of Paul Ellis an outstanding young pianist. He played Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in C Sharp Minor", "Prelude and Fugue in A Minor" by Bach-Listz, and Mendelssohn's "Scherzo in E Minor", in masterly fashion. Ellis is a pupil of Weldon Kilburn and has won several scholarships and gold medals in recent years.

The concert was sponsored by the Sidesmen of Trinity Anglican church and arranged by Mrs. E. A. Copp, and it is hoped that it will be the forerunner of other musical treats.

Incidentally, Marjorie Copp, until recently a resident of Thornhill is a former pupil of Miss Nina Gale and Miss Ethel Shepherd, and her splendid contralto voice used frequently to be heard on the radio.



DALTON RUMNEY  
Re-elected Deputy-Reeve of Markham Township by acclamation for the year 1948.

## 60 Young Farmers At Training Class

As part of their extensive educational programme the second annual one day Executive Training School for Junior Farmer officers of Central Ontario was held on December 7th in the town hall at Newmarket. Over sixty delegates from clubs in the counties of Ontario, York, Peel, Halton, Simcoe and Dufferin were in attendance to make this one of the most successful and worthwhile schools of the series recently concluded throughout the province.

Under the very capable direction of T. R. Hilliard, Toronto, Junior Extension Fieldman for Ontario and his assistants for the day, Miss Jean Scott, Home Economist of the Women's Institutes Branch and Ross Beattie of Stayner, Vice-President of the Ontario Junior Farmers' Association, a very full and most helpful programme was carried out. An excellent opportunity for exchange of ideas was provided and the make up of the various organizations, the duties of officers and new methods of club entertainment and introductions were explained. In the afternoon separate sessions for boys and girls allowed discussion of topics of particular interest to each group.

At the conclusion of the day's programme a banquet was held in the Presbyterian Church when some of the points of banquet procedure and etiquette were demonstrated and discussed. A jolly song in which several delegates were called on to act as leaders concluded a most enjoyable day of fellowship and practical instruction to help local club officers carry on a more enthusiastic junior farmer programme in the coming years.

## Rural vs City Life On CHML Program

Many York County Junior Farmers and their supporters will be interested in tuning in this Saturday night to their broadcast. For the second year in succession station C.H.M.L., Hamilton has been featuring a discussion each Saturday evening by various county groups of Junior Farmers and this coming Saturday, December 13, is to be the first broadcast of York County Junior Farmers this year.

This week the programme is of local hands and representatives of local clubs who will conduct a discussion of some aspects of rural life versus that of the city, which will be of interest to all.

A special feature will be the musical portion of the programme capable of being handled by the charming sextette of Velloro, "The Harmonettes", under the direction of Miss Margaret Watson of Kleinburg. They will open the programme and will feature the words and music to the Ontario Junior Farmers' theme song composed and written by Miss Watson. A county report will include interviews with two of our outstanding juniors. Hear what our junior farmers are doing to carry out their slogan "Self Help and Community Betterment". We recommend 900 on your dial, this Saturday, 8:45 p.m. for your Junior Farmer Show!

## OBITUARY

### LATE GEORGE CHADWICK

Mr. George Chadwick, in his 78th year, passed away at his Church St. residence, Richmond Hill on Friday morning, December 5th after a long period of illness.

He was born at York Mills in 1869 on the farm owned by his parents, the late James and Jane Berty Chadwick and was the last member of the family who had pioneered the York Mills area when it was bush-land.

Mr. Chadwick had been engaged in farming until his retirement in 1928. When he took possession of his father's farm there had been just seven acres of land cleared of bush.

He was a staunch Conservative in politics and was formerly a Warden of St. John's Anglican Church, York Mills, a member of the York Masonic Lodge and a member of Miami Lawn Bowling Club.

A private service was held from his late residence on Monday, December 8th. Rev. W. F. Wrixon officiated. A public service was also held in St. John's Church, York Mills with Rev. A. C. McColman conducting and Rev. Wrixon assisting. Pallbearers were six nephews, Gordon Chadwick, George Chadwick, Dr. Basil Chadwick, Edwin Nicol, Neil McKay, George Ross.

Interment took place in the family plot at St. John's Churchyard. He is survived by his widow.

### LATE JOHN MORBY

In ill health for many months, Mr. John Morby died on Monday, December 8th at the home of Miss Pearl Hendricks, Thornhill.

Mr. Morby came from England in his youth. Thirty years ago he was engaged as hired man by the late George Hendricks of Headford and had remained with the family ever since. When the farm was sold, he came to Thornhill with the Misses Hendricks.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. S. W. Hurtle in the Wright & Taylor Funeral Parlor, Richmond Hill on Wednesday, December 10. Interment took place in the Hendricks plot in Richmond Hill cemetery.

## ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEW MEMORIAL WINDOW FOR RICHMOND HILL

The family of the late Mrs. L. Crockett, for many years Matron of the Royal True Blue and Orange Home, Richmond Hill, have decided to perpetuate her memory by placing a beautiful memorial window in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, the church she supported and attended during her residence at the Home. The window, which will depict the Bible story of our Lord calling little children to Himself and blessing them, is being skillfully made by the Robert McCausland Co. Ltd., of Toronto, and will be in its position on the north wall of the church near the organ, opposite the new usually occupied by the late Matron and some of her children, in time for the special service to be held on Sunday morning next, December 14 at 11 o'clock. A member of the family will unveil the window and the Rector, Rev. W. F. Wrixon, will take the dedication service. It is expected that a large number of relatives and friends will be present for this tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. Crockett. Local friends of the late Matron are invited to be present.

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## FATHERS' NIGHT SPECIAL FEATURE OF LIONS CLUB

On Thursday night, December 18, the local Lions Club will celebrate "Fathers' Night" when each Lion will bring as his guest his own or another Lion's child. The way things are shaping up there will be six, five Lions and sixty-five children present. A very special programme has been arranged for both Dad and the children and a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

This is the night that Junior has been waiting for, to see the Tail-Twister and the Lion Tamer do their stuff, because he hears Dad talk so much about them.

Say Dad, that Tail-Twister must be a brave fellow!

All the Lions who have small children bring something along to put on the chair for Junior to sit on, to raise him up where he can see and be seen. Sorry high chairs are not provided.

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

There will be a big parade in Richmond Hill on Saturday afternoon, December 20, and who do you think will be in the parade? Why no other than Santa Claus in person and with him will be a band, the crown of Arabella, toy town soldiers, a hold bad pirate, the little drum major of toy town and many others. This will be a parade that everyone will surely want to see and that is only the beginning. The parade will end at the arena where a gay and colorful party will take place, and at that party Santa will give presents to all the boys and girls. This is all being made possible by the Richmond Hill Lions Club.



CHARLES H. HOOPER  
Reeve of Markham Township who was defeated in Monday's election by councillor Vern W. Griffin.

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

At a well attended crokinole party held in the United Church Sunday school room on Monday evening of this week at which Mrs. Percy Wood and Mr. Floyd Perkins were the winners, the following officers of the Young Adult Fellowship Group were elected for the year 1948: President, Mr. Floyd Perkins; vice-president, Mr. Harold Sanderson; sec.-treas., Miss Bernice Cook; devotional convenor, Mr. Sidney Brown; recreation convenor, Mr. Wm. Schurman; pianist, Miss Elmore Humphreys; refreshment committee, Mrs. F. Perkins, Mrs. W. Schurman, Mrs. Margaret Whelan; press convenors, Mr. and Mrs. L. Foote; church hour nursery convenor, Mrs. Harold Sanderson. After the election of officers lunch was served.

## DR. C. ROSE MAYOR OF AURORA

The new Mayor of Aurora is Dr. Crawford Rose. He has been a member of council for four years. Dr. Rose came to Aurora five years ago from Coleman, Crow's Nest Pass, Alberta. He will take over from the retiring mayor, Ross Linton.

## THE WAY IT LOOKED

Two black crows were flying across country when a P-80 went zooming past them, its jet propulsion spurting flames from its exhaust.

"Boy," exclaimed one crow, "it's that bird in a hurry!"

"Yes," said the other crow, "and I bet you'd be too, if your tail was on fire."

## TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS AND ADVERTISERS

Our correspondents and advertisers are very kindly requested to have their copy in to The Liberal as early as possible during the Christmas rush period. We are most anxious, as always, to give the best possible service to our advertisers and readers; and during this rush period early copy will enable us to get The Liberal out on time.

Here's a traffic safety angle worth remembering: If you're driving when it's freezy, Take your time and take it easy!

## Reeve Felicitates Successor 1947 Council Closes Its Books

The regular monthly meeting of the Richmond Hill Village Council was held in the Municipal Hall on Monday, December 8, and presided over by the retiring Reeve, Mr. William Neal. There were present Councillors Middleton, Hill, Paris and Mabley, together with the clerk, Mr. Russell Lynett.

Mr. Neal, opening the last meeting of council for the year 1947, offered congratulations to Councillor Percy Hill on his election, by acclamation, to the office of Reeve for 1948. Mr. Neal spoke in reminiscent mood, and dwelt especially on the harmonious workings of council during the four years during which he had had the honour of the position of Reeve. They had their differences, of course. No team of men working together on civic business, each with a sincere desire to benefit the community they represented, could expect always to escape conflict of view. Such differences of view were the very essence of progress; and the progress of their community had been the driving force behind all their actions.

Looking back over his years of office the Reeve emphasized however that none of these differences of view was of a personal nature, and when council work was finished they were all good friends as ever. For they all loved their village, and wanted both progress and harmony to prevail.

Mr. Neal offered the heartiest congratulations to the incoming Reeve, and trusted that Mr. Hill, together with the new council, would have a happy and successful year of office. Mr. Hill, Reeve-elect, suitably responded and in a few well-chosen words thanked Mr. Neal for his observations. He appreciated the honour of becoming Reeve, and said it would be his constant objective to work, with the aid of council, for the prosperity of the community as a whole. It had been a very pleasant experience working under Mr. Neal, whom they all honored highly. He hoped and believed that the 1948 council would be a harmonious and progressive team.

Councillor Ralph Paris expressed regret that in present circumstances he had felt it his duty to retire. It had been a great pleasure to him to work under the direction of their Reeve, Mr. Neal. Council work was often onerous work, but he had loved it, and at all times had served the community of Richmond Hill to his utmost capacity. He wished the Reeve-elect, and the new council, every success during the year 1948.

Councillor Cecil Mabley endorsed previous remarks on their retiring Reeve, and pledged his support of whatever proposals he felt convinced would be of benefit to all in Richmond Hill. He congratulated Mr. Hill on his elevation to the Reeveship, and trusted that council would experience great success in 1948.

Council then proceeded to the transaction of considerable business on the agenda, much of it of a routine character. Among other special items of interest, however, were the water supply and Hydro-Electric services.

## WORLD SHORTAGE OF MIXED FERTILIZERS

One of the several legacies of the war is a world shortage of fertilizer materials. A phenomenal demand for commercial fertilizers—the largest in world history—has arisen at a time when production of nitrogen, phosphate, potash and the so-called minor elements, is at a low ebb in a number of producing countries.

The reasons for the demand are many: a growing realization of the value of commercial fertilizer in many countries; the reduction of live stock in some countries which limits the use of barnyard manure; and perhaps the most important the necessity in the least fortunate countries of improving soil fertility to increase the production of essential foodstuffs beyond a mere subsistence level.

The inadequate production has arisen from a number of causes, most of them associated with the war.

## RADIO FORUMS

It is highly encouraging to learn that the Farm Radio Forums have been greatly extended for the 1947-1948 season as a result of many summer conferences and field organization work. They opened November 3 and will continue to March 22. This makes each Monday night something to look forward to for the people of rural Canada. These forums which have been possible on a national basis through the advent of radio have become a highly constructive force in the life of the nation.

Organized as community units in which farm neighbors get together to discuss matters of public interest, stimulating people to think and encourage them to give expression to their opinions. Then collective decisions are forwarded to a central broadcasting depot from which on the last Monday of each month, a general review is sent out over the air. This projects forum participants into an even wider community. It promotes a new conception of Canada and definitely cements Canadian unity.—Canadian Statesman, Bowmanville.

to the respective departments. The council voted a very cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. Mr. Worrall, of King City, who very kindly attended, as guest speaker, the Centenary service; and cordially voted the sum of \$35.00 to the North Toronto Salvation Army Band for their services on Remembrance Day.

Before the conclusion of council Mr. Middleton moved that a vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Russell Lynett, clerk of the municipality, for the zealous services rendered at all times by him. This was heartily seconded by Councillor Paris, who emphasized the clerk's recognized efficiency and courtesy in the performance of his many duties. Reeve Neal, the Reeve-elect, and Councillor Mabley endorsed what had been said of Mr. Lynett.

The clerk, in responding with thanks, remarked on the cordial workings of council, and said that he had found pleasure in the performance of his duties. He thanked the council gratefully for what had been said of himself.

## DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT PAID TO LIONS CLUB

Last Thursday evening Mr. Frank Underhill, Deputy District Governor of Lions International, paid Richmond Hill Lions Club an official visit. He paid glowing tribute to the local club for its efficiency and standing in the district and was very much impressed by the reports of committee chairmen which he said gave a splendid picture of the excellent work being done in this community by the Lions Club.

The theme of his address was "Peace and Good Will and Its Need in the World Today". He spoke of the grand work being done in many countries by Lions International and stressed the need for every Lion to do his utmost to promote fellowship, goodwill and understanding among his fellowmen, and particularly among the newcomers and strangers in our midst, so to create in them good citizens. At the conclusion of his address, Past President Lion Percy Hill thanked Mr. Underhill on behalf of the club for his splendid address and presented him with a gift of roses.

## EDGELEY JERSEYS WIN MANY AWARDS

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Alf. Bagg, Edgeley, Ont., who with his fine herd of Jersey cattle captured 32 prizes at the 1947 Royal Winter Fair. Among these were the Reserve Grand Champion bull, Reserve Junior Champion and the Junior Yearling Heifer. Mr. Bagg has never missed a showing of his Jersey herd at this fair for many years.

## FIRE DESTROYS LANGSTAFF HOME

Six persons were left homeless Friday morning, December 5, when their four-room frame cottage on No. 7 highway east of Langstaff burned to the ground. The fire, believed to have started from an overheated stove, started about 10 a.m. while the mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Frank George were at work. The four children were at school.

## LANGSTAFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Windbreakers and crests were presented to the boys of the Langstaff baseball team by F. Morris, president of the club. Our boys made a good showing in the series, being defeated by the good Newmarket team after a thrilling series.

We wish to thank the Langstaff supporters for their support all season and we hope to get together next year. The athletic club are endeavoring to flood the ball park for community skating rink. Any support or donation you would like to give, send to F. Morris, president, post office, or Mrs. S. Worsdale, secretary, Langstaff.

## HONOR FORMER PRINCIPAL

Formerly principal of Pickering College, Newmarket, Joseph McCully was presented with a watch by members of the Pickering Old Boys' Association Friday night, December 5th. Mr. McCully served as principal for 20 years.

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 FREE PARKING  
 THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 12, 13  
 "CYNTHIA"  
 Starring ELIZABETH TAYLOR  
 With GEORGE MURPHY and MARY ASTOR  
 — ALSO —  
 "MAN FROM OKLAHOMA"  
 Starring ROY ROGERS, DALE EVANS and GEORGE "GABBY" HAYES  
 MON., TUES., WED., DECEMBER 15, 16, 17  
 "THE HUCKSTERS"  
 CLARK GABLE, DEBORRAH KERR, AVA GARDNER, SYDNEY GREENSTREET, KEENAN WYNN, ADOLPHE MENJOU