

# A Very Merry Christmas To All Our Readers

## The New Richmond Theatre To Open Next Thursday Evening

FINE MODERN THEATRE TO SERVE RICHMOND HILL AND DISTRICT

Next Thursday, December 30th, will be a historic day in Richmond Hill for on that date the new Richmond Theatre will be officially opened. Richmond Hill district's first movie theatre is a modern and attractive building, of pleasing and outstanding design and with the very latest in equipment.

Ned Hill, manager of The Richmond, in announcing the opening for next Wednesday said that nothing has been spared in giving the district a movie house with the most modern appointments and with equipment designed for the complete comfort and enjoyment of the patrons.

Technicians are busy putting the finishing touches on the building and there is a great rush as projection equipment is installed, carpet laid and seats put in place.

Next Thursday evening the opening will be at 8 p.m. and there will be only one show, whereas the regular policy will be two shows nightly with a Saturday matinee. Opening night the doors open at 7:30 p.m. and at 8 p.m. there will be a brief opening ceremony followed by the regular picture program.

The Richmond has many new and distinctive features which will be outlined in a future issue, but Mr. Hill mentioned in particular the care and planning which has gone into the new Simplex Sound System. Preliminary tests by sound engineers indicate the performance and sound production at The Richmond will be such as to delight the patrons. The huge new loud speaker system ensures even distribution of all sound frequencies and uniform coverage to every seat in the theatre.

The Simplex FOUR STAR Sound System being installed is an entirely new development, possessing features found in no other sound system. It is built by a company who has manufactured theatre equipment for more than a quarter of a century and is, in a large measure responsible for excellent projection of motion pictures in the majority of theatres today. These developments improve illumination, giving a clearer picture, making visible more detail without squinting producing a picture vastly more steady and definitely removing that flicker common to motion pictures in the past. These refinements have added to the patron's enjoyment of pictures and comfort by the elimination of eyestrain.

"Some of the same engineers who solved the picture problem," stated Mr. Hill, "have now, in conjunction with sound technicians, turned their attention to better sound. It is natural, therefore, to expect that a company so conversant with theatre problems and the projection of sight and sound would continue their leadership in their chosen field. Thus, the Simplex Four Star Sound System is a logical achievement in the per-

fecting of sight and sound. The usual courtesy reservations have been made for opening night for those of the trades and contracting staff engaged in the erection of the building, but all other seats are general admission and go on sale at 7:30 p.m.

Next week announcement will be made of program details with interesting stories of the many outstanding features of The Richmond, the district's own new movie house.

## Local Guernsey Breeders Launch On Second Year

Last week over forty Guernsey enthusiasts in York, Simcoe and Ontario counties met at the Maple Villa, Maple, for their annual meeting in the form of a dinner gathering.

Progress seemed to be the keynote as various reports were received. Following the introduction of head table each of the gentlemen present was asked to introduce himself. It was very pleasant to notice the increase in new members and men interested in the Guernsey Breed.

Following his words very closely the attentive group could obtain many basic sound suggestions from Mr. Gerry Walker, Superintendent at Eaton Hall Farm, as this guest speaker outlined methods of improving the general efficiency of raising dairy cattle. His informative address was followed by reports from one of our Ontario Directors, Mr. D. G. McAllister of Richmond Hill and B. B. Hodgins, Field Secretary of the Ontario Association.

A sound financial statement was presented to the club and in the election of directors the following were given office: East of Yonge St., E. Crossland, Claremont; E. Lemon, Stouffville; A. Baldson, Sharon; Dr. Noble, Richmond Hill.

West of Young St.: L. Hatfield, Maple; H. Clapp, Concord; C. Burns, King and F. McCutcheon, Kleinburg. Simcoe County: D. G. S. McQuarrie, Gilford; D. Harvie, Orillia.

Perhaps the most important new business concerned the possibility of having enough followers to ask the Maple Unit to include a Guernsey line of bulls. This was discussed at length with the new directors receiving the backing of the club in promoting such action.

The friendly evening among pleasant surroundings concluded with a note of appreciation to a number of the officers and field secretary who were responsible for a great deal of the progress achieved over the past year.

## Santa Claus Paid Visit To Village

On Saturday afternoon last Jolly Old Santa favored by good weather visited Richmond Hill and was greeted by large crowds as he paraded down Yonge street.

This was all arranged by the Lions Club under the direction of Lion Howard Jackman and his committee. The route of the parade was down Yonge street east on Markham street, north on Church street to the Arena where Santa addressed the great throng of children and gave each one a gift from his great bag of presents. Parents were in attendance in large numbers and thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings.

When the party at the Arena was over the Lions accompanied Santa to the Orange Home where a show was put on for the children. Here Santa drew more presents from his great ample bag to the delight of every child.

The Lions Club wish to express special thanks to Stan Francis of this parade who took part in this parade dressed as a cowboy riding his gallant horse. To the many others who helped to make this parade such an outstanding success goes sincere appreciation.

The Lions Club are to be congratulated for providing such a wonderful treat for the children of Richmond Hill, thereby adding another score to their magnificent record of useful and beneficent work in this community.

## SCHOOL DAYS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL

By Edward Hill

When the whole student body came back to begin another term at R.H. P. S. we were very agreeably surprised. The school we left last June had taken on an almost entirely different appearance. Four new modern rooms and a beautiful new auditorium had been added to the building. The new rooms are equipped with automatic heat control, arranged so that if the room becomes too warm, it shuts off and begins to blow cold air into the room. They are also equipped with dark green boards and yellow chalk, which cuts down the glare considerably. Our new the High School gym for moving pictures, plays, oratorical contests, and choir programmes which are put on by various groups in the village. We also have a new kindergarten in the room grades seven and eight occupied last year. It had been repainted and has a large red circle in the middle of the floor for games. The tables and chairs are along the walls. There are morning and afternoon classes for children four and five years of age. We have three new teachers on the staff: Mr. Ard, Miss Ferguson, and Mrs. Yerex, who is taking Mr. Scott's class three half days a week.

After we had been back for about a month we had our annual Field Day, which was bigger and better than ever before. It took three days to complete the events because of our greatly enlarged school.

Not long after Field Day came Halloween and the different rooms had Halloween parties followed by a parade of all the children up to Green Four in Halloween costume. That night we had our annual penny collection and were very successful, collecting \$86.43 for the Children's Welfare Work sponsored by the Lion's Club.

Our most recent and biggest event was Open House. We were in a turmoil getting the school in suitable condition for the big night. Our work was displayed on our desks, art was hung on every vacant wall, compositions were posted on bulletin boards and the choir were practising in every spare period. Finally the school was in readiness.

As the people came in they were directed to the auditorium where the official opening of the school was held. The chairman of the school board, Mr. Pollard, gave the opening address and introduced the speakers. Mr. MacKillop officially opened the school, following addresses by our principal, Mr. W. Scott and Reeve P. C. Hill. Other members of the school board spoke followed by the principal speaker Mr. Keith, the Chief Attendance Officer of the Department of Education. Finally Mrs. MacGillivray ended the meeting by leading the intermediate and senior choirs in several numbers, after which the parent-visit upstairs and through the rooms, inspecting our work. The evening came to an abrupt end at eleven o'clock when the power was cut off.

## BOY SCOUT NEWS

A meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Boy Scouts was held in the Municipal Hall on December 14th, with twenty-three members present. Four visitors from the Oak Ridges Auxiliary also attended. Mr. Duett of the National Film Board presented Boy Scout pictures which were much enjoyed.

## Dear Santa Claus:

Put into my stocking this eventful year a dash of Human Kindness.

Add some of the Breadth of Vision that will make me realize that war is hellish and that all men are my brothers.

Pour in some of the Oil of Graciousness — the mark of a true gentleman.

Give me to play well my part in this rapidly changing world and to so regulate my life that, when I pass on, no man can say of me: "He lived for self alone."

Leave for me a generous package of Good Cheer, so that when my neighbor is weighed down with despair I may go to him and help him to look up and look one.

Bring me a Jack-in-the-Box like the one that set my boyish heart to beating pit-a-pat in days gone by. Only, let it be labelled "Faith in God," and give me the key to unlock its magic for every heavy heart that comes my way.

And don't forget a cane — not the age-old peppermint candy affair — but a staff of spiritual Strength on which I may lean when sorrow casts its shadow on my path.

Make all the children of earth glad, dear Santa, but don't forget that grown-ups, too, sometimes dream dreams and wish again for childhood unrealities. Write upon the minds and hearts of all who have relinquished the carefreeness of youth for the stern verities of the daily struggle the message that Real Happiness consists not of material things, but of days spent in the service of one's fellows.

— JEROME P. FLEISHMAN

## Canadian Agriculture Reviewed At Annual Conference

At the Dominion-Provincial Conference held in Ottawa early in December, papers were presented reviewing the probable prospects for agriculture in 1949. The following is a digest of the papers.

**World and Domestic** — Despite more extensive destruction and economic dislocation during World War II than during the previous world conflict, recovery has proceeded much more rapidly in the past three years than in the corresponding period after World War I, and has not encountered any major set-back.

Pre-war world consumption levels will not be attained until countries most affected have made substantial progress in replacing war damage to housing, industrial and commercial facilities, in catching up with the requirements of an expanding population and are better able to balance their foreign trade.

International exchange problems continue to hamper economic recovery and to impede a return to multilateral trade.

The development and acceptance of the principles of the European Recovery Program and the International Trade Organization indicate that participating countries are aware of the value of multilateral trade and the possibilities it presents for growing world prosperity.

In 1949 prices of farm products in the United States are likely to average slightly lower than in 1948 and farmers' net income is expected to be somewhat lower for the second straight year.

The overall domestic demand in 1949 is expected to equal, or possibly exceed, that of 1948 although there may be some softening in the export demand for some farm products.

Prices received by Canadian farmers will likely remain at the 1948 level or perhaps decline slightly toward the end of 1949. Cash farm income should remain close to high levels of 1947 and 1948. Prices paid by farmers will probably remain at the 1948 level or show some increase in 1949.

**Wheat** — After allowing 150 million bushels for domestic use and assuming the carry-over at July 31, 1949 falls to the level of July, 1948, this year's wheat production of 393.3 million bushels should provide some 243 million bushels for export. An assured market for a large part of the crop, the fall drought in the Prairie Provinces, together with almost certain reductions in 1949 acreages of rye and flax, are factors favouring an increased spring wheat acreage in 1949.

**Feed Grains** — Increased production of feed grains in 1948, particularly in Ontario and Quebec may reduce shipments from Western Canada. Net supplies of feed grains (excluding wheat) per grain consuming animal unit available for the 1948-49 feeding season are about 25 per cent greater than in 1947-48. Eastern farmers are likely to maintain their coarse grain acreages at 1948 levels.

**Livestock** — During the first half of 1949 hog prices are expected to

## Fathers Hosts To Children At Lions Meeting

Last Thursday evening will long be remembered by all local Lions as a most outstanding event in the Club's history when 100% of the members were in attendance with one or more of their own or other Lions children as guests swelling the attendance to over 160.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served and special tribute is due to all those ladies who worked so hard in decorating the Hall and the tables and in serving such a delightful dinner. The program committee under the direction of Lion Ed Butlin are to be congratulated for the very excellent program arranged especially for the children but also thoroughly enjoyed by every adult present. The look of joy and excitement on every young face during the Punch and Judy show surely did instill warmth into every one's heart. The singing of Christmas Carols brought to all the joy of Christmas and the glad tidings that this season of year brings to all the world.

Does a Lion roar? They sure do. As proof of this the children were greeted with full honors of the Lions roar led by Lion Tamer Bill Wagner. Glowing tribute was paid to this great crowd of young folk by Lion President Dick Edmonds who said "These boys and girls of to-day are our men and women of to-morrow and in years to come will carry on the great work of Lionism in this community."

The officers and members of Richmond Hill Lions Club take this opportunity of wishing everyone in and around this community a Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## Headford Couple Wed 50 Years

Last Tuesday, December 21st, marked the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Leuschner, Headford. The happy couple celebrated the occasion at the home of their daughter, Mrs. William Johnson, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Leuschner were married half a century ago from Mrs. Leuschner's home near York Mills. The first 25 years of their married life were spent in Toronto, and the last half at Headford, where Mr. Leuschner farmed until ten years ago. "Living in the country is much more comfortable after the first 25 years," Mrs. Leuschner said.

The couple have seven children: Fred Leuschner, Margaret Leuschner, Walter Leuschner, Headford; Mrs. O. Mumford (Elsie), Mrs. Johnson (Grace), Mrs. Norman Bell (Edna), Headford; and Arthur Leuschner, of Thornhill.

## New Race Track To Be Built In Thornhill Area

At a meeting of the Ontario Municipal Board on Tuesday an application was heard to allow the construction of a million dollar race track on the Franceschini property on Yonge St., just north of Steele's corners. At present the area is governed by a restricting bylaw so that permission of the Board is necessary before the project can proceed.

Promoted by a Chicago syndicate, headed by Mr. Lathers, the racing association proposes to carry on harness racing for approximately forty-two days in a year, the race programs to be carried out by floodlight as well as in daylight.

R. H. Neil and Thomas Jackson of Thornhill appeared opposing the proposal, and the Board adjourned its hearing until January 7th.

Tuesday evening, December 28th, Thornhill Police Village trustees will discuss the project and on January 2nd the matter will be considered by the Toronto and York Planning Commission.

## L.O.B.A. ELECTS OFFICERS

R. W. Sister, Lottie Hamilton of Toronto, Grand Chaplain of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario West L. O. B. A. and staff officiated for the election and initiation of officers in Empire Lodge L.O.B.A., Richmond Hill, last week. Officers for the coming year will be: Mrs. L. W. Zuefelt, W.M.; Mrs. G. Fenwick, I. P.M.; Mrs. Lloyd Bell, D. M.; Mrs. E. Reynolds, J.D.M.; Mrs. N. Evans, Chaplain; Mrs. R. Beattie, Guardian; Mrs. W. Turner, Sec.; Mrs. J. Ley, F.S.; Mrs. S. Ransom, Treas.; Miss Beulah Baskerville, D. of C.; Miss Nancy Reynolds and Mrs. M. Wainman, Lecturers; Mrs. L. White, Mrs. K. Shields, Mrs. A. White, Mrs. S. MacPherson, Committee.

The warrant was draped in memory of the late sister, Mrs. E. Faulkner, who was an honorary member of Empire Lodge.

The retiring mistress, Mrs. G. Fenwick, was presented with a pastmistress' jewel and a gift on behalf of the officers and members by Pastmistress Sister Ransom and Pastmistress Sister White.

## TOWN LEAGUE MIDGET HOCKEY

Plans are under way for operating the Richmond Hill town league in conjunction with the Toronto Hockey League with four teams. The group plans to play twice weekly just as soon as the weatherman provides ice at the local arena. Teams will be coached by "Wick" Mills, Tim Saul, Dick Mills and Elgin Barrow. Donations toward equipment will be welcomed by those interested in sponsoring the undertaking.

The Liberal welcomes news and social items and we would appreciate a call this week telling us of your holiday visitors.

## HOLIDAY WEEK CLOSING HOURS

The undersigned Richmond Hill shops will observe the following closing hours during the holiday week:

- Wed. December 22nd ..... 9 p.m.
- Thurs., December 23rd ..... 9 p.m.
- Friday, December 24th ..... 7 p.m.
- New Year's Eve ..... 7 p.m.

- Hillcrest Marketaria
- Helen's Groceteria
- Glass Meat Market
- Mansbridge Meat Market
- Morley's Groceteria
- Dominion Stores

## PROCLAMATION

VILLAGE OF

## RICHMOND HILL

In accordance with a resolution by the municipal council I hereby proclaim

## Monday, Dec. 27th BOXING DAY

To be a Civic Holiday in Richmond Hill.

P. C. HILL, Reeve.

GOD SAVE THE KING