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## The Richmond Theatre

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Shows daily, Monday through Friday at 7 and 9 p.m.  
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### To Sing At United Church on April 20th



Pictured above are "The Commodores," male quartet of "Navy Show" fame who will sing at the United Church, Richmond Hill, on April 20th when the first suburban presentation of the Toronto Star "Good Music Concert" will be made. The concert, which will start at 8 p.m. will be free. Master of ceremonies will be Dr. Leslie Bell, leader of the Internationally famous Bell Singers.

The Commodores, who form only part of the impressive programme which has been arranged for the occasion, did a three-month run at the famous Hippodrome in London, England, appeared on international B.B.C. broadcasts there and made a triumphant tour through France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Participating in the programme will be the United Church's own choir under Adelmo Melecci, organist and choirmaster.

### Lions And Farmer Guests Told Of War Problems

Canada was born late, but had greatness thrust upon her, said Commander Rowland H. Stokes-Rees, speaking to members of the Lions Club and their twenty-five farmer guests at the recent "Farmer's Night" banquet staged by the club.

Lions welcomed their farmer guests as outstanding citizens of the community — men who by long and tedious hours of work had made possible a great variety of the necessities of life.

Speaking of Canada and her place among the nations of the world, Commander Stokes-Rees said that the Dominion's greatness was acknowledged by her contribution to the war effort. Overgovernment and under-population were two of her problems of the day, he said, emphasizing that sufficient immigration of the right type now and for the next ten years were important.

Canada, said Commander Stokes-Rees, should be proud of her part in the North Atlantic Security Pact. Discussing conditions in various countries he said that Russia was the most difficult to deal or to reason with, and gave in support of that statement many rather startling reasons and personal experiences. Russians, said Stokes-Rees, are expert propagandists and take advantage of every situation to further their ends in any part of the world. He gave a picture of conditions in Greece, a land suffering from the horror of guerrilla warfare with a communist-controlled and supplied guerrilla body dealing death and horror to innocents.

**Situation in China**  
China was divided into many camps and doubtless history would repeat itself, the speaker asserted. While, unfortunately, Communists had the

upper hand at the present time it was likely that this country, at war for years and swaying with every tide, would tire of communism as she has tired of other things. India, he said, was in bad condition and was a source of present worry.

The world must awake, said the Commander, and throw off its present apathy. War of the future, with its chemical agencies and its atom bombs, could bring horrors as yet unimagined. Let's dip down deep and take men who can and will do things in keeping with the times, he suggested, adding that it was dangerous to depend on old ideas to meet the trends of today.

### 'Liberal' Editorial Receives Recognition

Giving credit to J. E. Smith, M.P., publisher, and F. J. Picking, writer, the News Bureau of Toronto, named the editorial "Co-operation Pays Dividends" which appeared in the March 31st issue of The Liberal as the "Editorial of the Week." Reprints were sent to all members.

### York County Sets 3 World Records For Butter Fat

Three world records were honoured at the annual banquet of the York County Holstein Club held recently at Fairlawn United Church, Toronto.

### Milk Producers Stage Banquet At Buttonville

Over two hundred milk producers of District No. 6 who attended a banquet at Buttonville on April 6, heard C. J. Clarke of the Milk Foundation League guest speaker, stress the interdependence of nature and human relationships in developing a better and more secure society.

### Thornhill District Lions Club To Start Canvass April 15th

A drive to raise \$20,000 to put the Thornhill District swimming pool project over the top will start April 15th. The campaign by the Thornhill District Lions Club will extend for two weeks.

### Queen's York Rangers Band Here For May 24 Fair

The Agricultural Society has succeeded in securing the services of the Queen's York Rangers Band for the Fair on May 24th. The Band will lead the parade from the assembly point, the High School, on the morning of the Fair. The Directors hope that all citizens will make this parade the best ever and that there will be a large turnout of floats, trucks, and personal cars participating in it.

### Gold Medalist

Congratulations are extended to Miss Joyce Wilde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wilde, Roseview Ave., who was Gold Medalist at the York County Musical Festival held at Woodridge last week, in the class of vocal solos for 15 years and under.

### Check Planning Regulations Advice To Builders, Buyers

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Are you thinking of capitalizing on present values by selling part of the old family farm?  
Or are you figuring that building costs are not going to go any lower for a long time, and that you may as well build that long-planned new home now?

If so, this newspaper suggests, your soundest plan under present conditions is to consult township officials in the municipal offices at Maple before taking any action.

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The solution appears to be evident. Prospective sellers, prospective buyers, prospective builders, all should check with township officials before taking any steps. Sooner or later they have to do this anyway in some form or other. By doing it FIRST there is the possibility that much disappointment, bad feeling and delay can be eliminated.

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Elaborated, that can mean many things. Those problems can include the prevention of congestion, the development of crowded areas which within a few years might become "shack towns." They include, too, the provision of necessary public services such as water and sewerage facilities at the right time and place, as the development of the district warrants and, importantly, as the district is able to pay for them.

Boiled down, planning means controlled development which will result in effective and efficient administration on an economical basis. It has no suggestion of arbitrary control of the individual and his rights as a citizen, except where his desires conflict with the good living and well-being of his fellow citizens. In other words, the main purpose of planning is to ensure good development for all citizens which will not, in future years, lead to "dead-end" streets, slums and all the other ills which stem from lack of planning.

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### Land Selling

Regulations under the Planning Act call for careful consideration by those proposing to sell land. Under certain conditions land cannot be sold unless it is (a) part of a registered plan of subdivision; or (b) it is more than ten acres in extent or (c) the whole part remaining to one person of one parcel described in a registered conveyance to him; (d) the consent of the planning board is given.

There are important considerations which must be given the attention of those planning to build, such as frontage, distance of a house from the edge of its lot, etc. These regulations, designed to prevent overcrowding, will again be explained by township officials or through the booklet which the township has prepared.

It is stressed again that, because of different conditions in varying parts of the township, regulations differ in certain areas. Once more, reference to township officials will bring information.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Liberal mention is made of hte opportunities which the growth of this section of the country offers to the imaginative. Once again it is pointed out that, while these opportunities exist they must be considered in their relationship to the general picture of growth and the proper development of the area for the benefit of all its citizens. Again the suggestion is — "Check with the township office."

Township planning will doubtless meet with the full approval of those who see in it an antidote to problems which may arise through over-hasty and ill-considered development. There may be those, specially from the outside who are governed by the profit motive only, who see it as a barrier to the "get-rich-quick" schemes.

Fundamentally, planning is designed to nip, at their beginnings, evils and conditions which have cost many municipalities many headaches and dollars to correct. But planning, like many municipal and other projects, is a matter of co-operation. Carried out in that spirit it is something which, in the long run, should result in the "greatest good for the greatest number."

If nothing else, planning should result in the maintenance of stable property values in the area, and obviate the losses to property owners which inexorably come from a run-down district.

### Bus-Radia Plebiscite Statement Clarified By North York Reeve

Clarification of statements regarding the bus-radia plebiscite made recently by Reeve George H. Mitchell of North York, and which were published in local papers, has been obtained by The Liberal.

The statements as published left the impression that a vote on the question in June was a certainty. The actual situation, stated Reeve Mitchell when interviewed by this paper, is that it is hoped that negotiations now in progress will advance to such a state that it will be possible to hold the vote in that month or perhaps even earlier.

Reeves of the municipalities affected North York, Markham, Vaughan, and the Village of Richmond Hill, are in constant consultation regarding the situation. The main purpose towards which they are working is the clarification of the whole situation in order that, when the matter of future transportation methods is placed before the voters, a clear-cut picture on which an intelligent vote can be recorded, will be presented to those who, by their vote, will make the final decision.

Further statements are expected at a comparatively early date.

### Leading Business Man John Sheardown Dies

One of Richmond Hill's oldest business men, John Sheardown, died suddenly on Friday, April 8th, from a heart attack while making a telephone call.

The late Mr. Sheardown, whose funeral was held on Monday at Richmond Hill, was a native of the Nobleton district and was a son of the late Samuel Sheardown and Lucy Chamberlain. His wife, who survives him, was the former Emily Beamish. A sister, Mrs. Marksell, Crawford St., Toronto, also survives.

Mr. Sheardown settled in Richmond Hill about fifty years ago and had conducted his coal, wood and cement business here since. A keen hunter, he organized the Sheardown Hunting Camp near Burwash and had followed this sport for thirty-five years.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. H. E. Wellwood. Pallbearers were: Wm. Horner, Murray Blanchard, Percy Young, Norm Stephenson, Percy Quantz and Wilfred Booth.

### TENNIS CLUB MEETING

The annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Tennis Club will be held in the High School, this evening (Thursday, April 14th), at 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend, as several important items of business will be discussed. All who are interested in the future of tennis in the village will be most welcome.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

The John Boyer residence, Church Street, Richmond Hill, has been sold to Frederick A. Hayman of London, Ont., and the William Scandrett house on Hunt's Lane has, in turn, been sold to Mr. Boyer.

### C.N.R. STATION BROKEN INTO

Breaking the padlock on the door of the C.N.R. Station, Richmond Hill, some time between 5 p.m. on April 8th and 8 a.m. on April 9th, thieves removed a quantity of tools.