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"Many Happy Returns" to The Fair

It was a very different world when, a century ago, the infant Richmond Hill Agricultural Society held its first fair. The automobile was unthought of. The age-old desire of man to take to the air was still, in the minds of most people, a crazy and visionary dream. In those pre-Confederation days the vision of a greater Canada, having "Dominion from sea to sea and from the great waters to the ends of the earth," existed only in embryo.

In the comparatively young country of that day, with its leisurely pace of living, a journey of fifty miles was an event. The horse reigned supreme.

Yet though a world has changed, although a sparsely settled country has become one of the great nations of the earth, the spirit which motivated the sponsors of the first Fair has lived on. Through revolutionary but peaceful changes of our systems of government, through world wars, through booms and depressions, that spirit has survived and grown in strength with the passing years.

From hand to hand through the decades the responsibility has been passed on and never shirked. Thanks to those who have courageously faced the many problems which the years have brought, the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society will, next week, celebrate its Centennial. That the event will be worthy of the occasion is unquestioned. Given good weather the Hundredth Fair should be an outstanding credit to the officers and members of the Agricultural Society who have put in a great deal of hard work and conscientious planning to ensure its success.

It is unfortunate that few records of the very early years of the "big show" are in existence now. They would provide interesting comparisons with today. But records are not nearly as important as the fact that the spirit of the pioneers has carried on, to find its fruition in an annual event which has grown far beyond the bounds of local interest, and which now commands the attention of breeders and other exhibitors of the highest type from a wide field.

To the officers and members of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society we extend our congratulations and felicitations. They and their predecessors in the century of their organization's existence have served this community well. To them we extend the old and heartfelt wish: "MANY HAPPY RETURNS".

April Record Bad Summer Beginning

Fatal traffic accidents took more lives last month than in any previous April in Ontario's history, with preliminary reports listing at least 60 persons fatally injured, 24 more than the total during the previous month and 12 more than in April 1948.

Highway officials stress the fact that this slaughter has happened at a time of year when the usual seasonal increase in traffic volume has only just begun. They warn too that new car registrations, tourist enquiries and other indications all point to a record amount of motor travel this summer. With this dangerous situation in view, officials feel that the least every motorist should do right now to help fight accidents is to have his car thoroughly checked to make sure its condition is safe for summer trips.

"Check your steering, brakes, lights and tires," highway officials urge, "and check your driving too. The vast majority of accidents take place under good road and weather conditions with apparently good cars, which leaves only the human factor to blame. Commonsense, carefulness and good driving manners will be more needed on the highways this summer than ever before."

Two of last month's accidents each blotted out five lives at once; two more accounted for three deaths each, and three more caused double fatalities — making a total of 22 lives lost in only seven of the 45 fatal accidents. During the month at least nine of the traffic victims were children under 15 years of age, compared with seven from that age group in April of last year.

Horticultural Highlights

In this merry month of May when the gardens look so gay, it's Tulip time, they say, This coming Saturday.

Yes, the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society has set the date, Saturday, May 21st, as the day for the Tulip Show to be held in the Auditorium of the Public School, entries to be taken from 7 to 8 p.m. and while the judging is in progress.

The prize list contains very enticing and seamy classes in which any member should compete. For instance the eleven classes in the Late Tulip Section could hardly keep anyone out, and the Flowering Shrub section is mostly to do with Lilac. As everybody has a bush of this fragrant beauty, and as the whole bush is not required, just the whole bush is not required, just on specimen panicle is needed to make you an exhibitor.

The arrangements in the Spring Flowers should attract all members for its your own personality that counts. The same applies for the Special section, eight chances to try your skill in the five finger exercise.

Last but not least, there are four classes to accommodate those who have not won a first prize in any a true tulip just has five petals, if you have some with more, pay no attention to them for they are just 'showing off'.

CONTRIBUTION OF \$1,000 FROM ONTARIO POTATO MEN BEING USED FOR RESEARCH

One thousand dollars contributed by Ontario potato growers last year, has been put to good advantage in an extensive scab research program now underway in the Province, it is announced.

The Ontario Crop Improvement Association and the Scab Research Committee have decided to make use of the \$1,000, which was contributed by the growers themselves, in compiling a card index of literature from various journals, to abstract it and type three cards of each reference. One group of cards is for the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, one for the University of Western Ontario and the other for the St. Catharines laboratory of plant pathology.

Up to the present time some 500 references with abstracts and 400 without abstracts have been secured. They cover all literature on scab as far back as 1930.

These files of pertinent literature will be of great assistance to those engaged in research on scab control and its elimination.

TEA AT OAK RIDGES TO AID SENDING OVERSEAS BOXES

A tea will be held at the home of Mrs. John Topper, Oak Ridges, by the Women's Auxiliary of St. John's Church, on the afternoon of May 26th. Proceeds will be in aid of overseas boxes.

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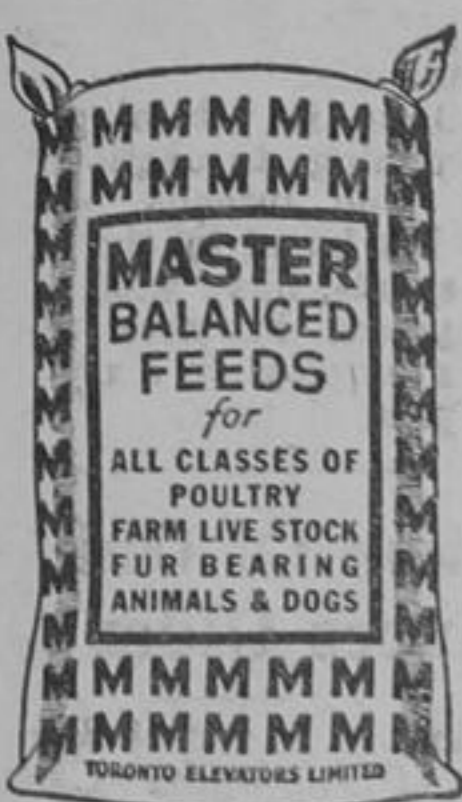
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30th W. A. Conference Of West York Deanery Planned For Thornhill

The 30th Annual Woman's Auxiliary Conference for the Deanery of West York is to be held at Trinity Church, Thornhill, on Thursday, June 16th, commencing at 10 a.m. D.S.T., at which hour Holy Communion will be celebrated by Rev. S. A. R. Wood. A very full programme has been planned for the day.

Bowlers Anxiously Anticipate Opening

Equalled only by the impatience of fishermen awaiting the opening of the trout season is the uneasiness of lawn bowlers preceding the beginning of their season's play.

A considerable amount of work has been done on the local greens. New ends and ditches have been put in, a new toolhouse erected, and it is expected that the greens will be in use well before end of the month.

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