

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

"Let's go to the movies," says Jane to John. "What's on?" says John to Jane.

They look at the title of the picture scheduled to run at the local theatre that evening. And there comes the rub. Is it a "horse opera?" Is it a "Whodunit?" Is it a challenging picture dealing with a vital question of the day? Or is it reasonably certain to contain a dash of comedy that will lighten the load of the day by providing a good laugh?

The decision to go to the movies or to stay at home is often governed by the picture's title — a title which sometimes reveals its character — and often doesn't.

As a service to its readers The Liberal is presenting another new feature — a Page One movie column which, every week, will give a "thumb-nail" review of pictures to be shown locally so that movie addicts may have some sort of idea of the character of the pictures presented for their entertainment.

Naturally, pictures will not be reviewed in the sense of "You should see this one!" Tastes differ so widely that that would be an error. But a general resume of the character and plot will be given as a guide to the would-be moviegoer.

And, in the case of "Who-Units" we promise not to reveal the guilty character in advance and spoil the suspense for the amateur detectives who love to figure things out for themselves.

THE EDITOR.

Betty Grable and Dan Dailey, that wonderful team of "Mother Wore Tights," have been brought together in another story about show business that, for human warmth, dramatic appeal and song-and-dance excitement is even grander than its memorable predecessor.

The picture is "When My Baby Smiles At Me," which Twentieth Century-Fox has photographed in color by Technicolor. This is the story of show people as they really are, told in the on-stage, backstage and off-stage life of a couple who tried to climb the ladder of the "big time" — together.

Briefly, "When My Baby Smiles At Me" is the love story of the devotion of a beautiful, buxom soubrette — in the days when burlesque was at its greatest — married to a lovable but undependable comic, with talents outstripping his sobriety. It's a story packed with honest emotion, the color and excitement of the flamboyant world that was the stage, and the give-and-take drama of show business itself.

"When My Baby Smiles At Me" is on at the Richmond Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, September 19 and 20.



Pictured above is DAN DAILEY one of the stars of "When My Baby Smiles At Me," one of the forthcoming features at the Richmond Theatre, Richmond Hill.

A new romantic comedy is Paramount's "Suddenly It's Spring." The film stars Paulette Goddard and Fred MacMurray, with Macdonald Carey and Arleen Whelan cast in the principal featured roles.

"Suddenly It's Spring" deals with the strained marital relations between MacMurray and Miss Goddard. She plays "Captain Lonelyhearts," a WAC expert on domestic affairs, who returns from overseas to find husband in love with another woman and anxious for Paulette to sign divorce papers. But she embarks upon a campaign to win him back, resisting his every attempt, and all his tricks, to get her to sign. Arleen Whelan, as MacMurray's new love, and Macdonald Carey, who goes for Paulette, serve to complicate the marital mix-up.

The film is the third co-starring venture for Miss Goddard and MacMurray, their last picture together having been the comedy, "Standing Room Only."

Macdonald Carey and Arleen Whelan both resume their screen careers in "Suddenly It's Spring," the former returning after three years in the Marines, and Miss Whelan coming back after a long and successful run in the Broadway stage hit, "The Doughgirls."

Wednesday and Thursday of next week will be the days when "Suddenly It's Spring" will be showing at the Richmond Theatre.

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FIRST STEP TAKEN IN HYDRO CONVERSION

N. York Tennis Championship Finds Home In Richmond Hill As Eleanor Smith Tops League

Richmond Hill added to its list of champions on Saturday, September 12, when Eleanor Smith walked away with an easy victory over all other opponents, winning the final match of the North York Junior Tennis League tournament by six games to two.

The Hill also produced another winner, Sue Noble, who won the consolation prize by edging out Jackie Mabley, also of Richmond Hill, in a close six to five set.

Lloyd Grainger only male member of the local club in the tournament reached the third round but was warded out by a Mount Albert player, six to two. Other Richmond Hill participants in the tournament, which was held at Newmarket under the sponsorship of the tennis club of that town, were Ruth Ann Armstrong and Pat Lewis. Both reached the second round.

Twenty-five entrants took part in the tournament, ages ranging

from nine to fourteen years. The large turnout was encouraging to older league members, who had given much time and effort in coaching the youngsters. Although Richmond Hill did not place first in the league this year, opposing clubs consider local enthusiasts a threat because of the number of strong juniors.

The executive committee of the local club would like to engage a coach — a "must" for every club — but due to shortage of funds that project has to be postponed until next year.

Thanks of the club are extended to those citizens who have contributed to its support. A canvass of the village for donations which will help make the tennis club an outstanding part of local sports activities is being made and, in asking for support, say that they will try to show their appreciation by bringing home the trophy next year.

Lions To Entertain Helpers Who Assisted With Carnival

Richmond Hill Lions are to play host on Thursday to all those public-spirited citizens of the district who assisted them in the operation of their Carnival and Horse Show August 1. The Program and Entertainment Committee under Chairman Lion Bert Barber has a very special evening prepared in order to express in a tangible way the Club's thanks for their unselfish effort and assistance.

Guest speaker will be Major Morgan Flannigan, Public Relations Officer for Toronto and District Salvation Army. He has served for 25 years as an officer in the Salvation Army and his present duties include covering thirteen counties in Mid-Ontario.

Appointments in the Salvation Army have taken Major Flannigan, chiefly in Public Relations work, to such centres as London, Windsor, Winnipeg, Saskatoon,

Moose Jaw, Regina and Edmonton. The Major served as chaplain with the Canadian Army during World War II and saw service on the West Coast, also in the United Kingdom, and on the Continent, finishing up in Germany in the Canadian Occupation Zone. He also has had service club experience as well. When stationed in London, Ontario, he was an active member of the London Lions Club.

Major Flannigan will show several motion pictures which outline the great services that the Salvation Army undertakes. He appears as special guest of the Lions Club in connection with the annual district canvas for funds to be made by members of the Lions Club in the near future. This is just another example of the public service undertaken by the Lions in their year-in-year-out programme of assisting all worth-while charitable causes.

Recall 1817 Log Hut Meeting House As Presbyterians Mark Anniversary

Back in 1817, long before the community which is now Richmond Hill even had a corporate name, a group of Presbyterians led by Rev. William Jenkins, a graduate of Edinburgh University, formed the first congregation in the village-to-be.

Now, as Richmond Hill, home of roses, is rapidly changing from village to town, with a main street which has changed more in the past twelve months than it did in the fifty preceding years, that congregation prepares for its hundred and thirty-second anniversary services to be held on Sunday next.

Research fails to reveal even the name by which the pioneer settlement located on the old Simcoe trail was known. Best guess is that it was Miles' Hill, named after a leading family of the day. That, in any event, was one of the earlier names of the area which is now Richmond Hill. Later called Mount Pleasant, it adopted its present name about a century ago.

Met In Log Building

The little congregation which formed the Hill's first religious body had no church until 1821. It worshipped in a log meeting house until that year, when the first church was built. At that time it was the only Presbyterian organization west of Kingston, with the exception of the Niagara Peninsula.

For some years the Richmond Hill group had no connection with any general body or Presbytery but in 1834 the Missionary Presbytery of the Canadas, in connection with the United Associate Synod of Scotland, was formed, and Mr. Jenkins with his congregation became charter members.

Later this Synod joined others to form the United Presbyterian Church. The present church was built in 1880 during the ministry of Rev. Isaac Campbell.

\$200 Annual Pension

The first minister of the Presbyterian church in Richmond Hill, its founder, Rev. William Jenkins, served for twenty-six years until his death in 1843. The third minister, Rev. James Dick, served his charge from 1849 to 1877 when he retired because of ill health. So grateful was his congregation that, on his retirement, they elected him Minister Emeritus, giving him a grant of \$200, a year until his death in 1885 and allowing him the use of the Manse, building a second one for his successor.

During the 132 years of the existence of the Richmond Hill congregation seventeen ministers have been in charge. Two of them, Rev. William Jenkins and Rev. James Dick, served for a

total of fifty-four years. The first Kirk Session consisted of the Minister and Robert Marsh and James Miles. Descendants of Robert Marsh were, until recently, actively connected with the church.

The congregation during the past eight years has liquidated all indebtedness and made extensive repairs to the church, the manse and the caretaker's residence, all of which have been paid for in full.

The present minister, Rev. S. W. Hirtle, has been in charge since August 1st, 1941, and under his leadership the congregation is in a flourishing condition.

The anniversary sermon will be preached on Sunday by Rev. Neil Gregor Smith, M.A., editor of Presbyterian Publications.

Coming Mondays Important Ones In Civic Life

The next two Mondays look like being interesting ones in Richmond Hill's history.

On Monday, September 19, the village council will meet in special session to discuss the question of a system of sewers for the village. Indications are that providing costs are anywhere within the capacity of taxpayers to carry the council will refer the matter to voters at the annual elections.

With the growth of population in the village the problem of sewage is becoming somewhat urgent. On the succeeding Monday property owners of Richmond Hill, and parts of North York, Vaughan and Markham townships will go to the polls to vote on the question of the retention of the bus system which has been in operation for the past year, or a return to the old radial system which preceded the buses.

Maple Lions Praised By District Official

Guest speaker at the first meeting of Maple Lions Club for the 1949-1950 season was Lion District Treasurer Gordon Belyea of Toronto, who spoke on organization and complimented the Maple Lions on the progress which they had made in their first year.

He stressed team-work and emphasized the fact that every member should have an opportunity to do some constructive work.

Twenty-six members were present, with President Ray Bigford in the chair. Lion Mel White gave a report on the street dance, showing that over \$800. was cleared.

A bowling team might be arranged, reported Lorne Wells, and he asked anyone interested to get into touch with Mike Miller, who has made arrangements for alleys at Aurora.

Mr. Belyea was introduced by Lion Howard Knight and thanked by Lions Andy Snider and Barney Bryan.

C.N.E. Exhibit Busy Many Enquiries Says Petrolane President

Business at the Canadian National Exhibition this year was the "best ever," says Mr. E. W. Sanderson, president and managing director of Petrolane Corporation Ltd., distributors of bottled gas, gas ranges, hot water heaters, space heaters, etc., at Thornhill.

The company's exhibit was very busy, he states, with many good prospects being contacted and excellent sales made. Many new home owners were added to Petrolane's prospect and sales lists. Enquiries covered all phases of the business — domestic, commercial and industrial.

Bus Restoration Ends Walks For School Children

The walk to and from Richmond Hill public school for children of the townships who attend that institution is over.

The Public School board, meeting on September 8, unanimously decided to restore the service, effective immediately, and gave instructions for renewal of the bus contract. Financial arrangements which make this possible are in negotiation.

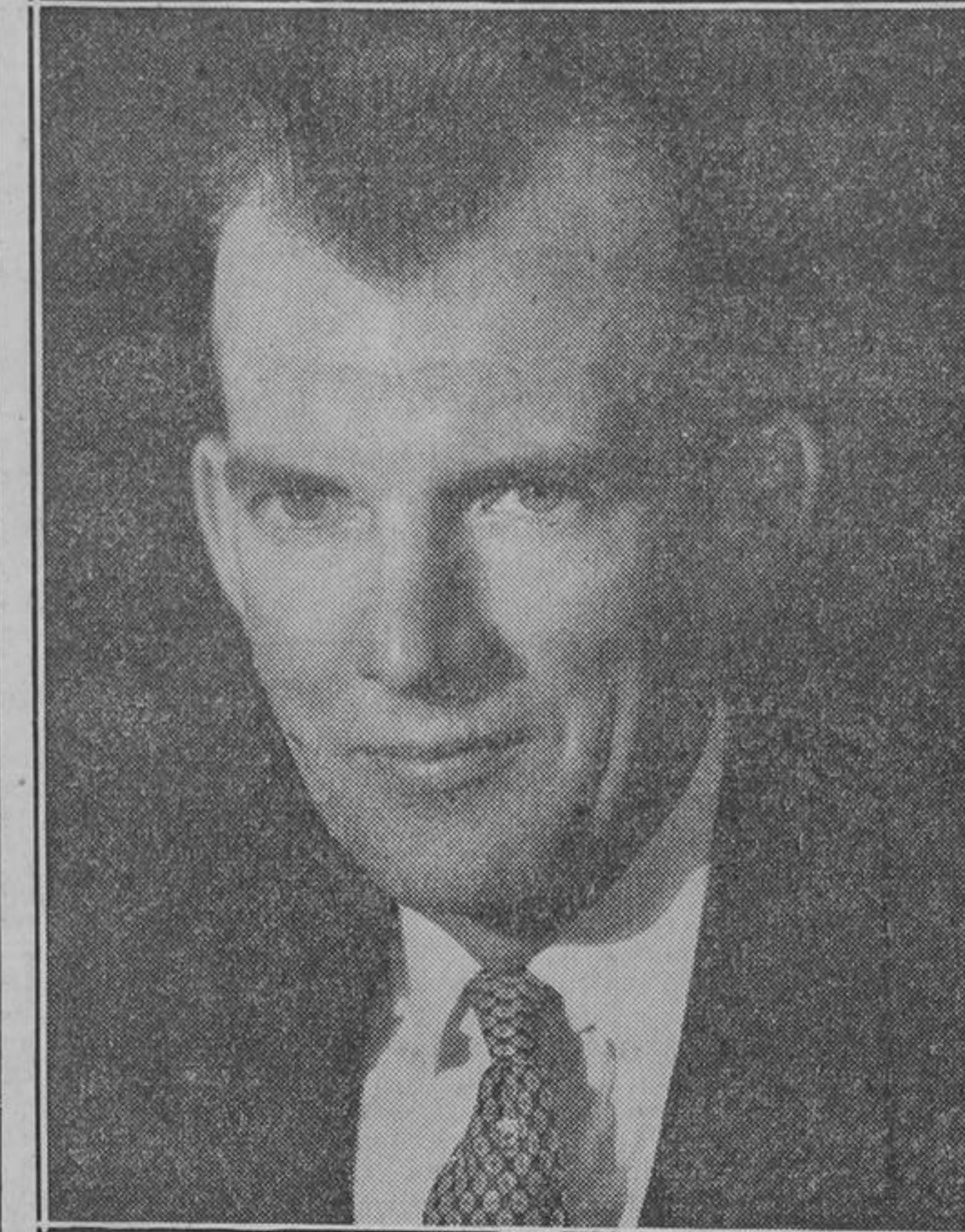
The board's decision was reached prior to the reception of delegations from Vaughan and Markham townships, and was based largely on the necessity of ensuring safety for the children while proceeding to and from school.

As a result of the decision township delegates, apparently ready to give battle, when they came in, went away satisfied and expressing appreciation of the action of the board.

Besides ratepayers, Councillor Barber of Markham township was present. Representing Vaughan township were Reeve John Host-traver, Deputy Reeve Marshall McMurchy, Township Clerk J. M. McDonald.

Before their departure township visitors were taken for a tour of the school by the trustees.

Know Your Neighbour



Community pride doesn't necessarily stem from the fact that one was born in a certain place — neither is long residence in a municipality an essential before one can own that pride to a marked degree.

An outstanding instance of those facts is CLIVE BETTLES, pictured above, one of Richmond Hill's newer and younger business men and a community "fan" to a marked degree.

Proprietor of Bettles' Coffee Shop and Dining Room, he has evidenced his faith by sinking his money and his work into property in the Hill — property which he has improved greatly in appearance since he took it over.

A Torontonian by birth, he engaged in a variety of occupations before deciding that the Hill offered big opportunities for another restaurant. Educated at Harbord and then at Central Commerce he first went to work as a pay clerk for the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, credit manager for Logan Motors and salesman for Aubray Agencies.

The second World War took him away from business for three years, during which time he served in the Army Pay Corps.

The war over, he moved to Richmond Hill in 1946, opening a small coffee shop on the east side of Yonge Street and, a year and a half later, buying the larger property which he now operates as coffee shop plus dining room. Since that time he has effected a considerable smartening up of the premises — a clean-up, he says, which is only a start towards making his place of business one of the most attractive in the village. Always ready for a bit of fun or a good argument he takes, with complete good nature, the sly digs from his pals that the extra cup of coffee which he is an adept at getting them to buy is to help pay for the new steps.

The restaurant business, with him, is almost a matter of heredity for his father is manager of sales for Honeydew. Mrs. Bettles, too, the former Bertha Casserly of Toronto, has long experience in food and restaurant management and spends most of her waking hours supervising the kitchen end of the business.

Active work on behalf of the community is encompassed by his position as a member of the Library Board. He hopes to do more later, he indicates, but a sixteen hour day in the restaurant is keeping him tied down right now. For that reason his keen interest in sports is, at the present time, confined to reading about them in the sports pages.

One of his pet "bugs" is the treatment of the many tourists who make Richmond Hill a temporary stopping place. It's his job, he says, not only to make them friends of his business but also friends of the town in which that business exists.

It's just a year since he moved to his present quarters and that year, he states, has done a lot to convince him that his judgment in locating in Richmond Hill, with its infinite possibilities, was sound.

The photograph of Mr. Bettles, like all others in the "Know Your Neighbour" series, was taken by Edmund Soame of The Studio, 1720 Avenue Road.

World-Wide Character Of Organization Stressed At September Meeting of W.I. Fall Program For Richmond Hill Named

The September meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Thursday afternoon, September 9th, in the new meeting room, formerly the Library. The room has been newly decorated and with the new green and white drapes and flower bouquets, it seemed to add an extra cheerful note to the meeting.

After the Opening Ode and Creed, members stood in silent tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. A. E. Plewman, a former president and faithful member.

An appeal was made for small tables, pictures, vases, or anything that could be used in furnishing the new meeting room. A committee was named to meet

with the other organizations which will use this room to plan for an evening to raise money with which to purchase chairs. It was thought that one concerted effort, by all these organizations, would result in enough funds being raised for this purpose.

Talents Brought To Light The Roll Call which was answered by the turning in of Talent Money earned during the summer by those present, and the telling of how it was raised brought many talents to light. One member responded in verse thusly, — In nineteen hundred and forty-nine A decree went forth As in Caesar's time.

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Survey Crews Now Plotting Local Operating District As Preliminary To Change Over

The long-heralded change-over from 25-cycle power to 60-cycle has taken a step nearer to becoming a reality in the Richmond Hill area with the commencement this week of a survey by the Hydro Electric Power Commission.

Four crews of three men each are engaged in this survey and are working under the direction of H. O. Coish of the Frequency Conversion Division of the Hydro's Head Office.

They are working in the Richmond Hill Rural Operating area which comprises a district running to a point 1 1/4 miles north of Newmarket; south to Steeles Corners; the area east of Yonge Street and a long "finger" running west of Aurora to well beyond Lloydtown. This area does not include Aurora, Newmarket and Richmond Hill, which have their own local commissions. However, work in these towns will be completed at the same time as the rural survey, and it is estimated that the job will take six to eight weeks.

Actually the first part of the changeover, which is being performed now, is a tabulation job. From the information secured by the crews which are operating at the present time tables will be set up on which future operations

will be based. In other words, the district is being plotted.

The system under which the work is being done varies slightly between town and country. Hydro officials state in rural areas the members of the crews — who are identified by H.E.P.C. badges, will have to enter each house in order to secure meter numbers.

The work which the survey crews are doing at the present time has nothing to do, in a direct way, with changing over of actual equipment. That will come at a later date when a second survey will be made. From information which is being secured at the present time the Canadian Comstock Company, which will do the actual job of conversion will work.

It's unnecessary to ask the Hydro man who will call at rural homes within the next few weeks as to what will happen and when the new motor will be put in the washing machine. As explained, that is a second step in the conversion procedure.

While Hydro officials hesitate to name an exact date as to when this will be done it is estimated roughly that this will not take place until about May next year. The tentative date for the change-over in this area is July, 1950.

Public School Registration Grade 1 to 8 Increased 10% Kindergarten Age is Altered

Complete satisfaction was expressed by Richmond Hill Public School trustees with the interior redecorating which had been done to the school when they passed accounts at the regular monthly meeting on September 8th.

Total cost of the work, it was revealed, amounted to \$1,774.25. Original tenders for the job ranged all the way from \$1,200, to \$4,700, for the complete job, and trustees expressed the opinion that the contractor chosen had done his work well.

Cost of setting up the new room in the basement was reported as \$1,550. The room will accommodate forty pupils.

Special commendation was given to caretakers Wade and Bridges for the job of "spring cleaning" which they had done. Even a newly constructed school, it was felt, would hardly attain the degree of cleanliness which they had achieved. Floors had been brought to excellent condition and so far had the idea of cleaning up been carried that even

fire extinguishers, door knobs and certain rods shone like new.

Registration Up

Enrollment figures given to the trustees indicated that 423 pupils had been registered to date — an increase of 21 over last year. Registration in grades one to eight indicated an increase of 34 over last year's figure, 1949's total being 385 as compared to last year's 351. Decline in kindergarten registration was attributed to tightening of the minimum age limit, uncertainty as to transportation until the school bus question was settled.

Finding themselves able to handle a few more kindergarten pupils trustees advanced the entrance age, formerly restricted to five years as at September 6th, to include children who will attain that age up to October 31st.

In all but one room, it was pointed out, only one grade was being taught. The exception is room 7 where part of grades two and three are together.

Announcing An Appointment

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I announce the appointment of Lt.-Col. F. J. Picking as Managing Editor of the Richmond Hill Liberal.

His appointment does not mean that in any way my interest in the paper or my connection with it have been lessened. Since the voters of this riding did me the honour of returning me to the House of Commons as their representative at the recent federal election I have determined to continue devoting myself to their interests to the fullest possible degree. That means that I have to spend many months of each year in Ottawa and, when home, have to give a considerable amount of time to those same interests.

The Liberal, with its tradition of seventy-one years of service to this district must, of course, go on and continue to get "bigger and better" in the interests of its readers and this district. Hence the appointment, which I trust will enable both myself and The Liberal to play a worth-while part in local and national affairs.

Col. Picking, who is well-known to many residents of this district, has had a long experience in editorial and publishing work, and in national affairs. As president of the Canadian Legion for Ontario; as a member of the Dominion executive of that body; as vice-president for Eastern Canada of the Association of Canadian Circulation Executives; as a writer of several books and of articles which have received national circulation, as a speaker who has addressed audiences from one coast to another, and as head of a publishing house he has gained an experience which, I believe will help me in making The Liberal one of Ontario's best weeklies, and in rendering to its readers the type of service which they will appreciate.

Jack Smith, Publisher.