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A synopsis of pictures to be shown locally in the near future, for the information of movie-goers.

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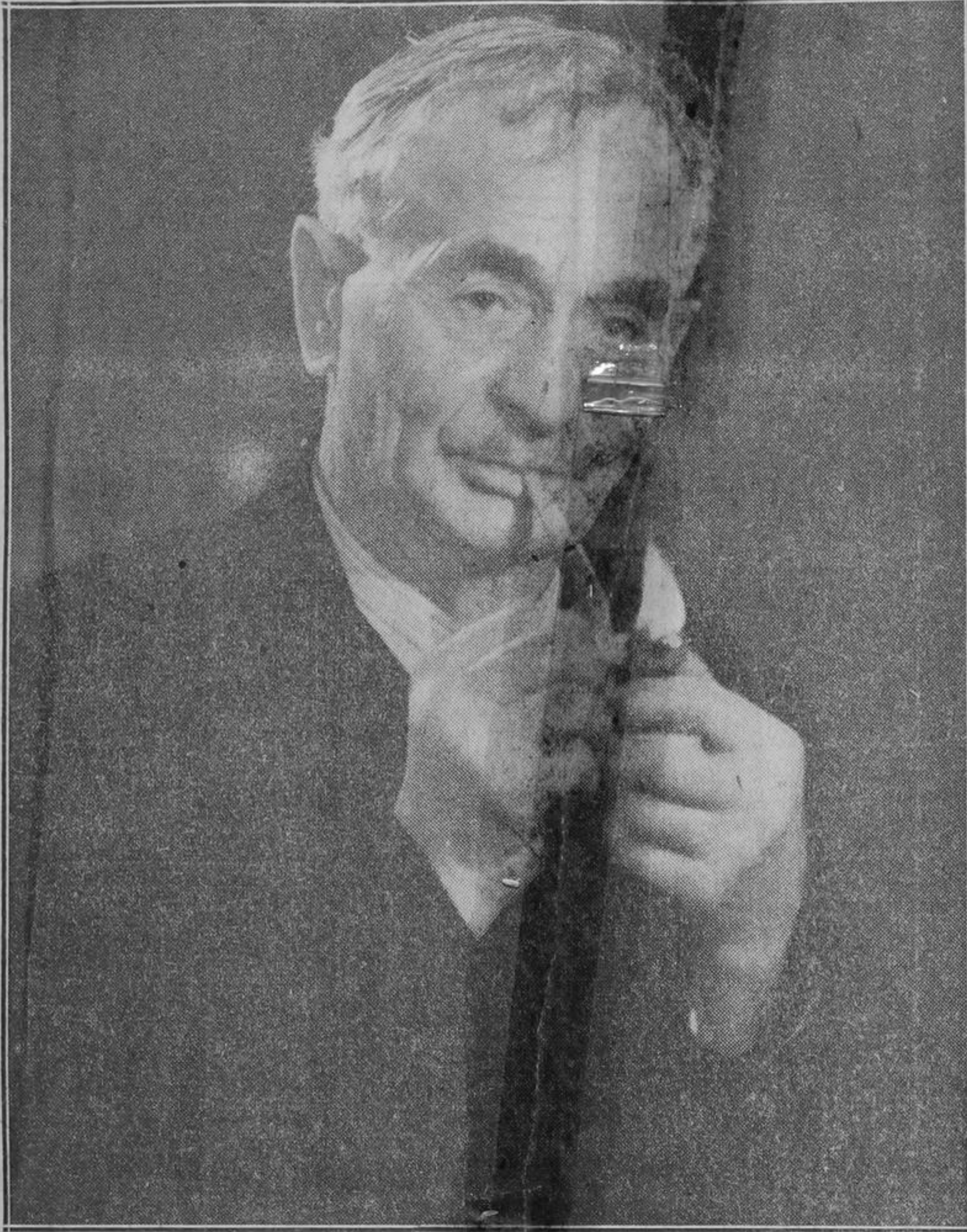
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## Know Your Neighbour



Not many people in this district will need an introduction to this week's subject — one of the area's best-known and popular figures — ALBERT JONES of Elgin Mills.

Born at Maple seventy-five years ago, he has lived at Elgin Mills since 1899. Farming did not appeal to him especially and, at the age of sixteen he started in to build the first of the many miles of fences which he erected in the county of York. He made big money at it, he says. At five cents a rod he often earned as high as two dollars a day — high wages for that era. Travelling to far-distant jobs, he used the old bicycle with rope tires that he is fond of recalling when you get talking about "way back when".

For a couple of years he tried his hand at railroading, serving as a brakeman on the old Grand Trunk in the days of hand brakes and pin and link couplings. That was another "big money" job, bringing him in \$60. a month.

Then he got married and went to work at the tannery which was then Elgin

Mills' big industry. Fortunately for the young Joneses the cost of living wasn't then what it is today. A quarter, for instance would buy a couple of pounds of butter or three dozen eggs. A dollar would purchase forty pounds of brown sugar. A five dollar bill would secure a ton of coal or a cord of good hardwood. That was just as well, for the young Albert's take-home pay, for a ten-hour day and a six day week, was \$4.50. Years of unremitting hard work followed with care and economy as a watchword — years which saw the Jones family established as well-to-do and substantial citizens.

Then, as recorded in The Liberal a couple of weeks ago, he was one of the men who helped lay the radial track which has just been taken up. He walked to work in those days and, as the line was pushed farther and farther the trips got longer, until he was tramping ten miles a day to his job and back — a job which paid him a dollar for a ten hour day.

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## Construction Continues

# Building In Markham Twp. Breaks All Records In 1949

## Dollar Value Of Permits Away Over Previous Year Further Expansion Coming

Building permits issued in Markham Township during 1949 numbered 393, with a valuation of \$1,368,660, the annual report of Ross Norton, building inspector for the township, has disclosed.

The figure shows a material increase over 1948, when permits issued amounted to \$879,435, and still greater percentage of increase over 1947 when the value of permits issued was \$553,325.

And, according to advance information, the end is nowhere in sight. Recent real estate deals indicate even greater activity for the coming year. Plans for new subdivisions in the township are well under way, with one project at the southern end said to be the site for ninety new houses.

Recent sale of 37 acres in the Yonge Street — Carrville Road district to a large lumber company suggests the possibility of a large factory being established there. Enquiries as to building regulations have been received by township officials and it is understood that plans are being drawn up at the present time.

It is interesting to note that permits issued for house construction in the township during 1949 ran a close second in number to the city of Toronto. Dollar values were lower in the township, which issued permits for 240 residences. In the city 283 permits for homes were issued.

Fees paid for permits during 1949 in Markham Township more than carried the cost of building inspection, according to the report of the building inspector. Total receipts amounted to \$1,884, with inspection costs being \$1,159.13.

## Scores "First Time" Victory For Canada, Dr. Helen S. Hogg Wins Women Astronomers Prize



Dr. Helen S. Hogg

fourth largest in the world photographing the clusters.

It is a job that calls for patience and hardihood, as the room is not heated.

Dr. Hogg was born at Lowell, Mass., and decided to take up astronomy at Mount Holyoke College, where she took her B. A. degree, with special emphasis on physical science. She went to Radcliffe for her doctorate and while studying there married a fellow-astronomer, Dr. Frank S. Hogg, who is now director of the Department of Astronomy in the University of Toronto, where Dr. Hogg also lectures.

Dr. Hogg says she accepts the prize without paying tribute to her fellow-workers and her husband.

In addition to star-gazing, Mrs. Hogg has brought up a family of three. Her husband, 17, has started a course in English at the University of Toronto. The boys, David, 14, and James, 12, while interested in astronomy, haven't decided yet in which of the natural sciences they will look for careers.

Other interests have included the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and the American Association of Variable Star Observers of which she is past president. Four years ago she was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, being the only woman in the section devoted to physical sciences.

## Acclamations Are Given Separate School Board

The four vacancies on the Richmond Hill Separate School Board have been filled by acclamation. Those who will take office for the next two years are: Mrs. Margaret Hill, Mrs. Ella McCullough, Mrs. Ann Fox and Clive Bettles.

## Coming Events

JANUARY 6 — The weekly church of St. Mary's Catholic church will be held in the Parish Hall, Friday evening at 8.30 p.m. Convenors are Mrs. H. Lendhardt and Mrs. J. C. Zryd. Come and bring your friends. clw27

JANUARY 9 — The regular meeting of the Evening Group of the W. A. of the United Church will be held on Monday, January 9 at 8 p.m. The special speaker will be Mrs. M. Styromo telling about her recent trip to Norway. All ladies are cordially invited.

JANUARY 10 — The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. of the United Church will be held in the Sunday School room on Tuesday, January 10, at 2.30 p.m. All ladies of the congregation are invited to come and join this association.

## New Canadians Are Entertained At High School

On Monday evening, December 19, following the regular instruction period, classes in basic English at the High School were entertained by members of the Richmond Hill District High School Board and their wives.

The program for the evening was in charge of a committee of the class, chaired by Mr. Willems, and including Messrs. Schuringa, Vlaandingbock, and Mannipje. The program started with the singing of "God Save The King" and the Dutch national anthem — some ninety per cent of the group are Dutch. A film for the few children present "The Night Before Christmas," was thoroughly enjoyed by the "children" of all ages and nationalities; it was followed by a group of Christmas Carols sung in Dutch. A second film about "Children of Holland" probably brought back many fond memories to those spending their first Christmas Season in a strange land. Films were shown under the direction of Mr. J. R. Cross.

Dr. Frank Hogg, chairman of the board, expressed the hope that our new citizens would quickly learn our language and that Canada might very soon gain from the richness of their culture they brought from Holland and all other countries represented in the group.

A piano selection "Christmas Chimes" played by Mrs. Cross, and a number of folk songs played by Mr. Mannipje on his accordion delighted the audience. An old world atmosphere was given the gathering by a little Dutch girl dressed in her native costume, and by an opportunity given the hosts and hostesses to enjoy the experience of attempting to wear and dance in the wooden shoes which are so typical of the Netherlands.

Prior to the serving of refreshments by Dr. Helen Hogg, Mrs. Elson and their committee, Mr. Willems presented Mrs. Hurson and Mrs. Cross with Christmas parcels as an expression of appreciation from their classes.

The very enjoyable evening concluded with a Polonaise in which the majority of the gathering participated. Mr. Willems expressed the thanks of the group for this opportunity which had been given them, to enjoy a social evening and the hope that more such parties might be possible.

## First 1950 Baby

Honour of being Richmond Hill's first 1950 baby goes to seven-pound Ronald George Saul, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. (Tim) Saul, who arrived at Mrs. Stanford's nursing home on Sunday, January 1, at 9.35 a.m.

The son of the Hill's well-known athlete and the former Dorothy Ollershaw of Willowdale is reported, like his mother, to be doing nicely.

## Movies First Year "Very Gratifying" Says Manager Hill

An extremely gratifying first year of operation is reported by Ned Hill, manager of the Richmond Theatre, Richmond Hill.

Opening on December 30, 1948, and providing the first undertaking of its kind in the area, the theatre has been patronized by an ever-increasing number of movie-goers since its doors opened.

The holiday season just concluded broke all records, said Manager Hill, with attendance far in excess of his expectation and with the house being filled to capacity on numerous occasions.

Planned for the coming year, he says, is a program of features which will ensure the highest grade of entertainment without having to travel many miles to witness it.

## Veterans Make Donation To Aid Member's Widow

A grant of \$25. was made to the widow of a deceased member by members of Vaughan and Richmond Hill veterans when they held their regular meeting at the Municipal Hall, Richmond Hill, on January 3.

Arrangements were also made for a stall at the Agricultural Society Fair on May 24. A letter was sent to the incoming Richmond Hill village council offering fullest co-operation during the coming year. President "Scotty" Masters was in the chair.

## Fog Is Cause Of Interference States Hydro Superintendent

Fog, says L. J. Roy, superintendent of Hydro at Richmond Hill, is responsible for minor annoyances which have bothered power users during the past few days. Momentary flicking of lights, interruptions to display on movie screens and such incidents are due to the cloud which hangs over the area recently.

Comparatively trifling, it seems, he says, these annoyances are a major headache for operators of sub-stations which depend on high voltage lines for their source of power.

The high voltage wires are carried on porcelain insulators, often times on steel structures, and in industrial areas the insulators become covered with a coating of dust and soot. This coating combines with a heavy fog and often forms a conducting path to the steel structure creating a short circuit. Heavy currents would flow through this short circuit and do a lot of damage if it were not for automatic switches at the sub-station which open and close in a very small fraction of a second to interrupt the flow and stop the flow of short circuit current. Once the arc is extinguished by this interruption it does not start again when the fog recedes because the heat has dried the insulator and has probably burned off the conducting path. It is this instantaneous interruption which causes the lights to "flick". In industrial areas where

accumulation on insulators is serious, or where acid fumes or salt spray forms on the insulators, it is necessary to wash them periodically. Much research has been done to design special insulators which will resist these "smog" effects.

Some devices such as the target in an electric clock, or the arc in a movie projector, are sensitive enough to this instantaneous interruption that they will not recover without manual resetting, and the effect is therefore prolonged until they are reset by hand.

## Whitchurch Elections

Elections in Whitchurch Township, resulted in Reeve Ed. Logan being returned by acclamation.

In the race for the deputy reeveship Ivan McLaughlin secured 983 votes against 326 given to Alex P. Campbell.

Councillors elected were P. F. Legge with 861 votes; Fred Timbers with 783 and R. C. Baycroft with 782.

Also running for council, Stanley Rule secured 492 votes and George Styles 206.

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## Writ Issued By Twp. Council Asks Injunction Against Use Langstaff Land As Cemetery

Seeking to restrain the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Toronto from making use of lots 34 and 35 in the township as a cemetery, the Council of Markham Township has issued a writ asking for an injunction prohibiting the use of the land or any lands adjacent for this purpose. The property is the old Milne farm at Langstaff, on Yonge Street. Action followed a special meeting of the township council.

A restricting by-law covering lots 31 to 35 in the township was adopted by the council in January 1949 and approved by the Ontario Municipal Board. This was appealed in June of the same year and a decision deferred until De-

ember. The Municipal Board then amended the by-law to permit use of the land as a cemetery. Alleging that such use would lower the value of surrounding property and interfere with township planning the council at its special meeting decided on the issuance of a writ in order to bring the matter to a head.

No formal application to the township for use of the property as a cemetery has ever been made, asserts retiring Reeve Vern. Griffin, and no cemetery permit has ever been issued although he states a Markham Township Board of Health of twenty-three years ago gave permission for the use of the land for cemetery purposes.

## Holstein Club Meet Is Slated For Hill

According to secretary Roy H. Barker of Woodbridge the annual meeting of the York County Holstein Club being held in the Masonic Hall at Richmond Hill on Tuesday, January 10, promises to bring out a record attendance for their all day session commencing at 10.30. The guest speaker will be J. C. Thompson of St. Louis, Miss., U.S.A., Manager of the Livestock Research Dept. of the Ralston Purina Co.

Mr. Thompson was unable on account of other speaking engagements to come last year and the directors booked him several months ago. He is an instructive and entertaining speaker and in addition to his other work is one of the official classifiers for the

American Jersey Cattle Club. His subject will be "Care and Management of the Dairy Herd." The morning session which receives reports and discussions of activities is getting more popular each year and free lunch will be served at noon.

## Scouts Auxiliary

A meeting of the Cubs and Scouts Mothers' Auxiliary will be held at the Municipal Hall, Jan. 12, at 7.30 p.m. An interesting program is planned in which Miss Lucille Birchall, young radio actress, will supply entertainment and Joyce Wilson will be guest soloist.

## Elmwood Park Road To Be Constructed In Coming Spring

A new road will be built in Elmood Park subdivision, which adjoins Richmond Hill, on its southern boundary, as soon as weather conditions permit in the spring, it was decided at the 1950 inaugural meeting of Markham Township Council.

Township Clerk Charles Hoover stated that a petition had been signed by the necessary number of residents last fall and that approval had been given by the Ontario Municipal Board. The section to be paved is between Baker and Lennox and will hook up with existing paved streets.

## Anti-Splash Guards Must Be Carried By Trucks And Trailers

Effective January 1, 1950, adequate mudguards or fenders to prevent splashing must be installed on all motor trucks and trailers, the Highways Department announces. An amendment to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act makes such safeguards compulsory. Instructions to police to watch for offenders have been sent out, the Department states. "This Act applies directly to trucks and trailers without mudguards and fenders — passenger motor cars being already properly equipped with front and rear fenders. It is patterned after the English law and some states in the United States also have a similar law in effect," stated J. P. Bickell, Ontario Registrar of Motor Vehicles.



Here is Marguerite Chapman, who co-stars with Larry Parks in "The Gallant Blade."