

# Local Youngsters, Stouffville, To Battle In Hockey Play-offs

By Harold Mills  
Last Friday night the Young Canadians met Aurora at our local Arena. The ice was fast and both teams played good hockey. There were very few penalties on either side and although the score was 9 to 1 for the locals the play didn't seem too one sided. Aurora had plenty of chances and Atkinson played the best game this season to hold them out. Scorers for the Hill were: Van Dyke 1, Paul Atkinson 1, Charles 3. (Charles played real heads up hockey all evening and was "Johnny on the spot" when the puck was around Aurora net), Hart 1, Tomlinson 1, Youngburg 1, and Grainger 1.

This leaves the Hill still up there in first place with Stouffville. Tonight the Hill returns to Aurora to play the last game in the schedule before the playdowns.

Richmond Hill stands a very good chance of winning out in its

group which will mean that the team goes on to play with the winners of other groups in Ontario. Considering that all because of the lack of ice due to weather conditions, they have done well to go along as far as they have. With practice they will show up much better. Tim Saul, the coach, deserves a lot of credit to have the boys playing the type of hockey they are.

Friday night at the Arena, Richmond Hill plays the first game of the playdowns against Stouffville. Game time 8 o'clock. The playdowns consist of each team playing at home once with goals to count. These two matches will be tightly contested as Stouffville have lost only one game in their schedule and so has Richmond Hill. Fans will see two teams very evenly matched.

The second game of the playdowns will be played in Stouffville on February 13.

# Blind Employment Supervisor To Speak To Local Lions Club

Richmond Hill Lions Club celebrates White-Cane Week at its regular meeting on Thursday night, when it plays host to guest speaker, Mr. Lindsay G. Williamson, Supervisor of Employment, Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

In the Spring of 1918 while ranching in southern Saskatchewan, Lindsay Williamson met with the accident which eventually caused his loss of sight. While removing a section of fencing, a staple which was extracted from the post flew into and pierced his right eye. Before medical attention had set in and two years later he became totally blind.

A few months later, Mr. Williamson gave up mixed farming and joined his family in British Columbia. During the next two years he gradually became accustomed to living in a world of darkness and spent most of his time helping in orchards and doing general work about the buildings and became quite an expert repairing gasoline motors. He also gained considerable experience with logging equipment, mill and water-power machinery. Mr. Williamson tells many hair-raising tales while logging with his brother during the few years he spent at that occupation. In the spring of the year, when logging occupa-

tions were discontinued and other plans were made for summer activities he commenced to manufacture wooden irrigation water pipes and built a water wheel. This business was carried on until competition became too keen to make it profitable. During the five years he operated this mill, he did not meet with one accident even though he worked with augers, buzz-saws, wiring machines and reamers.

In 1928, Mr. Williamson decided to go to Vancouver to work for The Canadian National Institute for the Blind. For two years he worked in the Broom Shop of the Institute and at the end of that time he was given an opportunity to go to Toronto to train as a Placement worker.

Today, Mr. Williamson is National Supervisor of Employment for the C.N.I.B. He has been successfully placing blind people in factories, while others are operating concession stands and cafeterias. It is his work to prove to the prospective employer that blind workers are just as efficient as the sighted, and with a lower percentage of accidents. Mr. Williamson believes if you give a blind person employment, place him where he can be self-supporting and independent, blindness is not a tragedy but only an initial handicap.

# Financial Matters And School Routine Debated By Trustees Of Separate School

A long discussion on financial matters featured the first meeting of the trustees of Richmond Hill Separate School, held on January 25, with Father F. McGinn in the chair. Arrangements for the issue of further debentures for the purpose of regularizing the board's financial position were made.

Opening the meeting, Father McGinn emphasized the fact that trustees had a heavy responsibility and that the meetings of the board were public affairs. Trustees present were Mesdames E. C. Hill, secretary of the board; Russell Fox and McCullough; Messrs.

Clive Bettles and Paul Dubois, in addition to Father McGinn.

The appointment of a treasurer to the board was laid over until a later meeting, a strong division of opinion making itself apparent, with trustees sharply divided between two nominees.

A hot argument about school routine developed, with certain parents complaining about matters such as department of the children, toilet facilities, etc. A committee to investigate and report back was named.

Father F. McGinn was re-elected chairman of the board for the current year.

# Growth Leads To W.M.S. Area Division

Growth of rural areas and expansion of population, providing opportunities for larger work, has led among other things to the division of the Toronto Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterial Church into an East and West Presbyterial corresponding to the boundaries of Presbytery, east of Bathurst street or the 2nd concession is known as East Presbyterial, and west of Bathurst the Western division. Locally that means territory of section four formerly in charge of Mrs. L. W. Zuefelt of Richmond Hill and Mrs. T. L. Williams of King is split. Mrs. Zuefelt and Mrs. M. E. R. Boud-

reau, Newmarket, are now district vice presidents of section four to include Sutton, Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Willowdale societies. Mrs. C. H. Bowman, Maple, remains a district vice president of section three which now includes Eversley, Strange and King-Besa. In the former district comprising Maple, St. Pauls and Knox Vaughan, Woodbridge, Bolton and Nashville, Mrs. T. L. Williams is now a district vice president of section three working with Mrs. Bowman, and under West Presbyterial president, Mrs. A. S. Carr, the former president of the whole Toronto Presbyterial.

# Highschool Highlights

On February 10, the Athletic Societies will sponsor a dance, "Cupid's Capers." Music will be provided by records. Admission 35c. Dancing 8.45 till 11.45.

**Girls Sports**  
Richmond Hill girls were the guests of Aurora last Thursday. Both teams played well with Richmond Hill having a slight edge over Aurora. The final outcome in the junior game was Richmond Hill 15, Aurora 7. In the senior game the local girls took top honours. Score 13-11 for Richmond Hill.

Jane Reyecraft in the senior game collected 8 points while Lois Wright in the junior game tossed in 9 points.

Both teams owe much of their

success to their coaches, Mrs. Davies and Silvio Steffan.

Richmond Hill will play host to Newmarket on Thursday, February 3. The future looks bright for the Richmond Hill girls' teams with COSSA playoffs just a few weeks away.

**Boys Sports**  
Last Monday Pickering College invaded the Richmond Hill High School for junior and senior basketball games. Richmond Hill came out on top twice winning both games. In the two games the scores were:  
Junior Game: Richmond Hill 29, Pickering 15.  
Senior Game: Richmond Hill 33, Pickering 17.

Star of the senior battle was Jim Reyecraft, getting 14 points. Sil Steffan also played one of his better games and got 7 points. For the juniors Gordon Burbridge with 10 pts. and Scott Latimer with 6 pts. were stars. Ralph Smith also turned in a good game although not getting many points.

### MAPLE

Correspondent: Mrs. D. Allen

The Maple Young People's Union held its regular meeting in the Sunday School of the United Church on Thursday, January 25. Mrs. Verna Fletcher acted as convener for National night. Under her guidance an excellent program was presented. In the opening devotional exercise and topic presentation she was assisted by the Misses Mary Carson, Jean Morby and Margaret Wiltshire.

Musicians of outstanding ability favored with several numbers. Bryan Booth played his guitar and sang; Eric Rickman presented many numbers on the flute, both classical and popular; Mrs. George Calder accompanied by Mrs. Roy Clegg sang two secular and one sacred number. After the musical items, a contest was held and the meeting concluded with the Mizpah benediction.

### Hope United Church

Hope United Church Sunday School and Junior Choir are sponsoring a play in Maple Concert Hall on Wednesday evening, February 15, at 8.30 p.m. The play is a comedy presented by the Punchinello Players. It has been entered in the Central Ontario Drama Festival. The author is E. Douglas Cooper, and the producer is A. Maynard Robinson. Mr. Robinson is a cousin of the late Rev. Stanley Robinson, for many years Presbyterian minister in Maple.

### This Week's Mystery:

Whose goose likes whose ganders well enough to fly over the housetops on Church Street?

### Local Heroine

The community shares the pride which must be felt by Mr. and Mrs. Claire Thompson and Marshall at the way their 17-year-old daughter, and sister stuck to her post during the dangerous fire in Thornhill last week. Shirley was on duty alone as night operator at the Bell Telephone Office and coolly handled the witchboard by herself until several of the other girls arrived. The girls kept on with their work although the front of their building was burning and the heat was intense but were finally ordered out by police, and very fortunately, as a short time after the window did what had been feared, fell in over the switchboard.

### Local Heroine

The Thompsons came to Langstaff about a year and a half ago, when they bought Mr. Abells property, next door to Mr. Charlie Matthews on No. 7 Highway. Langstaff No. 14 in your engagement book to attend the entertainment to be put on by the school children for the Save the Children Fund.

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In games played with Aurora on January 25, Richmond Hill defeated Aurora Junior B 23-15; and on January 24 Richmond Hill Junior A were defeated 13-28.

Leading scorers are:  
Junior B: Bert Morby, 13 pts.; Howard Avison, 5 pts.  
Junior A: Gord. Burbridge, 27 pts.; Scott Latimer, 11 pts.  
Senior: Jim Reyecraft, 24 pts.; Peter Tobias, 16 pts.; Sil Steffan, 12 pts.

Turn those unwanted items into cash. Dispose of them by telephoning Richmond Hill 9 and interesting a classified ad.

## LANGSTAFF NEWS

CORRESPONDENT — MRS. S. W. WORSDALE  
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The Richmond Hill Young Canadians defeated Aurora last Friday at Richmond Hill by 9 goals to 1. Of these Tommy White scored 1 and Morty Charles 3. Don Watt got an assist and a foot injury which kept him off the ice for the last period.

Keep Friday, February 10 for the first play-off game and watch for more details of it in next week's issue.

### Langstaff Social and Personal

Phone Thornhill 257r12

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edney of Bradford have been spending the past two weeks with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Holt, No. 7 Highway. Visitors to their home the previous weekend were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Edney, Mr. Jack Edney, Miss Eleanor Edney and Miss Barbara Rennie all of Agincourt, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Styan of Richmond Hill and Miss Phyllis Edney of Toronto.

Mrs. Doris Wild, Detroit, Mich., spent last week as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mathews at "Stonehaven, No. 7 Highway.

The many friends of Mrs. Tom Coveyduck, one of Langstaff's best known residents, wish her a speedy convalescence following the accident she had about two weeks ago when she fell and injured both arms. The stitches are now out of the cut on one arm but the other is badly sprained and will probably be painful for some time. Mrs. Coveyduck was a consistently hard worker in all community projects in the "good old days" and is still very active; it is the hope of neighbors, near and not-so-near, that their good wishes will make her present having to stay put more bearable.

Garden Avenue residents and others also hope to see two other ladies around and quite well soon. They are Mr. S. Madelena whose arm is still in a cast from the accident she had last month, and Mrs. F. Bickmore who was in bed all last week but who got up for a while on Monday.

Many of us will be thinking of Mrs. George White when she goes into Western Hospital on February 8 for her operation the following day. Mrs. White will probably be in hospital about ten days.

Miss Shirley Thompson and her mother entertained at a shower held Thursday, January 6, in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Len Bean at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Thompson, No. 7 Highway. Mrs. Bean was formerly Miss Rosie Churchill of Richvale and her marriage took place December 31, two weeks after the arrival of Mr. Bean's parents from England. Guests at the shower included the bride's mother, Mrs. Churchill, brother Ernie and cousin Neal and the Misses Rita Hodgson, Kay Orr, Joyce Suter, Peggy Reid, Lois Boyes, Laura Hislop and Shirley Thompson who was bridesmaid. Marshall Thompson was also present as moral support for Ernie and Neal.

### Leathercraft Classes

The second of the Leathercraft Classes directed by Miss Barbara Howard was held at the home of W. Ness, Stop 17 Yonge Street (first house south of the rectory) on Monday, January 30, from 7.30 to 9.30. The classes are open to men as well as women and as individual attention is given, the basic instruction will be repeated as students join. Enquiries have

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# Midsummer Traffic Volume Follows Fire At Thornhill

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In the middle of the afternoon traffic was so dense that movement was halted on the open highway for many minutes at a time. Several drivers reported taking an hour or more to travel from Toronto city limits to Richmond Hill. Three provincial police were required at Thornhill during the afternoon to direct traffic.



## RICHMOND HILL SCHOOL OF DANCING

Children's Dancing — Ballet — Tap  
Classes will open at St. Mary's Separate School, Richmond Hill, on Saturday, February 4, 1950.

They will be conducted by Mrs. Norman Squires, graduate of the Chalf School of Dancing, New York City, recent head of a successful school at St. John's, Newfoundland.

Classes commence at 9.30 a.m. Class Lessons 50c per hr. Private Lessons — \$1.00 per hour.

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