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# The Liberal.

"In Essentials, Unity; In Non-essentials, Liberty; In all Things, Charity."

## News From Next Door

**OLTON:** A motion by council requesting the Rink Committee to allow free hockey practices for Olton teams on Sunday afternoons still under fire by the Ministerial Association.

**RADFORD:** Council is considering the installation of a sewerage system which would cost the village \$275,000.

**DRILLIA:** A total of \$5,453.70 was raised from parking meters from July 24th to the end of 1950.

**DRILLIA:** Police Department cost to the town was \$22,878 during the past year. In addition \$2,626 was paid for nightwatch service.

**AURORA:** The new chairman of the town's Library Board is Miss Leila Boynton.

**AURORA:** Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hawkins and son have returned to Canada after six years of mission work in South Africa. Mr. Hawkins was pastor of Aurora Gospel Church for 3 years prior to his journey to Africa.

**LINDSAY:** In the annual bonspiel for the Victoria and Grey Trust trophy and prizes, first place was won by Percy Skitch and second by Leo Rogers of Lindsay.

**LINDSAY:** Mayor Lamb opened two additional rooms in the South Ward School last week.

**AURORA:** The Board of Trade is considering the purchase of land for a park and horse show site. There are two pieces of land being considered, one at a cost of \$7,000 and the other \$5,000.

**LINDSAY:** The over-all assessment of the town in 1949 was \$6,205,006 while that of 1950 was \$6,367,467. This means an increase of \$2,356,461, or 28 per cent.

**AURORA:** With additional expenses concerned with extensions to the Memorial Arena cost of the building has been boosted to nearly \$100,000.

**LINDSAY:** In the annual report of the Recreation Centre an increase in activity and a decrease in expenditure was announced. The actual surplus for last year was \$2,333.

**WOODVILLE:** A new Bell Telephone office has been opened here with Miss Pauline Cannington as supervisor. Miss Pauline Campbell who had been employed in the Richmond Hill office, has been added to the staff.

**LINDSAY:** In a statement issued by arena chairman Vince Cote, it was learned that the actual operating loss for the Lindsay Kiwanis Arena was \$2,821.00 in 1950.

**LINDSAY:** Because of ill-health Miss Allen, Superintendent of the Ross Memorial Hospital here has tendered her resignation.

### Former Resident Of Maple Is 93

A former resident of Maple, Mrs. Anna Sawdon of Matachewan, will celebrate her 93rd birthday on February 23. While not yet able to get around very well since suffering a stroke two years ago Mrs. Sawdon is otherwise in the best of health, hasn't an ache or a pain, and enjoys her radio and reading.

### Many Prizes Given For Euchre, Bridge Staged By Firemen

It looks like a prize for almost every table, members of the Richmond Hill Fire Brigade are saying as they prepare for their euchre and bridge to be held on Monday, March 5, at the Public School Auditorium.

The event, second of its kind to be held, has brought an outstanding response from business houses, who are showing their appreciation of the firemen's services by contributing prizes. Leading among the prizes which are being drawn for are a suit of clothes and a radio.

Anticipating a big attendance the firemen have made arrangements for additional accommodation in the school, as happened last year, there is an overflow crowd which the auditorium cannot accommodate.

### Efficiency Plus Economy

## Lighting Experiment At Public School Proves Big Moneysaver For Taxpayers

Highly delighted with the first results of their experiment in better lighting for the school, members of the Richmond Hill Public School Board made tests of the improved lighting in the one classroom which had been selected as a "guinea pig" when they held a special meeting this week.

A series of tests carried out with a light meter in recent weeks had disclosed that lighting was away below standard. A further test made after the installation of four fluorescent lights indicated

### Planning Under Way

## Flower Show, Arts And Crafts Exhibits Said To Be Likely Trade Fair Features

### Banks At Maple And King To Go On 6-Day Schedule Commencing On Mar. 1st

Announcement has been made by the Canadian Bank of Commerce that the branches at King and Maple, formerly operated three days a week each, will go on to a six-day-a-week schedule beginning March 1. The announcement climaxes negotiations which have been in progress for some considerable time and in which Vaughan Township Council has taken a part by requesting the bank to extend its service in Maple.

Mr. H. Bryan, who has been in charge of the two branches, will take over the Maple office. He has been with the bank for forty years, with the exception of the time he spent in the army.

Manager of the King branch will be Mr. M. H. Bell, with thirty-two years in the bank's service to his credit. He is at present taking over in preparation to assuming the management on March 1, and has until recently been in the bank's Head Office.

### "Know Your Neighbour"



Councillor, conservationist, fisherman, pianist, artist, business man, is this week's neighbour, KEN TOMLIN, pictured above. The story of the man who topped the polls in last fall's municipal election in Richmond Hill is told under "Know Your Neighbour" on the editorial page of this issue.

### Committee Is To Consider Monday Closing Of Shops In Village During Summer

Election of officers of Richmond Hill Business Men's Association will be held at a meeting around the middle of March, it was decided at a meeting of the organization held on Tuesday, and which showed the effects of the present influenza epidemic. Several "regulars" scored their first miss in attendance since the inception of the association.

A nominating committee to suggest a slate of officers to the meeting was appointed. Its members are Al. Rice, Bud Jones and Floyd Perkins.

Consideration of Monday closing during the summer months was dealt with briefly. Introducing the subject, President Archie Murray said that he had been approached by several members who asked that the matter be considered. A committee to study the suggestion was appointed with A. R. W. Uren as its chairman. He will select his own members.

Preliminary information regarding the Trade Fair was given by the Director, who said that it was believed that this year's event would even outstrip the successful fair of last June. The Horticultural Society has again promised its co-operation he stated, and it was likely that a flower show would be incorporated in the fair.

An Arts and Crafts section, it was stated, would also be a feature, the purpose being to present the cultural side of the municipality's activities and to stress the number of artistic endeavours centring in Richmond Hill.

### Many Away From Schools As Influenza Hits District

Richmond Hill schools were hit hard this week by the current influenza epidemic although, suggests Principal Walter Scott of the Public School, it might be well for parents to check up and see that some "young hopefuls" are not taking advantage of the situation to "play hockey."

In spite of the few who may have taken advantage of the situation there were many genuine absentees. In the Separate School on Tuesday 56 out of 113 pupils were absent. The High School had 132 out of 340 away. The Public School suffered least proportionately, with 131 out of a total enrollment of 530 absent. The situation is causing trustees and pupils some concern not only on account of the illness of the children but also because of its effect on provincial grants.

Health Unit Head Reports Interviewed by The Liberal, Dr. R. M. King, head of the York County Health unit said:

"Influenza appears to be hitting the people in the York County Health Unit in about the same proportion as it is prevalent in the rest of the Province. The Department of National Health and Welfare at Ottawa has indicated that the type of influenza in certain parts of the Province is probably identical to the recent epidemic of influenza in Great Britain. The Ottawa spokesman further suggested that possibly the severity of the influenza epidemic in Great Britain was somewhat exaggerated. However, at the present time, there is no doubt that influenza is sweeping through local communities, and while no deaths have been reported, several severe cases have been rumored.

### Coming Events

- FEBRUARY 23 — Friday. Dance, old time and modern, Kit Carson's Trail Blazers, and a gala stage show, sponsored by the Canadian Legion Branch 375 at the Richmond Hill Public School auditorium at 8 p.m. Admission 75c per person. c3w32
- FEBRUARY 27 — Tuesday 7.30 p.m. Films and talk on Community Recreation in Langstaff Public School for Langstaff residents. clw34
- MARCH 2 — Friday 8 p.m. Euchre and social evening will be held at Thornlea School auspices Home and School Association. 50c admission. clw34
- MARCH 5 — Monday. Richmond Hill Volunteer Fire Brigade will hold its annual euchre and bridge in the Public School Auditorium at 8.15 p.m. Admission 50c. Prizes galore. c3w33

### Local Musicians Are Competitors In Annual Event

A number of young local musicians are again taking part in an event which has become one of Ontario's outstanding musical affairs — the Kiwanis Music Festival, now being held for the seventh time in Toronto.

It runs from February 20 to March 4 and this year has attracted entries from 165 municipalities. Competitors from as far west as Sault Ste. Marie and as far east as Montreal are attending.

Local entries are:

**Thornhill**  
Phyllis Watterson, operatic solo, soprano and oratorio solo, soprano.  
**Richmond Hill**  
Douglas Ramer, boys' solo, under 11 years; piano solo under 10 years; Joan Gamble, piano solo under 17 years; piano solo, Haydn and Mozart Sonatas, piano solo, Beethoven, girls' under 21 years; Lois M. Perkins, girls' solo, under 9 years; Patsy Ramer, girls' solo, under 13 years; Joyce Perkins, piano solo, under 13 years.

**Maple**  
John Evelyn, piano solo, Sonatina, under 12 years; Susan Evelyn, piano solo, under 12 years.

**Langstaff**  
Marguerite Clark, girls' solo, under 19 years and girls' solo, under 17 years.

### Maple, Langstaff, Meetings Planned By Vaughan Twp. Recreational Commission

A meeting will be held in Maple on March 6 to form a local committee to handle recreational activities for that district, states Tom Jackson of Thornhill, chairman of Vaughan Township Recreational Commission. The meeting, which is to be held in the Masonic Hall and to which all members of the public are invited, takes the place of one scheduled originally for February 20.

A similar meeting will take place at Langstaff on February 27. Residents of that area have already taken preliminary steps to form a local committee, as reported elsewhere in this issue.

The Greeks were shoeing their horses as long ago as 200 B. C.

### Highland Park News

The Liberal is glad to announce the appointment of Mrs. H. Bigelow, 41 Drury Avenue, Highland Park, as local correspondent for that area.

Mrs. Bigelow's telephone number is Thornhill 398R2 and both she and The Liberal will appreciate the co-operation of readers in telephoning local items to her at that number.

### Mix-Up Results Over Last Game For Local Team

Playing a game which has since been protested to OMHA officials Richmond Hill's juvenile hockey team went down to defeat in Sunderland by a 7 to 1 score in the second of the two-game play-off series. They lost the first game also by a 4-3 score.

Reason for the protest is said by club officials to be the manner in which Richmond Hill was "pushed around" in connection with the final game. After playing an extra period a week ago Friday to establish its right to the playoffs the local team went to Sunderland on the Saturday night for the first game. It was then understood that the final game would be played in Richmond Hill on the following Friday. At least that was the understanding of Manager Grant Nighswander up to 10 p.m. on the Wednesday night, when he verified that with league officials. At 10.30 p.m., however, an ultimatum was telephoned to him — "Play at Sunderland on Thursday night or else forfeit the game."

The team was hurriedly assembled on the Thursday and took the long drive to Sunderland. Further complications developed in connection with financial matters. League officials had assured Chairman Jack Hart of the hockey committee that Richmond Hill would receive the residue of the gate after expenses had been met. When it came time for settlement, however, Sunderland officials are said to have attempted to make a "horse trade" not in keeping with the promise made to Richmond Hill. That matter also has been referred to OMHA officials.

### MARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Fifty years ago last Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hare of Temperanceville were married at her home on the family farm a mile south of Ringwood.

Since that time the former Lydia Grove and her husband have moved around the country quite a lot. The first three years of their married life were spent on the old Hare farm on the fifth concession of Markham. Next came a move to Stouffville, where Mr. Hare went into the livery business. Then for a time he looked after Markham's bread delivery, farmed again, and finally went into the retail tea business, at which he spent some years. For part of that time he was in Peterborough where, with a partner, he signed a contract for the first garbage collection service instituted there in that municipality. After another turn at farming and in the produce business the couple settled in Temperanceville twenty-eight years ago, where Mr. Hare ran the store — which has been operated by his son for the last five years — and a produce business and farmed.

They have one son, Fred, who is returning officer for the Federal riding of North York and a daughter, Thelma (Mrs. Frank Breuls) of Toronto.

Eighty-five relatives and friends called on Mr. and Mrs. Hare at their Temperanceville home on February 20, to offer their congratulations.

### RH Library Circulation Up 25% In Year, Board Told

Growing appreciation of Richmond Hill's Public Library is indicated by the large increase in circulation during 1950, revealed by figures released at the annual meeting of the Library Board. Circulation during the twelve-month was 15,022, an increase of 25% over the year before. The largest increase was in non-fiction books.

Major sources of income were shown to be \$999.97 from the municipality and a grant of \$896.18 from the Province of Ontario. The grant for light, rent and heat from the municipality was \$650. Membership fees and fines amounted to \$176.14.

\$738.87 was spent on books during the year and \$51.30 on magazines. Heat, light and rent (a book entry between the village and the Library Board) were \$650. Salaries and wages amounted to \$508.50. Supplies, insurance and similar items came to \$172.50. Cash on hand and bank balance at the end of the year were \$662.62.

The meeting was presided over by Miss E. Izzard, who recommended that at the next meeting a committee be established in relation to the salary schedule in relation to other libraries and to set up standards for guidance in the future.

Mrs. B. L. Anderson was elected chairman for 1951.

### May Spend Additional \$22,000 On Markham Tp. Roads In 1951

Proposals to hard top the part of John Street, Thornhill, in Markham Township and also part of the Markham Road outside the section looked after by Richmond Hill were discussed at the recent meeting of Markham Township Council when road estimates were given a preliminary discussion. This would be in the nature of a test, said Councillor Charles Hooper, who pointed out that he had advocated this treatment many years ago.

"We have been pouring money into roads year after year," he said, "and still have nothing permanent."

He and other councillors emphasized the fact that no more gravel per mile was being employed than was the case in pre-war years and that increasing density and speed of traffic was having a very bad effect on thoroughfares.

Tentative estimates for township roads amount to \$94,000 for the current year, as opposed to \$72,000 in 1950. Part of the additional amount is to cover the proposed hard-topping and a considerable part is necessitated by the greatly increased wear and tear on roads, it was pointed out.