

# The Liberal

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## Readying For Summer

Frost and heavily-loaded vehicles form a potent combination which causes considerable damage to Ontario's highways each year, and little is known by the average motorist of the amount of work involved in repairing this damage so that tourists and others may have smooth travelling during the summer months.

This task devolves upon the shoulders of the engineering branch of the Ontario Department of Highways. It is started just as soon as the weather permits — usually in the spring — although in some sections of the province, where the weather is more rigorous and the snowfall heavy,

## A Profitable Operation

Some interesting figures are contained in a report which has been received by Reeve William Neal from the Toronto Transportation Commission outlining in detail operation of North Yonge railways since its inception in 1930. The ups and downs that confronted business during the depression years, and the more recent business expansion of the area all are reflected in the balance sheet over the years of the railroad and later the bus line.

In its first full year of operation by the municipalities, 1931, system took it on the chin for a loss of \$5,104.96 which was absorbed by the municipalities; it came back to record a profit of \$2,627.67 the next year although revenues were down

\$15,000 over the previous year. A wave of economy must have been on however, because expenses were way down and the line was able to absorb the revenue losses and still come out in the black.

The deep depression years from 1933 to 1936 were tough ones for the traction company with end-of-the-year statements appearing in red figures, the worst being in 1936 when the line lost \$2,972.32. Since that time, however, the line has constantly been in the black with high profit of nearly \$60,000 being recorded in 1946 with last year's net being \$33,611.62. Profits are divided among the municipalities in this proportion: North York 55 per cent, Richmond Hill 23 per cent and Markham and Vaughan Townships 11 per cent each.

## Women's Institutes - A Force For Good

Women's Institutes in Ontario were first founded in Stoney Creek in 1897 but over that fifty plus span of life, they have built up a membership of 47,250 in the province, according to a booklet issued recently by the Federated Women's Institutes for Ontario.

In the rural communities of Ontario and in the towns and villages too, the Women's Institute is a vital force in the feminine life of the community and it has been dubbed as

"The Rural Women's University." Non-sectarian, it is always interested in the community programs of a municipality and usually contributes materially towards bringing such programs to fruition.

Specifically the Institutes aim to develop a more abundant life for the rural people of Ontario by

- (1) developing better homemakers
- (2) developing happier and more useful citizens

## Get On With The Highway

Perhaps there's a good reason for it but there seems to be an unconscionable delay on the part of the Department of Highways in construction of the new four-lane highway that is expected to carry a heavy burden of traffic from the Toronto area north to Barrie. The delay is emphatically brought home to Richmond Hill at this time of the year as the tourists get on the move and No. 11 highway is jammed with traffic particularly on Sundays and holidays.

Despite the tremendous amount of advertising that has been expended in the past few years by both the provincial and federal governments to bring more tourists to Ontario, the pace of highway building has not begun to measure up to the tempo of

the publicity campaign. Despite steadily increasing traffic, very few arterial highways have been built in the past few years and though some new routes are projected or under construction such as the one to the west of Richmond Hill, slow motion are the only words that can adequately describe the progress of the work.

Even the Queen Elizabeth Way from Toronto to the Niagara border has not been completed yet although it was started years ago. Only a two-lane highway has been built so far from Niagara to the Peace Bridge although the plans are for a four-lane route the same as for the rest of the highway.

Getting nearer home, one would think that the Department of Highways would leave no stone unturned

## Marking A Birthday

everything possible to aid the wounded in wartime.

That day the Red Cross was born.

From that scene of carnage where men lay dying sprang the Red Cross whose essentially humanitarian activity has spread around the world to 68 countries and whose millions of members are constantly endeavoring to create a closer brotherhood.

From that desire to succor the wounded on the field of battle the Red Cross has grown to the greatest voluntary organization in the world and

## Guest Editorial

(Barrie Examiner)

furious gang of pirates and the boys in the bush were on the point of discovering a lost cache of uranium when their rescuers interfered.

For this is the time or year when "Treasure Island" and "Huckleberry Finn" enter into successful competition with the comic-book fare of the younger generation.

After all, it takes a lot of imagination for a boy to convince himself that he's Superman or the Lone Ranger when he can't fly or find a horse to ride. But anyone with the right stuff in him can summon up a horde of pirates as soon as he gets a sniff of unfrozen water.

To the discerning eye, events of great moment occur daily within hail-

commendation of thousands upon thousands of tourists and local travellers.

Thousands of tons of sand are spread each winter on hazardous sections of the highways and all this has to be cleared off just as soon as the weather will permit. Another job that falls on the shoulders of the branch is the planting of trees along the highways — almost 50,000 of them each year.

So, with the putting away of winter equipment, the engineering branch swings right into the job of getting the highways ready for summer travellers.

Profits will probably be down this year as increased operating expenses have been eating into increased gross income which is 300 percent greater than it was in 1931, the gross last year approximating slightly under \$300,000.

All in all, the bus line has been providing a creditable record of service to these communities along Yonge St. and at the same time turning in a profit for the municipal treasuries. Service could be improved, however — an express bus service right into downtown Toronto would certainly be a boon to bus commuters in the area—it would probably be a boon also to the bus lines which would probably get greatly increased patronage if such a service were available.

(3) stimulating and training leaders

(4) encouraging appreciation of the things near at hand

Among the concrete works of the Institute are the compiling of Tweedsmuir histories in localities where a branch is in existence. Such a history is being compiled in Richmond Hill and the job is now under way of meticulously gathering the facts here to provide an authentic record.

to push through any route that would relieve the traffic pressure on No. 11 highway. Feeding as it does the vast vacationland of Muskoka and northern and eastern Ontario, it is one of the most important routes in the province insofar as tourist traffic is concerned. And no one who lives along this route can gainsay the fact that it is woefully inadequate for the heavy burden it is carrying.

Granted that construction of the new Barrie route may take some tourist trade away from Richmond Hill, it probably wouldn't mean much of a decrease and perhaps the gain by easing the traffic problem might offset any possible losses. With heavy traffic on the highways, the motorist is usually inclined to keep right on going rather than stop at smaller municipalities along the way.

while one of its prime functions is still to assist the wounded and captured in wartime, it also renders a multitude of other services, all intended to benefit mankind.

The Canadian Red Cross with its more than 1300 branches, has expanded along with its sister societies until today it is accepted as a part of Canada's national life. Outstanding among its many services is the Blood Transfusion Service which, active for four years in civilian and military hospitals, has now been called upon to provide blood and blood products for Canada's armed forces.

ing distance of every Canadian home. Scouts fearlessly scale trees, despite withering bursts of enemy fire to reconnoitre the surrounding landscape, suffering skinned knees and lacerated trousers in the line of duty.

Hard-eyed law officers shoot it out with desperadoes in every back alley barely subduing their last outlaw in time to arrive home for supper.

Incredible feats of endurance are performed by bicycle-mounted heroes who have stagnated with inactivity since the beginnings of the spring thaw forestalled their efforts to fire the goal that won the Stanley Cup.

The newspapers simply don't know what they're missing.

### OTTAWA LETTER

by  
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North York

The announcement by Trade Minister Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe concerning the trade agreements resulting from the Torquay conference was an important feature of the week in Parliament. The Minister announced that long standing trade barriers between Canada and the United States have been lowered on a long list of items. Canada obtained reductions on some 480 items and granted reductions of tariff on 261 items.

Important as the announcement is in itself, it is regarded as encouragingly significant of a world trend towards a lowering of tariff barriers and a more free interchange of world commerce.

**Defence Program**  
 Defence estimates have been occupying much of the attention of the House. In his Statement to Parliament, the Minister emphasized the fact that the whole object of the great defence program is to preserve the security of our country. It is better far to prevent a war, than to have to fight a war to victory. Our primary responsibility is the defence of our country against direct attack. All Canada as I think agree that the best place to defend Canada is far away from our shores as possible, but they also realize we cannot do it alone and that we must have allies with whom we plan and work.

So far as we can, we must continue to strengthen the democracy which is the object as well as one of the main bulwarks of our defence. The Minister reaffirmed the government's intention to do everything we can to improve the level of our society, raise the standard of living and enlarge freedom and opportunity throughout our own country and the world.

**Agricultural Department**  
 The Department of Agriculture renders a wide variety of services to Canadian Agriculture. An important branch is the Experimental Farms Service.

The function of the Experimental Farms Service is to conduct experimental work in agri-

culture, and to make the results available for application by Canadian farmers. Established in 1886 this Service, also known as Dominion Experimental Farms, has been intimately associated with progressive developments in Canadian farming for 63 years. Throughout Canada the Experimental Farms have participated in the building up of the nation's agricultural industry.

The work of the Experimental Farms Service is conducted on the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, Headquarters of the Service, and on 27 Branch Experimental Farms and Stations located in the principal agricultural districts of Canada. Each of the Branch Farms is provided with land, staff and equipment for experimental work on the type of agriculture prevailing in its district. In addition, work of a more local nature is conducted on Substations, while the results of experiments and research are given local testing and demonstration on a network of Illustration Stations. Co-ordination and supervision of experimental work is effected by the Director of the Service, assisted by ten Divisions, with headquarters on the Central Farm at Ottawa. Each Division deals with a specific branch of Experimental Farms work; as follows: Animal Husbandry; Bees; Cereals; Field Husbandry; Soils and Agricultural Engineering; Forage Crops; Fibre Crops; Horticulture; Illustration Stations; Poultry and Tobacco.

During 1950 Experimental Farms work was in progress on the Central Farm at Ottawa on 27 Branch Farms and Stations, 20 Substations and 207 Illustration Stations.

Experimental Farms and Stations are the principal units of the Service. By "Experimental Farm" is denoted one of the five original units established in 1886, all subsequent Branch Farms being designated as "Experimental Stations". The original Experimental Farms are located at Ottawa, Ont., Nappan, N.S., Brandon, Man., Indian Head, Sask., and Agassiz, B. C.

## The Richmond


*Richmond Hill, Ontario*

### THEATRE

Telephone Richmond Hill 500  
**Shows Daily at 7 and 9 p.m.**  
**Saturdays & holidays continuous from 6 p.m.**  
 FREE PARKING AT REAR OF THEATRE  
 Entrance from Church Street. Walkway on north side of Theatre Building  
 Saturday: Matinee at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1.30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday — May 18 & 19

*its heart-warming Mark Hellinger story is set to six grand and glorious tunes!*



**BING CROSBY**  
 Coleen Gray  
 Charles Bickford  
 Frances Gifford  
**FRANK CAPRAS**  
**RIDING HIGH**

News Cartoon

Monday & Tuesday — May 21 & 22

*If she were your bride ... would you obey a command to kill her?*



M-G-M's hot-as-the-headlines hit:  
**ROBERT TAYLOR**  
**ELIZABETH TAYLOR**  
*twice as terrific together in*  
**Conspirator**

Directed by VICTOR SAVILLE  
 Produced by ARTHUR HORNBLOW, JR.  
 A METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER PICTURE

News Cartoon Featurette

SPECIAL MIDNITE SHOW  
 12.05 Wednesday, May 23  
 Midnite Show Only

*Baby-faced Savage!*




**JOAN FONTAINE**  
**ROBERT RYAN - ZACHARY SCOTT**  
**"Born to be Bad"**  
 and JOAN LESLIE - MEL FERRER

Adult Entertainment

Wednesday & Thursday — May 23 & 24

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**"MY BROTHER TALKS TO HORSES"**

A "different" kind of story. It will thrill and delight you!

**"BUTCH" JENKINS**  
 The Kid who understood the language of horses and picked winners at the track.

**PETER LAWFORD**  
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**BEVERLY TYLER**

**EDWARD ARNOLD**  
**CHARLIE RUGGLES**  
**SPRING BYINGTON**

Cartoon Featurette

Matinee Thurs., May 24 — 2 p.m.  
 Continuous from 6 p.m. Thursday, May 24

Richmond Hill Public School Choirs

## Spring Festival Of Music

THURSDAY, MAY 17 — FRIDAY, MAY 19

8 o'clock in the auditorium

Admission 35c at the door  
 Children under 12 20c

for a dessert that all the family will enjoy get a package of neilson's ice cream at

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## SEPARATE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration of children wishing to attend St. Mary's Separate School will be held in the school on June 18, 1951, in the afternoon.

Children must be six years old on or before December 31, 1951, and live within the three-mile school area.

Birth certificates must be presented at time of registration.

St. Mary's Separate School Board.