

# The Liberal

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## The Annexation Story

In our last issue a correspondent showing a commendable interest in local affairs expressed some concern about the current annexation proceedings. He intimated that there has been a "hush-hush" policy and pointed out that people first read about this important item of local public business in a Toronto newspaper.

We agree that there has been far too little publicity to date about such an important proposal as the annexation of more than one thousand acres. We agree too it was too bad that local citizens first read a most incomplete announcement of the proposal in a Toronto newspaper.

In case our position in the matter may be misunderstood we now present the facts relative to the publishing of this important news story.

The annexation proposal was the biggest news to break locally for some time. It was the kind of news story which is a delight to the heart of a newspaperman.

The Liberal has been aware of the proceedings from the very beginning and we were most anxious to publish the story. We refrained from doing so at the request of the Richmond Hill council. The council's reason for the request was to co-operate with firms involved in some industrial promotion very closely connected with

the annexation proceedings.

If the annexation proceedings were to be successful the industrial development angle was most important. We agreed to await publication of the story until a joint announcement could be made by those promoting the development, and the village council. During recent months we have urged that such announcement should be made, but there were understandable delays and each week we were hopeful it would be forthcoming.

The Saturday before municipal voting in Richmond Hill in an interview reported in the Daily Star Councilor Tomlin announced the annexation proposal.

The local paper was scooped by the Toronto daily and that didn't make us happy. It may be that we were wrong in withholding publication, although we are satisfied the interests of Richmond Hill and the annexation proposal were best served by our action in co-operating with the municipal council.

From the standpoint of news reporting irrespective of what we consider the best interests of the field we serve, we may have been wrong. But we would rather be wrong, and even scooped, than betray a confidence.

## Plumping The Ballots

This practice considered in earlier days as smart tactics by a few, is becoming so common among voters as to lessen the actual value of the franchise. Unfortunately there is very little that can be done about this practice. As long as we live in a democratic country it is everyone's privilege to vote as he or she pleases. Canada would have her democracy threatened if because of any law an individual was

forced to vote for someone they conscientiously objected to in order to make a valid ballot.

However, at the same time, people should give this matter serious consideration and whenever possible they should be cautioned against the practice. The habit if pursued and allowed to flourish by an unthinking population could become a serious menace to our system of free elections.

## December Survey Of Livestock & Poultry Numbers

Each December, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Ontario Department of Agriculture, conducts a survey of the number of live stock on farms and cost of hired labour. Forms for this survey have been mailed out and are now in the hands of farmers.

The success of this survey depends on the co-operation of farmers in filling in and returning the questionnaires. A widespread response from all types of farmers throughout the province is needed in order that the statistics can be based on a sufficiently large number of reports from a representative sample of farms throughout Ontario.

The statistics obtained from the survey are used extensively throughout the year by governments, farm organizations and farm co-operatives, banks, industry,

various farm commodity marketing boards, and by farmers themselves to obtain basic information and facts in order to more efficiently plan future operations. International organizations, such as the World Food and Agriculture Organization, depend on the Government to supply up-to-date figures on Ontario's agricultural industry. The farmer, through providing the information asked for on the schedule, has a real opportunity to help form a true picture of agricultural conditions.

The survey has absolutely no connection with taxation. The farmer's individual form is seen only by workers in the Dominion and Provincial agricultural statistical offices, and the farmer is protected by law against the wrong use of his return. All individual forms are kept strictly confidential and are used only for the preparation of county and provincial totals.

## "Dear Mr. Editor"

Dear Mr. Editor:  
Some time ago you printed an article for us regarding racing pigeon interest in the community. I wish to take the opportunity to thank you very much for publishing the article in your paper. If it would be possible we would like to put the results of our races next summer in the paper. We hope this can be arranged. We would appreciate it if the following were printed.

A new racing pigeon club has been formed in the Richmond Hill district. The following are the officers for the year 1952. President Norman Bowen, Richvale; race secretary Mal LaRoque, Langstaff; treasurer, Joe Angier, Thornhill; corresponding secretary, Ernie Brennan, Langstaff; recording secretary, Harry Suter, Langstaff; and publicity Ed Garner, Langstaff. The club will fly with the newly formed Southern Ontario East Course Course.

Sincerely,  
Norman Bowen,  
136 Carrville Rd, Richvale

## To the Taxpayers and Parents of Children in the Richmond Hill School Section

No doubt you are all aware that it is your privilege to attend any of the meetings of your School Board, but for various reasons you have not taken advantage of this right.

The Trustees invite you to attend the meetings so that you will be aware of the many matters of vital importance to you as taxpayers and parents, which have to be discussed and solved.

The meetings are held on the second Thursday each month and commence at 7.30, often finishing at 12.00 p.m.

By attending these meetings, you will be constantly informed as to the many items on which your money is being spent for educational purposes, and the amounts are such that careful consideration of each dollar is necessary, to keep within our Budget.

You will also be better able to judge the ability and efficiency of the members of the Board, who are only holding office because you yourselves have elected them.

James Pollard  
Chairman R.H.P.S. Board

Dear Sir:  
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the electorate of this village for the very commendable turn-out at the polls during the recent municipal elections. 80% of those eligible exercised their franchise. I am certain that few municipalities in Ontario can surpass this performance.

The larger a town or village becomes the more difficult it seems to get the electorate to turn out at the polls. In large cities, such as Toronto, it is seldom that more than 50% of those eligible actually vote.

Richmond Hill has grown phenomenally during the past six years and yet a better than average proportion of the electors voted in this last election.

This would appear to be ample evidence that the electorate is deeply interested and possibly even a little concerned about the vital decisions now being made and about to be made by council; decisions about which, unfortunately, they have been given only a bare minimum of information.

Such interest is a healthy sign in any community. It is to be hoped that it will persist as a constructive force in future planning for the betterment of this community in which we are so vitally interested.

Yours sincerely,  
Kenneth Ruffman,  
Richmond Hill

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## VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS

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Sympathy of the community is extended to the family of the late Mrs. Janet Agar, who passed away last Monday after a lingering illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bruce. Mrs. Agar at one time lived where Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham now reside.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry McIntosh (nee Doreen Klinck) on the birth of a daughter on Friday at the York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Mrs. L. McEachern, Mr. and Mrs. E. Avison of Lansing attended the church service here on Sunday afternoon, later calling on friends in the community.

Prize winners at the Senior Women's Institute euchre and crokinole party last Tuesday evening were: euchre, ladies 1st, Miss Joy Mortonson; consolation Mrs. MacMurray. Gents 1st Mr. Arnold Mortonson; consolation, Mr. Woodward. Crokinole: ladies 1st Mrs. R. Nelson; consolation Betty Glover. Gents 1st Sammy Snider; consolation Mrs. Earl Empringham (playing as gent.).

Kindly remember these dates: Monday, December 17, at 8 p.m., Christmas Concert of S. S. No. 4 Markham of which Miss Miriam Heise is the teacher. Friday, December 21 at 8 p.m. Christmas Concert of S. S. No. 7 Markham of which Mrs. Murray is the teacher. Thursday, December 20, at 8 p.m. the annual Sunday School Christmas Concert will be held in the Community Hall.

The annual White Gift service will be held in the Sunday School room on Sunday, December 16, at 1 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a gift for those less fortunate than we are and to help make it a Happy Christmas for them. Please indicate on your gift whether for girl or boy and for what age.

Mr. and Mrs. John Snider and family attended the one hundredth anniversary of Elia United Church recently. They had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Snider.

A very impressive Sunday evening Church service was conducted by the members of the Woman's Association with the president, Mrs. P. W. Willows in charge. Special music was given by the men's choir of our church. Rev. Mr. Aikens of Newmarket was guest speaker. The W.A. ladies would like to thank all the men who were in the choir for their help with the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pullan of Richmond Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and Johnny of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. J. Empringham, Mr. and Mrs. L. Knapp and Irene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham and Barbara, the occasion being Barbara's second birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham had Wednesday evening dinner in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and John.

Sunday visitors with Mrs. C. J. Brumwell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brumwell and boys were: Mrs. McEachern, Mr. and Mrs. E. Avison of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. James Clinkard of Toronto.

Mrs. J. Lunau, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins and family of Richmond Hill, Mr. and Mrs. R. Perkins and Coral, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pickering and family had Friday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mortonson and boys.

Rev. A. Huston was in charge of the church service at Newmarket United Church on Sunday evening, while Rev. Aikens was guest speaker here at the W.A. service.

## RUMMAGE SALE

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ALL DAY  
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## To Electors of Vaughan Township

My sincere thanks to all who worked for me and voted for me in this year's municipal elections.

JOE FORSTER

## HOLIDAY CLOSING HOURS

Open all day Wednesday, December 19. Friday, December 21, 9 p.m., Saturday, December 22, 9 p.m., December 24, Christmas Eve 6 p.m., New Year's Eve, 6 p.m., closed all day December 25 & 26.

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News Cartoon Featurette

Monday & Tuesday — December 17 & 18

**RUN! RUN! BUT THERE'S NO ESCAPE!**  
THE PURSUING HAND FOLLOWED RELENTLESSLY — WAS IT THE HAND OF KILLER OR JUSTICE?

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News Cartoon Featurette

Wednesday & Thursday - December 19 & 20

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'Sand' shown at 7.15 and 10 p.m.  
'Smugglers' Island' shown only at 8.30 p.m.

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