

Arizona Climate Helps Hull Girl

The atmosphere of merriment and good cheer which is in evidence everywhere at the Christmas season, was somewhat dampened for residents of Richmond Hill this week by the news of the sad misfortune of one of its own families — that of Mr. Leslie Hull, well known in this district.

The five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hull is suffering from a fibrocystic disease of the pancreas. The organ has not developed properly since birth, but the disease was not diagnosed until last July. A few months ago her incessant coughing and inability to accept nourishment drove her to bed. Little Leslie Ann now weighs a mere 26 pounds.

The couple and their plucky daughter flew to Tucson last Thursday night in a last desperate effort to regain her fast-fading health. They went there on the recommendation of a Toronto man whose son also has the disease. He told them Tucson's dry climate has helped his son make medical history — just by living to be nine years old.

Less than 12 hours after arriving in Tucson, Lee felt better.

Mr. Hull, a carpenter, will return home after Christmas to sell his partially-built house in Richmond Hill and to return to his job with Murray Associates at Richvale. U. S. immigration laws do not provide for such cases as the Hulls. The family has visitors' visas that stipulate the visitor will not seek employment during his stay there. They are good for six months. The father's fellow-workers have raised \$58 in aid of the family and appeals have brought another \$135.

Another generous offer has been made by a former Richmond Hill man in a letter to the Editor of The Liberal. (See Page 2 of this edition.)

Young Author To Have Another Story Published

Farley Mowat, a young man with a flare for writing, and a former resident of Richmond Hill is rapidly becoming an outstanding figure in the field of literature. Farley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Mowat who live on Elizabeth Street North here in the village.

The young author and his wife recently purchased 10 acres of farm land near Palgrave and have built their own house.

In their January issue the publishers of Atlantic Monthly are beginning a serial taken from the author's new book 'Men of the Deer' that will run through four consecutive issues. A coloured picture of Farley will also be featured on the January cover of this magazine.

This is not the first time that Mr. Mowat has had his short stories published by leading magazines. In the past the Saturday Evening Post has published three of his short stories and the Argosy one. Within the last few weeks he has sold another short story to the Saturday Evening Post. MacLean's magazine has also signified its desire to publish some of his works. A prominent English publishing house Michael Joseph & Co. has contracted to publish his new book 'Men of the Deer.'

1 Man Charged Police Still Seek Driver Of Car

As an aftermath to a head-on collision between two cars in Richmond Hill at 1 a.m. last Friday morning the police have apprehended Kenneth N. Rolley of 57 Nipigon Ave., North York and charged him with dangerous driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident. At present he is out on \$1000.00 bail. The police are still attempting to locate an unknown party who Mr. Rolley claims was driving his car at the time. Mr. Rolley told police that he had met the gentleman in question earlier in the same evening at a highway Inn.

Witnesses state that the Rolley car, a 1937 Ford, while proceeding north on Yonge street suddenly swerved to the west side of the road and hit a 1940 Ford south-bound and owned by Percy Wight of 580 Woburn Ave. in North York. Passengers in Wight's car were his wife Joyce and the driver, 16-year-old Vytautas Roundonjatus. The crash occurred just opposite the residence of Dr. Langstaff. It is believed that the unknown driver and Mr. Rolley made their getaway while the occupants of the Wight car were still unconscious.

The three passengers in the Wight car were removed to the Toronto General Hospital. There it was found that Mrs. Wight had suffered minor lacerations to her head and slight concussion and shock. Mr. Wight had lacerations to his face and body and also mild shock while Mr. Roundonjatus suffered mild shock. Both vehicles were demolished. Richmond Hill's Constable Robbins investigated.

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Like the gaily bedecked Christmas package, this greeting is filled with joyous thoughts of the Holiday. To all of our patrons and friends, we extend our sincerest gratitude, along with the wish that the coming year bring you bigger parcels of happiness and good cheer.

Merry Christmas

The Publisher, Editors and Staff of The Liberal

New School Needs Ten Rooms Says School Board

Village Assessor Tenders His Resignation To R. H. Council

Richmond Hill may in 1952 be without its very efficient assessor Mr. W. S. Pocknell. At the last regular meeting of the 1951 village council held Monday evening, Clerk Russell Lynett read a letter of resignation from Mr. Pocknell in which he stated that due to the voluminous work which is now placed on the office of assessor and especially in the re-assessment and re-measuring required by the county under the Provincial manual that he finds it physically impossible for him to give the work justice and that the time it obviously requires is not within the limits of his possibility. Reeve Neal reported that a delegation composed of himself, Deputy Reeve Taylor and Clerk Russell Lynett had already called on Mr. Pocknell in an effort to have him reconsider his resignation. Mr. Neal said that some progress was made, and that it is hoped he will withdraw his resignation. On the suggestion of Councillor Wes. Middleton the members decided to leave the matter over to the next meeting.

A three-man delegation from the Elmwood-Harding Ratepayers Association under the chairmanship of Mr. Harry Sayers called on the council in order to gain as much information as possible regarding the proposed annexation by Richmond Hill of certain parts of Markham Township. Mr. Sayers said the information gained would be used in the January meeting of their ratepayers. The delegation read off a list of questions some of which the council was able to answer orally. In concluding Mr. Sayers thanked the council for their co-operation and invited the members to attend their January meeting.

Mrs. P. C. Hill, the village's representative on the Richmond Hill and District High School Board waited on the council and, in a very able way outlined the work of the High School Board over the past year. Mrs. Hill stressed that the dealings of the Board today were entering the realm of big business.

Mr. L. J. Roy, P. Eng., Area Manager H. E. P. C. informed the council that the material is on order for lights to go on Crosby Avenue. He also stated that he had received a request for lighting on Highland Lane. The council approved an additional light on the street and this material is also on order. The council approved the building of hydro lines on Ruggles Avenue between Roseview Avenue and Markham Road in order to service this rapidly growing section of the village. Mr. Roy said work on this project will begin in the early part of the new year.

Council considered once again the matter of crossing guards for the Public School. Reeve Neal announced that he had located another guard in the person of Mr. Jack Carlyle. After some further discussion of whose responsibility it actually is it was moved by Councillor Wes. Middleton and seconded by Councillor Floyd Perkins that the village re-assume the responsibility of handling the school crossing guards as of January 1. The motion was carried by the council.

The council also passed a motion instructing the clerk to forward a further letter from the Public School Board covering the \$12,000.00 required to purchase land for the new school to their solicitor and instruct him to make proper application to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Ross Casement was appointed Arena manager for the 1951-52 season. Wilf Booth is running the Arena refreshment booth for another year.

The municipal employees will all receive a Christmas gift from the village in the form of a small cash bonus.

Ladies Aux. Scouts & Cubs Install '52 Exec.

A most delicious "Pot Luck" supper was enjoyed by a record attendance of members of the Ladies Auxiliaries of Scouts and Cubs, at their regular meeting on Thursday, December 13. After a short business meeting, Rev. W. F. Wrixon, L. Th., installed the new executive for the coming year.

Each member brought a gift for a needy family which resulted in four generous Christmas hampers being distributed in the district.

Mrs. M. Styan with Mrs. F. Gardiner at the piano led the group in the singing of Christmas Carols, and Mrs. Styan sang a couple of humorous ditties which were much enjoyed.

The new officers are as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. R. Lynett; president, Mrs. F. Gardiner; 1st vice, Mrs. E. Butlin; 2nd vice, Mrs. W. Wilson; secretary, Mrs. L. Sims; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. Haughton; press secretary, Mrs. A. Stong; treasurer, Mrs. N. Bradshaw; sewing convener, Mrs. W. Neal; program convener, Mrs. J. Wharton; social convener, Mrs. A. Blackburn; membership convener, Mrs. Johnson; visiting convener, Mrs. D. Smith.

The Board members were all un-

After carefully reviewing their population figures the Richmond Hill Public School Board announced at last week's regular meeting that instead of a new eight room school they will actually require a 10 room school. The present population of the school is 618. 40 of these will be expected to graduate in the summer leaving 578 of a population. Ninety children are in grade 1 and this will require three rooms, leaving a balance of 488 for grades 2 to 8 inclusive, with an average of 35 per room which is the maximum set by the department. These grades will require 14 rooms making a total of 17 rooms, plus 1 or 2 rooms for kindergarten. The present school accommodation is 10 rooms, plus 1 room in the basement, two rooms in the Municipal Hall, 1 room at the Orange Home and the kindergarten in the auditorium, a total of 15 rooms. This being the case the Board felt 2 more rooms will be needed next September to take care of the present school population including the improvised rooms now being used for school rooms. Chairman James Pollard stressed this includes only present school population, and does not take care of any influx which is bound to come to Richmond Hill when it expands. It was therefore felt by the School Board that with the need of 18 rooms immediately, with only ten rooms now, it would be necessary to build a new 10 room school with all possible haste.

Richvale Family Injured When Car Hits Pole

On Friday evening about ten o'clock Mr. Norman Lewis of Richvale and his family were travelling south on Yonge St. when just north of May Ave. their family car skidded and hit a telephone pole. The car was crushed on the driver's side and Mr. Lewis sustained four cracked ribs, a broken right arm, and the left elbow-bone chipped. Mrs. Lewis's closed eights stitches a close wound in her forehead.

Six-year-old Bobby suffered a slight concussion, and Stanley, aged eleven, escaped with cuts and bruises.

animous in their decision to have the school inspector appear before the Board at least once a year in order to bring the Trustees up to date with policy changes within the department of education.

The members approved several dates in 1952 for the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society to use the school auditorium for meetings.

Doncaster Man Wins New Car

The annual bazaar and raffle of St. Lukes Roman Catholic Church, Thornhill, took place on Friday, December 14. The lucky winner of the car, a Plymouth sedan, was Mr. J. Perrault, 62 Clarke Avenue, Doncaster, who held ticket number 220. Second prize, a Serval Refrigerator was won by Mrs. A. McCauley, Johnson Avenue, Thornhill, with ticket No. 450. The Easy Washing Machine went to Mrs. E. Breen, 12 Westminister Ave., Toronto, ticket number 1289. Combination radio and phonograph, Lionel Dupuis, 107 Grandview Ave., Highland Park, ticket number 1304; set of golf clubs, E. Valentin, 71 Clinton St., Toronto, ticket number 3863; electric floor polisher, A. W. Rogers, Bayview Courts, Lansing, ticket number 2392; bicycle, Edward Wood, 959 Ossington Ave., Toronto, ticket number 1182; mantle radio, A. J. Smyth, 1 Eaton Ave., Toronto, ticket number 1546; automatic toaster, Basil Fedwick, 224 Aylesworth, Toronto 13, ticket number 3063; electric steam iron, Mrs. R. H. Roberts, Colborne St., Thornhill, ticket number 1095.

The bazaar and drawing of the raffle attracted a large crowd and the proceeds from this affair amount to approximately \$3,000, which will be applied to the building fund for a new Church.

Closing Meeting For 1951

Whitchurch Township Council Hear Reports On Conservation

The Whitchurch Township Council met for the last time in 1951 on Saturday, December 15, in the Council Chambers at Vandorf.

A series of delegations and reports of committees kept the councillors busy from one o'clock until seven. Mr. Robert Radford a resident of the 7th concession for 35 years is anxious that some improvement be made in the road in front of his farm. Every year neighbors have to take down his fences and go through his field because the road is impassable. The road committee will investigate.

The engineers and a representative of the construction company working on the North Lake Wilcox road conferred with council on the advisability of putting a finishing surface on the road this year. It was suggested that the ditching be finished and the base course be put in now and the top surface on the softest parts be left till spring, so that the taxpayers' money might be conserved. The base course will make the road passable this winter.

The ditches will carry off the excess water. The clerk is to communicate with the King Township Council and the Department of Highways re cleaning out the Yonge Street culvert and opening up ditches across King Township that excess water may flow into the Humber Valley Watershed.

Council will appoint two members to act with three members of various organizations in the township, as a board, to administer township parks and community centres. This board is to establish recreational centres in the township to comply with the Community Centres Act. Books will be audited by the township auditor.

Constable Mulholland appeared before council and reported on several requests for relief. Township councils cannot grant requests for relief to able bodied citizens when work is available.

Humber Valley Conservation Mr. Lorne Evans waited on council to report on the work of the Humber Valley Conservation Authority. This body having been active for the past four years they are now ready to develop various projects. Land has been purchased in Albion township, Peel Coun-

ty, and 30,000 trees have been planted. Surveys have been made for flood control. Dams will be built at points where they are needed.

Pollution of the Humber is a serious problem. Industrial plants in Woodbridge and Weston have been allowed to dump their excess sewage in this river.

Upper Holland River Conservation Mr. Evans attended the meeting in Newmarket, Friday, December 14, of the Upper Holland River Conservation Authority, in an advisory capacity. The Holland River commences in Whitchurch Township. It is suggested that four ponds be developed near the source to keep the water from flooding. Any property owner along this water course who would like a farm pond, should contact the Holland River Survey.

A tree planter is available in Whitchurch Township to anyone who wants to plant trees on a large scale. Farm streams can be beautified and conserved, engineers are available for consultation with property owners in the township. The upper Holland River is being polluted by tanneries.

Fifty years ago the Holland River and tributaries could be used as swimming holes. Today these same streams have been allowed to become a menace to livestock and obnoxious to the farmer whose land they run through. A public meeting will be held in the Mechanic's Hall in Aurora early in the New Year. Mr. Watson Porter, an expert on conservation will speak.

It is hoped that a large number will be on hand to learn what has to be done to conserve the water supply in the townships and keep the streams the asset they were intended to be. Dr. F. H. Van Nostrand and Mr. Lorne Evans gave the council a lengthy report of their work on the Planning Board of Whitchurch Township.

COUNCILLOR IN STATES Mr. Alf. LeMasurier, newly elected councillor for Markham Township, is on an extended trip to the United States for a month, travelling as far as San Francisco.

Santa To Visit Lions Meeting

The members of Richmond Hill Lions Club will enjoy their annual Christmas party this evening at the Masonic Hall. It will be a masquerade and Lions will attend in all kinds of costumes and make-up.

There will be a turkey dinner with all the trimmings after which jolly old Santa Claus will pay a visit and distribute the gifts which the Lions bring for each other. There will be a special program of carol singing, musical and novelty numbers.

At the conclusion of the meeting all toys will be turned over to the Crippled Children's Committee of the Club for Christmas distribution.

King City Residents Make Two Requests To Council

Two requests from King City were brought to the attention of Reeve Elton Armstrong and the Council, when the last meeting of this year was held at Nobleton on Saturday afternoon last.

James Keens, 4th. Con., King, and Father Pappé of the Augustinian Monastery, took a petition that had been signed by most of residents on the 1 1/4 mile stretch of the 4th., from the King Side road to Eversley Side road. The petition asked that this road which passed the school, should be improved, and that sand be put on the school hill in the winter.

Reeve Armstrong listened to the petitioners, and promised to engage an engineer to make an estimate on the cost of laying a hard surface, and other improvements, on the road. When his findings are estimated, Mr. Armstrong will call a meeting to discuss his reports. He promised that a load of sand will be placed at the top of the hills, so that motorists may sand the hills as required during the bad weather.

Brian Upjohn, representing the residents of the south end of the village, requested that this section of King be relieved of the nuisance caused by soft coal smoke from furnace of the Storms Contracting Co. of Toronto. The work has been discontinued for the winter, but is

due to start again, on May 1st, & the people in that neighbourhood are not looking forward to the constant billowing of smoke that pours from the furnace every ten minutes when coal is shovelled in. Lex. Mackenzie, M.L.A. has taken matter to the attention of Deputy Highways Minister, Mr. Miller, without success so far. Mr. Upjohn agrees that the courts offer very little help in enforcing the anti-noise, anti-smoke by-laws, but feels that some co-operation could be forthcoming from the owners of the tanks.

WM. J. PARK REEVE OF SUTTON

Mr. William J. Park has been elected Reeve of Sutton village, defeating Reeve Grover Morrison by 20 votes. Mr. George Lamont received the Deputy-Reeveship by acclamation and councillors elected for 1952 include Pearson Holder, 320 votes, William Sellers, 359 and K. L. Pivnick, 308.

STOUFFVILLE CLERK RETIRES

Mr. George J. Storey, clerk and treasurer of the Municipality of Stouffville for the past 11 years, has tendered his resignation. His successor will be Mr. Garfield Brown, present assistant to Mr. Storey.



MERRY CHRISTMAS! cries Santa as he waves, above, to the happy spectators lining the parade route in Richmond Hill last Saturday. The gay smiles that you see on the children's faces are evidence of the enthusiasm with which they (and Mother and Dad, too) greeted this monster show sponsored annually by the Lions Club and Business Men of the village.