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## School Days

Now that another summer is on the wane and Labour Day is just around the corner the children throughout the district are once more preparing for the opening of school. An awful thought for some while others look forward to returning to their classrooms, to a re-union with their chums, and engaging in the comradeship that goes with school life. It seems one has to become an adult before the gay carefree life of school days can really be appreciated.

It is difficult for children in grade school and to a lesser degree those in High School to realize the great opportunity education affords them. It is really more than just another year of school for education is the key to growth and preparation for one's life's work. One of the most far-reaching decisions an individual must ever make is just what path to follow in life. Education plays no small part in helping

the boy or girl to arrive at this decision.

The schools in conjunction with the Home and the Church help to mould the boy or girl into a mature adult, they contribute those factors that determine the individual's character, personality, and habits.

The years spent in school should be happy full years, years of comradeship with your fellow students and years of fellowship with your teachers.

On the shoulders of the Teachers who are the guiding hand in the educational process rests a tremendous responsibility. The important place the teacher holds in the Community is further emphasized when one realizes how far their influence extends beyond the classroom.

Education should be a stepping stone to a more abundant and fruitful life.

## When Lightning Strikes

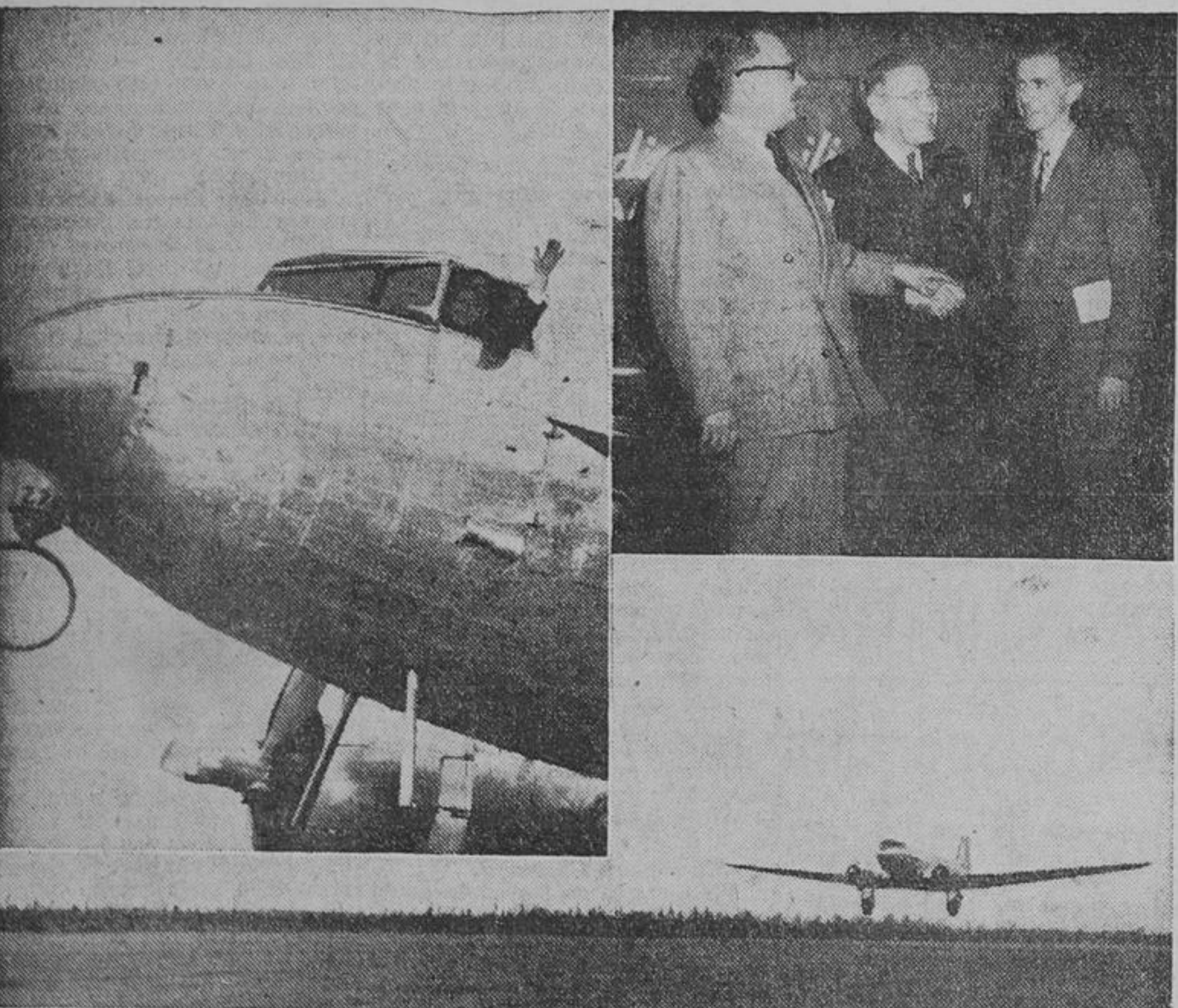
On this continent lightning kills nearly 600 people each year and injures some 1,700 more. Throughout the world lightning takes more lives, says Andrew Hamilton in the September Reader's Digest than do hurricanes, earthquakes, floods and other mass disasters.

In his article Hamilton says the most dangerous areas are the Rocky Mountains and a belt across the southern United States. Lightning damage costs fire insurance companies more than \$5,000,000 a year. In Canada alone, lightning bolts started 940 forest fires last year.

Down through the ages lightning has made man's hair stand on end, Hamilton remarks. Not until 200 years ago was any scientific study attempted. Then an inquisitive Philadelphia printer named Benjamin Franklin flew a kite into a summer thunderstorm with a metal key on the lower end of the string. The result is known to every schoolboy.

Only within the past 30 years have we learned much more than Franklin knew. Scientists now liken the earth to a giant condenser. Thunderstorms are nature's batteries to keep the condenser charged. Lightning actually jumps up — from the positively charged earth to a negatively charged cloud — at a speed of 22 million miles an hour. As the heated air around a lightning flash cools and shrinks, other air rushes into the space and makes the noise of thunder.

To protect yourself from lightning, the author counsels: Don't play golf, ride a bicycle or a tractor, or eat a picnic lunch in a storm. If you are caught outdoors, run to nearest shelter, preferably a building (skycrapers are safest) but not a tree. Keep away from wire fences and metal pipes. Inside a house, stay clear of stoves, fireplaces, doors and windows; above all, don't take a bath. If in an automobile, bus, train or even an all-metal airplane, you're relatively safe.



**FIRST FLIGHT:** The first scheduled airlines service between Toronto and the northern Ontario and Quebec mining country around Kirkland Lake, Rouyn-Noranda, Haileybury, Val d'Or, Cobalt, and New Liskeard, was inaugurated August 4, when a Canadian Pacific Airlines DC-3 took off from the Rouyn-Noranda airfield shortly before noon (bottom right) bound for the Queen City on an extension of its former Montreal-Val d'Or-Rouyn-Noranda schedule. The new service provides the northland with an air link to Canada's two major cities Toronto and Montreal, with one trip daily. C.P.A. has been flying the

Montreal leg of the flight for the past 3 years. The new service will also include Earlton Ont., on its schedule when government airport construction there has been completed. Pictures show the first flight from Rouyn airfield to Toronto (lower right); Capt. C. N. McNeal (left) waving from the cockpit before take-off; and Toronto Alderman William Allen (right), representing Mayor Allan Lamport, shakes hands with (left) Rouyn's Mayor, Maurice Caouette and Noranda Mayor Frederic Hebert, during a civic dinner given by the twin cities of Rouyn and Noranda to celebrate the occasion.

## MAPLE

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Community School Club members please note date, Wednesday, September 3, at 8:15 p.m. for the first fall meeting of the club. Important business to all.

Parents of new beginners in the school and newcomers to our community are extended a special invitation. Contact a club member if you need transportation.

Let's get behind the club and make it bigger and better for the coming season.

Rev. William Berry, associate in the Department of Social Service of the United Church of Canada will be the guest preacher in Maple United Church on Sunday, August 31.

Friends of Mr. Morley Kinnee will be pleased to know he is improving.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Blake Yake on the birth of their son, on August 19, in Grace Hospital, Toronto.

Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Lambert and family have returned from their vacation. Mrs. Morgan Lambert has gone to Montreal to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. Magnus Petine.

On Sunday, August 31, Rev. W. G. Berry, M.A., B.D., Toronto, will be the guest preacher at Hope United Church and at Maple United Church. Rev. P. J. Lambert will conduct the service.

Friends of Mr. H. Bryan will be pleased to learn that he has returned home from St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, where he underwent an operation recently and that he is progressing favorably.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Wells visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weir at their cottage in Muskoka over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Knight returned from a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sheppard in Southampton.

## CARRVILLE

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The Woman's Association of Carrville United Church will be held on September 3, Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Anderson at 2 p.m. The theme of the devotional period is "Christian Moral Witness" with Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. DelBroco in charge of devotions and Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Oliver social convenors. All ladies of the community are invited to attend.

Miss Mary George of Richmond Hill spent two weeks with Miss Dorothy Baker.

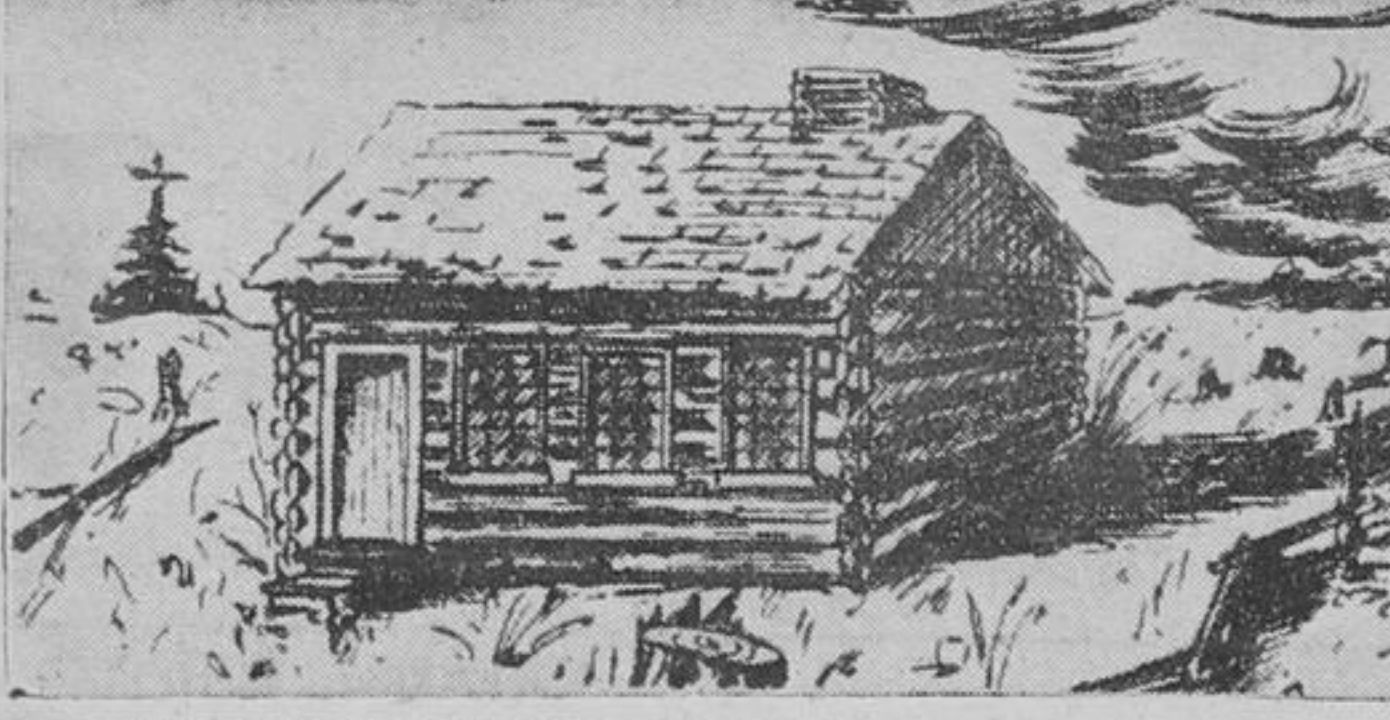
Mrs. A. Hayter of Carrville Rd. visited with Mrs. Salter in Richmond Hill on Wednesday past and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Williams and George and Margaret Williams spent a week at a cottage at Little Britain.

Donald Walker of Sharon spent a week with his cousin Robert Middleton, also Miss Ann and Gordon Walker who were visiting with their grandparents in Richmond Hill visited on Wednesday with the Middletons.

John Barton is holidaying in Toronto with his sister, Mrs. Dean Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Middleton and family and Jim Ash of Edgeley, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Barton and sons also Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver and Helen Oliver of Richmond Hill attended a family party at Thistleton at their aunt and uncle's, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Middleton on Sunday, in honor of their aunts, Mrs. White of Moose Jaw, Sask., and Mrs. Adamson of Ernfold, Sask., who are leaving for home this Sunday, August 31, after three months visit. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wilson, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Walker of Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and family of Weston and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Middleton and sons of Thistleton.

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### EDUCATION

The first formal school for the Richmond Hill district was a log building, twenty by forty feet, he had originally served as a Settlement Duty house for the British Government. This mud-floored building, twenty by forty feet, began to be used as a school in 1810. Schools were far different then than the ones of the present and the pupils attended six days a week. If a pupil was absent from school, the teacher was not long in discovering the reason. The desks were slabs of wood with the backside underneath and the desks were nailed to the outside walls. In winter the school was cold and draughty and whatever heat was given out by the old box stove was soon dispelled by the snow and cold which came in through the cracks between the logs. On Sunday when the school was not in use, it served as a church. The Presbyterians held their service in the mornings and the Methodists in the afternoon. Mr. Benjamin Bernard was the first master and it was he who suggested the name Richmond Hill for the village. His salary was \$50 per year.

The first brick school was erected in 1849 on the same site and followed rather the pattern of many rural schools of the present. But owing to the increased population, it was deemed necessary to build a new school in 1915. The new school was erected at a cost of approximately \$26,000, and was at the time the most modern in school construction. In 1948 an auditorium and four new classrooms were added to the structure. The present school site has been the scene of education for the past 142 years. During the period of the 70's and 80's Richmond Hill also boasted two private schools for young girls. Miss Campbell was head mistress of a school that was held in the house at 115 Yonge St. North; another one was operated on Richmond Street by Mrs. O'Brien.

## Jefferson Ratepayers Decide To Retain Yonge Bus Service

With school opening on September 2 at Jefferson there was a large turnout on Monday, August 25 to settle the question of school bus service for the 1952-53 term at Jefferson School. Dickson Miller, chairman of the school trustees, was in charge of the meeting. Following the chairman's opening remarks James Matkin asked that the minutes pertaining to the original date school bus service started, be read. Trustee John Passmore, stated that the service was originally planned by the trustees and the School Inspector when the old Jefferson School was overcrowded in 1949 and grades 1 to 4 were accommodated in St. John's Parish Hall. Norman Burnett, secretary of the school board, then read the minutes of the meeting confirming this. Dickson Miller followed with the report, compiled at the committee meeting of August 17, which was published in the Liberal last week. The meeting was then thrown open to the pros and cons of school bus service. Francis Powell and J. E. Angus both spoke of the danger existing on the roads as well as the safety of the children. Mr. Angus stressed the point that the safety of children rested with the parents, emphasizing that safety precautions originated in the home. That this was a commendable idea, Dickson Miller agreed, but he argued the fact remained children were very forgetful when not directly under the observance of their elders and were apt to forget the danger that exists on the roads. J. E. Angus then stated he believed people today were making it too easy for the children, and added "the easier things are made for the children the less responsibility they assume. Robert Threlfall then made the following motion: "That the bus service be retained, as is, on Yonge St." The motion was seconded by

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