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On Procedure

The New Year is usually the time to make resolutions and it seems that during this period of reorganization of clubs and public service groups, the "New Year" for them, would be an appropriate time for those organizations which have not adopted a standard procedure to make their New Year's "resolution" right now.

In any public body, the chairman is the main support but even the best of presidents and chairmen have been known to go down because of the lack of standard by which to conduct their meetings. The one standard which is before us all, is the government or "Parliamentary" system which may be seen in action and which has proven its worth for many years.

The main point in a standardized system

is, of course, to simplify the general business of a meeting to the point where the average layman can conduct a meeting with a degree of confidence and with a minimum of confusion. Any motions made, seconded and passed according to a recognized standard also have a backing of legality.

It should be quickly realized that meetings at which the motions are not properly voted on or rescinded if rewording is necessary are thrown into hopeless chaos and the resolutions may be considered void.

A government leaflet or a public library will supply all the necessary information on "Parliamentary" procedure. Now is the time to make this resolution, make it and stick to it.

Reducing Livestock Disease Losses

Recent very costly outbreaks of livestock disease in a number of countries have emphasized the truth of the old dictum that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The widespread foot-and-mouth epizootic alone was recently estimated to have caused an economic loss totalling at last \$500 millions in the various countries affected. In Canada the cost has been heavy, not merely the direct costs of fighting disease and compensating owners for slaughtered animals, but also because of the loss of normal market outlets. While the United States livestock industry, by precautionary measures, has been successful in keeping free of foot-and-mouth infection, other diseases have made serious inroads. Hog cholera has long been considered Public Enemy No. 1 by U.S. swine producers. This year-severe outbreaks of two other serious diseases — Anthrax and vesicular exanthema — have caused substantial losses.

While the responsibility of coping with widespread outbreaks of contagious animal health agencies, co-operation by individuals engaged in the production and marketing of livestock is essential. Rapid modern methods of transportation and communication have revolutionized marketing methods. At the same time the opportunity for a rapid spread of infection from diseased to healthy animals has been greatly

widened. While some animal diseases are most readily spread by actual contact with infected animals, it has been clearly established that the active virus of some diseases may be spread by a number of carriers, including vehicles, clothing, feed, birds, etc.

For his own protection every livestock producer and shipper should be as alert as possible in reducing potential sources of infection. Take, for example, trucks which are used in shipping livestock. Calls from farm to farm and from farm to stockyards and packing plants present opportunities for spreading disease unless reasonable precautions are observed and insisted upon. Frequent thorough cleaning and disinfection of public and private carriers may greatly reduce the hazard.

The incidence of such diseases as brucellosis, tuberculosis, anthrax and shipping fever in cattle; rinitis, tuberculosis, cholera and erysipelas in swine, tuberculosis and Newcastle in poultry; and enterotoxemia and ketosis in sheep, makes it highly necessary for everyone in the livestock industry to be alert in recognizing not only the presence of the disease itself but also possible avenues of infection. Good common sense methods of sanitation are relatively cheap and simple compared with the potential economic loss in widespread outbreaks.

Ontario Plowmen's Association First Organized At Richmond Hill

During this time of local and international plowing matches, a very interesting fact has come to our attention, it is that the provincial association had its beginnings in our district.

For many years after the province of Ontario was settled, individual districts held their own plowing matches but nowhere was there more interest centred than in the townships of York County. It is fitting that the provincial organization which was to grow so large should have its start in this area.

In 1910, a group of enthusiastic men gathered in Richmond Hill and formed the first Ontario Plowmen's Association and the first match under its auspices was held at Sunnybrook Farm on the outskirts of Toronto in 1913. There were few entries in the hand plow

classes and only one tractor and only a few hundred people were in attendance, but by 1916 there were 30 hand plows and 25 tractors.

Arrangements were made for the International Match in Ottawa in 1918 but an epidemic of "flu" caused it to be cancelled for that year. Meanwhile the Ontario group surged ahead and at the meet in Brampton in 1924 there were 117 hand plow entries and 91 tractors and attendance during the four days went over the 70,000 mark. The event was drawing more entries and crowds every year.

In recent years since the war, enthusiasm has increased and people travel many miles to see both the international, provincial and regional matches. Added features now include junior groups and large displays of farm implements.

Scout Paper Collection

Scouts and Cubs of Richmond Hill collected about eight tons of paper in their recent drive in the village and would like through this newspaper to thank all who made it possible, with particular thanks to those who tied their papers into bundles. When tied this way it saves the paper from blowing about and littering the streets.

Special thanks is also expressed to Norman Bradshaw of Bradshaw Motors and R. D. Little & Son, who loaned trucks to pick up the papers, and to Mr. Taylor of Taylor's Saw Mill for donating his garage as a storage point until the waste paper company could pick up the papers.

A paper collection on the east side of the village is planned for the near future.

High School Magazine Subsc. Campaign Starts Next Week

By Quintin Wight
If you happen to open your front door next week, or the week after, and find a disreputable character, do not run and hide. It's only one of the Richmond Hill District High School students trying to sell you a subscription to a magazine.

Yes, once again the pupils at the High School are thrusting themselves into the business world, trying to scrape up some money for their athletic and stage equipment. Of late the various clubs and councils have been hampered by a lack of finances and in order to somewhat alleviate this empty feeling in the pocketbook, the students have once more taken up the sword of salesmanship.

Of all subscriptions sold, the school averages some 30 per cent of the cash. The student who scratches on your door some morning or evening, benefits indirectly from this percentage, be-

cause though no cold, hard cash enters his pockets, it does provide him with footballs for his athletic activities, with new effects for his dramatic yearnings, and with various other things for his various other things.

The Curtis Publishing Company, who's magazines he is handling also donate to the three forms showing the highest average monetary input a percentage of their own money with which to have a party. For each salesman selling \$30 worth of subscriptions, there is a certificate of salesmanship, signed by the president of the company, and by Principal A. S. Elson of the High School. These certificates are a help in applying for a job in later years.

It is hoped by the students and all concerned that the response to this year's campaign will equal or exceed that of last year, which netted them the honour of being the second highest in Canada in sales. Your subscription money will provide you with years of pleasure, and the students at the high school with the means to make their environment a better one for eachers and pupils alike.

Electrical Contractors Hear Interesting Talk

Mr. Gibson of the Georgetown manufacturing firm of Arrow, Hart and Hagerman, was the guest speaker at the October meeting of the Electrical Contractors of Ontario local 48 held in Bettles Coffee Shop, Richmond Hill. Mr. Gibson gave the large turnout an interesting lecture on wiring devices. President Carl Taylor thanked the speaker.

Mr. Taylor also gave a report on the recently held Annual Ontario Convention of the Association which he attended as local 48's representative.

MARKHAM: The new St. Andrew's United Church building was dedicated October 5.

Fair Features

Visitors to the first annual Richmond Hill Community Fair at the Lions Hall Friday and Saturday are assured of a large and interesting exhibition.

To mention just a few in the hobby section: Fred Hoover will exhibit a labelled collection of sea shells, Charles Bancroft will show his unique collection of miniature jugs, and also on exhibit will be a what-not by Stan Ransom.

In the Art section the North York Art Club is showing six pictures by amateur painters. Don't miss the Fair, Friday and Saturday.



WE LIVE IN OUR MINDS

When at college I attended my first lecture on psychology with trepidation and misgiving. The word was not in such general use as now and I hardly knew what it meant. But the professor began the course of lectures by saying we were about to begin the study of a subject of great importance and one destined to grow in significance year by year.

I know now he was right. Any survey of books written during the past thirty or forty years will show how large a place the subject of mental processes has in our lives. One day over forty years ago, I was in a city on the Atlantic sea-

board. Think of it, a woman blind and deaf, with only three senses instead of five; she had to build her world by sensations of touch, helped by taste and smell. Yet with these terrific limitations she has become keenly alive to the beauty of nature and, in the main, has been a very happy woman. By her books she has brought encouragement and inspiration to millions. Think of it; deaf and dumb but happy.

One of the most dramatic scenes in the New Testament is the account of Paul's trial before King Agrippa (Acts 26). Here was a king, reigning in Oriental splendour, with much that we think makes for happiness, while before him stood Paul, chained, accused, in poor health and threatened with execution.

We know now that Paul felt sorry for Agrippa. In a moving speech he said he wished the King was in his place "except these bonds." Think of it; a prisoner sorry for his judge; a man despised and hated by many yet possessed of such inward happiness that he yearned to see the proud king share the same deep peace.

In the Seventeenth Century one of the true saints of France was the poet and mystic, Madame Guyon. Like the English John Bunyan, she spent much of her life in a filthy dungeon where surroundings might easily have crushed her spirit — but they did not. From behind prison walls she continued to send out poetry which reflected the radiance of her sweet spirit.

Here are two stanzas: My cage confines me round, / Abroad I cannot fly; / But though my wing is closely bound, / My heart's at liberty. / Oh, it is good to soar / These bolts and bars above / To Thee whose purposes I adore, / Whose providence I love; / And in Thy mighty will to find / The joy, the freedom, of the wind.

Tweedsmuir History

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THE KINNEAR MURDER

In 1843, a gentleman by the name of Thomas Kinnear resided in Vaughan Twp., about a mile north of Richmond Hill. As he was a gentleman of means, he lived in a dignified fashion and had a house of a much better quality than many of his neighbours who were still struggling to get established.

His housekeeper was an attractive woman by the name of Nancy Montgomery and the servants were James McDermott, 20 years of age, and Grace Marks, about 16 years old. Both were Irish by birth and had been in Canada only a few years. These two were extremely jealous — McDermott of Mr. Kinnear's possessions and Grace Marks of the housekeeper.

In their jealousy, they became very careless about their work and so were given notice to leave. On the afternoon of July 27, 1843, Thomas Kinnear rode into Toronto to draw some bank dividends due in order to pay the two servants.

The following day they killed Nancy Montgomery and concealed her body in a tub in the cellar. When Kinnear returned from the city, they informed him that the housekeeper had gone to Toronto by stage coach. That evening he was shot through the heart and his body was also hidden in the cellar. The two murders were packed all the valuables in the house into a light wagon and taking Kinnear's keys and money set out for Toronto where they took a boat for

Lewiston, hoping to make good their escape into the United States. The murder was discovered by James Newton and Capt. Francis Boyd who came to call on the following Sunday. On making enquiries in Toronto they learned that F. C. Capreol had seen the culprits in the city and that they had taken the boat to Lewiston. The High Bailiff, Kingsmill, chartered a boat in which to pursue them and at Niagara Falls the couple were arrested on a charge of murder and returned to Toronto.

They were tried on November 3 and 4 and were found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. After the trial, each made a voluntary confession in which they tried to throw the blame on the other. On November 20, 1843, McDermott was hanged. The sentence of Grace Marks was commuted to life-imprisonment. She served some years in Kingston Penitentiary but was later moved to the Asylum in Toronto. After thirty years she was pardoned and she went to New York where she changed her name and later married.

These gruesome happenings took place on Lot 53, Con. 1 Vaughan, on the land known as the Blain Farm.

Did you know? — The first trial by jury in the Home District was held on April 11, 1810. Thomas Stoyles of Richmond Hill, was on the jury and James Fulton, esq., was among the Justices of the Peace on the bench on the occasion.



"Dear Mr. Editor"

Re: Markham Twp.

Dear Mr. Editor: A letter appeared in the last edition of your paper, over the signature of Mr. James, Deputy-Reeve of Markham Township, who asks "What do you think?" regarding the following questions, — (1) "Is the council as stupid as one of our members would have you believe?" — (2) "Do you feel that we, as a council, are trying to bankrupt the municipality?" — (3) "Do you think it is possible that we are always wrong?"

I should like to reply to the above questions through the medium of your paper. In my opinion the answer to the above is "YES" in all cases. The only conclusions I arrived at from reading your letter is (1) you must be all-fired scared of the one member you mention, particularly in view of one member having only one vote, which should in no way hinder your plans when the other three members are voting with you, and (2) your P.S. is a ridiculously weak attempt to strengthen your letter. I draw your attention a definition of "neutral" from Webster's Dictionary — "Indifferent, taking no part on either side in a contest, neither very good or very bad."

My opinion expressed above may be the result of my mental dullness, but I have been a taxpayer in this township for over 20 years, carrying on farming and other business activities and am keenly interested in remaining.

Now I have extended you the courtesy of a reply to your letter. I ask the same courtesy on your part in replying to the following questions: (a) Is your interest in Markham Township based only on the fact of your being a resident? (b) Are you building a new home in Pickering Township? "ONE OF THE GUYS WHO PAYS THE SHOT"

Re: Markham Twp. Debenture Debt

Dear Mr. Editor: Using the figures of Deputy-Reeve A. James in his letter to you October 9 1952, re Township Garage.

Paid from 1952 taxes	\$20,000.00
Grant - Dept. Highways	\$20,000.00
Total	\$40,000.00
Contractor's price	\$35,000.00
	\$5,000.00
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Long before the "adverse publicity", the approval of the Board of Education re - Twp. Markham revised application - proposed expenditure of \$193,000 for Thornlea School dated April 23, 1952, may I quote from said approval "In including \$6,000.00 for the costs of debentures, it is assumed that Markham Council is contemplating that the debentures in the amount of \$193,000 will realize only \$186,000." So the debentures were ready to be sold at par?

As to his questions in the first paragraph it seems to me the present Markham Council has not the required "timber" so necessary for good sound government, even if one member does "hoop'er" up occasionally, with one other member trying to "jennie" a hand to quiet him down and to stop him acting like one of the "james" boys, whenever a certain other member tries to take his "lemasurier."

(Signed) Kathleen James, Thornhill, (no relation)

Concord Resident Stricken On Way To Plowing Match

On his way to attend the International Plowing Match at Carp, Mel. Snider, Concord, called to visit his sister, Kathleen and while there was suddenly stricken ill and removed to Belleville General Hospital where he underwent a serious operation. The latest report is that he is progressing favorably and expects to return home next week.

"Where prices meet purses" — in the classified ad. section. Telephone yours to TURNER 4-1261.

Court Of Revision

Municipality of the TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM County of York
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Court of Revision of the Assessment Roll for the Township of Markham will be held in the Council Chambers, Unionville, on Wednesday, November 5, 1952, at 1:30 p.m. to hear and adjudicate upon all complaints against the Assessment Roll of the Municipality of the Township of Markham for the year 1953. All parties interested are requested to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Dated at Unionville October 14, 1952.
Charles Hoover, Clerk Township of Markham

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