

COURT — The new North York Community Hall here has officially opened.

PRO — Tentative approval has been given for expenditures of more than half a million dollars for schools and additions to

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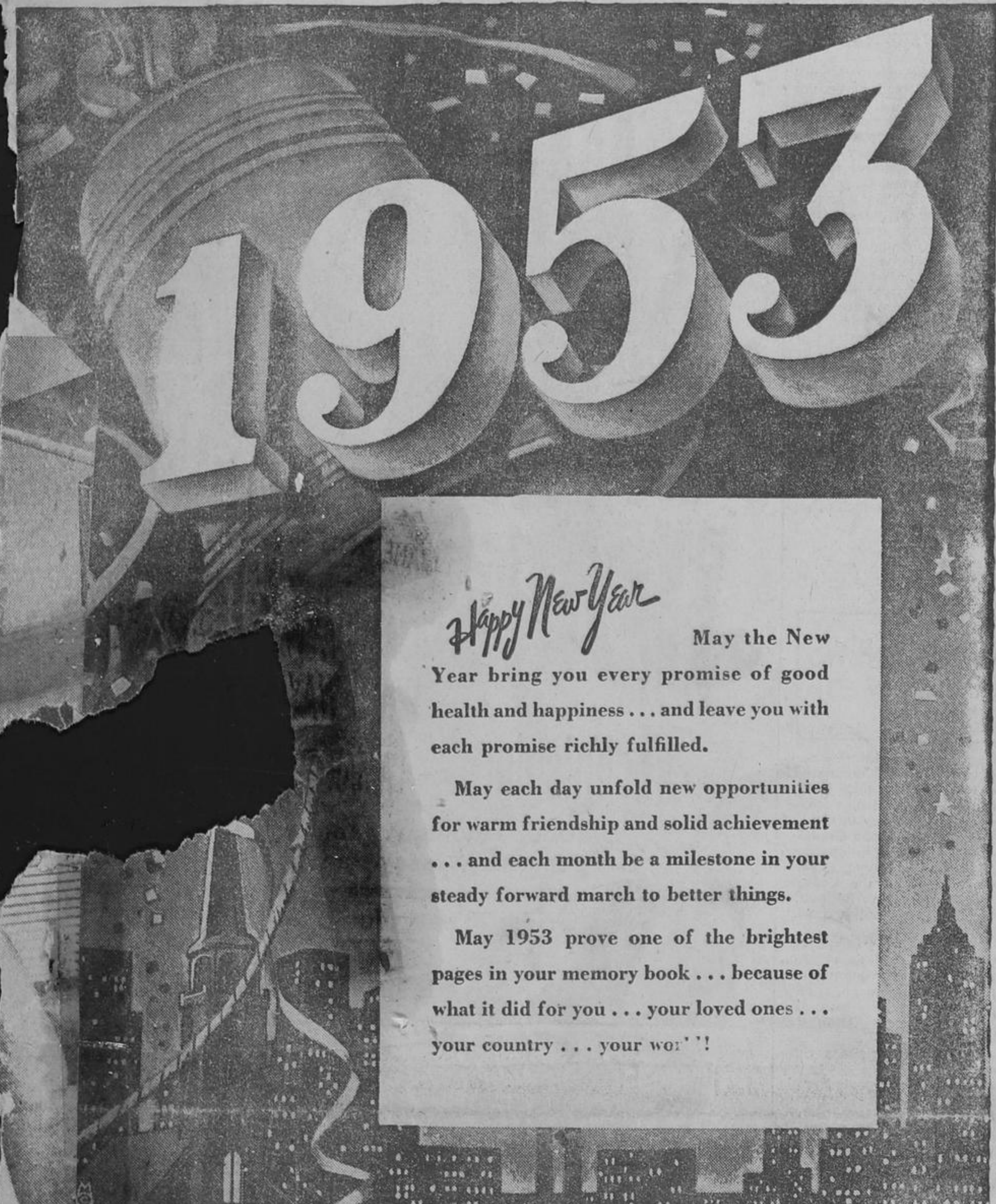
RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1953

With A Song In My Heart

This is the feature attraction at the RICHMOND THEATRE Wednesday and Thursday, and starring Susan Hayward is delightful holiday entertainment.

There will be a Midnite Show December 31 at 11.50 p.m., a matinee New Year's Day at 2 p.m., and continuous show New Year's Night from 6.30 p.m.

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Happy New Year

May the New Year bring you every promise of good health and happiness... and leave you with each promise richly fulfilled.

May each day unfold new opportunities for warm friendship and solid achievement... and each month be a milestone in your steady forward march to better things.

May 1953 prove one of the brightest pages in your memory book... because of what it did for you... your loved ones... your country... your work!

The Publisher, Editors and Staff of The Liberal

Lucky Draw At W. J. Riddell's New King City Grocery Store

E. Smith, M.P., picked the lucky number which won the table radio for Mrs. J. B. Ross, R. 2 King, as first prize in a lucky draw contest that was held at King City on the Saturday night before Christmas. William Riddell, who has bought the general store of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green, and the grocery business Crawford Wells' Superior Store, operates the Carload Groceria. He held this contest during his first week in business here. The second prize, an electric kettle, was won by Rolfe Burns, R. R. 2

Coming Events

JANUARY 5 — Monday, Regular Meeting Evening Group Richmond Hill United Church, W. A. in the Sunday School room at 6.30 p.m. of luck supper. *1w27

NOTICE — Doris Pollock announces the opening of evening classes for ballet for children 9 years and over. Classes start January 6, 1953, 7.15 to 8.15 p.m. For further particulars phone AV. 5-1318. *c2w25

JANUARY 6 — Tuesday — Thornhill Ratepayers' Association will meet at the school on Bayview at 8 p.m. *1w27

JANUARY 7 — Wednesday, The regular meeting of the W.A. of Richmond Hill Scouts will be held Wednesday, January 7, at 8 p.m. in the Scout Hall in conjunction with the annual Group Committee meeting. *1w27

JANUARY 7 — Wednesday, first dance of the season will be held at Buttonville Hall. Admission will be 50c, prizes in money with a "Freeze-out" left to the decision of the players.

JANUARY 7 — Wednesday, Presbyterian Evening Auxiliary Supper Meeting at 8 p.m. The W. S. members are invited. Guest speaker, Mrs. F. Knox of the Hill Field in Ind.

JANUARY 9 — Friday, 8 p.m. Square dancing at cards at Jefferson School with the Community Club. Please note. Admission 25c. *1w27

Historic Yonge St. Landmark

At the south-west corner of Yonge St. and Finch Ave. West is an old house, now partly obscured by the new bank. For many years it has been known as the "White Lodge."

Over 100 years ago an English Colonel, in charge of the local militia built this 10-room house. It contained a kitchen, pantry, large dining-room, large living-room, sunroom, large centre hall and two bedrooms on the ground floor.

There was a large fireplace in the dining room. Upstairs there were four bedrooms, with windows facing north, south, east and west. There were two small basements one for a fruit cellar and one for a coal bin. There was not sufficient room to install a furnace so the house has always been heated by stoves.

The house was eventually occupied by the Davis family of the Davis Tannery, Newmarket. The story is told that one of the Davis girls carved her initials on the window pane of the north bedroom using the diamond of her engagement ring.

About 50 years ago the Lownsborough family acquired the property. Mr. Lownsborough was one of the assessors for York County. It is said that in the clothes closet of the north bedroom there was a secret board in the floor and in the door to the closet there was a glass window. It was so arranged that if anyone entered downstairs at night, any light used would be reflected through the closet and give warning. Mr. Lownsborough kept his books and money in this room.

In November, 1919, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brotherton moved into "White Lodge" and lived there a dozen years. There was a good orchard there and after using all the fruit they wanted, they were still able to sell about \$150 worth annually. Mr. Brotherton replaced the coal lamps with electricity. There was a soft water cistern and well which had never been known to go dry, but the first winter the Brothertons lived there it dried up. They were grateful to be able to get water from the well of the Finch family on the north-east corner.

Mr. Brotherton, who is well-known as a real estate agent, informed us that before the first Great War the Lownsborough house was sold for \$900.00. The first house on the north side of Finch Ave. west at Yonge St. where Miss N. Harrison lives was sold at that time for \$600.00. Over 20 years ago the land at the south-east corner of Yonge St. and Finch Ave. east sold for \$20.00 a foot at Yonge St. and \$10.00 to \$12.00 a

foot in the Holmes sub-division. One man held his property until it went to \$75.00 a foot. In 1952, land at this intersection sold for \$500.00 a foot.

Before the second World War the house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Gurney, parents of Ray Gurney, Newton Drive, Newtonbrook.

Toys Distributed Christmas Eve.

Over 300 refurbished toys were distributed in Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham on Christmas Eve to insure that no child in this district missed a visit from Santa Claus. These toys were turned out by the Richmond Hill branch of Santa's Workshop, which was manned by over 30 boys and girls of the village, who repaired the toys donated by public spirited citizens. The workshop was organized and supervised by Constables Robbins and Farmer. Financial assistance was given by the Lions Club and several citizens.

Many interested people took advantage of the Open House held on December 19 to view the completed toys, and were loud in their praise of the excellent workmanship displayed by the youngsters in repairing and painting the large and varied collection of playthings. Some of the larger toys were donated to York Cottage and to the L.T.B. & O. Home, both located within a few miles of Richmond Hill.

So successful has the project been, that Constables Robbins and Farmer have expressed the hope that it will be possible to continue the workshop after the New Year on other projects.

W. I. To Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Richmond Hill Women's Institute will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Thursday, January 8, 1953. Pot luck luncheon at 1 p.m. in the Sunday School Room of the Presbyterian Church. Rolls and butter will be supplied. Mrs. Carol Innis Proctor, former resident of Richmond Hill, and a noted naturalist will be guest speaker. Don't forget the invitation to attend Scarborough Women's Institute Birthday Party on Tuesday, January 6, in the Silver Cross Rooms, Toronto.

New Farmers Market Under Discussion

Resume Building In Spring On Markham Twp. Offices

Thornhill Children Share In Christmas Eve. Festivities

The children of Thornhill and district were treated to a real old-fashioned Christmas celebration on Christmas eve through a community effort on the part of the residents of John and Paul Streets in Thornhill.

The residents of this area, many of whom are veterans with young families, felt that the true spirit of Christmas is degenerating from one of universal goodwill and charity to one of commercialism and selfishness and so they put their heads together and under the direction of V. J. O'Malley, they planned a simple Christmas programme which began about 5 p.m. and lasted nearly an hour.

The children trooped along John St. and Paul St., which were gay with decorated houses, big snowmen and coloured lights. At the end of the street they gathered to sing Christmas songs and carols, accompanied by the Salvation Army Band, around a big bonfire.

The children were more able to understand the true spirit of giving when the Salvation Army was presented with a sum of money raised in the area for its charity work. Santa Claus joined in the festivities with the children.

This gathering was unique in that instead of the receiving of gifts being the main event, the chief theme was rather that of the oneness of being together and sharing in the celebration of mutual goodwill and happiness.

Much credit is due to Mr. O'Malley and district residents for their effort in regaining some of the true spirit and meaning of why we celebrate Christmas.

L.O.L. Xmas Draw

Prize winners at the Christmas draw of the L.O.L. No. 2368, Richmond Hill, were drawn at the Bingo on December 18 at the Orange Hall by Deputy-Reeve Ken Tomlin. They are as follows:

1. Turkey — Wilton Young, Richmond Hill; 2. goose, M. Cobran, 92 Roseview Ave., Richmond Hill; 3. capon, F. Robinson, Maple; 4. duck, M. Brise, 46 Westlake Ave., Toronto. The Bingo jackpot of \$24.00 was won by Mrs. F. J. Harrington, 153 Yonge St., south, Richmond Hill. The door prize a duck, was won by Mrs. Osbourne of Richmond Hill, and the basket by Mrs. R. Horwood Sr. of Richmond Hill.

The next Bingo will be on Thursday, January 8.

NORTH YORK — The new Mizrahi Jewish centre on Kenwood Ave. has been officially opened.

Holiday Fire

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walsh of Hunt Lane was damaged by fire last Saturday afternoon.

The fire originated from an overheated furnace and started in a register in an outside wall. Damage was not heavy, and the Richmond Hill firemen who attended the fire made a temporary repair to the wall.

New Market Planned

North York Market Closes After Many Years Service

(By Mrs. J. Gribble, Thornlea) Like the closing of a book, as the year ends, the North York Market closes its doors after serving the public, twice weekly, for the past twenty-one years and a half. The closing made necessary by the sale of the property was a matter of regret to both producers and consumers. The Market has been a meeting place of farmers and city and urban folks and many thousands of dollars have passed in exchange for the attractive produce from the farms, gardens and greenhouses of the County.

My first recollection of the North York Market goes back to the period 1916 to 1923 when it was located on the west side of Yonge Street close to the old North Toronto station. Farmers sold their produce from the back of their horse-drawn wagons and later from trucks, and the farmers' wives sold their butter, eggs, cream and home baking inside the old station-house. At that time it was under the supervision of a superintendent from the St. Lawrence Market.

When the market was sold in 1923 to Britnell Building Supplies a group of producers led by the late Sam Herdman and the late Robert Pool sold their produce from the yard of the Rosedale Hotel. Then the Tin Market, as it was called, was erected at the City Limits on the site where Hunt's store is now located. Robert Poole was the superintendent and Sam Herdman was his assistant under the jurisdiction of North York Twp.

The North York Market was opened in the large building formerly used as car barns on the first Saturday in July, 1931. Many people attended the opening ceremonies and among those I remember were Hon. T. L. Kennedy, now Ontario Minister of Agriculture, former Ontario Premier Hon. G. S. Henry, W. G. ... then Ward of York ... Jack Smith.

Markham Township Council Monday instructed its General Contractor, W. A. Stephenson, Newtonbrook, to resume construction of the township's new Buttonville offices, in the early spring of 1953. These are the same offices, work on which was temporarily halted by the September 29th ruling of the Municipal Board. Last week the Municipal Board gave the Council its final approval to float a \$75,000 debenture issue necessary to cover the cost of construction. On the strength of the following resolution moved and seconded by Councillor C. Hooper and Deputy-Reeve A. James and carried the contractor will resume operations in the new year — "That Council request the Contractor W. A. Stephenson to proceed with the Municipal Offices as soon as possible in the early spring of 1953."

The new Farmers' Market shortly to be built on the 10-acre Clarkson property at the corner of Elgin and Yonge streets in Thornhill was up for further discussion when two Elgin street residents Messrs. W. F. Nottelman and R. Tamblin appeared before Council and questioned the recent issuance of a building permit covering the erection of the market. This new market, size 90 feet by 300 feet and costing a reported \$80,000 will replace the former North York market situated at the city limits.

As regards the issuance of the Building Inspector Ross Norton, who was in attendance at the meeting, stated, "After carefully checking over their plans I found they certainly were complying with all our township building by-laws and thus I issued a permit."

Councillor A. Lennie — "They are within their rights if they don't go over the 250 feet limit as laid down in our by-law for Yonge street commercial development."

Deputy-Reeve James — "I don't see how we can stop them."

Reeve W. Timbers — "Parking will be the big problem." It was brought out at the meeting that even by remaining within the 250 feet fronting along Yonge street the market will still have more space for parking facilities than they had at the old location.

Mr. Nottelman — "They will have about an acre of land left for parking."

Councillor Lennie — "If the Farmers go back further than 250 feet then they will be breaking the spirit of our by-law."

Mr. Nottelman — "With the market operating on a one-day a week basis, I estimate that within two or three years it will go broke and the township will have a white elephant on its hands."

Deputy-Reeve James — "I can't see people coming all the way from Toronto in order to patronize the market."

Mr. Nottelman — "We admit we can't stop them, but on the other hand we can't see where the project is financially sound."

Referring to the feelings of the residents of Thornhill on the subject Mr. Tamblin stated, "It's not close enough to the Thornhill people to bother them."

Mr. Ross Norton in mentioning the possible use by the Farmers of the back part of their property (it extends back 1061 feet from Yonge street) for additional parking space said "it would be a good idea, why attempt to prohibit parking in the back area and thus increase the traffic hazard on Yonge street."

Mr. Tamblin — "We are determined to see that the market is financially sound."

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Popular Meeting Place Of Farm And Urban Folks Had Long Interesting History

It has been a tradition since the first Christmas in the Tin Market to hold a competitive Christmas Show. Producers would vie with each other to bring out the best in poultry, honey, eggs, vegetables, fruit, flowers and home baking and these annual shows were featured by gala displays on brightly decorated tables.

The annual show was held Monday, December 22nd, and while not as large as in past years was featured by exhibits of excellent quality.

Mr. Middlebrook of Malton once again won the Bank of Commerce Trophy for the best display of poultry. Mrs. Sloane, Bradford, was second and Mrs. Fellows from Pickering was third. In the flower display Joe Wain, Newtonbrook was first, Mrs. Travis, Scarborough second and Frank Sibbick, Vaughan third. In Home Baking Miss Price of Willowdale captured first honors. Mrs. Watson, Agincourt second and Mrs. Gribble, Thornlea, third. For the miscellaneous display of home-crafts Mrs. Fry, Willowdale was first, and Ellard, Langstaff was second.

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