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Church And Community

Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church next Sunday will observe with special services its one hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary. This and similar anniversaries tend to remind us of the important place the church occupies in our community and national life.

Many years ago when our Canadian west was being opened up for settlement, a minister approached an official of one of the land companies with the suggestion that he should donate a lot in one of the towns for the erection of a church. This suggestion was scornfully rejected. Why, he was asked, should the company donate land for a church. "How many lots will you sell," asked the Minister, "if it becomes known that there is never to be a church here?" When he had thought it over the land company official gave the lot for the church.

A church in a community is a visible embodiment of our faith. It witnesses to our interest in our Christian heritage. It witnesses to our concern for the maintenance and transmission of that heritage. The church in the community proclaims that here are people who pray, people who look up to God in worship and who endeavour to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with Him.

We live in an age in which great advances have been made in secular knowledge. We have mastered new technical skills and have acquired vast new power. Whether these new powers will be used for man's benefit or man's hurt will depend largely upon whether our spiritual culture can keep pace with the secular. Every effort to enlarge and enrich our spiritual culture is therefore to be welcomed most heartily.

The tall and gleaming church spires in Richmond Hill and other York County communities are landmarks of the vision, faith and energy of our forefathers who at the sacrifice of effort and means erected temples for the worship of God. They are symbols of a Christian community.

In extending congratulations and good wishes to the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church on its 136th anniversary we couple with it our congratulations and good wishes to all churches in the community. May they ever continue to be a light for those who seek the way, a strength to all in the battle of life, and a comfort to those who mourn. May the Christian Church ever prosper in its labours for the hallowing of family life, for the teaching and guiding of the young, for the diffusion of knowledge and the promotion of righteousness.

The Pedestrian Too!

Much has been written about the responsibility of the motorist in making our highways safe for all who use them. But the pedestrian must remember that he should bear an equal share in that responsibility. Number 11 Highway, Yonge Street, is Canada's busiest highway, a fact which motorists and those who cross it on foot should always bear in mind.

Pedestrians repeatedly not only break traffic laws, but turn a deaf ear to their own common sense, when they dart from between parked cars into the path of oncoming traffic; when they zig-zag merrily through vehicles streaming north and south in a frantic effort to reach the other side of the street; when they jay-walk at the corner of Yonge and Centre Streets, casting venomous glances at the motorist who is forced to wait for another light change, or to risk his own safety in getting through after the pedestrian has reached the diagonally opposite corner from which he started.

Who are the worst offenders? They are not, as might be suspected, the children of the village. No — because

someone (parents and teachers both) has done an excellent job in teaching them the laws of self-preservation. The children wait for the light (unless dragged across the street by some impatient adult); they wait for the school crossing guard and obey his instructions; they do not run from between parked cars even to retrieve a treasured ball, because they have been taught that to break traffic laws and safety rules is an invitation to death or painful injury.

No, the offenders are adults, the same adults who may be approached by a school child with the trustful request, "Will you please take me across the road?" The culprits are we, who are so busy, so hurried, so anxious to get to the other side of the street that we are willing to gamble life itself in a mad dash! If we are honest each one of us must admit that we have on more than one occasion been a thoughtless pedestrian, and that many times, had it not been for the careful and considerate motorist, we might have suffered the consequences of our rashness.

Surely we can do as well as the five and six year olds!

Ontario's Stand On Health Insurance

Because Ontario's hospitals went into the red by nearly \$24,000,000 last year, Premier Frost wants federal help. To the annual meeting of the Ontario Hospitals Association he outlined a plan by which Ottawa would permit grants for hospital construction to be used partly for maintenance, perhaps on a federal-provincial matching basis. But however attractive this plan may look to Mr. Frost, the federal government is likely to view it as politically dangerous and as harmful to the policy of promoting the adoption of health insurance.

On grounds of national interest, the federal government encourages the provision of new hospital beds and makes other grants for the expansion of health services. Ottawa might make an agreement under which at the option of a province some of this money could be used to maintain or improve existing facilities. But in so far as it seemed to assume a share of the direct responsibility for the operating costs of a specific service within the jurisdiction of a province, it would risk being accused of interference with provincial rights.

Moreover, the program of federal health grants has always been described as a preparatory step toward a fed-

eral-provincial health insurance scheme. Premier Frost, however, seems lukewarm about the project. His argument that health insurance could not be considered until the province has had many more hospital beds could be used indefinitely as a delaying tactic. And some of his supporters are advocating more federal aid not as a means to achieve health insurance sooner, but as an alternative to it.

In Britain, the financial plight of the hospitals has been greatly relieved by the national health service. In British Columbia before the provincial hospital insurance scheme was introduced, more than half the bills of many institutions were unpaid. The B.C. hospitals today, however, though still plagued by rising costs, are financially much better off.

It seems reasonable to think that a comprehensive health insurance scheme in Ontario would greatly relieve the problem of hospital finance. Patients' bills would be paid, and although the insurance funds would have to be supplemented by provincial grants, federal participation could be sought and might be gained when several provinces are ready for it.

Cancer And The Volunteers

"It is time we came out from under the bushel and identified ourselves with other social service organizations," stated Mr. Maurice Grimes, executive secretary of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Cancer Society. Speaking at one of the Round Table Conferences at the Convention in Toronto last week Mr. Grimes felt that in our effort to take away the fear of cancer and regarding it as something to hide we should be more open about the identity of the organization assisting the medical profession in their great work.

The volunteer or lay worker is playing an important role in the education of the individual, by visiting the patient or family; by raising money to aid in research; by making dressings for those in need as well as gifts, some in the form of bed apparel. The work is limitless.

Byrne Hope Sanders, editor of *Chatelaine*, when addressing the Conference claimed that if women, with their power potential, seriously put

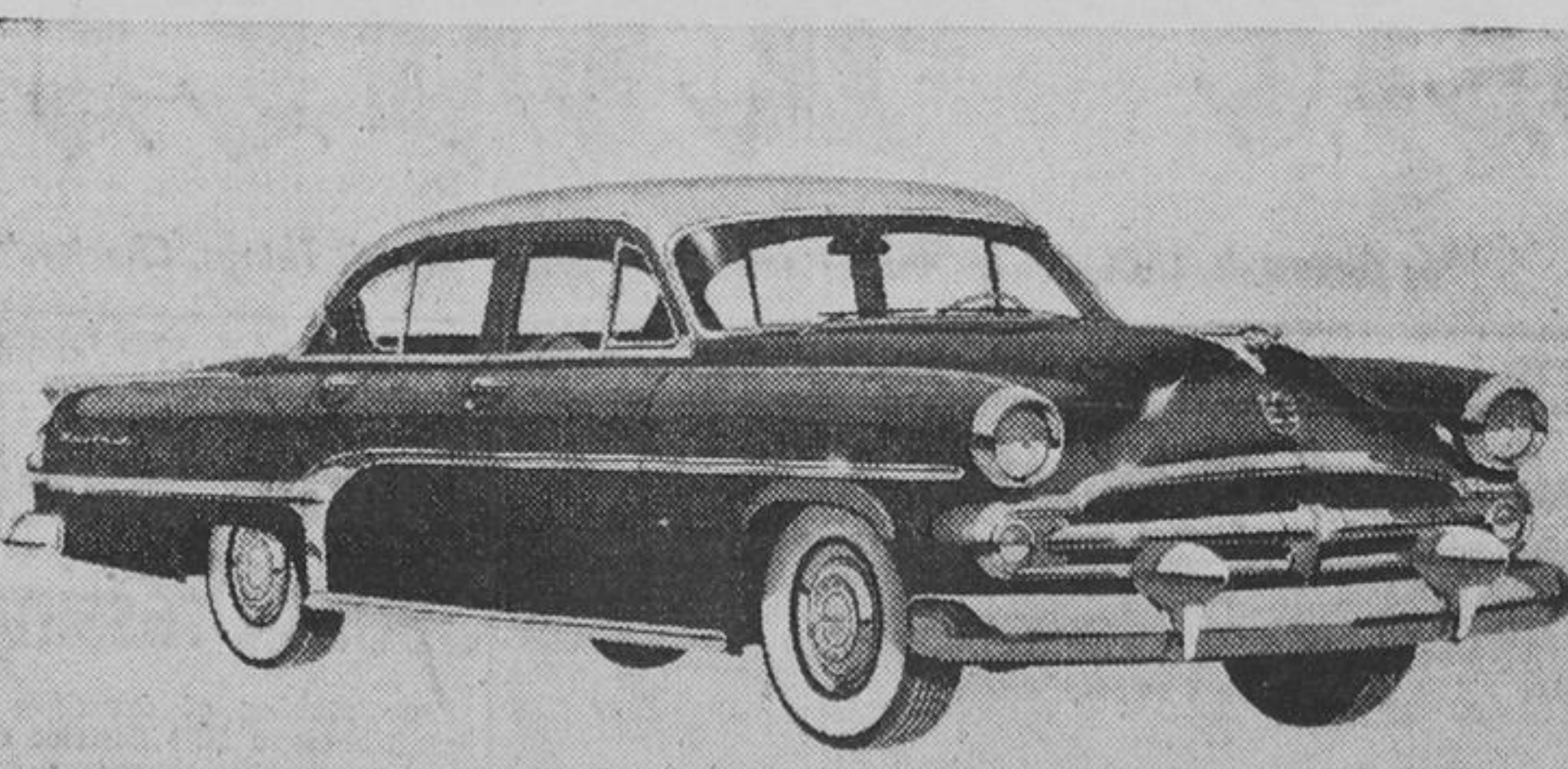
their minds to it, we would not have to wait ten long years before the riddle of cancer was solved.

Volunteers, lay workers, men and women of the community and district, may we by our presence at the Charter Night next Wednesday night in the Lions Community Hall, show our doctors that we are ready to do everything in our power to help them in the battle against cancer in our own particular community and eventually the population at large.

Cancer is no respecter of persons. It is most prevalent in children from one to fourteen years. In the child the common cancers are of the blood (leukemia), brain, kidney, adrenal glands, bones and eyes. No cure of leukemia, commonest form of child cancer, has been authenticated, states Dr. W. L. Donohue of the Hospital for Sick Children.

This fact alone should make every citizen eager to do his utmost in this humanitarian work.

THE NEW 1954 DODGE MAYFAIR LEADS IN BEAUTY



Twelve different solid colours and 48 two-tone combinations are available on the new 1954 Dodge cars now on display in Dodge-DeSoto showrooms across Canada. This emphasis on colour is carried through to the car's interior where two-tone colour combinations in trim and upholstery harmonize with the exterior body colour. A new, more massive looking grille sets off the in-

creased use of chrome that accentuates the longer body lines. Included in the Dodge Mayfair luxury series is the 4-Door Sedan shown above, a Mayfair hard top, and a Mayfair convertible. Completing the range of Dodge 6 cars for 1954 is the middle line Dodge Regent series and a lower priced Dodge Crusader series.

What We Share At Cherry Hill Farm

Folk School Jottings
 In the absence of Evelyn Lapp, the Cedar Grove songbird who led our singing so successfully, Betty Comfort has taken over and is doing a fine job. Evelyn will be back after the Operetta H.M.S. Pinafore has completed a scheduled run at Agincourt.

Joyce Healey and Phil Rummy were married on November 7, at Thornhill. This is the folk school's first marriage. Joyce and Phil having met at the Folk School three years ago. The Folk Dance class in particular and the whole folk school in general, wish them happiness and good luck in carload lots.

Betty spoke of her trip to New York City to attend the American Adult Education Association Conference. From what Betty heard from the other delegates, Markham has a Folk School that can't be matched on the North American continent. Betty has made close contacts and gained many new ideas plus a new perspective. It is a good thing to get away from your special endeavour for a short while for when you get back you will be able to see the trees in spite of the woods.

While in New York, Betty visited the United Nations and became so interested that she over-stayed the time of closing and had to be reminded that they were shutting up for the night.

Folk School Hour
 Our speaker last week was one that is no stranger to the Folk School — Dr. Joseph Bannigan, Engineer and Community Programmes Director of Arts and Crafts, spoke to us on the conservation of culture.

Conservation of culture to Dr. Bannigan means the preservation of enlightenment, the attempt to keep it intact and pointed out that this conservation rests almost entirely on those people

who have retired.

It was pointed out that Canada's population is becoming "older". This meaning of course, that the largest group of people, those between 15 and 64 years of age only increased the last 10 years 15% while the group over 65 years and over increased 41%. This was brought out by the speaker to point up the fact that we should begin to think of retirement at a fairly early age. To think of retirement of course, implies also that we should think of something to do in our retirement.

To get the most out of the later years, Dr. Bannigan (who is over 70) suggests those of us over 40 start now, preparing for an enjoyment of arts and crafts upon retirement. He spoke of the man 82 years old who when asked how he was feeling answered, "I am as good as I ever was for one hour of the day." This old chap's answer is quite true — as we get older we are as good as we ever were, but only for a limited period of each day. This limitation can make the enjoyment of arts and crafts that much greater.

On one of Dr. Bannigan's many trips around Canada, he visited with a tribe of Indians at Baffin land, who had become extremely skilled in the art of basketry. One of the pieces he brought back was a beautifully wrought sewing basket made of Baffinland wild grasses. The story of Louis R. Beau, the French Canadian wood-carver was also told and some of his work shown.

In closing, Dr. Bannigan told the story of how the people of Tobermory became interested in Arts and Crafts and then made their special hobby pay by selling it to the summer tourists.

More about the Folk School next week.

Sunday Afternoon

By Dr. Archer Wallace

TOLERANT MUSICIANS
 Nearly four centuries ago the English musician, William Byrd, although a Roman Catholic in religion, played the organ in the Anglican cathedral at Lincoln and held the position as organist there during most of his life. He was one of the best known composers and wrote many notable compositions, among which was "Psalms and Songs of Sadness and Piety."

Byrd remained loyal to his own church during his long life but was also happy to make his contribution to the Protestant Church... a service which, he said, made him very happy. It is an interesting and inspiring lesson in tolerance. What did the musician think about during the sermons? Was he critical or

TODAY'S QUOTATION

Our quotation today is by Goethe:

"I see few faults in others which I could not have committed myself."

scornful? I do not think so. From all we know about him, he was a deeply religious and charitable man, quick to recognize the sincerity of others and to do good whenever the opportunity presented itself; this in a time of much bitterness and intolerance. I have frequently seen this admirable quality in musicians; scores of times, at the close of a service, soloists, organists, and others have calmly told me of their church affiliation which frequently was that of a different viewpoint. Yet they entered into the spirit of the service with reverence and apparent enjoyment. They had no sense of being disloyal to their own church; they had a feeling of being one in basic purpose.

When the famous missionary and musician, Albert Schweitzer was a lad living in Lorraine, where his father was the pastor of the local evangelical congregation at Gunsbach, the same building was used by Catholics and Protestants at different hours, a practice which prevailed in Alsace-Lorraine in many districts for a long time. Schweitzer felt that this custom had a salutary effect on both groups, and in his *Memoirs of Childhood and Youth* he had this to say about it:

"One thing more I have taken with me into life from this little church that was Protestant and Catholic at the same time. I mean religious tolerance. These Catholic-Protestant churches, which had their origin in the irresponsible edict of a ruler, are for me something more than a historical phenomenon. They are a symbol to show that the differences which separate churches today are things which are destined ultimately to disappear. When I was still merely a child, I felt that it was to be something beautiful that in our village Catholics and Protestants worshipped in the same building, and my heart fills with joy today when I set foot in it. I should like all the churches in Alsace which are still used by both confessions to remain so, as a prophecy of, and an exhortation to, a future of religious unity upon which we must ever keep our thoughts fixed if we are really and truly Christians."

There seems to be a lot of intolerance in the world today; yet I believe it is on the wane in spite of appearances. Several years ago a friend of mine asked me what I liked best in people. I was not prepared for the question but if I were asked now, I should have a ready answer. I like tolerance. The picture of the Roman Catholic, William Byrd, playing the organ in Lincoln Cathedral, and those different groups using the same buildings in Alsace-Lorraine, make delightful reading.

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"Way Back When"

Excerpts from the files of The Liberal
 Home paper of the Richmond Hill district since 1878

NOVEMBER 4, 1948
 The village of Richmond Hill is asking for contributions towards the new library quarters. Work has commenced and the cost is estimated at \$3,500. The local Women's Institute has given \$1,760 towards the project and the village Council has granted \$500.

At the end of 1948 the control and administration of the Richmond Hill High School passes from the local High School Board to the hands of a District High School Board. The new Board will consist of appointed members representing Richmond Hill, Vaughan Twp., Markham Twp. and Woodbridge. A county representative may be requested by the Board.

The question of sewers will not be put to a public vote this year as a complete estimate of the project is not completed.

Mrs. O. L. Wright has presented a handsomely framed photograph of Richmond Hill's first Reeve, Abraham Law to the village. The photo will be hung in the Municipal Hall.

Local hydro cuts are being expedited to conserve the present supply of electricity to meet with the rising demand in the area.

NOVEMBER 8, 1917
 Reeve W. H. Pugsley is making a public appeal for volunteer firemen to operate the village fire equipment.

The women of the local Red Cross Society have packed 77 Christmas boxes for the local boys serving overseas. Mr. Leonard Clement entertained his Sabbath School class of boys of Hope Tuesday afternoon by giving them a motor trip through Maple and Richmond Hill to Toronto where the sights of the Museum and Lake Ontario caused much interest.

Those going to the King and Vaughan plowing match to be held at Col. Pellatt's tomorrow will be met at Eversley Station, Schomberg and Aurora railway and conveyed to the grounds about a mile distant.

J. H. Sanderson, T. H. Trench and H. A. Nicholls of the local exemption tribunal will sit in the Council Chambers Thursday, Friday and Saturday to hear claims for exemption from military service.

tion with the Agricultural Society's Fair.

Coloured dinner sets, 97 pieces for \$7.50; best white tea cups, 80c doz.; toilet sets, 10 pieces \$2.25, at the concrete.

The Committee of Management is advertising for tenders for 30 cords of hardwood, beech and maple, to be delivered to the High School by the end of March, 1949.

Prof. Kent well known in this section of the country will give one of his entertainments combining science, music, etc., Wednesday evening in the Masonic Hall. An illuminated balloon will be inflated and sent up in open atmosphere after the entertainment if the weather is favorable. Admission 10c and 15c.

THE LEGIONNAIRES
 Branch 375
 Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.
 Richmond Hill

Poppy Chairman, F. B. Titshall, The Canadian Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary Branch 375 would like to thank Mr. Smith for his generosity and support through his paper and also for allowing us to have The Liberal window to display poppies and wreaths.

The window was decorated by Comrade Edith Titshall and Comrade George Brummell.

We would like to thank the young taggers for the wonderful job they did on Saturday and also for the generous support of the public. The poppy campaign was a wonderful success.

Thanking you, one and all,
 Your Poppy Chairman,
 F. B. TITSHALL

Legion Draw
 The winners of the grocery hampers donated by the Ladies' Auxiliary and drawn for at the Legion Hall: Carrville last Monday evening were Alfred Glasson, May Ave.; Miss Kathleen Bonner, Hunts Lane and Bob Craig, 99 Rosethorn Ave., Toronto.

NOVEMBER 10, 1942

Mr. Speight, of the firm of Speight and Van Nostrand, surveyors, Toronto, was in the village on Monday and laid out the new track to be used in connec-