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Let's Discuss Artificial Ice

During a buzz session at Richmond Hill Public School Board meeting this week, Trustee Cec. Mabley came up with a suggestion on a subject of much local interest. He said Richmond Hill's need right now was for artificial ice so that young and old of this community might enjoy the popular winter ice sports.

Trustee Mabley pointed out that he had obtained some figures on the estimated cost and he asked why a town of our size wasn't enjoying the many advantages of artificial ice. He pointed out that many smaller communities are enjoying full programs of ice sports with the splendid facilities of artificial ice. Up in the village of Sutton the new artificial ice arena will be opened this week end, and will be featured by personal appearances by Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey stars. It was pointed out in discussion that with the kind of winters we have enjoyed in recent years, ice sports are pretty nearly right out without artificial ice.

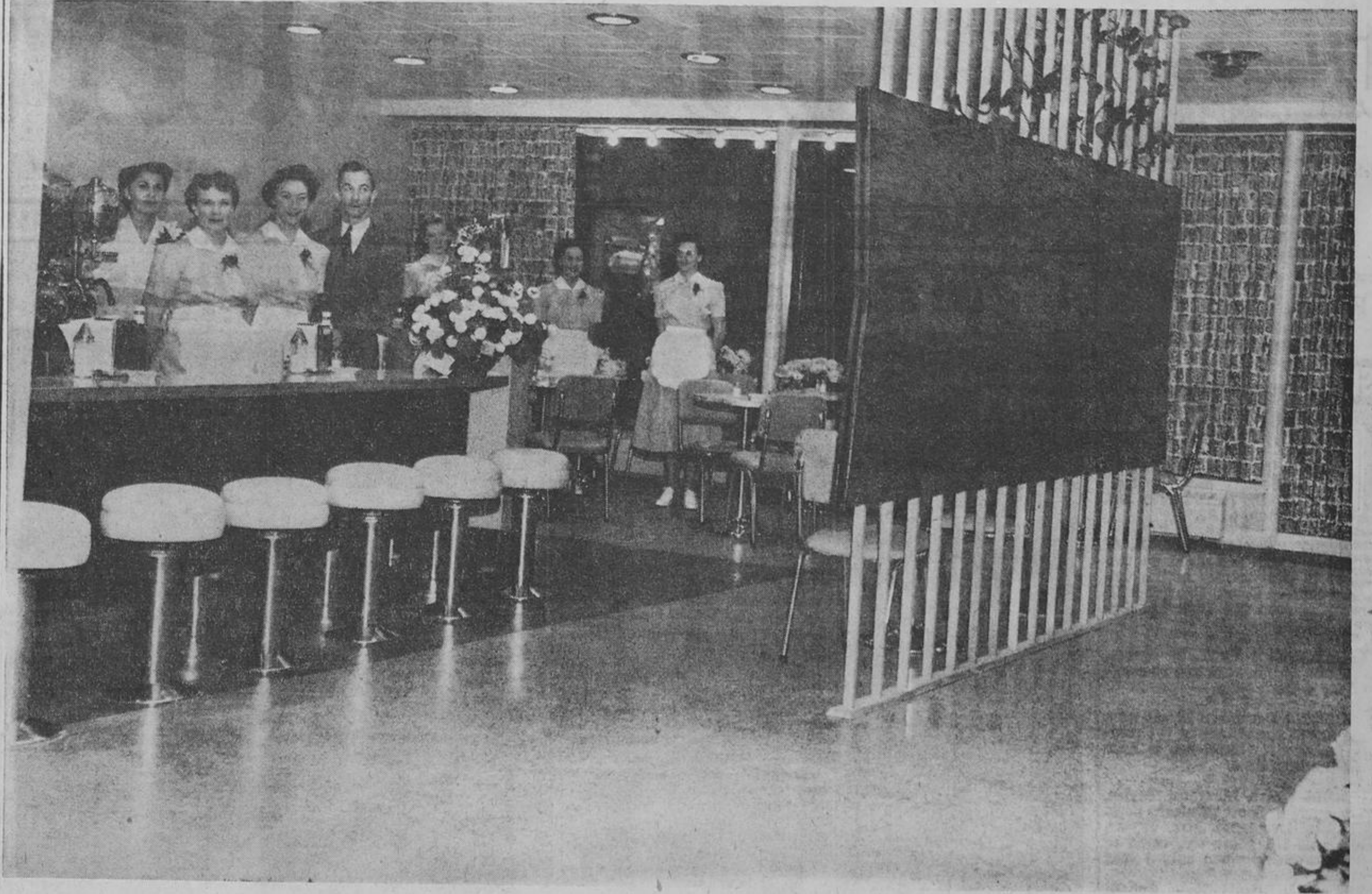
An undertaking to provide artificial ice for Richmond Hill and district is

a project of considerable proportions, and to be successful would have to have good leadership and whole-hearted public support. It would need the support of the municipal council, of service clubs, all public spirited organizations and the citizens generally. We know the municipality has responsibilities which would make any substantial municipal contribution impossible at this time, but co-operation of municipal authorities would be essential to the success of the project.

Young people in this district are losing out because of the lack of ice facilities here and many of our citizens are concerned about the timely question raised by trustee Mabley.

A project of this proportion needs leadership and it needs support. It also needs some one to start the ball rolling. In our effort to serve the community and just out of plain curiosity we're going to conduct our own Gallup Poll. We invite those who have views or suggestions on the question of artificial ice to write us a letter.

New Richmond Theatre Grill Now Open



Mr. Maurice Arnold of the Richmond Theatre Grill is shown above with some members of his staff just prior to the official opening last Saturday evening. Shown behind the modern counter in the flower banked Grill

are: Miss Evelyn Rogers, Mrs. Hilda Quinton, Mrs. Mary Cornell, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Donna Scaife, Mrs. Julia McKee, Mrs. Cecile Duhamel.

and restaurant has in addition to the lunch counter and section shown in this photo a luxurious dining room with accommodation for more than sixty persons. The attractive grill and restaurant are now open for business.

ness for snacks, lunches and meals. The grill is open from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight. Commencing with the New Year the Restaurant will be open on Sunday and there will be special announcement in this regard in a future issue of The Liberal.

Visitors on opening night and throughout the week have been generous in their praise of the district's newest place of refreshment. The Grill features an attractive menu and specializes in quality food and courteous service.

Christmas Giving

The spirit of Christmas is in the air again. The milling crowds who have jostled each other rudely all year long, suddenly become pleasant and polite. People who have thought only of themselves for 50 weeks of the year, are suddenly concentrating furiously on the needs of others.

This seasonal phenomenon has been traced back through 4,000 years of civilization, without logical explanation. It is known that the ancient Babylonians gave gifts during their twelve day new year's celebrations, but the reason is still obscure. In the meantime, men have built up customs and traditions to strengthen the basis for this annual outbreak of their best behaviour.

One of the season's most popular figures is St. Nicholas, the eccentric Archbishop of Myra, who celebrated Christmas all year round. A wealthy man St. Nicholas made his life work the distribution of his worldly goods among those less fortunate. In spite of his efforts to remain anonymous, this exemplary behavior captured the imagination of his countrymen, tales of his good deeds spread through other lands, and he was chosen as the ideal giver and patron saint of the holiday.

Personified today in Canada as a jolly, round and rosy gentleman in a fur-trimmed red snowsuit, probably St. Nicholas would not know himself, particularly under the pseudonyms of Santa Claus and Father Christmas, but he would certainly recognize the spirit of giving these figures represent.

Since his death on December 6, 326, men everywhere have tried to recapture his spirit for at least the brief span of the Christmas season. This urge to

spread cheer among the needy has sometimes achieved wonders; quite often it has caused heartache.

St. Nicholas was a man with a plan, but too frequently Christmas giving is a spontaneous expression of emotion which satisfies the giver but humiliates the recipient. Planned giving is merely harnessing this emotion in order to spread the Christmas spirit more evenly, for Christmas cannot be given, or received — it is a shared experience.

Like St. Nick, many communities in Ontario have found a plan, a way to assure everyone a happy Christmas through a special committee, bureau or exchange, which works with the local welfare agencies to distribute the gifts and donations evenly.

In the case of institutions, several donations might be pooled to purchase presents which can be enjoyed by all, such as books for a library, a record player or some special equipment. In the case of agencies serving families, the workers who know the needy families are consulted; they know whether food and clothing are the greatest need, or whether money to buy one another presents will do them more good in their relationships within the family and with the community at large.

Everyone likes to give at Christmas, and it is a sad season for those who cannot, for parents who cannot give to their children and, in turn, for the children who want to show tangible evidence of affection for their parents but have nothing to give.

Christmas is, after all, to be shared with family and friends, and the humblest gifts exchanged within the group mean more than the most splendid offering from a stranger.

Safety For Christmas

Christmas ushers in a season of festivity and good fellowship, and it also brings a time of increased traffic dangers, warns the Department of Highways. Three years ago, Ontario's worst single day for fatal traffic accidents was December 23, the last shopping day before Christmas. On that Saturday, 19 persons were killed; it's alarming but it's true.

However, widespread efforts by the press, radio, police and safety organizations have focused attention on the special hazards of the Christmas season in an attempt to reduce these Christmas tragedies. "These activities, undoubtedly contributed to the marked improvement in the 1951 record when in the four days before Christmas the death total was reduced to five.

"This year," the Department urges, "we must strive for an accident free holiday season by paying particular attention to our driving and walking."

Highway officials list these special seasonal hazards:

1. There are many more people of all ages shopping, visiting and travelling. The stores are crowded. People are in a hurry.
2. Thousands of beginners face new and dangerous experiences of driving on slippery streets or in snow and freezing rain.
3. School children are out playing and often forget to play where it is safe.
4. Early nightfall and dark winter clothing make pedestrians difficult to see.
5. Winter weather conditions reduce visibility and increase stopping distance.

We appeal to the citizens of this district to overcome these added hazards by greater care, courtesy and common sense when walking and driving. Don't cause or be the cause of an accident through not thinking.

Don't let an accident spoil holiday happiness for yourself and others.

4753 Years Closer

Movies have been so outdrawing playgrounds in Toronto that it is being suggested that playgrounds be closed on Saturdays.

Few of us, thinks back The Financial Post, don't remember the thrills of a Saturday matinee, of cap guns roaring, peanut shots in the ear, the rich, fragrant smell of overshod feet on a winter's day.

But there's still the same old sobs and wails, boos and cheers, shrieks and screams, as today's version of Jugalong Hassidy fights it out with Slimey Slim's gang of villains.

Obviously this addiction to movies rather than playgrounds, like the hours spent watching television, is just another sign that the world is going to the dogs — carried there as usual by the younger generation.

Before we worry too much, however, we might look at an Assyrian tablet. The date is 2,800 B.C. Things looked pretty bad then too. The world was coming to an end, and going to the dogs en route.

"Our earth is degenerate in these latter days; there are signs that the world is speedily coming to an end — bribery and corruption are common; children no longer obey their parents; every man wants to write a book, and the end of the world evidently is approaching."

Well, here we are, 4,753 years closer to it!

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

LEFT SHOULDER
 The Chinese saying: "Happiness comes over your left shoulder". It is something you attain, not by aiming at it, but by forgetting self in service; it comes not to the man seeking fame or applause but to the one who does his duty.

An English writer says: "If you want to be an orator you must forget yourself." I wonder if that man ever tried to walk across a room when people are looking at him! However, we know that he is right. No man could possibly be a good speaker if he were wondering about the impression he was making.

There is only one thoroughly pessimistic book in the Bible — Ecclesiastes . . . and it was written by a man who made pleasure the aim of his life. J. D. Jones of Bournemouth says it ought to have been called "The Confessions of a Pleasure Seeker."

Not long ago a man found among his boyhood treasures a book of Longfellow's poems which his mother had given him more than fifty years previously, and on the flyleaf were these words in her handwriting: "To John, hoping he will always remember the lesson in 'The Legend Beautiful'."

The legend tells of a monk who from his boyhood had prayed that he might have a vision of Christ, and for this he longed all through the uneventful years of his life. Then one day as he was in his chamber all alone, a light began to brighten in his cell until he knew that at last his prayer had been answered.

Hands upon his bosom crossed, Wandering, worshipping, adoring, Kneel the monk in rapture lost. Then the monastery bell struck the hour for vespers, the appointed time when it was his duty to take leave and feed the poor at the convent gate. It caused him great distress and hesitation. Should he linger and enjoy the vision in holy rapture, or should he leave the glorified cell and do his prosaic duty? He remembered the words of Jesus, "I was hungrier and ye gave me no meat."

Turning his back on the vision he hastened to the gate where the poor and hungry awaited him, all the while wondering if his divine visitor would have left. But when he returned, the vision was still there. But he paused with awe-struck feeling

At the threshold of his door, For the vision still was standing As he felt his bosom burn, Comprehending all the meaning, When the Blessed Vision said, "Hadst thou stayed, I must have fled!"

Our quotation today is from Lao-Tzu: "Strength comes to the humble; he who raises himself on tip-toe cannot stand firm."

Courtesy Campaign

"A Christmas Present For Our Community" - Rotary

Much is often made of the fact that nearly 2,000 years ago, a certain inn-keeper lost the opportunity to become one of the important secondary figures in the drama of the First Christmas, by his failure to extend a needed courtesy to weary, humble travellers. It is quite possible, since his inn was evidently popular with travellers, that this business man had, previously made folk feel at home in his place of business. It is unfortunate for him that the only record is of the remarkable lack of courtesy which the Christmas Story relates.

Remember Unfortunate Incident
 It often happens that a place of business and sometimes business generally, becomes associated in the public mind with one unfortunate incident in which some citizen experienced a lack of courteous treatment. Forgotten are all the previous instances of helpful advice, pleasant service, and quality merchandising which usually characterized the business in question. It is to try to keep the record in balance that the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill is sponsoring its Christmas Courtesy Campaign.

Did you like the patience with which the busy salesgirl waited while you made up your mind about that Christmas gift? Tell Rotary about it! Were you impressed with the undivided attention which you received from the merchant who served you? Let Rotary know about it! Did you appreciate the helpfulness of the business men in securing for you that hard-to-get item? Report the incident!

Successful businesses, and pro-

fessional practices, are built upon the idea of serving the community as well as upon the idea of returning a profit to the owners. A community is strongest when it can attract, and hold, business and professional men to whom the idea of service through business and professional activity is a compelling idea.

Campaign Theme
 The theme of Rotary's Courtesy Campaign is "A Christmas Present for our Community". Confident that all business and professional people try to live up to the highest ideals of service, Rotary asks you, the citizens, to report their success during this pre-Christmas season. Your brief letter may win you recognition as an alert, community-minded citizen, and bring tangible recognition both to yourself and to the person whose courtesy impressed you.

NOTICE To Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANE HORNER, widow, Deceased.
 All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file some, duly proven, with the undersigned on or before the 14th day of January, 1959, after which date the Estate will be distributed, having regard only to claims then received.
 DATED at Toronto this 17th day of December, 1958.
 WILLIAM COOK AND WALSH, 912 Federal Buildings, 35 Richmond St., West, Toronto, Solicitors for the Administrator, Charles Horner.

York County Health Unit Completes Sanitary Survey

All premises in the Village of Woodbridge and the closing of another restaurant, not able to meet minimum sanitary requirements, have highlighted the health unit's activities during the month of November.

Sanitary Environment
 On the 9th, 10th, 12th and 13th of November, the inspection staff of the health unit completed a sanitary survey of all premises in the Village of Woodbridge. This included the taking of a record of water supply and waste disposal methods and problems for each household or business establishment in Woodbridge. Visits were made to 479 premises. The only premises not visited during the survey were those upon which the health unit already had detailed information. A complete report of the findings of the survey, together with a graphic map showing the location of various disposal systems and probable locations of community

drains, will be presented to the Village Council within the next few days. It should then be possible for the Village Council to assess the overall health unit to adopt a policy for dealing with many longstanding waste disposal problems in the Village.

Food Sanitation
 Another restaurant has been given a "deadline" for meeting minimum standards of equipment and clean operation. The restaurant operator decided that he would discontinue operating his restaurant, and closed the establishment before the expiration of the deadline.

Civil Defense
 Miss Verna A. Smyth, Supervisor of Public Health Nursing, and who has recently returned from convalescent leave, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Committee on Nursing Services for Civil Defense for Toronto and York County.

Markham Road Fire

James Johnston's work shop on Markham Road, Richmond Hill, caught fire late Tuesday afternoon as a result of an overheated homemade oil stove.

The Richmond Hill brigade answered the call, the fire being well under way when the call was sent in. There was slight damage to building and machinery.

To Make Christmas Merrier

17" VICTOR "Townsmen" \$289.95

Crang Plaza Farm Market New Feature of Suburban Shopping

Crang Plaza Farm Market, adjacent to Highways 400 and 401 at Jane and Wilson, is a new feature of a suburban shopping centre combining a rural atmosphere with the urban type of retail stores. It will also serve as a much needed community centre for church services, social activities, banquets, meetings, conventions, boxing, etc. Also within the building are 10 bowling alleys which will be ready for use around February 5, 1954, and which will provide a very popular form of recreation. The building, now practically completed, opened on Friday, December 4, with the moving of the farmers from their temporary quarters.

and have no actual part in the growing of the produce. It is intended to control this so at no time will any producer have less than 60% of his own home grown or made goods. While it is called a Farm Market there are other types of home made articles for sale which all go to make up a very interesting place to shop. It will take at least two years more to complete the entire Plaza, at which time there will be about 100 stores with sufficient parking for at least 2,000 cars.

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