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Church News
Kindly remember that the Sunday School is now held at 1 p.m., followed by the church service at 2.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
The W.M.S. will meet September 14 at 2.15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Angus Valliere, North Markham. Mrs. MacHattie, of Willowdale will introduce the Study Book. Members are asked to bring a donation for the box we wish to send to Mrs. A. Russell Graham, Missionary Nurse, in India, who is the "Missionary Prayer." Will the members whose names begin with K on the alphabet please bring refreshments. All the ladies in the community are invited to attend.
Neighborhood Notes
Miss Betty Huston spent two weeks recently at the C.G.I.T. Camp at Ryde Lake, Muskoka. It was very nice to see our minister and his wife and Betty back from their vacation on Sunday. Rev. Huston spent his vacation with friends in Western Canada, while Mrs. Huston visited with friends at Collingwood Beach, Georgian Bay.
Mr. and Mrs. V. Westbrook had dinner Tuesday evening of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham and family, the occasion being Margaret's birthday.
Miss Olive Glover has returned home after spending her vacation in Vancouver and Victoria, B.C.
Mrs. R. Perkins and Miss Coral Perkins have returned home after spending the month of August motoring through Western Canada to the Pacific Coast. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart and Lynn of Toronto called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham and family on Friday evening of last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hart and family attended the Bigtel-Bell wedding in Toronto on Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and family of Toronto spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Empringham.
Mrs. Best and Merton of Palo Alto, California, Mrs. Thomson of Ottawa and Mrs. Alexander of Toronto spent Saturday with Rev. and Mrs. A. Huston and Betty.
Miss Vera Nichols arrived home on Saturday after spending the summer touring the Scandinavian countries.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and family of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. John Empringham had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham and family.
Mr. R. E. Sanderson and Miss Mabel Sanderson called on Mr. Walter Hunter on Sunday afternoon at Newmarket.
We are pleased to report that Mrs. Norman Tyndall was able to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Morton at their home here, after spending the past two months in hospital. We hope that Margaret will continue to improve in health.
Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Jarvis, Miss Judy and Master Terry Hart spent Sunday at the York County Park, Lake Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Ash and family of Gormley had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred McRoberts.
Rev. and Mrs. H. J. MacKay, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hinch and family of Toronto called on Rev. and Mrs. A. Huston and Betty on Sunday evening.
Miss Marilyn Harmon and three of her girl friends left by motor on Monday to spend the next two weeks in Florida.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boynton had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Forson and family at Ringwood.
Birthday greetings to Miss Joy Morton for September 9; to Donald Avoyn for September 12. Mr. David Boynton leaves on Tuesday of this week to commence his studies at the Ontario Agriculture College, Guelph. We wish David every success in his new work.
(Held over from last week)
Mrs. R. Beatty, Mrs. E. Trussell and Randellin spent a few days last week with Mrs. Beatty's sister, Mrs. Dale, at Ossosape Beach, Georgian Bay.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Canning, Misses Daphne Killinbeck and Margaret Canning, Messrs. Detton Brumwell and Donald Canning spent the week-end with friends at North Bay.
Miss Faye and Mr. Frankie Nichols are spending this week at the Canadian Keswick, Youth for Christ Camp.
Birthday greetings to Miss Dorothy Oliver for September 1; to Royce King who will be two years old on September 1; to Douglas McIntosh, who will be six years old on September 3.
Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Forster, who on September 6 will be celebrating their third wedding anniversary.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boynton had supper Thursday evening of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Johnson of North Markham.
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Orr and family spent two days last week holidaying at Gravenhurst.
Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan attended the Stephenson-Hill wedding at Sundridge on Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brodie of Headford had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boynton.
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boynton visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morton and family at their cottage at Dulcis Point, Lake Simcoe.
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols and family and Mr. Nelson Buchanan had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wellman and family at Queensville.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boynton, Grace, David and Donald had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boynton at Gormley.

Women's Institute
The regular monthly meeting of the St. Women's Institute will be held Tuesday evening, Sept. 6 at the home of Mrs. Dalton Rumney. The theme will be Historical Research. Motto — "Forget deeds of past and press on to a greater achievement of tomorrow" will be given by Mrs. Dalton Rumney. Roll call "Name an early explorer of Canada." Contest History, Mrs. G. Francy. Music — Duet by Mrs. Jack Rumney and Miss Mary Gough. Hostesses, Mrs. D. Rumney, Mrs. G. Francy and Mrs. J. Empringham.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forrester of Cashel had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred McRoberts.
Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Willows and Miss Greta Leiffers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Fiegel and family at Gorrie. Friends will be pleased to hear that Miss Marlene Fiegel will be entering the Normal School at Stratford in September.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham and Margaret spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wright and family at Malton.
Mrs. Kenneth Denman and her two daughters have returned to Montreal after spending three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley DeFoe at Twin Stream Farm. The ladies of Headford are holding a Bake Sale on the lawn of the Victoria Square United Church on Friday afternoon, September 2.

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In carrying a series of news items regarding the history of the Richmond Hill environs by the late William Harrison, it is interesting to read his recollections on the progress of a community newspaper in the district from the first issue of the York Riding's Gazette in 1857 to the present day Liberal which is still serving the area after more than three-quarters of a century. Mr. Harrison writes, "Every village that has any pretensions to size — is surrounded by an intelligent reading community, witty enough to support it — ought to have a local paper. Hanging a local paper on each milestone along the highway of Canada's progress is a tribute to man's go-ahead-iveness, and an advance agent on the road to a Nation's prosperity."
Thoughts similar to these were floating through the minds of some of our leading villagers 51 years ago (from the time of writing) when one thought that the interests of our town would be better represented by having something in the shape of a local newspaper. A good deal of local talent had been going to waste in the circulation of squibs and fly sheets in poetry and prose known as "Crickets" which propped around on summer evenings without a "local habitation or a name" on which the responsibility could be shouldered. It was thought that some of the rustic efforts at perpetrating literature might be crystallized and presented to the public in a more readable shape, and the idea culminated in the formation of a Joint Stock company called the "Richmond Hill Printing Company." Specifications were got up for the issuing of a weekly newspaper. The prospects appeared in due time with the opinion that there was room in the County of York for another local paper and contained the usual promises to make this a first class literary journal, one capable of taking a manly and independent stand on all the important questions of the day. It was also the intention of the publishers to keep pace with the requirements of the country. The new aspirant for public patronage was to overflow with British Loyalty, to be Conservative in politics, and to be 75, 6d a year, in advance.

On June 12, 1857, our first newspaper, the "York Riding's Gazette and Richmond Hill Advertiser" made its first bow to the public with the motto: — "With or without offence to friends or foes, We sketch the world exactly as it goes." — Byron.
The "York Riding's Gazette" was placed under the management of Mr. Wm. Trudgeon, a student of law, who was then looming up to promise as a prominent politician in East York. His introductory address to readers of the Gazette contained the following: — "When the press is prosperous, the Country is supposed to be in proportion prosperous and happy. We trust that the success of the York Riding's Gazette will inspire the public with a high opinion of the prosperity of Richmond Hill, destined as it is to be the metropolis of this fine County of York, the Metropolitan County of this great and happy Province."
From this date we look back half a century and exclaim, "Alas! for disappointed ambition!"
The Gazette contained the local news, a list of 80 acts passed by the Parliament just then prorogued, with the promise of the balance in the next week's issue, an editorial a column long, pitching into the Government for its do-nothing policy, a fire at Victoria Square, an account of the arrest of the notorious "Townsend," and a list of the letters remaining in the Village Post Office. As a village effort along the line of journalism, and naturally the Gazette was welcomed in every home. One of our enthusiastic citizens went into poetry and delivered his pent-up admiration in the following lines: —
"Hail to thee: our new made friend,
In thee wisdom with true riches blend,
In thee greater treasure we can find
Than rests in Peru, or Potosi's mine.
We need not search the world around,
For news at home, in thee is found,
And in thee, learning does with wit combine
To please the fancy, or to store the mind.
'Tis thine to aid and lend a helping hand,
To spread Great Britain's freedom through the land,
Then onward press, for 'tis a noble aim
To spread our country's and our nation's fame.
Let freedom be the watchword, and onward let it roll,
Till freedom's shout is heard to reach from pole to pole.
However gratifying our first paper was to our fellow citizens as stockholders we soon got sick of our venture into the realm of journalistic literature. The running expenses far exceeded our calculations. Paying at the rate of four dollars a column for editorial matter and for other material in proportion, we found that all the dividends were declared on the wrong side. The stock went below par so fast that it dwindled out of sight, so that the speculation became neither pleasant nor profitable. In the same year Mr. Trudgeon bought up the stock and became sole proprietor, and the York Riding's Gazette became the "British Tribune." The change of ownership, however, did not secure a change for better management,

and the British Tribune also became a financial failure. In March 1858 the plant again changed hands, and the paper came out as the "Commonwealth" with the following address to its patrons: — "The politics of the Commonwealth will be thoroughly Liberal and it will not fail to advocate such reforms in the Constitution as are essential to good and economical government." Scott & Co., Props.
March 25, 1859, the Commonwealth came out as an independent journal under the proprietorship and editorial management of Malcolm Macleod, who changed the heading to "The York Herald" with the motto: — "Let sound reason weigh with us more than public opinion."
This move proved of short duration owing to an injudicious remark in one of the editorials, public opinion weighed most heavily against its style of reasoning that on May 19 the same year, the ownership was vested in the hands of the late Alexander Scott, under whose shrewd and economical management the shaky concern became firmly established and entered a career of usefulness and success.
The York Herald was well sustained at home and liberally patronized abroad. On January 27, 1860, there was a large and influential meeting in the town of Aurora for the purpose of identifying Aurora with the "York Herald." Mr. Machell, J.P., presiding. The chairman in his opening address said that Aurora was suffering in its interests for want of a paper to represent it. The result was the following resolution: — Moved by Wm. Moseley J.P., and seconded by Wm. Smith J.P., that it is expedient that we annex Aurora with the Richmond Hill paper that the interests of this village may be adequately represented therein and that a notice thereof should be sent to two of the Toronto papers. The decision of the meeting was backed up by 50 subscribers. So that the present thriving and enterprising town of Aurora was once dependent on Richmond Hill for its intelligence.
In 1863 the "Herald" suspended issuing. The proprietor got sulky and shut down with the valetudinary: —
"We had hoped that our efforts to make this periodical a necessary and even a profitable institution of Richmond Hill, would in time have been fully appreciated, but this hope has been disappointed most completely and as we are quite as independent as those whose duty it was to support an organ, we have neither bent the knee in abject supplication, nor modified one iota of our principles to disgrace our paper for mercenary sustenance. We now bid farewell to the editor's desk with its nursery for fostering foes and severing friends."
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For nearly 20 years the late Mr. Alexander Scott of Barrie edited and published the Herald in our village, holding and aiding advanced views on every project that was for its advantage.
On June 1, 1876 the Herald passed into the hands of the late Mr. Keefer, who subsequently removed with the plant to Weston. Since then The Liberal, established in 1878, has ably supplanted its place.
When we look back for little more than half a century and remember our puny efforts to establish a periodical in our village, it is gratifying to know that notwithstanding all its variations and vicissitudes, one short interval excepted, our people have never missed a single week without its budget of local news from its own local press.

Local Lady Descendant Famed Gen. Montcalm

OTTAWA, August 29 — A genealogy has just been completed of the family of Marquis Montcalm, who figured largely as a warrior and statesman in the turbulent history of French Canada.
An interesting fact disclosed in the family record is that most of Montcalm's descendants settled and raised their children in and around Ottawa. Two of his three sons, however, struck the trail for Moose Creek, Ontario, and one of his relatives is now living far from the Ottawa stem in Richmond Hill, Ontario.
She is a descendant of Nathalie Montcalm, one of the several daughters of the noted general. Nathalie wed Damase Perrier, and they had four sons and five daughters, one of the latter being christened Laura. She in turn married Omer Bourgon, and they had two sons and three daughters, one of the latter, Fleurette, now being the wife of Harvey Putnam. They have two children and all live in Richmond Hill, Ontario.
"There is nothing marvelous about it," Mrs. Putnam told a reporter who called on her this week. "We have always held our noted forebear in the very highest regard, and I am sure we all share the love he had for Canada, and want to see it develop into the paradise of the new world."
"Why not arrange for a family reunion up here in Richmond Hill?" was suggested to Mrs. Putnam.
"That might not be a half bad idea," she smiled. "I think we should have an invitation from the village, however, before we consider the details of such a project."

Simple Rules Help Child To Prepare For Beginning School

Up until recent years, little fore-thought was given to starting a child to school. Come opening day in September, little Johnny suddenly found himself cut loose from his mother's apron strings, and fending for himself in a new and strange environment.
We now realize that Johnny, as well as his parents, needs some preparation for this experience. As part of this preparation, "Pre-School Round-ups" were held in all the larger schools in this area, during last June. Public Health Nurses from the York County Health Unit were present at these "Round-ups," to explain to the mothers how they could get their child ready for school next fall. The Public Health Nurse was no stranger to many of these mothers, for part of her daily work is visiting homes where there are pre-school children.
Among the things that she recommends to the mothers re: Johnny's preparation are that he: 1. Have a complete physical examination to be sure he's in A1 condition before starting school.
2. Have a dental check-up (if he has not had one for 6 months).
3. Be able to wash and dress himself and help with simple household tasks.
4. Be able to play well and share things with other children.
5. Be able to speak so others can understand him.
6. Be encouraged to look forward to this new experience.
If you have a child who is starting school this fall, check this list to see how well prepared he is. If you find he's lacking in any item, you should endeavour to remedy the situation.
Your local Public Health Nurse will be glad to discuss any problems with you either at your local health office or in your home.
(Editor's Note — This is the 13th in a series of articles designed to better acquaint the residents of this district with the work of their County Health Unit. Other articles in the series will appear in future issues of The Liberal.)

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