

## Coming Events

EVERY THURSDAY — Bingo sponsored by L.O.L. 2368 in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill, at 8 p.m. sharp. Lucky draw night. tfc20

DECEMBER 22 — Thursday, 8 p.m. Christmas Bingo, turkeys, chickens and cash prizes, also jackpot at Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge St., Richvale. c2w24

DECEMBER 26 — Monday. Vellore Junior Farmers' Annual Christmas Dance, Vellore Hall, Norm Burling's Orchestra. Dancing 9 to 1. Admission \$1. clw25

DECEMBER 27 — Tuesday. No Bingo, but remember Tuesday, January 3, Oak Ridges Public School, sponsored by the Oak Ridges Community Centre Committee. clw24

## News From Next Door

SCARBORO: Reeve-Elect Gus Harris has called for the dismissal of Len Kendall, former Zone Commander of the Canadian Legion for participating in a campaign to re-elect Reeve Oliver Crookford. Harris contends that the action was in contravention of a township-by-law forbidding township employees from taking part in electioneering.

STOUFFVILLE: The first scholarship for Stouffville public school will be established in honor of Cedric Watson, principal of the school for 29 years, whose retirement, effective January 1, was announced yesterday.

School board officials said the scholarship will be awarded the Grade Eight student graduating with the highest standing. No cash value has been set yet for the award.

SCHOMBERG: Funeral service for Mrs. Ina Marguerite Fizzell, who died suddenly December 14, was held last Sunday at 3 p.m. in Schomberg United church.

Mrs. Fizzell was a resident of Scarborough township for the last four years, following the death of her husband, Harley. Previously they operated a general store in Schomberg, and Mrs. Fizzell was an active member of the United church.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Victor Marchant and Mrs. Edward Piercey, and a brother, Hartley Brown, all of Schomberg.

NORTH YORK: The Department of Education has taken steps to cancel a project to earn some appliances for the school. The pupils of the McKee Ave. School were used to deliver hand bills from a major chain store to promote an advertising scheme. The project received the sanction of both the school principal and the Home and School Associations. The Home and School sent out letters of recommendation for the scheme. Merchants in the area have raised considerable protest as they feel that unfair advantage is being taken.

NEWMARKET: Councillors Hand and Belugin have recommended an increase in salaries of Council members.

NEWMARKET: A board of arbitration has recommended that an increase be given in the towns police force wage schedule.

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## Christmas In Good Old Days Not So Different

All around us is evidence that this is a quickly changing world, and among other things there have been changes in Christmas celebrations.

"What was Christmas like in Richmond Hill a half century ago? What was it like seventy-five years ago? These were the questions The Liberal put to the village's senior citizen Dr. Rolph Langstaff.

Dr. Langstaff, hale, hearty and active, nearing his 87th birthday, after a lifetime of service to the community in the medical profession, put down in words a few of his interesting reminiscences.

This is what the Doctor has to say of Christmas in Richmond Hill when he was a boy:

"At Christmas it seems only natural to turn back the pages of time and consider what Christmas was like in the earlier days, 75 or 80 years ago. While Christmas has its more serious side of joy and satisfaction for adults, it is for the young people the one great holiday of the year, with Santa Claus, the giving and getting of gifts, also all round a fine spirit of joyfulness.

Young People, 75 years ago, were just the same as they are today, full of life, bursting with energy and yearning for excitement. A woman who taught school for 40 years was asked if children were the same now as 40 years ago? She said "They are exactly the same."

Before Christmas my parents would drive to Toronto to shop, sometimes they would take me along, round trip 32 miles. My one request was to wake me up to see the Golden Lion. This was a full sized lion, carved from wood and painted a golden color. It was at the front of the upper veranda of the hotel on the corner of Sheppard Ave., opposite Dempsey's store.

Our home had four large fire-

places and there was much excitement getting our stockings hung along the mantel where we were sure that Santa could not miss them. We were then hustled off to bed where we lay awake as long as we could, waiting to hear the deer on the roof. One of my sisters said that she was sure that she could hear them. My hearing was evidently not as good, as I failed to hear anything.

We were allowed out of bed at seven in the morning, and we dressed by the big box stove in the hall, each one having his wool sheepskin rug. We were not allowed to touch our stockings until after breakfast. We found them filled with oranges, nuts, raisins, candy with generally a book stuck in the top. One of my cousins thought he might have luck if he hung up his stocking a second night. In the morning he was delighted to see his stockings bulging. When he came to examine them they were filled with turkey legs, feathers, orange skins, nut shells, etc.

At the Sunday school we had a Christmas tree, a supper and

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## Expect Walter Scott To Continue Until Next June

Following a special meeting of the Richmond Hill Public School Board held over the week-end an announcement was released to the press to the effect that the members have requested Walter Scott to carry on as Principal of the O. M. MacKillop School until next June. Mr. Scott will also be asked to allow his name to remain on the Board's new school in the Allen-court subdivision.

The text of the resolution passed by the Board is as follows: "This Board agrees that it is most regrettable that any statements made at previous meetings may have given the impression contrary to the following resolution. Whereas this Board recognizes the enviable teaching record of Walter Scott, and is desirous of paying concrete tribute to him, be it therefore resolved to request Walter Scott to carry on as Principal of

the MacKillop school until June 1956, and to further request him to allow the Board to designate the school situated in the Allen-court subdivision as the Walter Scott Public School. I would therefore move that this resolution be adopted." Trustee S. Tinker. "I take pleasure in seconding the motion to adopt the above resolution." Trustee R. Ross.

Indications are that Mr. Scott will agree to the trustees' requests. The resolution was prompted by Mr. Scott's recent decision to resign from the principalship of the MacKillop School at the end of this month. Mr. Scott's resignation had followed that of Board Chairman J. Pollard who had objected to the Board's refusal to make any exceptions to its retirement plan in the case of Mr. Scott. Under the plan Mr. Scott was due to retire in June 1956.

## Operation Co-operation

This year, the three local service clubs, Lions Rotary and Kinsmen will join with welfare groups in the district churches and the Girl Guide Association in providing Christmas baskets for district families. The baskets will be delivered by service club members.

The Lions Club has recently supplied equipment to a local young man apprenticing for the watchmaker's trade.

It is reported that the Lions Club now has six hospital beds and four wheel chairs which are in constant circulation.

## Arena Association Withdraws Request For Sunday Sports

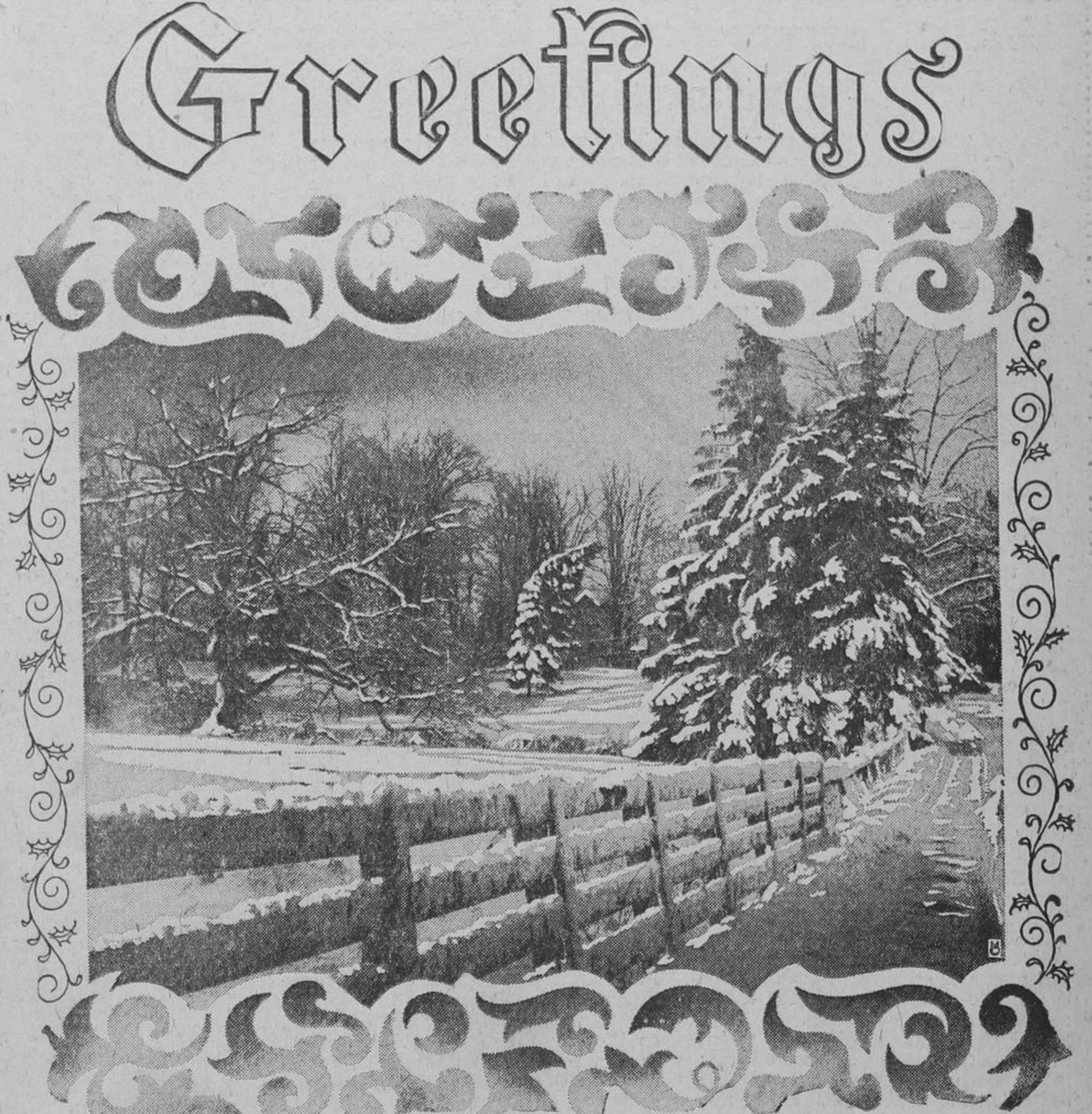
Richmond Hill Arena Association has withdrawn its request for permission from the Municipal Council for Sunday use of the arena. Some time ago the Association wrote council asking permission to rent the arena on Sunday for hockey practice.

A letter from the Association was about to be read by the clerk at Monday night's special council meeting when Councillor Jones asked that it be withdrawn. Councillor Jones who represents council on the arena commission said the Association now wished to withdraw its request for Sunday use of the arena. "The Association wants it withdrawn, at least for the present," said councillor Jones. Explaining further he said the Association has engaged a new auditor and with a review of its financial affairs, it was hoped it might show a surplus. "If it pays its way that's all we are worrying about, he said.

Councillor Wesley Middleton who was all set for a vigorous fight against commercialization of the Arena on Sunday and against Sunday sport commented that the matter should be dropped for all time. "The Sabbath is the Lord's Day — a day of rest — and it was never meant for making money," said councillor Middleton.

## Mercury Drops To Sub-Zero

Winter arrived a few days before the official start of the season this year in Richmond Hill. For the last two nights, the mercury has dropped to the sub-zero level. On Monday night, it went to an all-time low for the season, hitting 10 degrees below zero. On Tuesday night, the big thermometer at Mills Greenhouses crept back down to 8 below, only two degrees warmer. As a result, many motorists in the district were unable to start their cars on either morning.



For all our friends we wish this to be a season of significance. A holiday when peace mingles with merriment, love with good fellowship, good works with good will. And may the spirit of Christmas abide with you and those dear to you, now and always.

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## New Parish Hall Making Good Progress



The new Parish Hall being erected by St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, is up to ground level now. The date of completion is set for May, 1956, and is being built by the Varamae Construction Company of Toronto at an approximate cost of \$110,000. The Rec-

tor, the Rev. Arthur A. Chote is seen here discussing the building with Mr. Raack, Superintendent of the construction work. The steady growth of the work at this Church urgently requires these added facilities.

— Photo by Lagerquist

## County Warden's Banquet 1895 Recalls Elaborate Customs

After reading a news item in "The Liberal" about the recent Warden's Banquet for the County of York, Mr. J. R. Herrington, Clerk of the Division Court in Richmond Hill brought to our attention an interesting menu for the Warden's Banquet in the year 1895 for the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham. The menu was a souvenir of the event kept by Mr. Herrington's uncle, the late Elsi Terrill of Wooler, Ontario. Mr. Terrill, who died only a few years ago at the age of 92, was the first Deputy-Reeve of Brighton Township in Northumberland County.

One of the most noticeable differences in the menu of 1895 and the menu of 1955 is the great variety of courses offered. Modern day banquets, unless very formal, have an entree, main course, and desserts. In 1895 the menu was a much longer affair and meant of necessity a leisurely banquet. The worthy members of County Council in 1895 started their sumptuous repast with a choice of Mock Turtle soup or Oysters. From this point, the imagination of the head chef of the British Hotel in Cobourg took flight through such wonderful dishes as Cream Chicken, Sirloin Beef with Horseradish-Chicken, Duck, Turkey and Goose, and Mutton with a Caper sauce. For those preferring cold meat, there was Ox Tongue or Cincinnati Ham. If the diner's taste was towards game, temptingly Venison Pie with Red Currant Jelly was the suggestion of the Hote de la maison.

After nine main courses, the guests were invited to partake of dessert which included Mince Pie, Apple Tart, all types of cakes, and because the banquet

was so near to Christmas (being held Dec. 12) the traditional Sauce, Fruits, sweetmeats and tea or coffee concluded the banquet.

But for those men of 1895 who were so fortunate as to attend this gourmet's paradise, all was not over with the serving of coffee, for at this point the Toasts were proposed. The menu in honour of Warden Thomas W. Underwood does not tell what beverages were used for the toasts but doubtless in this hearty day of pre-Prohibition, the toasts met with everyone's approval. For this was in the days when those household bywords, Tomato Juice and Grape Punch (without the punch) were not considered a worthy medium in which to toast the Sovereign or one's friends or the armed forces or any other person for that matter.

Following tradition, Her Majesty the Queen received the first good wishes of the company. Next came the Governor General, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Dominion and Provincial Parliaments, and the Army, Navy and Volunteers. In addition to the Municipal Institutions, the Learned Professions, Agricultural and Commercial Interests, the Press and the Ladies received the best wishes of those present.

It must have been quite an event, that banquet of '95; it makes today's civic functions seem a little plain. Doubtless many a man entered his carriage at the British Hotel in Cobourg that night welcoming the opportunity to loosen his belt and undo his stiff celluloid collar, and no doubt many a lady looked forward to loosening her stays after enjoying such a banquet as

## Plans Purchase New Fire Truck

Richmond Hill Village Council in its final session for 1955 considered tenders for new fire-fighting equipment. Prices quoted for new fire truck and pumping apparatus ranged from \$17,550. to \$24,000. Council members with Fire Chief Alf Stong heard representatives of five firms outline the advantages of the various makes of equipment. No final decision was made and actual purchase will likely be laid over until early in 1956.

J. Buchanan, garbage collection contractor renewed his contract for 1956. This year, garbage collection cost the municipality at the rate of \$1.50 per head, or a total for the year of \$6,247.00. It was pointed out that the weekly collection requires three trucks, with four men two and a half days weekly.

Ed. Butlin, Dr. Wynn, Ralph Butler, Councillors Wesley Middleton and Floyd Perkins were named as members of the Richmond Hill Recreation Committee. The Commission in co-operation with the Lion Club shortly will sponsor the opening of Teen-town.

Robert Edean was re-appointed for a two-year term as Richmond Hill District High School trustee.

Treasurer Russell Lynett reported that the total amount paid to the municipality by subdividers under special agreements so far amounts to \$337,000. Of this amount \$173,487. has been spent on capital expenditures or extension of necessary services.

## York Farmers' Market Marks 4th Christmas In Thornhill

York Farmers' Market, Thornhill, which will be celebrating its fourth Christmas in its present quarters, can be proud of the co-operative organizational set-up which makes it unique amongst the remaining markets in the Toronto area. Unlike other such markets, the York Farmers' Market is wholly owned on a co-operative basis by the individuals who display their goods there.

The original market is over 30 years old and its first home was the old C.P.R. station on Farnham Ave., in Toronto. From there, it moved to the city limits, it was forced to move again and for six months it settled at Finch Ave., before moving to its present quarters at Stop 15, Yonge St., Thornhill.

In this modern age of mechanized, efficient supermarkets, York Farmers' Market is a pleasant anachronism which remains alive due to its unique style of merchandising. Specializing in fresh produce, as it does, it can guarantee that its products are fresh and home grown. The goods and produce on sale at the market are all produced by the marketer who sells them.

Another advantage that York Farmers' Market offers its customers is friendly, uncommercialized, personalized service. It is this service that makes the market unique amongst large merchandising outlets and brings the same customers back week after week for years, some all the way from downtown Toronto.

York Farmers' Market has an atmosphere that is rarely found in this age of mechanized efficiency. It is the atmosphere of a country fair mixed with a church bake sale and bazaar. It is the clean, earthy odor of fresh produce and baked goods intermingled with the babble of friendly voices greeting each other and renewing old acquaintances. It is this atmosphere that makes shopping at the market an exciting event rather than a tiresome chore.

The market contains many stalls amply laden with a wide variety of produce and goods. Featured are fresh and hot house vegetables, meats, poultry and cheese of all varieties, eggs, plants and flowers, plus home made bread and pastries, preserves and candies. Ordinarily open only on Wednesday and Saturday, the market will have special hours for the festive season. Prior to Christmas and New Years it will be open Friday from 12 noon until 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Besides its function as a showroom for produce, the market also serves an important community function in providing space for social events. On Tuesday nights, the market is taken over for wrestling under the auspices of the Central Canadian Wrestling Association. On Wednesday nights, the Thornhill Lions club holds its weekly Bingo. Various dances and other events are also held at the market.

SUTTON: The construction on additions to the Sutton and Newmarket High Schools will cost \$40,000 more than estimated. A tender has been let of \$317,850.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From RICHMOND HILL LIONS CLUB  
NEXT BINGO - MONDAY, JANUARY 9th