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**Golden Anniversary of Powered Flight in Canada**



Fifty years ago, on February 23, J. A. D. McCurdy flew his Silver Dart (inset) at Baddeck, N.S., marking the first powered flight in Canada. Since that historic event, development in aviation has taken tremendous strides. Another milestone will be reached later this year when Trans-Canada Air Lines takes delivery of the first of its six huge DC-8 Jetliners which will fly at 550 miles an hour and carry 127 passengers. Mr. McCurdy will be taking part in many of the Golden Anniversary celebrations throughout Canada this year.

**"Liberal" Ad Brought Results**  
**Leslie Sargeant Fourth Generation Stone Mason Richmond Hill Resident**

The influx of new residents to Richmond Hill reveals a number from England and from European countries — many of whom were engaged in skilled trades and professions in their native land. One of these skilled craftsmen who recently chose Richmond Hill as the place to live, is Mr. Leslie Sargeant, who, together with his family, left Birmingham, England, in 1947, and settled in Thornhill. "There's always been a stonemason in our family for four generations" said Mr. Sargeant, who, like former members of his family, was engaged in the work of restoring a number of England's cathedrals and churches. Just prior to leaving England, the last project undertaken by Mr. Sargeant was the restoring of the steeple of a 400 year old church in Birmingham.

On arrival in Thornhill in 1947, and due to the post-war building boom in Canada, Mr. Sargeant immediately secured work, though not altogether of his choice. With mass production of homes in Willowdale and North York areas, housing contractors availed themselves of Mr. Sargeant's skill in bricklaying, employing him to lay the corners, start the laying of chimneys, and other key work for a dozen regular bricklayers to follow in with the work. Though quite remunerative — this type of work and the long hours necessary — soon told on Mr. Sargeant, and he was on the point of returning to England to engage in his former restoration work and building of artistic fireplaces and inglenooks. However, the destiny of the Sargeant family was decided by the advice of a neighbour, Mr. William Jans, who said, "Do what I did — you go to Richmond Hill and put an ad in The Liberal."

Mr. Sargeant now laughs at his wording of the advertisement of August, 1948 — having used the English word "fireplaces" — instead of the Canadian conventional word "fireplace." However, he admits that this advertisement caught the eye, enabling him to secure his first local order for the building of fireplaces, from which work in turn he obtained larger building contracts, including all masonry construction work on 20 bank buildings, erected for The Bank of Toronto. Mr. Sargeant was also entrusted with the restoration work on churches, including restoration work on the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto.

Mr. Sargeant's work in restoring Toronto's Casa Loma is undoubtedly known to thousands of tourists, and the reporting of this achievement cannot be told in the proverbial "three words." However, to our readers who were unaware of the condition of Casa Loma, a brief review should prove of interest. Sir Henry Pellatt's \$1,700,000 castle — after four decades of deterioration — had reached such a condition that the Toronto city fathers were seriously considering it a matter for the demolition crews, as the castle was decaying within and without. "Tear it down," the building commissioner warned, especially as the parapets were leaning dangerously outward, and the chimney stones had fallen away smashing the roof tiling — it surely did not belie its nickname — "Calamity Castle." Decision was reached when indignant voters demanded that the castle must remain a Toronto landmark, so politicians and the Kiwanians (to whom the castle is leased) agreed upon a program of restoration to cost up to \$25,000 a year. So, stonemason Sargeant was chosen to carry this unusual project, and, during the past five years (also possibly for the next three), the master mason and his assistants have climbed the scaffoldings to work against unexpected difficulties, 140 feet to the tip of Toronto. Because of the land height, the tower cones are at eye level with the Bank of Commerce Building. Pointing and replacing crumbled stone and mortar, the retaining walls to the south have been restored and the Scottish and Norman Towers were re-tiled and have regained their original splendor. "Wonderful," commented building inspectors and the castle manager. As a proof of the value of this restoration — just last year — 120,000 tourists paid

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**Langstaff Young Women's Institute**  
 The February meeting of the Langstaff Young Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Peggy Morris, Yonge St., and was conducted by the president, Mrs. Fern Russell. Members answered the roll call by giving suggestions on "How to Make our Institute More Interesting and Profitable."

A paper on Institute work was prepared and related by Mrs. Betty Pattison.

A beautiful Valentine's cake made by Colleen Jones and grilled sandwiches made by Mrs. Pearl Wilson were served in Valentine fashion by Mrs. Colleen Jones and Mrs. Nora Whetton.

**Mark Vaun Women's Institute**  
 The March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5th at the home of Mrs. Hobbs. The roll call will be "Bring or describe an heirloom which you treasure." Program for the evening will be "Historical Research and Current Events." Members are reminded to bring their donations for the Cancer Comfort Shelf.

Mrs. Glassey, Mrs. Hanablyn, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Lepkey and Mrs. Roy attended the 57th anniversary meeting of the Thornhill Women's Institute on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Charlesworth, Garden Avenue, was hostess for a euchre party for the Institute on Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Glassford, Mrs. C. Jones, Mr. Glassford, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Curtis.


**Scout And Cub News**  
 It was a busy week for the local Scouts and Cubs. On Friday evening, the annual Father and Son Banquet was held at the Thornhill United Church. After a delicious dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary, the group was entertained by two well-known hockey players from the Toronto Marlboros hockey team, Jim Murdoch, captain, and Sonny Osborne. A film was shown on several of the Stanley Cup playoff games. The boys looked very well in their new plaid neckerchiefs of Princess Margaret tartan.

On Sunday morning, the annual church parade was held at the Charles Howitt School. The Brownies and Guides of the Langstaff area held their annual church parade on Sunday afternoon at the Thornhill Anglican Church.

Mrs. Roy Gillam of Garden Avenue, Mrs. Roy Newmarket Hospital recuperating from a recent operation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

A former resident of Langstaff, Mr. Robert Spanton, passed away recently. Mr. and Mrs. Spanton lived at the Corner of Yonge St. and No. 7 Highway until about a year ago when they moved to Toronto.

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