

Spring Production



Scene from the Richmond Hill Curtain Club's forthcoming play "KIND LADY" is pictured above. A baby borrowed from a friend is used as bait to enable the smooth villain to enter and live in the Kind Lady's house. Elizabeth Jackson is the Kind Lady, Ron Solloway the villain, and Suzanne Grew the devoted maid.

— Photo by Thomson and Gibson

Reeve Floyd Perkins Future Markham Rd.

In the absence of Councillor J. Bradstock, Reeve Floyd Perkins addressed the members of the Alencourt Ratepayers' Association at their meeting in Walter Scott School, March 4, with 35 present. The reeve assured the group that "comes Spring, and the ground dries, you will have swings, and other playground equipment in a fenced area for children." The local public school board has agreed to permit the use of the school grounds after 6 p.m., and on holidays. As county council representative for the town, Mr. Perkins was questioned on the subject of road conditions and stated that Richmond Hill is the third largest contributor in York County, contributing the amount of \$100,000 per year to the county system. Markham Road became a county road as of January 1. This road will be classed as a

suburban road and accepted by Toronto in order to qualify for a 25 per cent city subsidy. But it must be paved by Richmond Hill or the County.

The county has less than five miles of county road altogether. The county had hoped that Markham Road would be accepted as a suburban road under the jurisdiction of the Toronto and York Roads Commission and had not budgeted for it. Should the road be paved by March 31, the county will accept it. Otherwise the road will be turned back to Richmond Hill.

Referring to the vacant commercial land at Bayview and Markham Road, Mr. Perkins stated that plans for an L-shaped shopping centre comprising 14 shops had been accepted by an Oshawa construction company, but as yet no building permit has been issued.

"Education For Mentally Retarded" — Subject Of March 17 Meeting

Next Tuesday evening, March 17, at Thornhaven School, Mrs. A. M. Stocker will speak on the subject "Basic Principles of Education of the Mentally Retarded," at a meeting of the Thornhill and District Association for Retarded Children. The public is most cordially invited to attend. Thornhaven School is located on the east side of Bayview Ave., between John St. and No. 7 Highway.

Mrs. Stocker holds the distinction of being the first person to fill the position of inspector of schools for retarded children for the Ontario Department of Education. Appointed as Inspector of Auxiliary Services, Special Services Branch, last September, she visits classrooms operated by local associations for retarded children throughout the province, finds out the type of program, equipment, etc. helps the teacher, suggests additional equipment and books, holds meetings with teachers.

Mrs. Stocker is well qualified for the position. Most recently

she was principal of York Township School for Retarded Children for six years and a member of the Ontario Association for Retarded Children's Education Committee. She began her work with an honours degree in psychology and education from the University of Edinburgh. Following studies at Edinburgh's teachers training college, Moray House, she spent seven years as an elementary school teacher in Poland, after which she worked for five years at Craigtintony Annex in Edinburgh where she also did a research project on "Teaching Methods for Children of Low I.Q. Levels for the Edinburgh Child Guidance Clinic for mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed children.

Open to the public, the Thornhill Association meetings are held regularly on the third Tuesday of each month. Programs, always interesting, do not always touch on topics related to retarded children, but many outstanding people and will be guest speakers.

Nature Notes

By the Richmond Hill Naturalists

Even though the winds are cold the bird observers are out looking for spring arrivals. The horned larks and the crows are numerous. A red-tailed hawk and a red shouldered hawk and migrant shrikes have been seen. Ten long-eared owls were reported in one area. The best find was locating a great-horned owl, sitting on its nest. This is our largest "eared" owl and rabbits are its chief food. One should be cautious when visiting an occupied nest. The birds fly quietly and thus give no warning when they decide to strike a person on the head or back. These owls usually take over the nest of some other large bird, such as a red-tailed hawk. They are our earliest nesters and lay two or three eggs in February. In the same vicinity a partridge was sitting about twenty feet up in a poplar tree, busily eating the buds.

The skunks are out looking for food. A coon was seen comfortably curled up on the top of a large nest in a cedar tree. At first glance his back looked like a fluffy pin-cushion. It will not be long before we see the first butterfly. The mourning cloak butterfly, in the fall, tucks itself away in a rotted stump or under some loose bark and as soon as the March sun grows warm it emerges and feeds on the nectar of the pussy willows.

The fall is the best time to look for coconuts but there might still be some that the birds and win-

ter storms have not damaged. There doesn't seem to have been as many to be found this year. This might be due to the very dry season last summer. If you do find any they should be kept outdoors where moisture can fall on it. A cecropia moth emerged this week from a cocoon which had been kept in the house. This is one of our bigger moths, measuring about 6" across. When it first appears it seems to be all head and abdomen with the wings hanging limply from the shoulders. The wings soon began to expand and take on color rapidly. The colors range from almost white through lightest tans and browns to a genuine rusty-red. These colours remain beautiful but do dim noticeably after the first few hours.

On March 20th, the Naturalists' Club is eagerly looking forward to having Mr. Robert Bateman come as their speaker. Mr. Bateman travelled around the world last year and plans to speak on several highlights of the trip. We know, from hearing him twice before, that both his pictures and his talk will be outstanding. Visitors are welcome.

STOUFFVILLE — Commissioner Neville of the local P.U.C. has suggested that the water rates in town be increased to \$9.00 each six months. He advocated the surplus in order to build up a surplus thus eliminating some of the need for debentures for new construction.

Your Garden and Mine

By Richmond Hill Horticultural Society

While the world outside bowed under another barrage of heavy snow, members and friends of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society were transported by pictures to another world of glorious colour and bloom. It was the monthly meeting of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society in the Lions Community Hall, February 26th, and a well-timed program offered pleasant relief from the rigours of this winter. Mr. George Spratt introduced the speaker, Mr. R. Wain of Wain's Florist, Willowdale, who demonstrated how anyone may grow African Violets. Each step from the planting of a single leaf in vermiculite to its ultimate loveliness in a full grown plant prompted Mr. G. Longworth, president, to comment that he expected keen competition between the members in the future in the African Violet classes. Three specimen violets were given away in a draw and Mr. Wain invited everyone to visit his nursery to see the new specimens being grown for the exhibition this year. He will also help and advise anyone with African Violet difficulties.

Delightful in colour, nature and skill were slides taken by members and entered in the photographic contest. Winners in the various classes received awards:

1. General Garden Views — Mr. Wm. Ferguson, Mr. D. Boyd, Mr. R. D. Little.
2. Individual Plants, Shrubs and Trees — D. Boyd, A. Wilson, R. D. Little.
3. Individual Blooms, Leaves and Fruit — A. Wilson, R. D. Little, R. McMullen.
4. Autumn Scenes — Mrs. G. Gurney, R. D. Little, A. Wilson, G. Gurney, G. Gurney.
5. Winter Scenes — A. Wilson, G. Gurney, G. Gurney.

Mrs. Wm. Strungell, a three-consecutive-year Rose Bowl winner for Roses, was awarded a permanent trophy by past president Mr. J. Large. This was a lovely silver rose arrangement mounted on a plaque, designed and created by Mr. D. Boyd. A social period concluded a pleasant evening.

The annual convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association is to be held at the King Edward Sheraton Hotel, Toronto, March 5-6. All interested home gardeners are welcome to attend the two-day sessions.

C. J. Kydd Passes In His 80th Year

Charles James Kydd of R. R. 2 Gormley, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, March 5, in his 80th year. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, two sons, Charles and Albert, and three daughters, Josephine, Laura (Mrs. Lee Smith) and Blanche (Mrs. E. Atherton).

The funeral was held on Saturday, March 7, from Wright and Taylor's funeral home, Richmond Hill. Services were conducted by Rev. Binnington of Victoria Square and interment followed at Highland Memory Gardens cemetery.

The pallbearers were Bill Douglas, Warren Reaman, Ed. Willett, Jim Smith, Ed. Atherton, J. McLellan.

The deceased came from Orillia where he was in the lumbering industry. For number of years he lived on Garden Ave., Langstaff.

With his sincerity and friendly personality, he was a true friend of all who knew him.

NORTH END LEAGUE

March 6, 1959
Ladies' high triple — Irene Leech, 712, 205, 280, 227.
Men's high triple — Bill Boone, 681, 241, 231, 209.
Turning in other really nice scores — Mabel Haviland 640, 194, 226, 220, Connie Smith 616, 198, 170, 248, B. Karsh 674, 222, 179, 273, Harold Bennett 647, 197, 221, 229, Art Gibson 639, 213, 215, 211, Len Emberly 631, 259, 190, 182, Ed Harris 624, 267, 186, 171, Fred Horrell 612, 165, 184, 263, Wilt Young 605, 207, 196, 202, Bert Cook 605, 184, 172, 249, Addie Lund 215, 233, Art Leech 214, 225, Ila Worsdale 203, 215, Roy Lund 286, Marie Karsh 257, John Crook 221, Fred Darling-ton 217, Austin Everat 212, Geof Nash 212, Cec Tuck 209, Eunice Boone 207 and Elsie Emberly 200.

Team standings — (four nights remaining in final series) — Rebels 24, Fireflies 23, Alley Oops 21, Hula Hoops 19, Bloopers 18, Crack-pots 16, Wanderers 13, Bird-Dogs 6.

Markham Approves Debenture Issue Charles Howitt Sch.

Markham Township Council Monday gave official approval to an application from the Board of Trustees of School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan for a five room addition to the Charles Howitt Public School located in Richvale. Cost of the addition was estimated at \$86,000.00. It will accommodate 140 pupils. Vaughan Township Council had previously approved the proposal.

Markham Township is still holding up approval of a new eight room school planned by the same board in the Elgin Street - Clarke Avenue area of Doncaster. They are awaiting word from the C.N.R. to announce the site of its new marshalling yards. The new school would cost an estimated \$160,000.00. It has already received the approval of the Department of Education.

Birrell's Car Sale A Huge Success

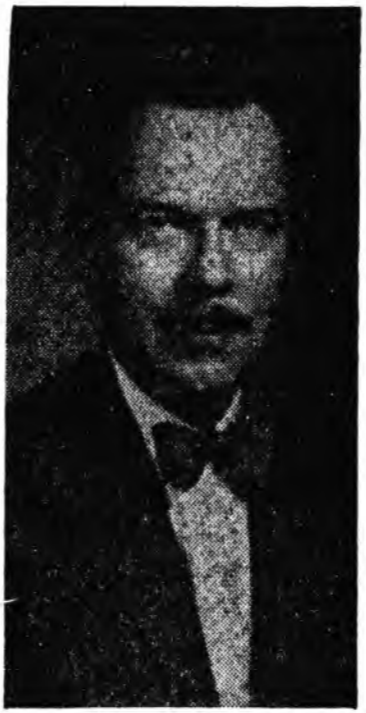
Mr. Bob Birrell of Birrell Motors Ltd., local Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealer reports a most successful third anniversary used car sale. Birrell's advertised their giant 1c sale through the advertising columns of "The Liberal". "The results from our advertisements in 'The Liberal' were most gratifying," stated Mr. Birrell. "Starting practically from scratch three years ago the Birrell firm has grown to be one of the largest GM dealers in York County. In 1958 the firm sold no less than 700 new and used units. Boasting a modern service department, the Birrell staff offers the motoring public a complete line of service. Both the sales and service staff are anxious to serve the people of the district efficiently and energetically at all times.

STOUFFVILLE — A board of arbitration will be set up shortly by the Townships of Pickering and Uxbridge to study a proposed change in the boundaries of Glasgow and Altona School Sections.



There are 22 Ontario Society for Crippled Children's nurses located in 15 district offices spread throughout the province to look after the needs of Ontario's crippled children. These offices are maintained by the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, who annually conduct the Easter Seal Campaign. One of the nurses is shown above visiting a crippled child at his home. The campaign lasts until March 29th and has a provincial objective of \$800,000. The campaign is sponsored locally by the Lions Club.

New Bell Manager



T. A. FLEMING

T. A. Fleming, manager of Bell Telephone's Toronto Midtown district, has been appointed district manager for Toronto Northeast district, the company announced this week. He succeeds the late Murray E. Smye, who died suddenly on February 7.

In his new position, Mr. Fleming will supervise managers responsible for telephone business in the Willowdale, Don Mills, HURON, Markham, Maple, Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Unionville exchanges.

A native of Byng Inlet (now Britt) in the Georgian Bay region, Mr. Fleming attended Upper Canada College, and graduated in 1931 from the University of Toronto as a Bachelor of Commerce. After a period on the editorial staff of The Toronto Globe, and later, Maclean-Hunter Publishing Company, he began his telephone career in Ottawa in 1937.

He held various positions in the telephone company's commercial department until 1940, when he went on active service with the Armored Corps in the Canadian Army. After service in Canada and overseas he retired in 1945 as a captain, and continued his telephone career in the Toronto division office. In 1949, Mr. Fleming became Bell Telephone manager in Hamilton. Four years later he was promoted to the position of Niagara district manager. He became Toronto Midtown district manager in 1955, and held this position until his new appointment.

A former director of a Rotary Club in Hamilton, he has been active more recently in the Bloor-Toronto Kiwanis Club. He is married, has a son at the University of Western Ontario, and two daughters, aged 18 and 8, at home. His chief recreational interests are golf and fishing.

H. Goldberg New Form Father & Son Partnership

The Yonge Street store, "Don Thurston Men's Wear", will benefit by the "father and son partnership" which has been developed between Mr. Don Thurston and his father, Mr. Harold G. Thurston. After being associated with the textile industry for 39 years, Mr. Thurston Sr. has bought Spofford and Company's Dry Goods Store at Stouffville. Both the Richmond Hill store and the Stouffville store will be operated under the same combined management. Mr. Don Thurston will continue to operate the Richmond Hill store under the name of Don Thurston, and he will be associated with his father in the operation of the Stouffville store. Mr. Fred Northey will continue as a member of the local sales staff.

Election of officers marked the meeting of the Yonge Street Business and Professional Association held Tuesday evening in the Town Inn, and resulted in the following 1959 executive being elected: Chairman - Mr. Harry Goldberg; Vice-Chairman - Mr. F. Gardiner; Treasurer - Mr. J. Parisi; Secretary - Miss Gladys McLatchy. Well represented by merchants, bankers, and professional members, this meeting was chaired by the retiring chairman, Mr. Charles Taylor.

Of great interest to those present, off-the-street parking and parking lots to the rear of both the east and west side of Yonge Street were discussed at length, and parking investigation committee — comprising Mr. J. Parisi, Mr. G. Hill and Mr. N. Fisher agreed to continue in that capacity, and to confer with the town officials. Plans for publicity and for collective advertising were also discussed.

The chairman referred to the improved appearance of Yonge Street, and felt that the town works department had really performed a fine job in the cleaning of the streets. He also drew attention to the effective new lighting system installed by the local hydro last summer along Yonge Street. Mr. Taylor also stressed the importance and value of the group insurance offered to the members, stating that there was no comparable plan for the small storekeeper and his staff. In conclusion, the chairman advised the association not to relax in its efforts to secure the widening of Yonge Street.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

Says Thanks For Kind Help

Dear Mr. Editor: I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Richvale and Maple Fire Departments, the Vaughan Township Police, and Waterworks Department, and the Ontario Hydro for the assistance they provided me when my house and garage burned, last February 10. They were not only efficient, but polite, tidy and solicitous.

I would also like to thank many neighbours, some of whom I had never met before, for their very kind offerings of accommodation and meals.

It is a very heartening feeling to know that when the going is rough that you have friends — I'm glad I'm a resident of Richvale!

Sincerely,
T. A. Bennett
(Mrs. S. K. Bennett)
6 MacKay Drive, Richvale

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AURORA — The public school board has officially opened its new nine room George St. School. Chairman J. M. Offord said that 12 years ago Aurora had 326 pupils, today they have 810, and by next September the board expects public school enrollment to reach 1,400.

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