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## "Now Thank We All Our God"

This weekend Canada will observe one of the great festivals of our year — Thanksgiving.

What will it mean to you and yours? Will it be a day to remember, twenty years from now, or will it be just another day — free from the office, the school, the job?

Twenty years ago . . . Well, when we were younger, we used to organize a hike on that day with all our favorite, intimate friends. After attending church in the morning, we changed into hiking garb and set off for a long, unhurried, leisurely tramp through the countryside, noting the swollen milkweed pods, the rich purple of the wild asters and the beauty of the goldenrod. The turning leaves on the shedding trees and the mounds of fallen leaves through which we swished our feet as we walked, were all part of our joy in being alive on Thanksgiving Day.

Then as the sun curved towards the west, we returned to our home, to a real Thanksgiving dinner Mother had prepared in our absence and which filled the house with an aroma of delight. With a rich feeling of inner joy and peace we lavished the table with a centrepiece of

leaves and berries we had gathered during our walk, and set the table for a meal fit to commemorate Thanksgiving — in a house filled with love and good cheer.

In the evening, dinner over, there would be a fire out of doors after we had raked up fallen leaves, golden and red and brown; and we all relaxed in the pungent, smoky atmosphere as we said a nostalgic "goodbye to summer", putting the finishing touch to Thanksgiving Day.

Today, Thanksgiving 1959, the bonfire has given way to the barbecue — and the long hikes are replaced by a fast drive in the car as we crowd the highway with thousands of other drivers trying to find something or somewhere "different".

But despite the hustle and bustle of our modern day life — just for this one great day families everywhere will hold reunions — churches will be filled, and the barbecue fireplace or the festive board will be weighed down with the riches of the harvest season as children — young and old — celebrate this glorious time of Thanksgiving with their parents and the friends they love.

### FRESH WATER

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### 1904 Maxwell

The old 1904 Maxwell in the William Neal Doge Show Rooms attracted a great deal of interest. Back to Richmond Hill, for a visit under its own power the automobile of ancient vintage has an interesting local history.

This historic car was originally owned by the late Mr. Frank Robinson, who lived on Yonge St., North, then owned by his son, the late Mr. Robinson. Many well known residents of Richmond Hill will recall driving round town in the Maxwell, which is now proud-

ly owned by Mr. Clarence Allen of Newmarket, who drove the car to Richmond Hill.

For the mechanically minded, specifications are: Twin cylinder horizontally opposed, four stroke engine, with mechanically operated inlet valves, transmission amidships, enclosed differential, external hand brakes, plain clincher tires, open body, folding bugger top, brass radiator, lamps and trim. Light carbide acetylene gas lamps, with brass generator mounted on side. Oil side lamps and tail-light comply with the law.

MARKHAM — For failing to stop for a traffic light fine, in the local traffic court, is now \$25, and costs.

### "Dear Mr. Editor"

THANKS FOR SUPPORT OF MARKHAM FAIR

Dear Mister Editor— Markham and East York Agricultural Society has again closed its gates after a most successful Fair for 1959.

On behalf of the President and directors I would like to express thanks to all who purchased space in our prize list, donors of trophies and special awards and all who in any way contributed to the remarkable success of the Fair.

Our well filled classes of high quality livestock, horses, cattle, sheep and swine and the fine 4-H club exhibits all indicate that we have an excellent prize list to offer exhibitors. These good prizes mean a great deal when there are so many fairs on the same day.

To all the exhibitors, many of whom travelled many miles, again our very sincere thanks.

Charles B. Boynton  
Livestock Director

### Lions Hear Talk On Russian Trip

A four-and-a-half month house trailer tour of the U.S.S.R. with his wife and four children was the topic of Paul Delmer of the Liberal staff when he spoke last Thursday to the Richmond Hill Lions. It had taken six months for Mr. Delmer to get a reply to his personal letter to Nikita Khrushchov asking for permission to make the tour, but once the permission was granted he encountered no further difficulties, and was able to study day-to-day life in the Soviet Republics as few other Western correspondents have done.

Mr. Delmer emphasized what many of us overlook — that under the Communist regime, living conditions for the vast majority of Russians is so much improved in a material sense that there is little real discontent. Yet he found, a longing, especially among young people, for some of the luxuries of Western life, and an intense curiosity to learn more about it. Although religious revival is discouraged by severe government limitations, church groups are tolerated and are increasing, slowly but steadily, in membership. There is even growth in the concept of the government, consisting of scientists, writers, artists and government officials, who receive fabulous salaries and who enjoy such luxuries as magnificent city homes, country estates, fine cars, chauffeurs and servants. These people, although they are unable to invest their savings in business enterprises, are, as yet, still permitted to transmit their property and wealth to their heirs.

## True Life Adventure A Jaycee's Experiences

by Paul Delmer

THE OTHER DAY I was the guest of Richmond Hill Jaycees. As you may have noticed, this is National Jaycee Week and I thought that many of you who have not had the good fortune to enjoy the comradeship of membership in this joyful organization might appreciate some further information.

Thus I turned up at the Summit Restaurant and was welcomed by Colin Burgess, who is Unit Manager of an Insurance Company and may try to sell you an insurance policy if you ever meet up with him.

Colin is a splendid Jaycee, not one could be a more enthusiastic member and the Richmond Hill Group would be first to acknowledge that Colin is very successful in keeping the organization to the fore.

First of all the company, and it was quite a large one, enjoyed a well-cooked and prepared dinner, served in appropriate style. With the satisfaction of dinner past, the group set to on its more serious activities. This night two classes were in progress. Members were free to join either class or to wander from one to the other.

**Business Management**  
I first attended the class in Business Management. The title actually covers a whole series and the particular subject for the evening was "Selection of Personnel". Could anything be more interesting. Have you ever wondered by what process you were chosen for any job you have ever held? You would have discovered a good deal about it at this Jaycee class which was conducted by Jaycee Gordon Trussler who is in charge of Sales Executive Training for National Life. Gordon told his fellow Jaycees how executives engaged in the selection of staff go into the background, habits, home life, health, references, and make investigations through credit organizations, and explained how all these things played their part in the selection. It was a most educational, enlightening and interesting talk and I was most reluctant to leave it to investigate the other activities of the Jaycees.

**Art of Public Speaking**  
In an adjoining room, I found a large group studying in practical fashion the art of public speaking. This is no easy task as any who has spoken in public will tell you and as you know too if you have ever tried. Most likely you find it difficult even to stand up at a party and offer a toast? This class was being conducted by Past Jaycee President Cecil Williams who is a member of Richmond Hill School Board.

**Three Minute Speeches**  
At an earlier meeting the members had been asked to prepare a three minute speech on any experience in their own lives. Each member went to the rostrum and gallantly delivered a speech, some prepared and some obviously not so. John Shields was the first speaker I heard. He talked about a wedding and a man who attended in a kilt. This brought a laugh. Bill McCartney earned the title, "A Good Sport", because after making an excellent speech about an unpopular officer whom members of his crew during the war decided to take down a peg or two and did so by flushing a leaking toilet under him which upset his dignity on the open deck, was afterwards taken to task by Cecil Williams, but took criticism in good part and went back to repeat the performance making a better job than ever. This of course is the way to learn — to learn first to accept criticism and to be determined to do better.

**Wartime Adventure**  
Don McClennan, a schoolteacher started off rather shyly but warmed up and told a thoroughly interesting wartime experience. Don explained that in 1940 he was stationed in Assam. Know your geography? It's on the north east frontier of India and a hot and sticky spot in which to be. It is famous for its monsoons. Don who was an aircrew member used to make a sortie or two daily. Taking off for a sortie one day, they found the clouds thick. It was heavy monsoon weather, and these clouds would build up to a

terrific height. When time came to return to base they just could not locate it. They tried to sneak around the clouds but as Don said, "it was no go".

They tried climbing, and climbed and climbed. At last they found a break in the clouds. They entered the clouds again over the hills at 2,000 feet. They were getting dangerously low and became alarmed. Throwing the throttle open they pulled the nose up and started climbing again. At 14,000 feet and still climbing they found nothing but more cloud and rain. Suddenly however — and as you listened to Don recounting his thrilling experience you felt the tenseness of the excitement — they broke cloud and found themselves directly above the flying field. All's well that ends well! Don had over-run his three minutes in relating this experience by 15 seconds but no one minded. Any Imvromplus?

At conclusion of the prepared speeches, our friend Colin Burgess asked Cecil Williams, "Any Imvromplus?" He was rather caught out at that. "Yes", said Cecil, "right now. The subject is, 'What I think of the new American Compact Car' and YOU are on." Colin tore into it and made a pretty good job of it although it demonstrated to his listeners the difficulties of talking fluently without notes. But if others do it as well as Roy did on this occasion they won't do so badly.

**Magazine Title**  
A brief session was given over to the selection of a title for the new issue of the Jaycee humor magazine and in full Jaycee titles ranged from the ridiculous to the profound and many had obviously been suggested as a joke. You can take it from me that if you are of age and join the Jaycees you will not only have a wonderful time but will be taking the first step to success.

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