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Coming Events

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9:00 p.m. - 12:00. Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Garrville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tcf36

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — Dancing, Modern and Olde Tyme. At Maple Community Hall. Music by Art Celise and his Singing Plainmen — stars of TV and Radio. Admission \$1.00. Free parking. tcf18

EVERY TUESDAY — Bingo, 8 p.m. at the new Legion Hall, Oak Ridges Shopping Plaza. Cash prizes and Jackpot. tcf19

DECEMBER 19 — Saturday, 8 p.m. L.O.L. 2368 Cribbage and euchre, Community Hall, Victoria Square. Admission 50c. c2w24

DECEMBER 19 — Saturday, Indoor Turkey Shoot, Keswick Aurora, Optimist Club. c1w25

DECEMBER 25 — Vellore Junior Farmers Annual Dance at Vellore Hall, Hollingshead Orchestra. Admission \$1.00. c2w25

Would Lengthen School Hours Area Growing Pains Are Not Painless Warns High School Board Chairman H. Sayers Education Costs Are Deplored By Retiring Trustee

Harry W. Sayers, York Central District High School Trustee since 1954, and Chairman of the Board in 1958 and 1959 is retiring at the end of this year. Monday night at the final meeting of the Board, he presented a most interesting and informative report reviewing the year's activities and the secondary school situation in general throughout the area.

Referring to the continually rising cost of secondary education Chairman Sayers warned that "if municipal governments continue to permit residential expansion they must be prepared to shoulder a large part of the responsibility for increased school costs". He pointed out that the District High School budget which was \$528,600, in 1956 is almost a million dollars this year.

In urging the Provincial and Federal governments take some action to relieve the property owner of the ever-spiraling tax burden for education, Mr. Sayers suggested consideration of a longer school day.

In his most interesting review of school affairs, Chairman Sayers said:



HARRY W. R. SAYERS
Retiring chairman of York Central District High School Board who Monday night received whole-hearted thanks and commendation from his colleagues after six years as a trustee.

"York Central High School District continues to grow, but its not just a matter of growing. Your Board has done, is doing, and will continue to do all it can to lessen the growing pains of the area. It is not, and cannot be, entirely painless for expansion and improvement cost money. I have said before, and I say it again, if Municipal Govern-

ments permit continued residential expansion then they must be prepared to shoulder a large part of the responsibility for "increased school costs. A "balanced" assessment, i.e. 40% industrial, 60 residential, is most desirable if the municipal tax load on the property owner is not to become even more unwieldy than it is now. Residents permit continued residential expansion then they must be prepared to shoulder a large part of the responsibility for "increased school costs. A "balanced" assessment, i.e. 40% industrial, 60 residential, is most desirable if the municipal tax load on the property owner is not to become even more unwieldy than it is now. Residents

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Markham Election

Ratepayers in School Area 1, Markham Township go to the polls next Wednesday, December 23rd to elect trustees for the coming year. Five are to be elected. The election originally scheduled for December 7th was postponed due to the sudden death of one candidate.

A second nomination meeting was held Tuesday night at Buttonville, and nine were nominated.

The candidates are:
Mrs. Mary Axelson.
Leslie E. Clark.
Lionel Frost.
Fred Gerard.
John D. Honsberger.
John Mackay.
Allan G. Parker.
Donald Sabiston.
James Tooley.

Early Issue Next Week

Next week's issue will be our annual Christmas number. It will go to press Monday, and will be on sale in news stands Tuesday, December 22nd.

Advertisers, contributors and correspondents are asked to co-operate by having copy in early, Friday or Saturday if at all possible.

Deadline for notifications will be Monday for noon.

Religion In Public Schools

Richmond Hill Public School Trustees are interested in hearing the views of public school supporters on the subject of Religious Education in School.

At the next regular meeting Tuesday, December 22nd at the Board Room, McConaghy School, Yonge Street, an hour from 8 to 9 p.m. will be allotted for a discussion of this subject.

Interested citizens are invited to attend and express their views.

Prizes For Xmas Decoration

Richmond Hill Jaycees are again offering handsome prizes for Christmas decorations on local homes. Last year the competition was keen and already many homes in all parts of town are taking on a gay and festive appearance.

Full particulars of prizes and judging in our next issue.

Cinderella In Pantomime



"Knick, knack, paddy whack, give a dog a bone" — members of the Curtain Club in a song and dance routine during a performance of the pantomime "Cinderella" which was presented at Wrix-

on Hall last Friday. From left to right, Mary Monks (Cinderella), David Coon (Aurora) and Rex Sevenoaks (Maple).

— Photo by John Thomson

By the time the Curtain Club's first Pantomime has finished its four performances, it is estimated that about 1,000 children will have seen and thoroughly enjoyed it.

The Pantomime — that first started as a short sketch to be given at the Curtain Club's Christmas Party finally wound up by being a real production lasting at least 1 1/2 hours — was, for a great many children, their very first experience of "live" theatre. Incidentally it was the first time they realized that Christmas Pantomime in the British tradition is not a play without words, but basically a fairy story with words, songs and lots of fun, written for children of all ages ranging from 7 to 70. Judging by the reports of those who saw the show, the Curtain Club have established a precedent that will now have to be followed year after year, and already people are asking what fairy story will be used for next year's Pantomime.

This year, Cinderella provided the main story with a good deal of embellishment by items of local interest and some sheer rol-

licking nonsense for added value. The songs were all known and tuneful, the words of some of them having been written especially for this presentation. Mary Monks gave a very convincing performance in the title role and quickly captivated the hearts of the audience. Prince Charming, in very gay costume indeed, was well played by Beth Jones whose singing was a delight to hear. If one can go by the Ooohs! and Aaaahs! of the children, they certainly loved the Fairy Godmother as played by Bridget Crampton, beautifully bedecked with silvery stars, a gold crown and a magic wand. Ann Featherston-hugh gave a great performance as the unpleasant Stepmother who schemed to get the Prince to marry one of the ugly sisters. Rex Sevenoaks and David Coon who portrayed Maple and Aurora the ugly sisters, thoroughly enjoyed their parts in the play and their enthusiasm reached over the footlights to the audience, all of whom showed their appreciation with their laughter and screams of delight. Having very little to do with the story, and therefore obviously introduced as a makeweight piece of

fun were the three house decorators, Sniff, Snuff and Smelly played with great gusto by Len Jones, Neville Cross and Bob Urquhart. Their performance was pure slapstick and kept the audience howling with laughter at their antics. A serious note to the Pantomime was added by Ross Smith who sang that lovely song "Some Enchanted Evening" in a truly professional manner which brought forth thunderous applause from an enraptured audience.

Being a musical play, great credit must go to Rosalind Anderson who accompanied all the singers in addition to supplying all the incidental music throughout the performance.

It is understood that the entire burden of producing this Pantomime was (willingly) carried by the cast and their wives or husbands and as this means they were responsible for painting and constructing the set, all the costuming, lighting, programmes and tickets, not to mention writing and directing, they are to be congratulated for a very well presented and worthwhile production.

Friday, Dec. 18th

Thornhill Lions Invite Everyone Join In Carols

A special Christmas treat is in store for people of the district Friday evening December 18th when Thornhill District Lions Club presents a "Christmas Carol Sing" in Thornhill High School.

The program will feature the famous Esso Choristers as assisting artists with Mr. Hugh Martin leading the Carol Sing. The Esso Choristers is a comparatively young singing organization. The choir was formed to sing Christmas Carols in 1957 at the Imperial Oil Executive Offices on St. Clair Avenue. It was such a success that the informally organized singers elected officers and began rehearsals once or twice a week during the lunch-hour.

Last year the choristers appeared on the televised hockey broadcasts and this year will repeat the performance on December 19th.

The group comprises some sixty voices under the direction of Mr. M. E. McIntyre, with fifty members appearing this evening. This is a public service undertaken by the Lions Club and there is no admission charge. The sponsors are hopeful that the spacious auditorium will be filled with parents and children as there is a special invitation to make this a family night.

Everyone is invited to hear this wonderful choir and join in the singing of beautiful Christmas carols. There will be no parking problem as there is free parking for more than 1000 cars. The program starts at 8 p.m.

Curlers Old And New Enjoy First Night New Arena

The opening of the new curling club on Elgin Mills side road last Saturday was a huge success. More than 250 members attended the opening with 96 members curling. Many members curled their very first game and came away as full of enthusiasm as the more experienced curlers.

Compliments to the executive on the new building were the order of the evening. Although some trim work has still to be completed the lounge looked very smart with its modern furniture and colourful decor.

The members' attention was drawn to the beautifully framed pictures of the Queen and Prince Phillip which were donated by Mr. Bruce Priddy.

After the curling was completed, the president, Al Harley, extended a welcome to the members. Mr. Harley thanked Mrs. Stan Pipher and her committee who carried out the catering.

The evening programme started at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Curling followed, with a draw at 7 p.m. and one at 9 p.m.

The club's first trophy was presented by Mr. Donald Little on behalf of R. D. Little & Son Ltd. It is a two foot trophy, beautifully designed and topped by a large metal curling stone.

Bidders Plentiful

Many And Varied Antiques Sold At Thornhill Auction High Back Rocker Reporter's Choice

(by M. I. McLean)

In spite of the season's worst sleet and snow storm, over 250 people attended the auction at the North York Farmers Market, in Thornhill last Friday night. After examining with interest the fine variety of authentic Ontario antiques on display, many took part in the spirited bidding for them.

The collection of over 100 pieces, ranging from a tall pine cupboard (which went for \$80.00) to tiny perfume bottles, was largely gathered by Mrs. Margaret Phillip of Canadian Homestead Antiques in Unionville. Mrs. Phillips has been offering her antiques for sale on Saturday mornings at the Market and had gathered them from Ontario country homes during the past two years. The sale attracted spectators and buyers from many outside points — Toronto, Port Credit, Etobicoke — not a few of whom were dealers or interior decorators looking for interesting items.

Several sets of hand-made arrow back chairs went for varying prices. One pair, well layered with paint, sold for \$7.00 each, and another pair for \$12.00 each. The four or five finished chairs of the same design sold for from \$21.00 to \$27.00 each. Other pieces of fine old early pine furniture went for what seemed quite reasonable prices — a well sanded buffet for \$27.00 and a smoothly finished drop leaf table, all ready for waxing, also went for \$27.00. Mrs. Phillip reported that an almost identical table, with the addition only of a waxed finish, sold for \$98.00 at a recent auction held at Casa Loma. A dry sink which looked as if it had seen many years of hard usage sold easily, as did a traditional

style cradle. A tiny toy cradle sold for \$6.00 and one of the most entrancing items of all sold for only \$4.50. It was, I learned, (I found myself happily seated beside Mrs. Wilson of the Penny Wise Antiques in Thornhill) an early Victorian carriage stool. It stood only about eight inches high on X-shaped legs of cast iron and the top, about eight inches square, was firmly covered with a piece of thick carpet. A beautifully polished hand made wooden ladle was lovingly carried off by its new owner, who paid only 6 dollars for it. A pair of green glass lustres with long cut crystal prisms sold for \$40.00 each — to a lady from Timmins, a house guest in the home of a Toronto antique lover.

The most unusual item, to my mind, was a pair of heavy old iron plow seats which sold for 75c. They fascinated me so much that I introduced myself to the purchaser (a young man with three shops, one in Buttonville and two in Toronto) and enquired just what he thought anyone would do with them. "Paint them white and put them in the garden on a stump" he answered promptly, which effectively silenced me. For 25c this same young man bought an ancient tin sugar or flour scoop. Seeing the question in my eyes he volunteered, "Turn it upside down, put a hole in the top and hang it on the wall for a planter."

Among the antiques at the sale, was a genuine country auctioneer, in the person of one Gordon Sellers, Mr. Sellers performed nobly, although he was not accustomed to dealing with such a large crowd indoors and his bright plaid vest added a gay note, while his fine old cane was

flourished with practised ease and brought down smartly on the table top at the close of each bid.

This is just the first in a series of these Auction sales and the next one will be held some time in February. Only genuine antiques from Ontario homes will be offered, as was the case in this sale, and Mrs. Phillip also has plans for an exhibition of antiques.

The North York Farmers Market, it should be mentioned, seems an admirable place to hold the auctions. It is roomy, well lit and comfortably warm, as well as easy to find.

Well, your reporter didn't buy any flour scoops or plow seats, but she did find herself staggering out into the snow, the surprised owner of a high-backed rocking chair, after an impulsive bid of \$9. The entire family raised their hands in holy horror when it was brought into the house. But I notice that every time I come into the room, someone is sitting in it. And by the way, does anyone know how to remove paint remover from hands and finger-nails? Even the two-year-old shakes his head sadly and says, "Dirty Mummie" — while he goes on rocking in my chair!

No Yearning To Go Back

Regardless of what she may think of trading stamps and premiums, the modern housewife has no intention of going back to bulk purchasing of foods in their natural state, declares The Financial Post. She has no yearning whatsoever for plucking and drawing chickens, slicing bacon, sawing steaks and roasts off a quarter of beef or buying breakfast food by the hundred pound sack. The nearer the food she purchases is ready to pop in the oven or go on the table, the better she likes it.

For Service To Agriculture



W. M. Cockburn, popular Agricultural Representative for York County receives a Certificate of a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada from Past President Gerry Walker, Eaton Hall Farm manager.

W. M. "Moff" Cockburn, general Agricultural Representative for York County is proud of his farmers and they are proud of him. Last Wednesday they could be doubly proud as he received the Certificate of a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

This is the highest award that can be bestowed on a member by the Agricultural Institute of Canada, which is the governing body of Professional Agriculturalists in the nation. In its 40-year history, the 3,300 membership has elected 130 members as Fellows. The basis of the award is for "service to agriculture on a national scale."

The award was presented at the regular meeting of the Central Ontario Branch of the A.I.C. held in Toronto. This meeting was a particularly fitting time for making the presentation as it was the Branch's annual Rural Night, when each member brought a farmer guest with him.

In accepting the award, Moff Cockburn spoke of the honour of receiving it.

"Being human," he said, "I appreciate the honour personally. But I appreciate it much more as a token of honour to all other Extension Workers a-

cross Canada. I am very pleased to have been the 'Joe-boy' on their behalf."

Graduating from the Ontario Agricultural College in 1923, Moff Cockburn has had many outstanding accomplishments in the field of Agricultural Extension work, both in Ontario and Alberta. In 1924 he introduced Certified Seed Potatoes to North Simcoe County. The following year, he induced the Barrie Kiwanis Club to be the first urban club in Ontario to sponsor a 4-H Club.

In 1928, on his return from a period at the Claresholm School of Agriculture, Claresholm, Alberta, he introduced the first 30-day short course for farm young people. These courses filled a very important place in rural education for many years. Such projects as the Bradford Growers Co-operative, Central Ontario Cattle Breeding Association and the Hurricane Hazel Tractor Reclamation Project, on the Bradford Marsh, bear witness to his organizational ability.

In presenting the award, Mr. G. Walker, Manager of Eaton Hall Farm and Past President of the Central Ontario Branch, A. I. C., remarked that the late

T. L. Kennedy had described his Agricultural Representatives as Ministers of Agriculture.

"Nowhere was that more true than in York County," said Mr. Walker.

The award received this week culminates a long series of honours and awards which have been bestowed on Mr. Cockburn by Agricultural Organizations and Fair Boards for his many contributions to the rural community.

Dr. C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, in addressing the meeting called for more fundamental research in the production, processing, marketing and distribution of farm products. He also stressed the need for more study and research in efficient farm management.

W. M. Cockburn has been Agricultural Representative in York County since 1936. During these years he has rendered outstanding service and "The Liberal" joins with his host of friends in all sections of the district in extending sincere congratulations on the well-deserved honour bestowed on him by the Agricultural Institute.