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Fair Day Is Local Tradition

Know Your Candidates

Among the many changes the automobile has brought to our way of life is the celebration of the first "summer" holiday, Victoria Day. Even the date itself has been changed from the 24th of May to the preceding Monday, which this year falls

on May 21st. In many communities, the sudden awakening to the roar of gunpowder exploding between two anvils as well as the traditional afternoon of sports for children and grown-ups alike, topped off by harness-racing, live only in the memories of those citizens who are now middle-aged and older. The present generation has acquired another long week-end to spend at the family cottage and on traffic-clogged roads.

Not so in Richmond Hill, for the 113th successive year, Richmond Hill will celebrate Victoria Day in the self-same way, by attending THE FAIR.

In 1835, and for some years after that date, the fair was held on a two acre lot on Arnold Street, with exhibits lining the fences. Also lining the fences (on the outside) were small boys, for children were not admitted free until recent years. Before the day was over most of these youngsters were to be found inside the grounds, having slipped over or under the fence when officials were busy elsewhere. Liquor was sold on the grounds in those early days.

With the acquisition of the town park for fair purposes, with its onethird mile track for trotting and pac-

Canada's national election date,

A national election is important

The Diefenbaker government

Monday, June 18th, is a little more

than four weeks away, and as the

date nears interest which right now

would appear to leave much to be

business for every elector, and the

policies, leaders and candidates of all

the parties should have the careful

first elected with a slim majority in

1957 was re-elected with a record

sweep across the nation in 1958. Now

the time has come to again appeal to

the people and the main issue must

be the record of the government. The

record of the government while in

office must be considered in the light

of the alternative offered by the

to make a forceful presentation of

the issues and his pleas for endorse-

ment will be eloquent if not always

convincing. The main challenge to

the present government will come

from the Liberal party under the lea-

dership of Hon. L. B. Pearson, Nobel

peace prize winner, and statesman

with world-wide reputation. The

new Democratic party under T. C.

Douglas, former Saskatchewan prem-

ier, will be making its first appeal to

the Canadian public and the Social

Credit party candidates will contest

candidates now are in the field. C. A.

Cathers, Progressive Conservative

candidate is well known throughout

the riding he has represented since

1957. John Addison, a young and

successful business man of King

Township is the Liberal candidate

and Stanley Hall of Newmarket will

carry the banner for the New Dem-

ocratic Party. All three candidates

In York North constituency three

a number of constituencies.

Hon. John Diefenbaker is sure

other contending parties.

consideration of all Canadians.

desired, undoubtedly will increase.

ing harness races, the three hotels in the vicinity did a land office business. It is recorded that a man with a stentorian voice rode on horseback from hotel to hotel calling out the events as they were scheduled.

Attractions of other years featured soccer, baseball and basketball, which proved not too popular with the horses, and so were dropped from the program. This year softball returns to the program with a game scheduled under the lights at 8 p.m.

From 1880 until about ten years ago, while father and the kids went to the fair grounds, mother made her way to her church laden with baskets containing the products of a day's work at her baking board and range. For, to feed the hungry hundreds from the popular fair and horse show, all churches served noon and evening meals, and the lucky diners feasted on the cooking of the "best cooks in town." For some years each church presented an evening concert on fair day, but their popularity waned and so they were discontinued. The agricultural society replaced them with a concert held in the arena, which gave way to an evening of dancing in the arena. This too has disappeared with the changing times.

With the co-operation of the weatherman (rain has fallen on six fair days only, and snow on one, in 113 years), the 1962 Richmond Hill Fair should prove to be as popular a holiday pastime for residents of this district as it has been for more than

are men of honor and reputation and

along with possibly other starters

will seek the votes of the electors on

June 18th. All are carrying on ac-

tive campaigns and between now and

election day will make themselves

and their respective platforms known

est in the election, study the issues

and get to know the policies of the

parties and the qualifications of the

candidates. The issues are many and

varied and we are sure all the con-

testants would welcome the oppor-

tunity of discussing any or all of them

there will be the usual meetings, ral-

lies and door-to-door visitations it

will be quite impossible for any can-

didate to meet all the people. If any-

one has a problem of major concern

we suggest that you do not hesitate

to get in touch with one or all the

candidates and get their views. Can-

didates irrespective of their particu-

lar political label welcome enquiries

from citizens and always are inter-

Democracy is at its best when

ested in your queries and opinions.

the electorate is alive and interested.

Your candidates will be better candi-

dates and your representatives will be

better representatives if you show an

interest in your own public business.

All candidates have headquarters and

committee rooms throughout the rid-

ing where you can enquire about any

issue or make an appointment to

meet the candidate. Remember, Can-

ada's business is your business. This

election show your interest by con-

tacting your candidate and discuss-

ing the issues of the election. We are

sure your interest and concern will

be welcomed by all the candidates,

and you will be in a better position to

make your choice on June 18th.

This is a large riding and while

Everyone should take an inter-

to many of our people.

with the electors.

By Elisabeth Kelson

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE

BLACK CREEK VILLAGE is intended to represent an early Ontario cross-road village. The village is a community of 18 or 20 buildings which de- cerned — the young players, veloped around saw-mills established as early as 1809. The village also serves as a commercial centre for the productive farmland surrounding it.

The village is located 15 miles from the geograph- Firstly the young players ic centre of York County West. The early land grants The majority of last week's in this area were equally distributed between the article dealt with the strain on Queen's York Rangers, Church Reserves, Pennsyl- hockey. When you consider the vania German settlers and Scottish settlers. The hockey season lasted 26 weeks latter two groups received some crown grants, but and 59 games were played (in-

for the most part they purchased lands from the cluding exhibition games) this averages to approximately two Queen's York Rangers.

William Lyon Mackenzie and at a later date were fol- straight time lasting 60 minutes lowers of George Brown. The former allegiance is this hour each boy would play understandable because the farmers of this area im- approximately 20 minutes with migrated from the United States and Scotland, and rest time in between. However, although they were loyal to the crown in the war of game, you will have noticed the 1812, they had grievances with the government and bench is seldom used, the playthe Family Compact. The predominant religions of ers stand at the rail eagerly the area were Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist and watching the play and asking the coach to put them out next. Mennonites.

Black Creek Pioneer Village is designed to re- ing. create the progression of a society from an early agricultural settler to the village squire, to give to present and future generations a vivid picture of the con- put his skates back on and play tributions made by these pioneer men and women to with all-out effort on our own our Canadian Heritage.

SANDRA CELSIE - - POPULAR COUNTRY-STYLE young hockey players cannot SINGER

I've been purposely tuning into CKEY and CHUM ises during the season, the to hear "Date With Loneliness" and "The Poorest total was ONE. Girl In Town". These songs which are rapidly becoming popular around these parts are sung by young to Earl Methe and it is unbeand talented Sandra Celsie of Elgin Mills. Sandra lievable the change that took ently, that the Russians also invented the Universe. is only 13 and according to her father, Mr. A. Celsie, place in this team in the few has been singing even before she could walk. Mr. months of the hockey season. Celsie, a former country-style singer himself, used to instance three games were sing Baby Sandra to sleep with western ballads, scheduled in one day, When she grew older, she learned to sing with her coach did everything in his father, and she also liked to sing along with the west- power to have the third game ern music on the radio. With a background like this cessful. When he talked of callit is no wonder that Sandra developed a natural ability to sing freely before company and at parties. in the Clancy Series (automat-Soon she became in great demand as an entertainer. ically losing by default) both the players and parents urged She has taken part in amateur shows, and sang for him to at least attempt it. I a benefit that was held for the Retarded Children fully endorse Ron Craine's conabout three years ago. She has sung over CKEY gratulations to Mr. Methe. and for the CBC radio as well as CKTB in Oshawa, and CKVR in Barrie. Her TV performances have been the association has an equal seen on Channel 3 at Barrie, and Channels 9 and 6 in Toronto. She was a guest on the popular show, "Country Hoedown." Recently she was interviewed town arena. All additional

About three years ago she appeared with Hank Snow, famous singer of western songs. She has guest- games was supplied by them. ed at Crang Plaza on the corner of Wilson and Jane. This place has guest artists from all over the United represent Richmond Hill States and Canada. In spite of all this experience in show business, Sandra still has to buckle down to the the house league. This metho discipline of going to school. Besides practising a number of songs faithfully every day, she studies Canada and serves a two-fol the Spanish guitar and likes drawing. Her father says that she's so good at drawing that he intends to sided competition (b) producin give her a special course in commercial art.

Last November, Sandra and her father made a Would we want anything lestrip to Nashville, Tennessee, the country music cap- than the best to represent ou ital of the world. Art Locke of Steele's Avenue, who writes and arranges her material went along too. It attended the games received was during her first recording that "Stonewall Jack- glowing satisfaction watchin son," one of Columbia's top recording stars in the agreed their boys profited 100% country field dropped into the studio to hear her from an experience never to be sing. Impressed with her talent, he contacted the forgotten. Columbia Recording Company who auditioned her, I have not written this letter and immediately signed her up. The record that was and immediately signed her up. The record that was Frank Murphy who is an avid cut was "Date With Loneliness". Now that Sandra hockey enthusiast. However, it is steadily on the way to stardom in the field of wes- would be regretful to end a tern and country music, it may be that there will be most successful hockey season more records by her. We shall be following your career with a great deal of interest, Sandra!

LAUGH AND THE WORLD LAUGHS WITH YOU

Rabelais has been credited with saying, "The Liberal" on behalf of the Curability to laugh is one property that is peculiar to tain Club for their kindness in man." Laughter may be said to be a universal language for though you may not understand a man's the past year. Their help and language, you can always laugh with him. Everyone support is very much appreciatrecognizes and understands the laughter that springs from a joyous heart. No matter how hard your lot may seem, a laugh will clear your mind from the pressing cares of the day and you will find your doubts and fears will vanish too. Many people have a deep desire to laugh. Most of the people I know read all C.W.L. Parish Councils the jokes, quips and amusing stories in the magazine before going back to read the rest. Comedy on radio Community Activities and screen are well known and widely listened to indicating that people desire to laugh. Jokes that make you chuckle have a lifting, lilting power. They spread County Regional Committee of a buoyancy and lightness of heart all around. One at Bradford. day, I was in a crowded bus station. I never saw so many bored and impatient people. Into this heavy Father Leonard J. Wall, S.T.D. drooping atmosphere came two men. They were talking together. Suddenly one of them threw back the Church of the Holy Marhis head and laughed heartily. Do you know what happened? Everyone turned to them and smiled. People sat up straighter and there was a general brightening of spirits. I'm sure everyone felt better after that. Such is the power of laughter.

VISIT FROM A CARDINAL

One of the most pleasing shocks you can have is the sight of a strange new visitor from Birdland. Imagine how thrilled you'd be if you saw a bright red cardinal in your backyard. That's what happened to Mrs. Terry Goodwin of Thornridge Avenue in Thornhill. She saw this brilliant newcomer sitting jauntily on her honeysuckle bush. To any bird lover this work for the Catholic Childwould be a real highlight in the day.

No grass was ever greener than the place where taken in removing obscene you were born. There was no finer sunset and there'll literature from news stands. be no fairer dawn. The little garden bed was always filled with bloom and color, and in your recollections, missions and Catholic literseasons never saw it duller.

remembers, no fire of later years has ever held more glowing embers. And that is why a child should have packs were organized. the best that you can give to make a precious memory for so long as it shall live. Affection, joy and understanding in the early years will be repaid in middle age and shine through later tears.

HOCKEY CHANGES BY MR. FRANK MURPHY Dear Mr. Editor:

Regarding the letter by F. Murphy in last week's Liberal "Are We Exploiting Our Young Hockey Players," I believe the facts stated have been misconstrued and need clarifying. In fairness to everyone concoach, hockey association and the Town of Richmond Hill-I side of the story.

our boys due to all the extra worn on the OUTside. games per week. Unlike pro The village followed the political philosophy of hockey, these games were (many only 40 minutes). Out of cooking. Their enthusiasm is overwhelm-

> have seen my son play a full game at an arena, then come home and immediately cigar: BUDGIE. rink until dark, begrudgingly get enough of the sport

As for the number of pract-

Secondly the coach - The ing off this final playoff game

opportunity in every respect. Each team including the Sing Alongs, play once a week at the games by the All-Stars were financed by the parents and transportation to out-of-town

If we are to have teams t other towns and cities, it is ne is common practice throughou purpose (a) to balance the hous league teams preventing lor a team of the highest calibre

parents who regular

J. Clark.

(formerly) 85 Centre St. East

CURTAIN CLUB

I should like to thank "The giving us such complete coverage of all our activities over ed by the club. Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Dorothy Painter, Secretary. 368 Fesserton Road

The spring meeting of York the C.W.L. was recently held

Mass was celebrated by Rev. with dialogue instruction by Rev. Father C. J. Cerronne in tyrs of Japan. The eight parish councils were represented and two new presidents, Mrs. R. Bell, St. Patricks Church, Markham and Mrs. V. De Marco, St.

Lukes, Thornhill, were introduced to the meeting. A family pilgrimage to Mary Lake in King has been planned for June. 24th.

The yearly president's report showed members active in Red Cross blood donor clinics, canvassers for the cancer and mental health society, volunteers for driving for retarded children schools, visits to the homes for the aged and volunteer

The leadership courses were well attended and three first aid courses were set up for E.M.O. An active interest was Knitting, sewing and used clothature was sent to India, British West Indies and western Canada. Scholarships were set up and Girl Guides and Brownie

LIBERAL CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS PHONE TU. 4-1105 OR AV. 5-3316

Dear Mr. Editor Second Thoughts.

by George Mayes · Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

A published invitation to meet Liberal leader Pearson at the farm of John Addison offers, as one of the inducements, the promise of cold chicken . . . And hot-wish bones?

Publisher Roy Thomson, who buys newspapers Thursday, May 17 like newspapers, wore a kilt for the first time when would like to present the other he was recently made an Honorary Colonel of the Toronto Scottish regiment and he says he was "tickled pink." Well, beggin' your pardon Colonel Thomson, sir, but the sporran is supposed to be

A Telegram circulation offer promises brides "a cluding exhibition games) this cookbook that will last a lifetime" . . . Which really isn't much of a promise at all, without some guarantee as to how long the lifetime would be with the possibly lethal combination of the book's recipes and bridal

> You can't say our Prime Minister isn't a man who can learn by experience. This time he is only promising that there will be FEWER jobless if he is elected.

We were inclined to go along with the statement of a Toronto discount store that the wings of the budgies it was selling had been clipped for their own good, until we noticed the band on a new 5-cent

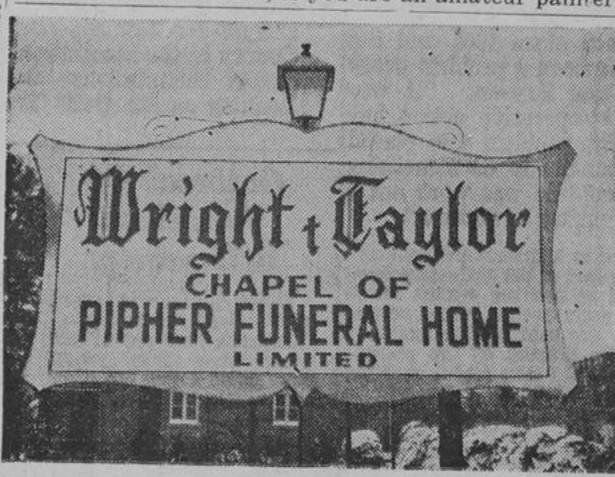
A report on the first live firing of an atomic taking a few minutes out to eat missile from a U.S. submarine beneath the Pacific supper. He was not alone and says the warhead was dropped "right in the pickle it is quite obvious that most barrel." This sounds reasonably impressive until you realize, on second thought, that the entire Pacific Ocean is brine.

> Soviet cosmonaut Titov says he saw nothing while orbiting Earth to cause him to believe in the existence of God . . . Being firmly convinced, appar-

A Toronto hairdresser - sentenced to a year in jail for theft from a former employer - described himself as one of Canada's top-10 hair stylists . . Now, if they could just get rid of the other nine, we might start going to the movies again.

Some residents of Elgin Mills have reportedly, for years, been carrying all their water a quartermile or more - six days a week . . . On the seventh, they can stay home and drain their blisters.

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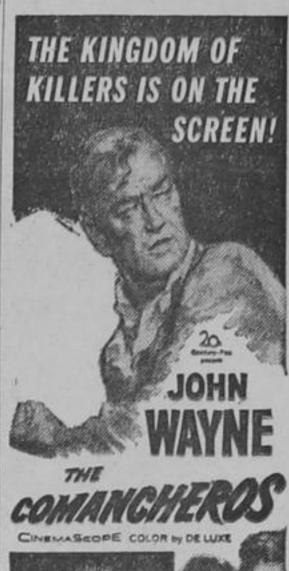
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Conflict Of Interest

In a brief to the legislative committee on municipal law the Association of Ontario Mayors and Reeves this week advocated heavy penalties in the form of fines in addition to disqualification for municipal council members deliberately using their position for financial gain.

The association not only welcomed the law passed by the legislature that disqualifies a member of municipal council who fails to disclose a conflict of interest it asked stiff fines for erring council members.

The Toronto Star observed that this presentation indicated the Association of Ontario Mayors and Reeves has changed its tune somewhat about municipal corruption since last summer. "Then," added the Star, " the association placidly seemed to assume that councillors were honest just because they had been elected."

Whether or not it represents a change in tune, the representations made this week by the association asking for stiff fines in addition to disqualification for failure to disclose conflict of interest will have wholehearted support throughout the prov-

border. Now it is coming out that strange things happen pretty close to

home.

There have been distressing revelations of questionable actions by municipal representatives and investigations in different parts of the province have revealed some startling disclosures. The current Crime Probe with evidence of thousand dollar bribes in flower pots is giving serious thinking citizens considerable anxiety and concern. Such things we always associated with gangland activities in the big cities south of the

The Ontario Legislature will have strong public support if it accepts the recommendation of the Association of Ontario Magors and

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

No room was ever cosier than that which youth