Richmond Hill Lions Observe Their 25 Anniversary

Lionism in Richmond Hill was marked last Thursday evening by fitting ceremony and celebration. Richmond Hill Lions Club first organized early in 1938 and with a long record of outstanding community service celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday and the occasion was honored by the presence of International Director Robert Lyles and other distinguish-

Nine of the original charter members attended the

Walter Mason a charter member and this year's club president presided for the program, and extended a warm welcome to members and guests. Denny Featherstonhaugh, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced head table guests who included the guest speaker, district and deputy district governors and officers of Lions International.

R. D. Little a charter member of the local club who has held many high of-

birthday party and Dr. fices in Lionism and now is international councillor introduced the guest speaker International Director George R. Lyles and assured the American visitor that he was most welcome and said despite any reports he may have heard, "we are not really anti-American, even though we may admit to being pro-Canadian". Lion Bob paid sincere tribute to Lionism as a great international organization and a force for peace in the world.

Maryland paid tribute to the outstanding record of the Richmond Hill Lions Club and extended congratulations on behalf of Lions International. He said that friendship was a cornerstone of our existence and Lionism has a great potential for promotion of national and world friendship. The development of friendship he said could save the world from destroying itself. The need for development of in-The guest speaker whose ternational friendship is a

home is in Hagerstown, challenge of the present day, said the speaker, pointing out that 670,000 Lions in 117 countries are working with desire and dedication to make the world a better place in which to live.

The thanks of the Lions to the speaker was expressed by Richard Edmunds, international councillor and a past president of the local club who presented the distinguished visitor with a suitable memento of his Richmond Hill visit. The gift was a set of silver

spoons made by Richmond for presentation of awards Stewart, J. E. Smith, and William Cotton, James Ellis, Hill silversmith Doug Boyd, also a past president of Lions.

was proposed by Deputydistrict Governor Dr. H. H. MacKay of Richmond Hill and responded to by Mrs. Peter Dyson. The toast to 'Charter Members' was proposed by John LeClaire and response was by Paul E. Angle, a charter member and past president still active in club activities.

cillor Bob Little for twenty-The toast to the ladies five years perfect attendance. In presenting the specially inscribed gold pin International Director Lyles said it was a record attained by very few in Lions Inter-

were presented to Mr. Angle, Allan Bales, Dr. James Langstaff, R. D. Little, Dr. Walter Mason, Walter Sleeman presided E. C. Mansbridge, James service: Len. H. Clement, Aurora Lions.

which were highlighted by

one to International Coun-

W. W. A. Trench, twenty year chevrons to Frank kins, 15 year chevrons to W. A. Wagner and Dr. H. H. MacKay, 10 year chevrons to Stuart Parker and W. Pock-

In an impressive necrolo- som, Ray Tiffany and gy conducted by Internat- George Walwin. Twenty five year chevrons ional Councillor Edmunds the assembled Lions hon-,

John A. Greene, Lloyd A. Hill Dr. Frank Hogg, Nick Schissler and Floyd R. Per- Hallman, Lauder Glass, Archie Murray, Ralph Paris, Rand Phipps, Harold J. Mills, Fred Hoover, Mel Maltby, William Parker Ira D. Ramer, Stanley Ran-

ored the memory of the fol-lowing Lions who have answered the call to greater rans is the new president of

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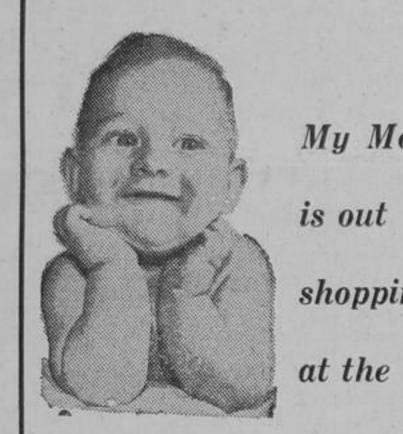
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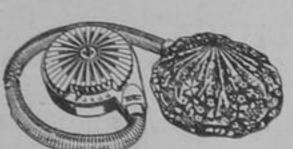
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