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Mark Golden Anniversary

Fifty golden years of accomplishment have been remembered by Richmond Hill Horticultural Society throughout this year, culminating in a golden anniversary dinner and annual meeting in the Lions Hall Wednesday of last week.

One hundred and fifty members of the society and honored guests enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner in the hall which was artistically decorated in the anniversary theme with golden lamp-posts and a huge anniversary cake. Golden candles on the cake, in candelabra on the stage, and on the tables provided the lighting for the historic event and gold and bronze chrysanthemums were put to effective use in the decorations. Each guest at the head table wore a golden rose.

Thomas Broadhurst commented that it was gratifying to know that the year which brought so much death and destruction to the world also saw the creation of a society which has gone on much longer than the war and whose members have concentrated on things that have been a delight to their community. "I want you to know that your town needs you and has needed you. There's a greater need today for beauty than ever before. If your society can persuade every person in town to plant just one flower more than they otherwise would have done, the aggregate will have a great effect on the town's appearance," he told the society.

The society's president, Mrs. Douglas Boyd commented that this golden anniversary year



Ontario Horticulture President James Deeney greets local President Mrs. Douglas Boyd.

These guests included Mr. and Mrs. James Deeney of Niagara Falls, Mr. Deeney, as president of the Ontario Horticultural Association, toasted the local society, with R. D. Little replying.

Mr. Little recalled that 30 or 40 ladies and gentlemen formed the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society on April 19 fifty years ago and later that year held its first flower show. He recalled that Dr. Lillian Langstaff, past president and still an active member of the society, had been on the committee which arranged this first show. He paid tribute to Miss Mary Trench who served as the society's secretary for 25 years and to the present secretary, Miss Gladys McLatchy, who has served in this capacity for almost 20 years.

Russell Gomme, secretary of the Ontario Horticultural Association, brought greetings to the society which he said had "grown up with a growing community". He praised the society for always taking care of the little extras which show good organization.

Bringing greetings from the Town of Richmond Hill, Mayor

had been a good year in which to be president. She praised the willingness of all members to pitch in and help and enumerated the year's special and regular events which had included a garden party in July, flower shows and general meetings. She noted that successful plantings had again been made at churches and the biggest project of the year had been the start on beautifying the grounds of York Central Hospital. Results of these efforts should be apparent next spring. She thanked those responsible for arrangements of events through the year and particularly the dinner and presented Secretary Gladys McLatchy with a gift from the society and a personal gift in appreciation of her services.

Five Charged With Gun Theft

Five area youths ages 18-20 appeared in Newmarket Magistrate's Court Wednesday morning facing charges of stealing about \$500 worth of guns and ammunition from an Oak Ridges hardware store.

Most of the loot had been recovered by Monday morning, King Township Constable Charles Adams told "The Liberal".

King's Hardware Store on Yonge Street was entered twice, he said, once on November 16 and again on November 24; both times by heaving a piece of concrete or rock through a front window.

The first time, three guns including a .22 calibre rifle, a shotgun and a pellet rifle were missing along with a quantity of matching ammunition estimated at \$250. On the 24th reported missing were two .22 rifles, ammunition and arrows valued at close to \$300.

Charged with both break-ins was Brian Terry Rofey, Bond Avenue, Oak Ridges. Charged on the second offence were Daniel George Kent, King Side-road, Oak Ridges; Larry Crittenden of Lake Wilcox; Douglas McMillan of Oak Ridges and William Cosgrove of Richmond Hill.

Assisting Const. Adams in the investigation was Sgt. Len Stribell.

Local Teacher Is Praised By DND

Miss Ann Irving, who has been serving as a teacher with the Department of National Defence in France for the past three years, has had an extension of another year granted by Richmond Hill Public School Board at the request of the department.

The letter requesting the extension said that Miss Irving had given above average service and would be most difficult to replace. It stated the department was anxious to provide the best education possible for the children for which it is responsible with a minimum of disruption and a maximum of efficiency.

Miss McLatchy then presented a brief annual report which noted that rose bushes at the town hall, which had been destroyed by frost, had been replaced and that trees, shrubs and a bed of tulips had been planted at the hospital. Seven well-attended shows had been held with excellent judges and speakers. Many "Golden Girl" rose bushes were sold to members and it is expected that next year a class for these will be included in one of the shows.

Entertainment was provided by pretty Edith Eaton with her piano accordion and Tom Hamilton, Scottish Canadian.

Highlight of the program was a skit written by R. D. Little entitled "Decisions, Decisions", in which the executive members of the Richmond Hill Garden Club held a meeting to plan a golden anniversary dinner. In rhyme each member of the cast dealt humorously with a facet of life in our town from taxes to shopping including the trees we don't have and the parks we don't have. "How not to make a decision" was clearly demonstrated because no decision was made.

The 1965 executive was elected with St. Clair Tennant, district director, in charge and Mrs. L. J. Roy presenting a slate of officers which was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Boyd will again head the society with W. Ankenman assisting as first vice-president and Mrs. J. Rummy as second vice-president.

W. S. Urquhart will fill the position of past president and Mrs. W. Redelmeier was again named as honorary president.

Miss McLatchy will continue as secretary-treasurer with assistance from Mrs. H. MacKay; directors will be Miss E. Izzard, Mrs. L. J. Roy, Mrs. A. Uren, Mrs. G. Beatty and Phillip Delf with Miss Doris Leno, Mrs. H. Nelson, Mrs. E. Terry, J. A. Bales and W. S. Urquhart, the last five elected for a two-year term. Miss V. Barratt and S. Gurney will be the 1965 auditors.

Supervised Study At Walter Scott

John Wheeler (Walter Scott teacher) requested permission from Richmond Hill Public School Board to use a classroom Monday to Thursday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. for six weeks prior to the Easter examinations.

Mr. Wheeler, it was explained at last Thursday night's board meeting, is preparing a thesis on the "Effects of Supervised Study on Examination Results" required for a specialist's certificate in guidance.

Chairman of the board's personnel and public relations committees and the superintendent will meet with Mr. Wheeler to discuss his project before consent is given.



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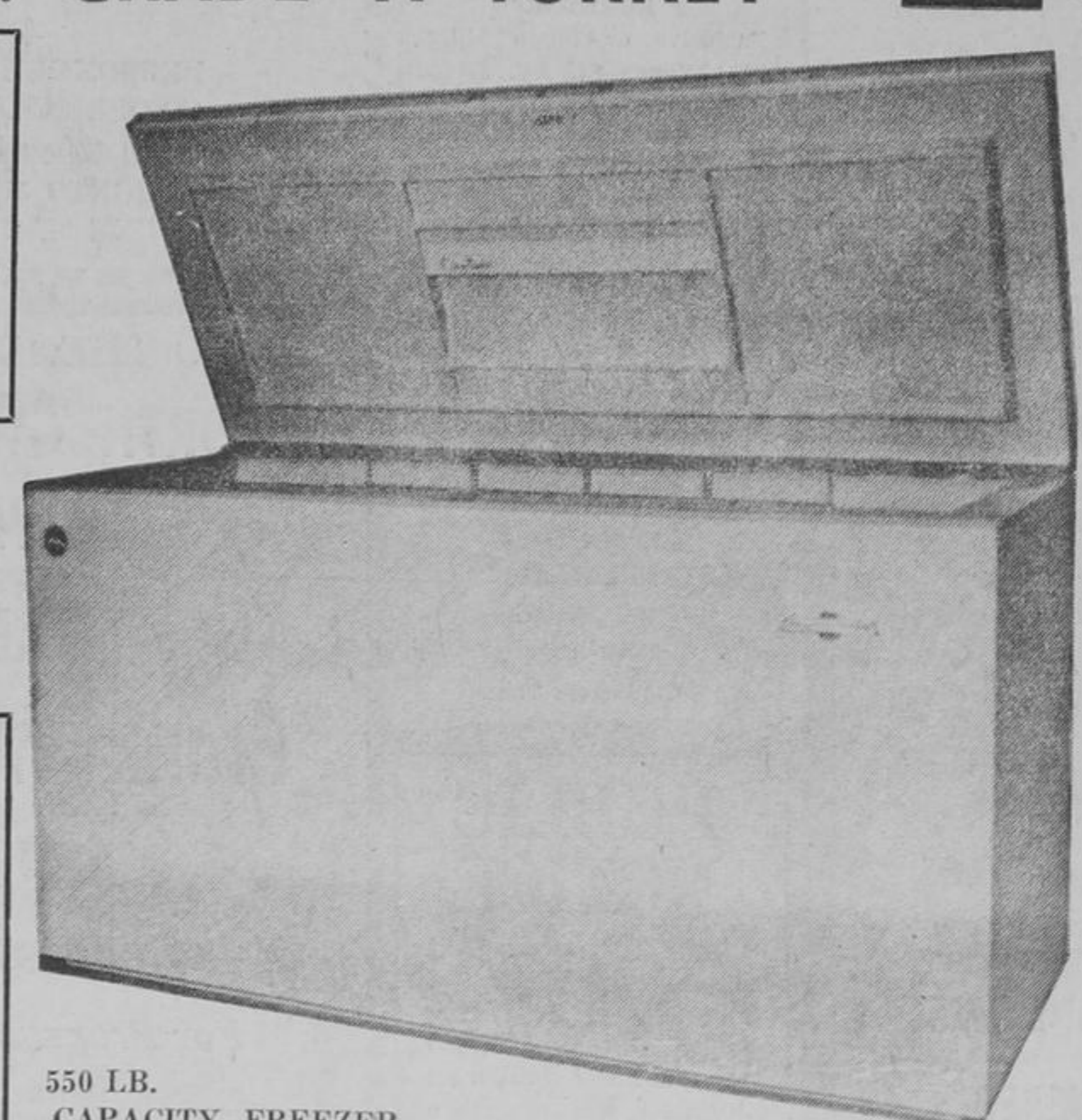
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