

Dates to remember in month of June

- 2 — 7:15 pm Richmond Hill Council
- 1 pm King Council
- 2 pm Vaughan Council
- 3 — 8:30 pm York Region Roman Catholic School Board
- 7:30 pm Markham Planning Committee
- 7 — Richmond Hill Bantam Girls' Softball Tournament, Town Park
- 9 — 8 pm York County Board of Education — Aurora
- 7:30 pm Richmond Hill Council as committee of the whole if required
- 10 — 2 pm Markham Council
- 11 — 7:30 pm Richmond Hill Planning Committee
- 12 — 2 pm Region of York Council — Newmarket
- 7:30 pm. Citizen Input meeting on Transit, Oak Ridges Public School
- 14 — Senior Citizens' Week begins
- Richmond Hill Midget Girls' Softball Tournament, Town Park
- 16 — 7:15 pm Richmond Hill Council
- 7:30 pm King Township Council
- 2 pm Vaughan Council
- 17 — 8:30 pm York Region RC School Board
- 7:30 pm Markham Planning Committee
- 19 — Citizen Input Meeting on Transit, Council Chambers
- 20 — Oak Ridges Lions three-day carnival begins in Ozark Park
- 21 — Richmond Hill Fire Department Day in town park in aid of York Central Hospital.
- Richmond Hill Juvenile Girls' Softball Tournament in Town Park
- Richmond Hill Summer Swim Class Registration, Town Arena (residents only); registration continues Sunday for residents and non-residents at Centennial Pool.
- 23 — 8 pm York County Board of Education, Aurora
- 7:30 pm Richmond Hill Council as committee of the whole, if required
- 24 — 7:30 pm Markham Council
- 25 — 7:30 pm Richmond Hill Planning Committee
- 26 — Citizen Input Meeting on Transit, Hillcrest Mall
- 28 — Richmond Hill Squirt Boys Softball Tournament, Town Park

YESTERDAYS..

1885 murder shocked Thornhill Village

The Village of Thornhill was thrown into a state of shock February 3, 1885, when the news circulated that young John Arnold had been murdered.

James Stewart and John Wesley had been driven from Etobicoke by one James Watson and had checked into Simmons' Hotel Tuesday, indicating they intended to stay overnight.

The quarrel which led to the fatal shooting started at Collins' Hotel, where the three strangers and Arnold met.

Wesley commenced the row, according to a witness, by striking Arnold on the nose and a scuffle ensued.

Stewart took his revolver in his hand and threatened to shoot Arnold and Frank Huff who was also present.

Hotly pursued

Arnold got away and ran up the road to Simmons' Hotel, followed by Huff and hotly pursued by the three men from out of town.

Wesley asked Arnold to go into Simmons and have a drink with them. Once inside Wesley took off his overcoat and as Arnold was ridding himself of his outer garment struck him, while Stewart, pistol in hand, stood about four yards away, Huff told the magistrate the next morning.

Fired gun

Huff picked up a piece of wood and hit Stewart over the head and Stewart fired.

Arnold fell, seriously wounded, and despite the efforts of Drs. George and Lewis Langstaff of Richmond Hill and Dr. Aikins of Toronto, passed away at 5 o'clock Wednesday.

Immediately after the shot was fired, Wesley and Stewart ran to the hotel stables and demanded their rig.

But they were refused by Mr. Simmons.

They then started up Yonge Street and Wesley, revolver in hand, attempted to force a teamster to provide them with transportation.

To accomplish his purpose Wesley fired three shots without effect and then threw his gun away.

Armed villagers

The two ran down the sidewalk to Bathurst Street where they were overtaken by an armed party of villagers, in a sleigh.

At the sight of the frowning muzzles of two guns, the fugitives surrendered, and were brought back, ironed together, to the village.

The Liberal described Stewart as about 40 to 45 years of age, with the appearance of a cold-blooded, hardened rascal.

"His features are repulsive, the mouth and teeth brutal in the extreme, forehead low, eyes light blue, and almost expressionless."

Burglar tools

When searched, a kit of burglar's tools was found in his possession.

The prisoners were committed for trial and were taken to Toronto Wednesday morning. Investigation was carried on before Magistrate Chapman, Toronto.

Young John Arnold was on a visit to his mother and sisters from the Canadian North West, at the time of the murder.

In May, a brief news item in The Liberal stated the trial would take place the next week — and after that nothing.



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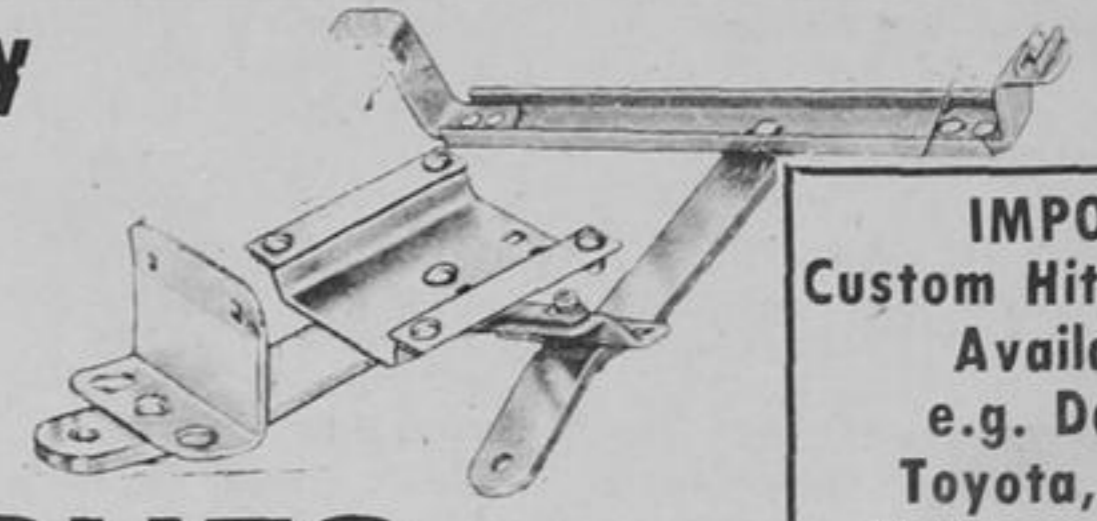
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Special memorial service music

The annual memorial service will be held at Victoria Square United Church June 1, at 11:30 am, with the Rev. Victor Shepherd in charge. There will also be special music. Following the service a pot luck luncheon will be held in the Sunday school room. Beverages will be supplied. Everyone welcome.

Rehearsal
The next rehearsal for the choir that will be singing at the united service June 8 will be held June 3 at the church.

UCW
The May meeting of the UCW was held in the Sunday school room Wednesday evening of last week, with Mrs. Earl Empringham in charge. The worship service was conducted by Mrs. Empringham assisted by Mrs. Richard Frisby, Mrs. Norman Bell and Mrs.

Fair princess
We regret that the name of the first runner-up in the Fair Queen contest was given incorrectly last week as Judy Godson, 18. It should have been Judy Godman.

Victoria Square

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Harold Hill. The film, "Heritage 75" was shown, relating the past 50 years of the United Church, which was very much enjoyed.

Clean-up bee
A clean-up bee will be held at the cemetery May 30 after supper, in preparation for the annual memorial service June 1.

Lions
Did you know that the Victoria Square District Lions Club has donated \$500 to Mrs. and Mrs. Turner and family of Gormley, who were burned out in April.

The Lions have also pledged \$500 each year for the next three years to York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

Neighborhood notes
A speedy recovery is wished for Mrs. Frank Brumwell who underwent surgery in York Central Hospital last week.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. David Houck and boys in the passing of Mrs. Houck's mother, Mrs. Tasker.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wideman and Cara entertained some of the members of the Wideman and Johnston families Saturday evening, the occasion being Don's birthday. Congratulations to Marguerite Frisby who recently won a trophy for placing second in the Safety Poster contest sponsored by the Mark' m Lions Club. Marguerite is a grade 4 student at Jackson's Hill Public School.

Birthdays greetings to Scott Brumwell, May 30; Bryan Gee, May 31; Larry Sanderson, May 31; Mrs. Neil Mortson, June 4.

Wedding anniversary greeting to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill married 37 years, June 1; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Buchanan, married 18 years, June 1; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Orr, married 26 years, June 4.

Letters

Business, industry, professions disappoint

Cancer Society thanks campaign supporters

Dear Editor:
May I through the courtesy of your newspaper, thank publicly all those volunteer workers who recently took on the job of collecting donations for the Canadian Cancer Society.

This year's cancer campaign has gone well in spite of "competition" from the hospital fund raising efforts (another very worthy cause) and the generosity of the residents of the Hill has been quite heartwarming.

As your readers will understand, trying to cover every house and apartment in Richmond Hill is no easy task, and although we may not have achieved a 100 percent coverage, we came close to it.

I wish I could say the same for the local business, industry and professional fraternity, who, in spite of an increase in numbers, have donated a good deal less than last year.

For this, the team captains and their many collectors gave unstintingly of their time and efforts and I think well deserve sincere thanks from all of us.

Of course, this may be due to the fact we have not covered them as well as we should have, and if this is so, and if they would still care enough to make a donation, large or small, we would be very glad to receive it at 10212A Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 3B6.

GERRY CRACK,
President,
10212A Yonge Street,
Richmond Hill, Ont.

Lake Wilcox community downgraded

"Dear" Editor:
Concerning your so-called cartoon in the May 14 edition, about the Lake Wilcox area, I think it was downgrading the community. (Chances are you'll still find an outhouse in other areas of Richmond Hill.)

This cartoon showed a great deal of discrimination towards the people of this area and their homes. Obviously you don't appreciate us.

However, may I remind you this matter wasn't introduced to the people of this area by vote.

Before the Town of Richmond Hill "adopted" us, I had received the idea many people liked it very much the way it was!

We enjoy our outhouses! There is no waiting in line.

JOHN BISHOP,
41 Fergus Avenue,
Lake Wilcox, Ont.

STOUFFVILLE: The 15 minute question and answer period recently approved by council was rescinded last week after only being implemented once.

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