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## Founder Of Lions Club To Visit Richmond Hill

The greatest honor that could be paid to Richmond Hill Lions Club will take place on January 6 next when the founder of Lionism, Melvin Jones, Secretary-General of Lions International will visit this club in person. This will indeed be a most outstanding event in the history of the local Lions Club.

Much of the credit for this coming event is due to our own Lion Ed Butlin, Chairman of Program and Entertainment Committee, a real worker in Lionism in the interest of Richmond Hill Lions Club.

Last Thursday evening the local Lions Club held their regular business meeting with all members present, except three. At this meeting committee chairmen made their regular reports on the various activities of the club. Lion Bill Scandrett gave a most interesting report on Education followed by Lion Howard Jackson on Activities, Lion Bill Horner on Attendance, Lion Len Clement on Sick and Visiting, Lion Frank Schuster on Finances, Lion Paul Angle on Civic Projects, Lion Gil Clubine on Boys' and Girls' work, Lion John Wilson on Membership, Lion Ed Butlin on Program and Entertainment. This committee is doing an outstanding job in keeping Richmond Hill Lions Club in the lime light in Lionism. This committee prepared a club Roster with complete information and had them in the hands of every member at the opening meeting of the season on September 2. Speakers and arrangements for every meeting for the entire year is complete including the personal appearance of Melvin Jones on January 6. It was also announced by Lion Ed that the annual Ladies' Night would be again held same time and same place as last year. He also announced that our speaker on November 4 on Health and Welfare night would be Dr. Dennis Howell. Lion Allan Bales reported on Welfare, outlining a most interesting program being carried on in this community, at the conclusion of his report a special collection was taken up and forty dollars realized in aid of a very special cause here in our village. The final report was given by Lion Bill Wagner on Public Relations, at the conclusion of his report he presented the club with a complete set of hand lettered lapel badges neatly mounted on a board painted in Lions colors, purple and gold. This meeting was held by candle light owing to the evening shut-off of Hydro. The meeting in the candle light was unique in the enthusiasm displayed by all members and particularly in the splendid reports given by the various committee chairmen, proving the value of this splendorous community.

## Historical Notes On Maple

(The following paper was written by Mrs. Arnold Rumble and read at a recent meeting of Maple Women's Institute)

Maple was known as Thamesville 119 years ago when the main road ran eastward from Dr. Walbau's hill to Yonge Street, not going through the village as the south end was still swamp. A few years later a road was built through the swamp and in 1829 the Scotch people of the locality, desiring a place to worship, built a Presbyterian Church across from where the present one stands. In 1839 MacLachlan's stone house was built, better known as Oliver's. In 1848 my great-grandfather, James Woods came to Maple as the community was then called this made the fifth family, the others being Oliver, Rupert and two Nobles. Dr. Routley's house and the one I am now living in, owned by Mrs. Geo. Jarrett were built in 1849. Hammers and saws and square headed wooden nails were about the only available tools. In the same year, James Wood built a blacksmith shop where Robson's garage now stands. In this shop wagons, buggies and ploughs were made and repaired.

The Masonic Lodge was started in 1854 with James Woods as master. He was considered the first Free Mason in the Dominion of Canada. The first school was where Elmo Keffer now lives. A Miss McQuarrie was one of the first teachers. Through the years this building must have been destroyed and another one built at the south end of the village. In the year 1861, the school which stood a little closer to the road than our present one, was burned and a third school was erected at the cost of \$800. The present Presbyterian Church was built in 1862, in 1866 the Masonic Hall, in 1870 the Methodist Church. Then in 1878 fire destroyed all the buildings from Lawrie's Corner to the Methodist Church. Maple's first bank was located at Lawrie's Corner and was known as the Sterling Bank. This building now stands behind the home of Mrs. E. Hemphill.

Dilworth was the agent at Richmond Hill station located here. The Grand Trunk Railway train, carrying mail for Richmond Hill stopped at the station five times a day and was met by a stage coach each time. James Hood carried the mail to Richmond Hill on his back. People came in buggies and wagons to the one service in the Presbyterian Church and the two services in the Methodist. Young boys came two and three miles to church on Sunday night just to walk home with the girls. Maple at one time had a sawmill where lumber was cut, a planing mill and a rope factory. The Post Office was run by J. P. Rupert and George Smith kept the grocery store. One hotel, where liquor was sold, was located where Dr. Bigford's home is now. The other, known as Rumble's hotel, stood on the present site of the Villa, and now is Mr. Quinton's home. This hotel supplied food meals for 25c and board was \$4.50 a week. A retail liquor store was where Simonson's Order Office is now. There were also two shoemakers' shops where girls and boys had their boots made, and a funeral parlour, operated by Mr. Hellstrop, on Mr. Quinton's property.

In 1893, the old school house was demolished and in 1894, the present building was erected, costing \$3200. In the same year the creamery was built, where butter and cheese was made. It was run by Bill Robinson. In 1895 the Anglican Church was built and in 1898, Mr. Knight moved his funeral parlour from Teston to Maple.

The first Women's Institute meeting was held in an old shed at the hotel in 1899, known as Richardson's. Dances were also held in this shed.

L. Richardson kept a harness shop where marriage licenses could be bought for \$2.00. In 1904 Richmond Hill station was burned and the present one was built. At this time the name was changed to Maple and the C.N.R. bought the Grand Trunk Railway. Cattle and hogs were shipped by Cousins and Targart from this point and farmers marketed their grain here. In 1904, J. B. McLean built the Standard Bank on the present site of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and in 1910 Bert Jackson and Dr. Routley had the first cars.

When Maple was surveyed, Norman McCullough's front door is the center of Maple. In 1910, the United Phone Company came to Maple and located in Henry Bales' house. In 1914 Hydro came to Maple from Woodbridge and in the same year, World War I broke out. In 1918, November 11, peace was declared, and the boys from Maple returned leaving only one of their comrades, Morris Gardener, beneath foreign soil. On their return the boys were presented with gold watches by the township. In 1921, a building was bought by shareholders from an airport on Dufferin street and transported to Maple by teams and wagons. From this building the Community Hall was erected.

In 1925 the Methodist Church was changed to the United Church by vote. In 1928 Maple became a Police Village and in 1929 the first trustees were elected: Tom Cousins, Hiron Keffer and Guy Lawrie. In the same year the park property was bought and also the first fire reels. Three veteran firemen are still with the brigade, namely Donald Allan, William Johnson (Sr.) and Charles Cooper.

In the years between 1929 and 1939 depression struck the country including Maple. Then in 1939 World War II broke out.

In 1941 Jane's Hotel was torn down and the Maple Villa built. May 8, 1945 was V. E. Day and on August 15, 1945, V. J. Day was declared. To celebrate these days the community at large, in their rags and finery, gathered at the Concert Hall. The following night, during a free dance a collection was taken and this was the beginning of the Young Men's Club, which sponsored our present Sports Bowl. This club was later taken over by older men of the village and was named Maple Recreation Association.

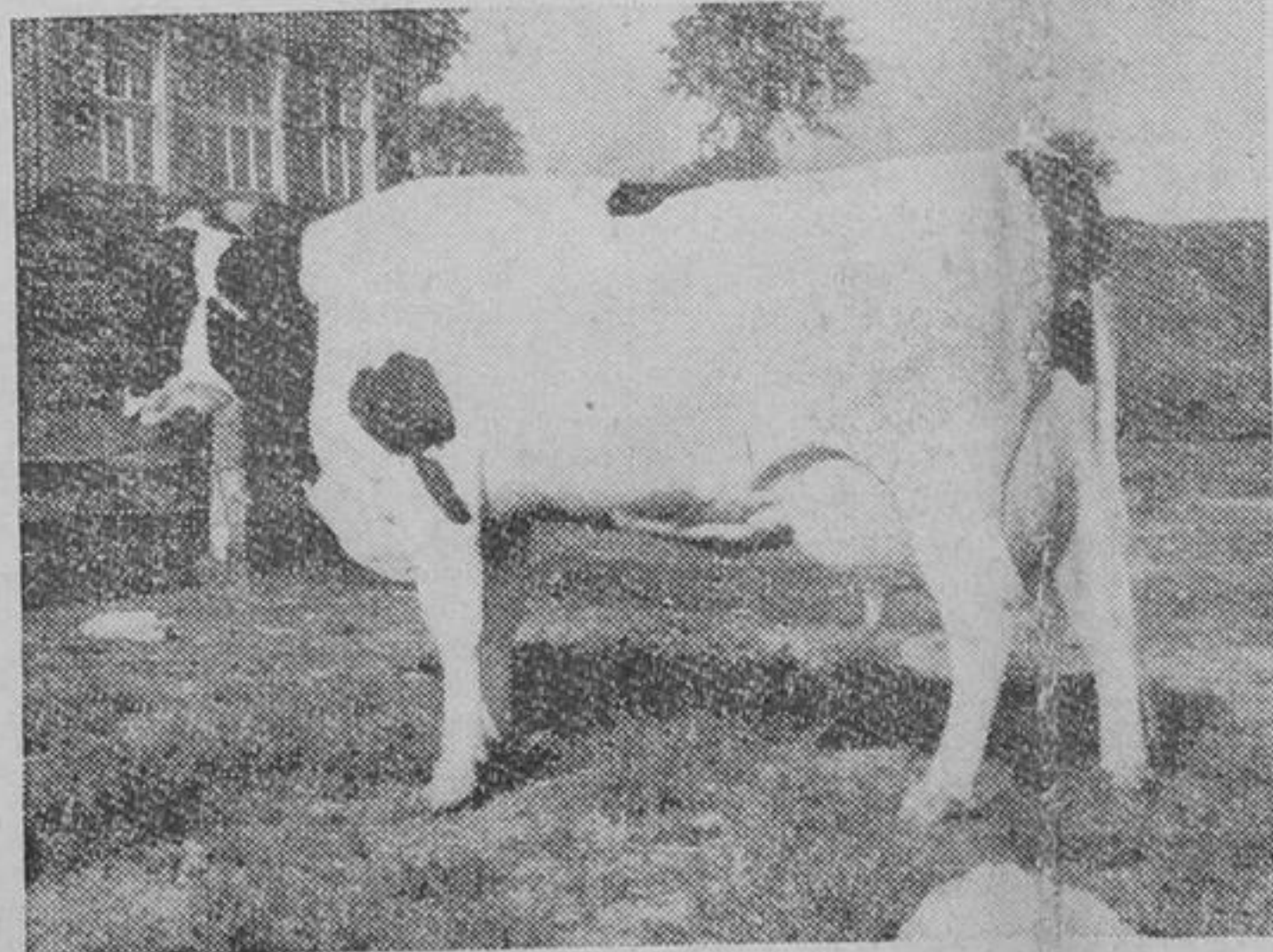
Maple was very fortunate in having only one casualty in World War II. Oscar Wilson was wounded but returned to Maple with the rest of our boys. The township presented these boys with leather club bags. In the same year the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association was begun. In the spring of 1946 work was started on the Sports Bowl and in the same year a Lacrosse team was formed by Cal Miller. This team won the Jack Smith Trophy for 1946-47.

In 1947 Imperial Oil began their Essothane Gas Service in an around Maple. In 1948 the first Lions Club was formed in this village. This club sponsored Old Home Week in September of this year and the key of Maple was presented to Mr. David Cooper, the oldest resident.

On September 28, 1948, Maple Lacrosse team won the Ontario B Championship. Ray Rumble, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rumble, is the sixth generation of the James Wood family, mentioned in the first part of this history, to live in Maple.

**HOCKEY MEETING**  
All interested in playing or supporting juvenile or junior hockey in Richmond Hill this season are asked to meet in the municipal hall next Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

## Vaughan Holstein Is World Champ



A World Record for butterfat production over all breeds has just been established in the two-year-old class by this Canadian Holstein. She is Roeland Rag Apple Lilly owned by John W. Greenwood Maple, and she produced 827 lbs. fat from 18,593 lbs. milk as a junior two-year-old on twice-a-day milking, in 365 days with a test of 4.45.

## Many Objections Raised To Markham Twp. Building By-Law

There was considerable opposition to Markham Township Building By-law when a large number of ratepayers appeared before the Municipal Board at its sittings in Unionville Tuesday. Many objections were raised to various clauses in the by-law which is designed to regulate building in the municipality, specifying the size of required house, size of lot, etc.

Chas. Hooper, former reeve gave details as to the destructive effect of various clauses upon his properties and suggested adjourning the whole matter for three months so that it could be examined and discussed without rushing it through on such short notice.

Solicitor J. D. Lucas tried to pacify several objectors and in one case advised putting plans for a proposed building through immediately to avoid the effect of the proposed new by-law. Objection was taken to this advice because it satisfied only one person whereas future builders would still be under the baneful effect of the clauses.

Mr. Bursill, of Thornhill, stated there were many people living in one room downtown where children were barred. Some had newly arrived from England and they were only allowed to bring a small amount of their savings with them. This made it impossible to build with the by-laws as they are. To pass these fantastic new laws would condemn such people to a miserable existence with all the restrictions of the downtown rooming houses.

After persistent attacks upon the proposed by-law it was adjourned sine die.

The following gentlemen addressed the board: Mr. Hume on his own behalf and a neighbour; Mr. Hewson on behalf of the Canadian National Railway who objected to Clause 18 which he explained would practically prohibit the use of land owned by the C.N.R. for industrial buildings.

Wesley C. Gohn, former County Warden stated the proposed by-law would seriously affect 2 houses he owned close to the road.

Mr. Temple, owner of a mink ranch, Mr. Guy Butcher, Mr. Fred Bacher, who stated that it would be impossible to build semi-detached houses if the by-law passed. Mr. Watson, Mr. Shelmerdine and Mr. Campbell also spoke.

Mr. W. Anstey, trustee of Thornhill, stated that village trustees should be consulted in important matters such as the proposed by-law and Mr. Finlay also suggested a 3-month hoist for the by-law. Mr.

Carver submitted a plan showing a small house to suit aged people which could be heated at a reasonable cost but could in no sense of the term be called a shack. He suggested zoning to accommodate people requiring exclusive homes.

A petition signed by 25 property owners was filed against the by-law.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Once again the Public School pupils have decided by a large majority to collect pennies on Saturday evening, October 30th. They are following up what seems now to be an established custom and it is hoped that the citizens of Richmond Hill will co-operate as they have done in former years.

This year such sums as are collected will go to our local Lions Club as a contribution to their juvenile work of rendering assistance to those young people who are underprivileged and unfortunate through no fault of their own.

We thank the people of Richmond Hill not only for past help in making this effort a success but also in anticipation of continued aid on this occasion.

Signed on behalf of the Public School Staff and Pupils —  
WALTER SCOTT

## BOWLING NOTES

The Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club finished the season with a dinner at Bettie's Coffee Shop, after which the reports of the year's activities were received and officers elected for the coming year. Mr. N. Chatterly gave an encouraging report of the finances of the club and Mrs. E. Lecuyer presented the report from the ladies section. Both showed the clubs ended the year with substantial surpluses and all outstanding debts paid. The following officers were elected for 1949: President, M. Hall; vice-pres., A. Rice; sec., R. K. Young; treas., N. Chatterly. The following chairmen were elected to the various committees: Games, R. Casement, E. Hall; greens, R. Lynett; tournaments, A. White; membership, L. H. Clement; ladies' games, Mrs. A. White; refreshments, Mrs. A. Rice.

## BADMINTON CLUB MEETING

A meeting of the Richmond Hill Badminton Club will be held in the municipal hall, Wednesday evening, November 3rd, at 8 p.m., it has been announced by R. Johnston, president.

## And As For Apple Pie Richmond Hill Takes The Cake Says Toronto Columnist

In a recent issue of a column entitled "The Pen and I" conducted by Hugh McConkey in The Leader, a weekly Toronto paper, the following paragraphs occur with respect to the turkey supper provided a few weeks ago by St. Mary's Catholic parish in the Arena:—

"Sad commentary on people... but until last week I had never attended a country church turkey social. At the insistent urging of Frank McGinn we drove up into the country and had one of the finest meals I've ever eaten — hot roast turkey with cranberry sauce, gobs of

mashed potatoes, fresh carrots and peas, hot rolls, country butter and pie! And, man oh man, what pie... apple, custard, raisin, blueberry, lemon... all waiting to be lifted onto my plate. From the minute I entered the door of the hall I was made to feel welcome, it was just like sitting down to the table with my neighbours... two or three hundred of them. I liked it, and I'm going back again. And just to start the ball rolling, I'd like to go on record as saying that Ontario's best apple pie is made in Richmond Hill. Any doubters?!"

## D.D.G.M. Paid Visit To Richmond Lodge

R. W. Bro. Norman Johnston of Aurora, district deputy grand master, Toronto District C, paid his official visit to Richmond Lodge A.F. & A.M. last Wednesday night, and was greeted by a large attendance of local members and visitors from Toronto and district lodges. Following the work in the Lodge room a sumptuous banquet was enjoyed and the customary toasts honored. The D.D.G.M. highly complimented Lambert Atkinson, ruling master of Richmond Lodge and his officers on the excellence of their work and delivered an inspiring message to the assembled brethren of masonry.

## Fine Weather For King & Vaughan Plowing Match

Ideal fall weather, a choice site, a large number of keen competitors and a record crowd combined to make the annual King and Vaughan Plowing Match Tuesday afternoon one of the most successful and enjoyable in history. Held on the beautiful farm of Norman Bryson, con. 6, Vaughan land and conditions were ideal for plowing and some excellent work was accomplished.

A most sumptuous hot dinner was served by the ladies of Laskay church and in the hall following the dinner, President Gordon Orr presided for the presentation of prizes. A complete list of prize winners will appear in our next issue.

## R.H.H.S. Sport Slants

By Keith Teetzl

On Thursday, October 21, the six-man rugby season opened with a game between R.H.H.S. and Earl Haig C. I. with a game at the local high school. There was a splendid turnout of students and the members of the team hope that this moral support is continued throughout the season.

When the game was over, R.H.H.S. turned up on the short end of a 12-6 score.

Shortly after the game started Geoff Jones of E.H.C.I. recovered a fumble in the Richmond Hill backfield and plunged across the line for the first major score. Len Redman of Earl Haig kicked for a point as did Warhame, also of E.H.C.I. Near the end of the game this same man intercepted a long pass which was attempted by Richmond Hill and after wading through nearly all of the R.H.H.S. team went across for another five points.

In the last part of the first half, Sil Steffan threw a pass to Pete Tobias and Pete went over for a touchdown. This touchdown was converted on a pass from Sandy Neal to John Atkinson.

The next game is at Newmarket on Thursday, October 28.

## ANNIVERSARY SERVICES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There was a large congregation last Sunday morning at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church for the observance of the one hundred and thirty-first anniversary of the congregation. The guest preacher was Rev. Ross K. Cameron of Dovercourt Rd. Presbyterian Church who delivered an inspiring sermon. The choir under the leadership of Mrs. Hirtle rendered two anthems which were very much appreciated by the large congregation.

## SAFE SOLVENTS

Each year many industrial workers suffer injuries through the misuse of cleaning or degreasing solvents. Used in the proper manner in well-ventilated places, most solvents are entirely safe, but even the smallest solvent operation is a potential danger if it is not properly conducted. Solvent fumes are dangerous. They should be treated with respect.

## THE GROWING YEARS

All through the growing years children need vitamin D. They need it winter and summer if they are to build strong bones and teeth and ward off the danger of rickets. Vitamin D is cheap and easy to obtain in drop, liquid or capsule form. A child cannot usually get enough vitamin D in his regular diet.

## DANCE

Dancing every Saturday night High School auditorium, Aurora, 8.15 to 11.45 p.m.

## Community Church Service Marks 75th Anniversary

Richmond Hill's 75th anniversary as an incorporated village was fittingly marked by a community church service in the United Church last Sunday evening. The church, beautifully decorated for the occasion with baskets and standards of choice Richmond Hill roses was filled to capacity for the historic service.

Rev. C. B. Brethen, minister of the United Church presided and was assisted in the service by Rev. W. F. Wrixon, rector of St. Mary's Anglican Church and Rev. S. W. Hirtle of the Presbyterian church. The guest speaker was Rev. H. S. Warren, a native son of the village and a son of a member of the first municipal council, Wm. S. Warren.

Reeve P. C. Hill, members of the 1948 council, former reeves, Warden Ken Thompson of York County, Parliamentary representatives, and reeves of district municipalities with their ladies occupied seats at the front of the church.

Rev. Brethen extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the church and extended thanks to all who assisted in making the anniversary celebration successful.

Rev. H. S. Warren said it was a proud experience to return to his native village and preach the sermon on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the municipality. Taking his text from 1st Kings, chapter 21, verse 3 "And Naboth said to Ahab, the Lord forbid that I should give the inheritance of

my fathers unto thee," the speaker commended the spirit of Naboth in cherishing the inheritance of his fathers and urged that to-day we be ever mindful of the fact that real progress can only be based on fundamentals which are sound and good. He recalled that in his boyhood names such as Law, Trench, Langstaff, Hewson, Crosby and many others were household words, and he paid tribute to these and all others who down through the years accepted the responsibility of leadership in the community affairs. "Richmond Hill has made progress in years past" he said "and the future is in your hands."

A choir representative of village churches under the leadership of A. Meleci rendered the anthem "God the Omnipotent" and were highly complimented for their rendition by the guest preacher.

The service programs provided by the municipality contained in addition to the evening order of service, the names of the first municipal council of 1873, and the names of the 1948 council. It is noteworthy that Reeve P. C. Hill, the thirteenth chief magistrate of the village in 75 years, is a native son of the municipality, a son of the late David Hill who for many years of Richmond Hill's history was active in the business and public life of the community. Reeve Hill is head of the firm David Hill & Co. Ltd., Richmond Hill's oldest established business.

## York County Grain Team Wins Provincial Championship

Competing in the Provincial Inter-Club Contest held at the Ontario Agricultural College last Friday two York County teams maintained past successes when the Grain Team won the provincial championship in that contest with an entry of thirty teams while the Markham Dairy Calf Team came third in a field of 51, being nine points behind the winning team from Peel County.

The grain team composed of Earl Boynton of Woodbridge, high man in this competition and second high man for the entire day, and Clare Eves of Queensville, were very evenly matched. Their combined score of 1103 out of 1200 was the high for the day in all competitions. In second place came the Ontario County team. Carl and Clare will represent the Province of Ontario in the National Club Contests held in Toronto during the first week of the Royal Winter Fair. The boys were coached by Assistant Agricultural Representative, Archie McKenzie of Newmarket.

Lester Weatherill, Unionville and Edward McGriskin, Agincourt, made a splendid showing in the dairy competition totalling up 1080 points. The Grenville County team were second. York had no entries in the Food and Clothing contests. The former was won by Perth County and the latter by Middlesex. The South Simcoe team won Beef honours, while Elgin took the Swine, Leeds the Poultry and Welland the Potatoes.

Over 400 contestants and their judges sat down to a banquet in the College Dining Hall where the trophies were presented to the winning teams following greetings from Hon. W. Goodfellow, Minister of Public Welfare. The meeting was presided over by W. R. Reek, President of the Ontario Agricultural College and suitable entertainment rounded out a busy and interesting day for all participating.

## Thornhill Students Back To Study After Summer Activities

No one could accuse Thornhill's University students of frittering away time, or opportunities, for all spent their summer holidays gaining practical experience in their chosen fields, and making money to assist with college expenses.

Mary Kertland, who are taking the Occupational Therapy course each did a stint of hospital interning. Mary Kertland was at the Westminster Hospital in London, Ont., Mary Howard at the Toronto Psychiatric Hospital, and Belle Jaeger at the Homewood Sanitarium in Guelph. Arts student, Leona Jeffery, was with the Camp Division of the Neighbourhood Workers in Toronto.

Peter Wade decided to capitalize on his hobby of photography. He took a job in the dark room of a Toronto photographer, and also formed the partnership of Wade and Ford with two friends, Alan and Eric Ford of Steele's Ave. (who entered the University this year). The boys were greatly in demand for taking pictures at weddings, receptions, street fairs, etc. and in private homes, and have been known to take a photograph and return with the finished print within an hour. They will carry on with this work during the winter in spare hours. Peter is also picture publicity man for University College and one of his photographs appeared recently in the Globe and Mail.

For the second successive year, nineteen-year-old Peter has won the Henry John Cody Scholarship, will continue to receive it each remaining year of his Mathematics and Physics course, provided he continues to obtain an honor percentage in all his subjects.

It was also decided that the students resume publication of the school magazine "The Tatler." June Collard, editor, outlined the plans of its publication. After the business meeting, Fifth Form supplied a varied and enjoyable programme. Featured were Fifth Form on Parade, The Red Carnations and a song by the Marksmen, the school quartet.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, with Fourth Form in charge. Parents and friends are asked to mark Friday, November 12, on their calendars as this is the evening set aside for the annual commencement of R.H.H.S. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. H. R. Bettie, Director of Guidance for the Department of Education. Mr. Elson, our new principal and Mrs. Davies will be on hand with the other teachers to meet parents. Music will be supplied by the Glee Club and the Marksmen. An enjoyable evening is in store for all.

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High School Notes

By Arthur Bone  
Last Friday the Literary Society of Richmond Hill High School held its first meeting for the 1948-49 season. The main item of business was the report from the Memorial Committee. After a short discussion, it was decided that the Society be responsible for the erection of a memorial tablet in memory of the ex-students who gave their lives in the First and Second Great Wars. The cost of such a bronze tablet is approximately \$500.00 and a committee will be formed to raise and finance the funds.

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