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### General News & Views

Six Stouffville householders were taken to court for failing to have a radio license.

From January 16th to February 13th the temperature was very seldom many degrees above the zero mark.

The manufacturers of artificial limbs are enjoying a boom in business because of motor accidents. If you drive carefully, you just take bread out of the mouth of the wooden-leg maker's little ones.

"When a farmer sells you a barrel of apples you find his reputation at the top of the barrel, but when you work down a bit you discover his character."—John McNeil.

We are told of a man who fell asleep in a dentist's chair while having a tooth drilled. He felt bored, of course.

Alas! By the time a man outgrows Santa Claus, he believes rich men are eager to let him share in a sure thing.

Another need of the times is a typewriter that will make a noncommittal wiggle when you aren't sure about the spelling.

Remembering the relief and old age pensions, the young people will begin to wonder why they want a job.

In a world where men don't believe today what they fought over yesterday why should they so bitterly contest for theories which they may abandon tomorrow?

Few men become so great and independent that they can afford to do without a good neighbour, says the Peterboro Examiner.

A gossip is one who talks to you about others; a bore is one who talks to you about himself; and a brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself, slyly remarks the editor of the Galt Reporter.

As a result of the rubber factory going into bankruptcy, the Town of Orillia is out \$50,000 having given the enterprise a loan to that extent. This year's payment will take 2.3 mills and a tax rate of not less than 52 mills is expected. We never could understand how the citizens of Orillia fell for this proposition that, to outsiders, looked almost impossible of success.

Someone has started the old song about "Spring is just around the corner." Judging from the weather that has prevailed for the past three or four weeks, one is inclined to doubt that statement, although it is a great relief at times to think that we will get some warm weather if we wait long enough.

The average person, on reaching the age of 70 years, has spent 23 years in bed, another 23 in pleasure, 6 years in eating, nearly 2 years in washing and some 13 years in talking. But we all know people who are not "average." Some of them, indeed, seem at times to have talked continuously for 13 years.

Last Thursday night the district experienced the worst blizzard of the winter. All night the wind blew and the snow piled in great drifts making the roads and even the highways almost impassable.

It is seldom one of the congregation talks out in church. However when one does that is news. In the Stouffville United Church last Sunday Rev. Laidlaw was declaring that there were those who believed every word in the old testament was actually dictated by God to the Saints who wrote them down. I am here to say that that is utterly wrong and that it is not true, said the minister. "It is true," just as confidently declared a solemn voice from the congregation. From then on everyone listened intently to the sermon but there were no more interruptions. It might be added that at a meeting of the United Church official board on the following Thursday the Minister advised the Board to look for a new clergyman.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 6th, the Toronto Board of Education by a vote of 15 to 1 re-affirmed its opposition to any further concessions being granted to Roman Catholic Separate Schools.

### WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
From Our Issue of Feb. 20th, 1896  
Messrs. J. T. Saigeon of Maple, and J. B. McLean of Purpleville, are auditing the accounts of the clerk and treasurer of Vaughan this week at the clerk's office here.

The Newmarket Era last week congratulated itself on having secured the county printing for the year 1896. It will be a mean man who will begrudge brother Jackson all he makes out of the job at the price tendered for.

The curlers have commenced their series of games for the Smith medal. So far the following games have been played, the first named being the skip of the winning rink:  
W. H. Pugsley, 14 J. Palmer, 12  
Rev. J. Vickery, 15 P. G. Savage 8  
J. Mortson, 25 J. Palmer, 10

The East York Plowmen's Association held their annual meeting at Webber's Hotel, Unionville, Monday, for the election of officers and to receive the treasurer's report. There was a good attendance. Amongst those present were noticed Warden Slater, John Little, S. Rennie, Wm. Milliken, Alex. Pingle, R. Petch, Wm. Stiver, George Gormley. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$109, after holding a successful plowing match, when upwards of \$300 was paid in prizes. The following officers were elected: President, Wm. Milliken; Vice-President, John Lawrie; Secretary-Treasurer, Thos. Hood; Directors, Jonathan Slater (Warden of York County), S. Rennie, John Little, Alex. Dougherty, George Gormley, John Morgan, R. Petch, A. Quantz, Wm. Stiver, F. Marsh, F. W. Jackes, Wm. McDonald, George Forester, R. McLean, Frank Weir, Alex. Pingle; Auditors, J. F. Davison and Wm. McDonald.

The annual competition for the silver cup and pair of curling stones presented by Mr. J. Kelly, of the Palmer House, took place here on Thursday and Friday last. The ice was perfect and everything passed by without a hitch of any kind. Five clubs competed, Markham and Scarborough not being able to reach here on account of the snow storm. On Thursday, Markham team defaulted to Thornhill, later in the afternoon Aurora defeated Thornhill, in the evening Richmond Hill won from the Little Yorks, Friday forenoon Richmond Hill defeated the Aberdeens, and finally in the afternoon Richmond Hill defeated Aurora, thereby winning the stones. The cup must be won three times by the same club before it becomes their property. Bradford has won it once, Markham twice, and the home team twice.

The carnival at Thornhill on Tuesday evening was quite a success, there being a good attendance of skaters and spectators.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
From Our Issue of Feb. 15th, 1906  
Wednesday evening of last week in the home of Mr. William S. Shand, 5 Rusholme Road, Toronto, the marriage of his daughter, Miss Agnes Shand, to Mr. Milton Belmont Savage of Richmond Hill, was celebrated in the presence of about fifty guests. The bride, who was given away by her father, and attended by her sister, Miss Mae C. Shand, as maid of honor, and Miss Nina Spence, as bridesmaid, was gowned in white point d'esprit, elaborately trimmed with baby ribbon and mounted on taffeta. With this pretty dress she wore as ornament the groom's gift, a pearl sunburst, and an embroidered silk tulle veil wreathed with orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The bride's attendants were also in white, the maid of honor wearing a dainty point d'esprit over silk, and the bridesmaid a becoming voile over taffeta. Each carried pink carnations and wore the groom's favor—a crescent pearl brooch. Mr. William C. Shand acted as best man, and Mr. Archie Savage as groomsmen. Mr. and Mrs. Savage left for a trip to Buffalo and other points in that vicinity, the bride travelling in a suit of red chiffon broadcloth, white furs and white tulle hat, with osprey and mink trimmings.

### BUTTONVILLE

The past weeks have been busy ones for the local Women's Institute. The regular meeting held at the home of Mrs. Norman Reid was largely attended. An address, illustrated with pictures dealing with interesting places seen on her European tour, was ably given by Mrs. Wm. Rodick. Readings by Misses Viola and Norma Middleton were much appreciated as was a delightful solo by Mrs. Taylor. The hostesses were Mrs. Reid, Mrs. C. Hooper, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. D. E. Hood.

Another enjoyable afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. David Brown when two quilts were quilted. Those responsible for this meeting were Mrs. Brown, Miss Janet Brown, Miss Della Stephenson, Mrs. Burr, Della Burr, Mrs. D. Brown, Mrs. Brillingier.

Two enjoyable euchre and crokinole parties have been held under the auspices of the Women's Institute. The first at the home of Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson. Prize winner were, ladies, Mrs. Calvert Miss Janet Brown; gents, Ross Hord, R. Boyington. Crokinole, Myrtle Burr.

Hostesses were, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. C. Thomson, Mrs. Wm. Elliott, Mrs. McGimpsey, Miss Janet French and Mrs. Calvert.

The second party was held at the home of Miss Cora Hooper. Prize winners were, Mrs. B. Weldrick, Miss Helen Fierheller, Mr. H. Perkin, Mr. D. Brown, and for crokinole Miss Janet French. Hostesses were, Miss Cora Hooper, Mrs. Chas. Hooper, Mrs. N. Reid, Mrs. J. McQuay, Mrs. D. Hood.

Where is the man?  
You know the man!  
The man who said last fall

"Of all the winters we have had (because the rabbits and all the smaller fur bearing animals have a very slight coat: the squirrels laid in only a small amount of winter food; the wild geese were late about flying South; there were few husks on the ears of corn; the groundhog has an abundant supply of corn syrup in his endocrine gland; the woodchuck shows signs of having a double yolk pituitary gland in his brain, making hibernation unnecessary; all these signs showing) This will be the openist winter of all."

Where is that man?  
"Oh, what a man!"  
Let us his memory keep;  
They found him frozen, cold and (at a "Nudist Colony")  
In a snow drift twelve feet deep.

William Parr of Harrison, Arkansas, U.S.A., died suddenly on Jan. 31st. He was born in Albion Twp. Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. John Wilson, Palgrave; Mrs. Robert Wilson, Bolton; Mrs. Dan McCrimmon, Toronto; and Mrs. J. E. Scott, Nashville, and one brother Thomas Parr, Bolton.

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