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GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Your date with Daisy is next Wed- | nesday, August 12th.

Newmarket will be the meeting place of the Canadian Bandmasters' Association on August 8th and 9th.

Sunday morning the 2nd Battalion of Queen's York Rangers left for two weeks camp at Niagara.

There were 127 speeding cases at Newmarket court last week. Drive a fine.

Maybe it is a good thing the dead can't return to earth. Just suppose Confucius returned and heard some of the sayings that are attributed to him!

John G. McDonald, Aurora public school principal for over thirty years and a native of Vaughan Township, Alexander MacGregor K. C. is spending his summer holidays helping on the farm.

> It will probably cheer up Mr. Ilsley to know that despite everything the people of Canada have more money in the bank than they had! at this time last year.

York county and Whitchurch township police are investigating the theory of old-fashioned cattle theft - the kind that comes out of a wild west magazine. They suspect cattle thieves are responsible for the loss of two Durham calves from the pasture of Edgar Thompson, three miles north of Aurora.

Two negroes were discussing their

"Taint gwine to do 'em no good to pick on me," said Sam, "cause I ain't gwine to do no fightin'! Ah ain't lost nothin' in dem countries an' dey can't make me fight."

"You may be right," replied Mose "Uncle Sam can't make you all fight but he can take yo' where de fightin is an' den yo' use yo' own judg-

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Job had patience, but we bet he never tried to keep the mosquitoes

away with a spray gun.

Mrs. Harry Rumble of Gormley has received a cable advising of the safe arrival in England of her husband Pte. Harry W. Rumble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rumble of King.

Col. G. H. Basher, former governor of the Langstaff Jail Farm, who slowly and save your tires - also has been on active service since the start of the war, and who recently received a promotion, is engaged on duty with commando troops in Brit-

> Johnnie (to new visitor): So you are my grandma, are you?

> Grandma-Yes, Johnnie, I'm your grandma on your father's side.

wrong side; you'll soon find that out! Officer: And when you join the parachute corps, you must learn

their theme song. Recruit: Theme song? What is

Officer: It don't mean a thing, if you don't pull the string.

Postmaster-General Mulock told the House of Commons on Saturday night Canada's post offices during the past fiscal year had sold \$49,-000,000 worth of war savings stamps. He instanced this as one of many activities unconnected with handling the mails in which postal branches had been engaged in since the war began.

The Ontario farmer, hard-pressed for help in harvesting his crops, was assisted by the Provincial Cabinet last week when an Order-in-Council was passed which will close all Secondary Schools from September 8th to September 21st inclusive, in order to aid harvesting. Normally, the Secondary Schools, now on vacation, would re-open early in September.

Thomas Williamson of Stouffville who died recently left an estate of \$81,000. He made provision for a life income for his widow and left some to several relatives, \$1,000 to Stouffville United Church, \$4,000 to Stouffville Cemetery, and about \$40,000 to the poor of Stouffville. However he didn't leave a cent to to upset the will.

raided the Uplands Golf and Country club at Langstaff. They said they seized three slot machines, reputed to be worth together \$1,000, and a small quantity of beer. The club is charged with keeping a common gaming house, police said.

The raid was made by Detective William Martindale and Constables Wallace, Myers and Major. The slot machines were taken to York county police headquarters.

Looks like big doings at Meaford. The report comes from Ottawa that a tract of land consisting of 4,000 acres has been purchased for the establishment of a military camp for armoured units. The area selected is said to be particularly adapted to put tanks and other mechanical equipment for the army through those rigorous tests the training involves. Work will start as soon as possible on the necessary buildings, roads and other facilities and such preparation of the ground as is ne-

Township of Vaughan Tax Sale Notice

taxes in the Township of Vaughan | The boys' softball team from Velwas published in the Ontario Gazette lore and the boys from Nobleton

the arrears of taxes and costs are jority by the Vellore team. The sooner paid, the Treasurer will pro- games were played at Nobleton and ceed to sell the land on the day and | Maple. at the place mentioned in such list | Miss Kay Maginn left Saturday published in the Ontario Gazette. for a month at Big Bay Point, Lake The date of the sale named in the Simcoe. said list is the fifth day of November 1942 at ten o'clock a.m. The sale will take place at the Township Willowdale 418 Office, Maple, Ontario.

Bird Chatter

A black-billed cuckoo has been heard quite often lately in the village. His note is a double one. A friend remarked that it sounds a bit like a turkey in the distance. He is larger than a robin, olive brown above and white below, with a curved bill and a very long tail. He is very shy so rather difficult to see, but he is fond of tent caterpillars so we hope he stays around. Unlike the European member of the family, which lays its eggs in other birds' nests, our cuckoo builds its own

A friend on Roseview called us to see a chipping sparrow's nest in a rose bush on his lawn. In it were three small eggs and one larger one which was that of a cowbird. The cowbirds are the only lazy members of our Canadian bird world. They Johnnie - Well, you're on the do not build nests but lay eggs in small birds' nests. Usually the tiny adult birds are fooied and we have seen them feeding baby cowbirds twice their own size.

Is there any more delightful drive than along a country road bordered by trees? One morning about two weeks ago while driving slowly along such a road we heard a beautiful bird song. Stopping to listen longer we determined the tree from where the music came, and on getting out of the car were pleased to see a purple finch in plain view on a spruce tree. We usually see this bird early in the spring while still some snow is on the ground, but here he was, singing away on this warm summer day. He is a pretty rellow, about sparrow size, more of a deep rose than purple, with pink breast and brown wings.

On the same drive we heard another unusual bird song, very clear and resembling that of the goldfinch. This time it was an indigo bunting perched on a dead limb and very lovely there in the sunshine. He is a small bird of a deep ultramarine colour. The female is a plain brown little bird not at all like her handsome husband. These birds are most useful as they eat many canker

All day long the warbling vireo sings his song. Over and over he repeats that warble which might be "Dickery-Dickery-Dock" if we may attempt to interpret bird music by human words. We wonder that we his daughter by his first wife, Mrs. I missed that song so long for since Edith Cooke, and she's taking action | becoming familiar with it, have heard it so very often. "Having ears and ye hear not," might be applied to York county police this week us all. This little bird is often difficult to locate for we observed this summer that it sings while on the nest, and the nest is usually near the top of a tree. It is a small olive-backed bird, without wing bars and is whitish underneath. The vireos are most useful for their food consists of ninety-one per cent insects and the remainder wild fruit.

Teston and District

As Rev. H. Anderson is now on vacation. Teston Church will be closed on August 9th. On August 16, the service will be conducted by the Y.P.U. Plans for August 23 will I be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelly and Agnes, and Mrs. Wm. Hawman of Nobleton visited friends in this district on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Kingdon visited relatives in Woodbridge on Sunday. Among those vacationing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Constable are Masters Ray and Desmond Ryan, Billy and Eddie Murray.

Members of Laskay Y.P.U. met in the church basement on Thursday evening. The president Marshall MacMurchy conducted a Quiz Pro-Copies of the list of lands for gramme the proceeds of which will sale for arrears of taxes may be had be used to buy a War Savings Cerin the office of the Treasurer, J. tificate. The Y.P.U. members plan M. McDonald, Maple, Ontario. The to take charge of the church service list of lands for sale for arrears of at Laskay next Sunday, August 9.

on the first day of August 1942. have clashed for two games, both Notice is hereby given that unless having been won with a telling ma-

Another problem about enlightened society is that it's a big job to keep it enlightened.

WAY BACK IN THE LIBERAL FILES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From our Issue of August 11, 1927 Jonathan Nigh, a former Warden of York County died at his Markham Township home.

A new macadam roadway is under construction in Unionville.

George Forrester and A. E. Jacks interviewed the council relative to sub-dividing certain property on Richmond Street.

"Murphy on the Bend" was a side show attraction of much interest at the Garden Party under the auspices of the Elgin Mills Athletic Association Wednesday afternoon. In softball Maple defeated Elgin 8-5, the teams being: Maple, Mina Chapman, Laura McCluskey, Winnie McDonald, Rena Morrison, Marie Love, Mary Hollingshead, Effie Jones, Helen Love, Annie Walker; Elgin Mills, M. Healy, G. Burns, O. Raphie, B. Gamble, M. Tyndall, Ella Young, Lillian Burns, Eva Dinner, S. Topper.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was on a visit to Canada.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of August 1, 1912 Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced extensive additions to the British Fleet in the House of Commons.

Harvesters excursion to Western Canada is advertised with fare to Winnipeg quoted at \$10.

The extension of the radial line from Weston to Woodbridge has been postponed until next year. Daniel Kerswill died at his resi-

dence, Conroy Farm, Jefferson, in his 84th year. Mrs. Berwick Weldrick died at Langstaff July 25th in her 46th

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of August 7, 1902 Henry J. Saigeon who has taught school at Jefferson for the past four years has resigned to accept a position in Manitoba.

A cyclone and hailstorm visited the district Sunday. The storm was a real old time "twister" and it played many pranks. It carried off five rods of fence from Walter Benson's farm, and a number of beehives from C. Rollen's. There were hail stones four inches in circumfer-

The villages of East Toronto and Little York have been amalgamated nto a town.

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