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SUNDAY AFTERNOON
 DR. ARCHER WALLACE

Langstaff Church Notes

This Friday evening, December 9, is to be the closing meeting of the Y.P.S. for this year. The special speaker is Mr. Chris Taylor. This is to be Boys Night, when every part of the service will be taken over by the boys. As this is the last meeting before Christmas, a social time will be held after the meeting.

The Women's Fellowship this week is to be held at the home of Mrs. Carter, Langstaff. Next week is to be the special closing Christmas meeting and is to be held at the church at 8 p.m. December 15. An invitation is extended to any women interested in our church fellowship.

Next Sunday, December 11, we have been invited to attend and take charge of a service at Richmond Hill at the Masonic Hall at 8.15 p.m. This will give us time to attend the regular service at Langstaff at 7 p.m. We hope to see as many as possible attend this service in Richmond Hill.

Don't forget Youth for Christ at Thornhill on December 17. Further notice next week.

CANADIAN GIFT TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL
 More than \$20,000.00 has been raised as a gift to the Coventry Cathedral by church organists in Canada, the provost of the Coventry Cathedral, the very Rev. R. T. Howard announced recently. He said that money will go towards construction of a new organ. The disastrous raid of November 14, 1940, destroyed the Cathedral except for the glorious tower and spire and base walls of the nave. Rubble has been cleared from the Cathedral ruins and the site is now laid out with lawns and rock gardens.

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MAKING DETOURS

A friend of mine, who does a lot of motoring, tells me that nothing gets him down so much as having to make detours. It generally means rough going over by-roads, delay and inconvenience.

The detour sign is unpopular in more ways than one. There can't be many people who have not, at some time or other, come face to face with circumstances which forced them to change their plans and adapt themselves to new ways of living.

We are thinking just now of a man we knew years ago. He was born in the north of England, the eldest in a family of six. They were poor people — the father was a labourer in a stone quarry — but what they lacked in worldly goods was made up in character; they were fine people and devoted to each other. This eldest boy, William, had shown unusual aptitude at school and he was encouraged to hope that some day he might be sent to a school of higher learning, something considered a rare privilege at that time. Then something happened which dashed the boy's hopes to the ground.

One day there was an accident at the quarry and his father was buried beneath a load of stone; a few hours after he left home in the morning his lifeless body was brought home. William, who had hoped so much for his future, gently put his arms around his mother and told her that, as far as he was able, he would take his father's place and help to care for his younger brothers and sisters. The next day he went to the quarry and never returned to school.

It was my privilege to know William quite well. He never complained or indulged in self-pity, but throughout a long life he served as a Sunday School teacher, and because of his unusual intelligence and consecration to God he laid his hand for good upon scores of young people who recognized the strength of his mind and the sincerity of his character.

The Apostle Paul often had to make detours. For instance, he and his helpers wanted to go to Bithynia "but the spirit suffered them not." Paul had his plans but the door was shut on him and he was forced to go elsewhere.

Probably he didn't enjoy making that detour any more than other travellers do but somehow it turned out for the best.

Paul spent several years in prison. His plans for aggressive missionary work were frustrated but he made the best of it. He said: "More gladly will I glory in mine infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." And remember, it was during these prison years that he wrote his imperishable letters to the Philippians, Colossians, Ephesians and Philemon. If Paul had not been compelled to make a detour, it is unlikely we should have had these epistles. His activity as a preacher was halted so that he might enrich humanity for all time.

There is no good reason why having to make detours in life should get us down. Paul was able to write: "I have learned in whatsoever state I am herewith to be content." He was often frustrated but he refused to become bitter and rebellious.

Of the friends who honour me by reading these little meditations, there must be many, even among the younger ones, who know frustration and disappointment. It is a universal experience and probably our lives are richer for it. If one door closes another opens and who knows, the detour may be a blessing in disguise.

In the seventeenth century, there lived in France a devout woman, Madam Guyon, who spent many years in a dungeon. But, even in bondage, she was cheerful and sang beautifully. Here are two verses written during her imprisonment:

My cage confines me round,
 Almost I cannot fly;
 But though my wing is closely bound,
 My heart's at liberty.
 My prison walls cannot control
 The flight, the freedom, of my soul.

Oh, it is good to soar
 These bolts and bars above,
 To Thee whose purpose I adore,
 Whose providence I love;
 And in Thy mighty will to find
 The joy, the freedom of the wind.

Our quotation to-day is by Jas. Allen: "Nothing remains unrevealed. Some things are hidden for a time, but they ripen and come forth at last."

TARTAN FURNITURE

Furniture upholstered in Macgregor tartan has just flown the Atlantic. Orders for it were placed with a Glasgow firm by American buyers at the Scottish Industries Exhibition a few weeks ago. The consignment consists of sideboard, table, six chairs, tea wagon and coffee table with tartan tweed upholstery. These suites will be manufactured in a wide range of tartans.

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My thanks to those who voted for me in the recent municipal election, and those who worked for me. My best wishes to all citizens of the township.

Douglas C. Wellesley

To The Voters of Markham Township

Thanks to those who voted for me in the municipal elections on December 5 and especially those who worked so effectively on my behalf.

I shall endeavour to give all citizens of the township my very best services.

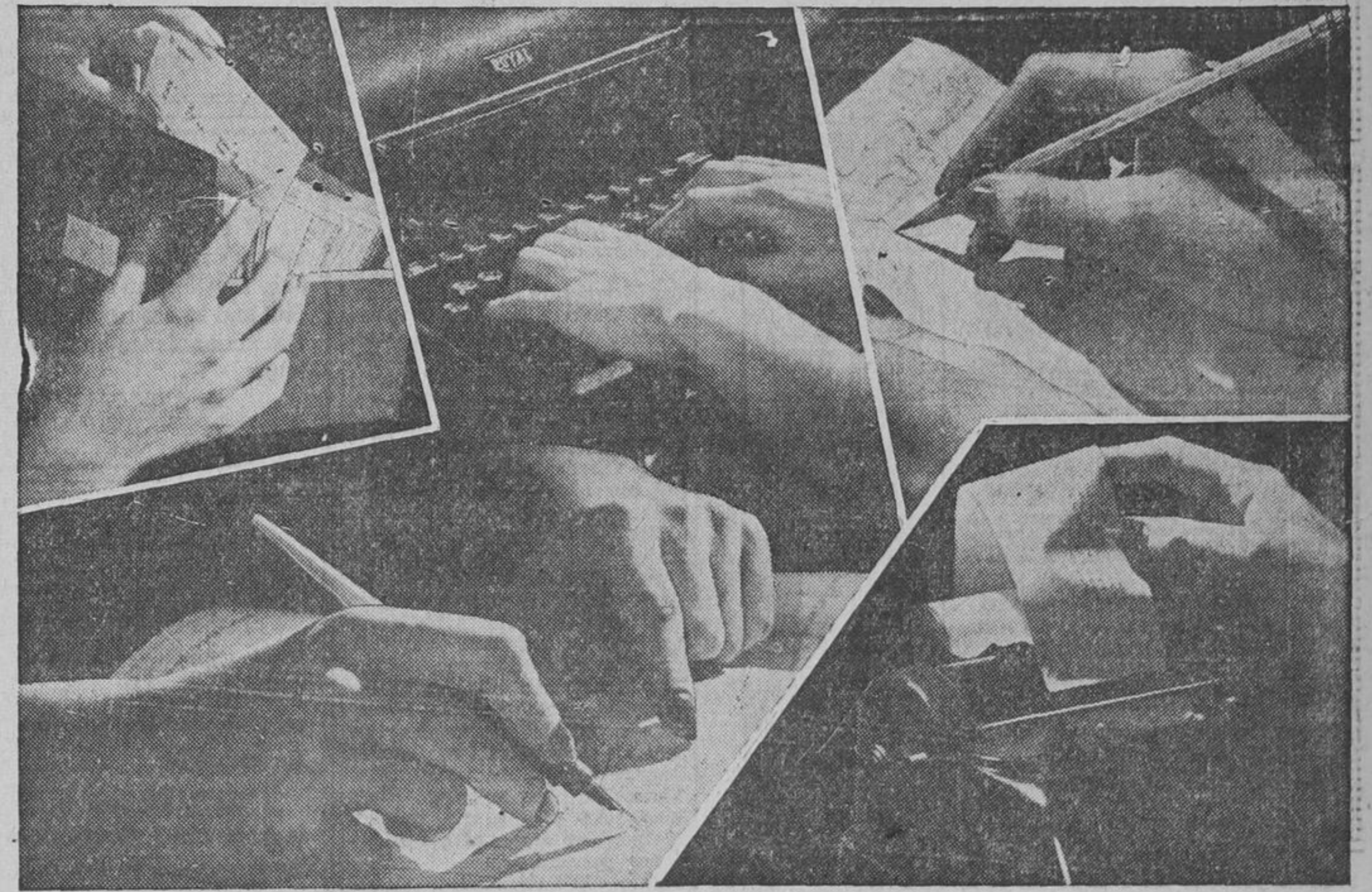
Charles H. Hooper

ELECTORS OF VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP

I thank you for the fine support which you gave me in the municipal elections on December 5 and shall try in every way to be worthy of your confidence.

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