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By Margaret McLean

Have you ever seen a set of carpet balls? And what would you do with a pair of eastern Scotch thistles, previously used to decorate cemetery gates? What would you do with a cow bell, if you had one? None of these questions seemed to deter the animated bidders at the second in a series of old time Country Auctions held at the York Farmers Market in Thornhill last Thursday, February 4th, organized by Mrs. Margaret Phillip of Canadian Homestead Antiques in Unionville.

The carpet balls, a little larger than a tennis ball and made of porcelain with pretty faded designs, were once used in a parlor game. Together with an ancient cow bell, they sold for \$6.50.

The real "buy" of the evening, according to Mrs. Phillip was a very old — over 100 years — truckle bed, a low child's crib with sides and ends constructed of pine boards about 15 inches wide. The corners were decorated with turned knobs and all but one of the original slats were in place. The bed came from the East of Kettleby and sold for a mere \$3.00 to a local resident.

Another rare bargain was a hand made arrow back chair, finished, which sold for \$9.00. At the last sale, similar chairs sold for \$20.00.

Other items, however, were hotly contested for and so the prices soared. One of these was a small Victorian doll carriage, formerly the property of Lady

Watson-Watt of Thornhill, which brought \$57.00 and went to Mr. Charlie Matthews of Langstaff. There were many who envied Mr. Matthews his prize which had come originally from New Brunswick and was, according to the experts "as old as toys in Canada".

A fine early ladder back chair, native of the Thornhill area sold for \$13.00. The seat of the chair was a lattice made of thin walnut strips, said to have been made by the original owner's grandfather from a tree on his own property.

Another interesting chair was a distinctive Quebec rocker which was put in the sale by the auctioneer himself, Mr. Gordon Sellers. Mr. Sellers picked it up some time ago at an auction near the Quebec border.

Mr. Sellers again added much to the charm of the evening with his melodious sing-song and witty remarks. He dealt in strange currency and many items went for "a six dollar bill" or alternately for a "nine dollar bill". The cow bell, he suggested to his responsive audience, would be good for some lady to hang on her husband!

Several small items were put in the sale by Mrs. J. R. Neil, the founder of the Pioneer Museum at Edgeley. One of these, formerly displayed at the museum, and originally from the Thornhill area, was a beautiful brass candlestick set with two types of snuffers. Another piece of real Canadiana put in by Mrs. Neil was an early wall plaque, made at the Brantford potteries and painted in oil by an unknown artist with a barnyard scene. Another item which came from Thornhill, and which would certainly evoke nostalgic memories from many oldtimers, was an old copper school ink can, with a graceful curved spout.

Mr. Ken Mitchell of Downsview, carried off a charmingly simple old pine church pew, approximately five feet long, and with the back constructed of a single pine board about 20 inches wide. Mr. Mitchell said he would have gladly given twice the \$18. he paid for it and was agreeably surprised to learn that it had come from his old home town of Port Hope.

Mrs. K. C. Marsden of Willowdale was equally happy with her purchase of a pine desk with a hinged top, also for \$18.00, while Mrs. A. C. Morgan of Johnson Avenue, Aurora, toted, away an antique wool winder, after having bid \$10.00 for it.

The amazing thing about these auction sales, is that everybody has so much fun. Even the two iconoclasts sitting behind me snorting that they could make something better in two hours. And of course your reporter did it again — came out with a scurfy looking thing they tell me is a mule ear chair! The next time I cover one of these things, I must insist on an expense account!

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Evans, Essex Ave., were all packed and ready to leave on a Florida vacation last Wednesday when their daughter Janice took sick with chicken-pox. They had therefore to postpone their trip. We hope this will be only temporarily and that they will soon be enjoying the sunshine in Florida.

\$100 For March of Dimes

Mrs. K. Glassey, Garden Ave., wishes to thank all the residents who gave so generously to the March of Dimes. She also sends her appreciation to the following ladies who gave their time to help her collect: Mrs. B. Rollinson, Mrs. M. McCrea, Mrs. V. Drew, Mrs. J. Samouelle, Mrs. B. Shearer, Mrs. S. Hamblin, Mrs. R. Newton, Mrs. J. Hann, Mrs. Gladys Smith. A total of \$100 was collected from this area.

Home & School

The February meeting of the Langstaff Home and School Association will be held on Tuesday, February 15, at 8.15 at the Thornhill High School and will be a joint affair with Langstaff, Thornhill, Thornlea and Henderson Ave. Guest speaker will be Dr. Gordon Rich, Clinical Director at Thistletown Children's Hospital. Dr. Rich obtained his Ph. D. at the University of London, England, for research in juvenile delinquency, followed by three years as psychiatrist to the juvenile courts in England.

Thistletown Hospital is for the emotionally disturbed children who have severe behaviour problems but are mostly of average intelligence. This should prove to be a very interesting program to anyone dealing with children and everyone is welcome.

The Home and School Association is holding its one fund raising project of the year on Saturday, February 13 at 9 p.m. in the form of a Valentine Dance at Uplands Golf Club. "Music Man" will be Perc Cutis from the Lord Simcoe Hotel. Ticket convenor is Ann Woods, AV. 5-4125.

Mark-Vaun Women's Institute

Mrs. Page, Garden Avenue, was hostess for the February meeting of the Mark-Vaun Women's Institute held on Thursday, February 4.

The roll call "A New Year's Resolution I Have Kept" proved to be very interesting. Some members do not make any resolutions, others are unable to keep them, and some are still working hard to keep them.

Final plans were made for the home economics demonstration, "Sandwiches for All Occasions" to be held at the Masonic Hall, Thornhill, on Thursday, February 18, from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. An invitation is extended to all the ladies of the community.

Mrs. Shearer offered her home for a euchre to be held on Saturday.

Home economics convenor, Mrs. Glassey, distributed materials to be made up for a baby layette.

Historical Research Convenor, Mrs. Jones agreed to enter the History Book in the F.W.I.C. Tweedsmuir History Competition. Members were reminded to bring their dolls to the March meeting to work on the costumes.

Refreshments were served by the committee and lucky cups were held by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Glassey.

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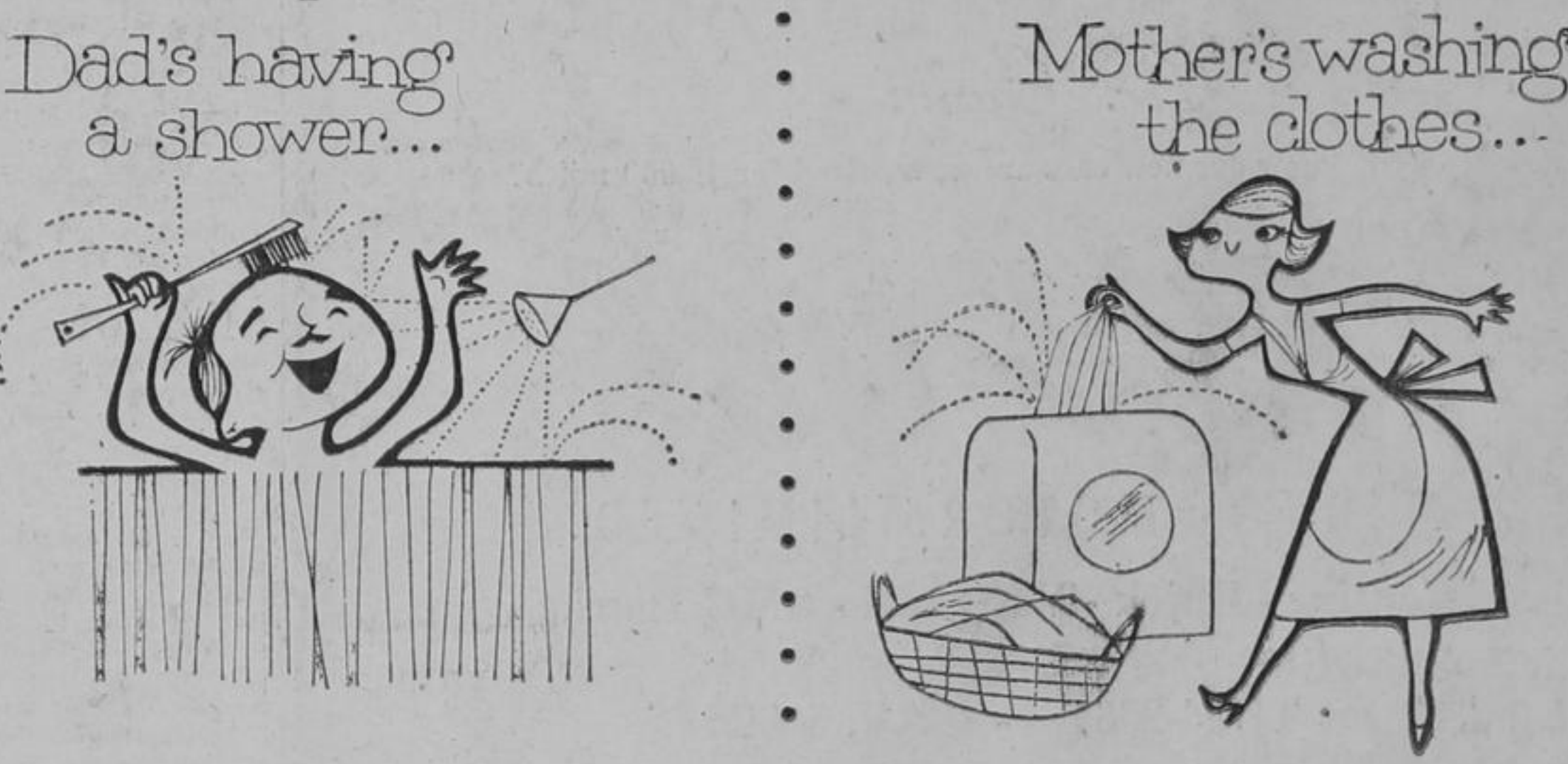
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