

Christmas Cheer

Ratcliff & Co. as usual, in fact beyond our usual are fully equipped with a full supply of all the good things of the finest quality to provide "good cheer" for the festive season.

FOR THE COOK

Gulf Currants, fancy Valencia Raisins
Seeded Raisins, Seedless Raisins, bulk or package
Finest Jordan Shelled Almonds
French Shelled Walnuts, full halves
Almond Paste and Glace Cherries
The finest sample of Peels we ever offered
We have exceptional prices on the above—almost pre-war prices

FOR THE TABLE

California Emperor Grapes, French Peas, Golden Bantam Corn, Mushrooms, Heinz Ketchup and Chili Sauce, Manzanilla and Queen Olives.

FRUITS, NUTS and CANDIES

Oranges of the choicest. We have been very careful in our selection to secure only the good sweet ones that only make pleasant eating for Christmas season.
Grenoble Walnuts, Tarragona Almonds, Sicily Filberts and Brazil Nuts and our mixed nuts are mixed by ourselves and guaranteed
Candies of all kinds from mixed Candies at 18cts per lb. to the finest of Chocolates and Creams. Do not forget our Special Chocolates at 30 cts. Rolls of Paper to wrap presents, containing 6 sheets white 24x36, Holly paper 24x30 and 12 sheets white tissue 20x30. Choice Holly for decorating.

RATCLIFF & CO.

Christmas Gifts

Nothing like a nice pair Slippers, or a nice pair Stockings or Hose everybody will appreciate a present of the above lines. We have a nice selection of the very best.

Also the best Rubbers, Sox, Mitts, Overshoes, 4 and 5 buckles, 1 buckle with 4 buttons, the latest. Try our boys All Wool Hose. For All Wool Hosiery and Gloves we have the best in town.

We wish to remind those with overdue accounts that immediate payment would be appreciated.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas

A. G. LEHMAN

PHONE 4301,

STOUFFVILLE

USEFUL GIFTS

FROM LITTLE'S STORE, WEST END

CHOOSE

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GLOVES, long wool for Girls and warm

GLOVES for Men in wool and Mocha

Mitts, Collars, Beautiful Flow End Ties, Beau Ties with fasteners, Nifty Tie Pins, Handkerchiefs in fancy boxes, Fancy Scotch Wool Scarfs, Sweaters, Coats, Fancy Belts in Christmas boxes, Braces in boxes, Fancy Garters in boxes, Beautiful Wool Blankets for Mother, Overcoats, Boots and Shoes.

J. L. LITTLE

WEST END,

STOUFFVILLE

Special Sale

ANTHRACITE BRIQUETS, cheaper than COAL, only 40 tons, price \$12.00 per ton

60—100 lb. sacks, Chicken Grit, 80c per 100.

100—100 lb. sacks, Fine Salt 90c. per sack.

57—50 lb. sack, Fine Salt, 55c. per sack.

28—140 lb. sack, Fine Salt, \$1.25 per sack.

Full stock of choice quality COAL—Nut, Stove, Pea sizes at regular prices.

Bran, Shorts, Chop, Flour.

Highest prices paid for all kinds of GRAIN and SEED. Try Five Crowns Flour for Bread.

W. S. COOK

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Ford family should get along nicely on its weekly income of \$3,500,000.

The Markham Economist issued a special Christmas number last week, with illustrated front piece.

While a minister was preaching in a Listowel church, a valuable rug was stolen from his car outside. Wonder if the congregation sang, "God moves in a mysterious way?" etc.

A valuable prize hen was locked up in the jail at Chelsea, Mass., all night, for stealing a diamond from a ring at a poultry show. The bird picked it from the finger of a passer-by and swallowed it. The owner would not allow the bird to be killed. Chelsea's jail may rightly be called a "coop."

This is the time when municipal councils come in for severe criticism. In criticizing these public men, remember most of them have given their service to the village or townships gratis, and we should not expect too much these days for nothing. Be reasonable with your criticism, and your opinion will bear greater weight.

An exchange isn't very wide of the mark when it goes on to say: "Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands," said one of our. With 100,000 people killed by the automobile since 1906, better things might be said, of the horse than was said of Saul, and far worse things of the automobile than was said of David.

Dr. McClennehan, district health officer for this territory, was in Markham last week, investigating the town supply of water, which was sent to the laboratories in Toronto and pronounced safe for drinking purposes. Dr. McClennehan can do the same for Markham as he did for Stouffville, and that is little so far as we can see. If Markham is looking for some excitement, let them send for the Provincial Engineer, and he may furnish a report that will cause as much talk in the community as an order of war declared. That's Stouffville's experience.

Many national advertisers in the United States are not afraid of spending money on a big scale for publicity. An indication of this is seen in some of the magazine contracts. For example: A one-page advertisement for two issues costs \$16,000 in the Ladies Home Journal \$14,000 in the Saturday Evening Post, and \$8,400 in the American Magazine. When an advertiser uses one or more of these magazines throughout the year, as many of them do, it means an immense expenditure, as can readily be seen. Yet the very fact that they continue to spend large sums for publicity, through the printed word is the best proof that they are getting returns.

CLOSING

Thursday and Friday night of this week, with Sunday night, Dec. 23, are the last of a series of special services that have been in progress for the past four weeks in the Union Church at Altona. During these meetings a number have confessed Christ for the first time in their lives, some have been reclaimed and others have experienced a deeper work of grace. Prayer is earnestly solicited for these remaining services. A special rally is being made for the week end and Sunday night meetings. You are invited. Come.

SIXTH LINE

On the eve of the departure of Miss L. Robinson, who had taught for some years in the Altona school, a number of friends of the Melville church, gathered at the home of Mrs. John Miller on Tuesday evening of this week, to spend a social evening with her, to bid her farewell and to extend best wishes for her future happiness. In appreciation of Miss Robinson's fine character and readiness to help while in the community, she was presented with a necklace. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing, "Should and acquaintance be forgot."

ROBT. GOULD PASSES.

There died in Bartonville, Ont., Nov. 20th, Mr. Robert T. Gould in his 73rd year. Deceased would be remembered by old timers, having taught school in Dixon Hill and Ringwood years ago. He was a man of integrity and esteemed highly by all who knew him. The funeral took place in Bartonville, Nov. 25th and was attended by a large circle of friends and relatives. The minister took for his text "A great man, and a Prince has fallen this day in the house of Israel." He leaves to mourn his loss two daughters, Mrs. Anderson of Los Angeles and Miss May at home, also three sisters, Mrs. Mitchell, Winnipeg, Mrs. Speck, Toronto, Mrs. Ottewill, Goodwood and three brothers, Mr. Chas. Gould, Yostanti, Mich., Mr. Albert Gould, Flint, Mich., and Jas. Gould of Ringwood.

HERE AND THERE

Elgin farmers this year expect to net about \$60 per acre from sugar beet crop.

Two village lots in Markham sold for \$180 each last week, in winding up the estate of the late Uriah Young.

Rev. H. Toye, who preached anniversary sermons in Stouffville Methodist church this fall, has been invited to remain at Eglington church a fifth year.

One night recently thieves visited Mr. P. Cooney's farm on the Ridges and stole a pig weighing about 80 pounds. So far no trace has been found of the thieves.

Twelve carloads of poultry containing approximately 170 tons were shipped from Napanee on turkey fair day. The value was approximately \$85,000, according to the Napanee paper.

Rev. Geo. M. Brown, retired Methodist minister of Markham, celebrated his 86th birthday on Saturday last week. There was a family gathering at the home of Dr. Jeffs, North Toronto, over seventy relatives being present, and the occasion was one marked by a spirit of pure delight.

Alexander Whetter, Whitchurch, inherits a life interest in \$500 under the will of his wife, Mrs. Mary Whetter, who died in Whitchurch, Oct. 27, leaving \$2,561 in Ontario provincial bonds. On his death the \$500 goes to the Salvation Army and the Methodist Deaconess Home, Toronto. John Stonehouse, brother; Martha Miles, sister, and five nieces receive legacies of \$100 each, the remainder, after \$100 is spent on a granite monument, going to fourteen nieces and nephews.

NOT SHOWING DEGRADING PICTURES

Dec. 17th, 1923

Editor Tribune,

Dear Sir:—If you will kindly allow me space in your columns to reply to an article "Enemies of Women" chosen by the Board of Trade entertainment committee. You state that it drew a capacity house, and then state to your way of thinking, it exemplifies the low ebb of entertainment many people crave for. You also mention the degrading scenes in the picture that I understand is your opinion, along with a few others. The moral was there. As to your harsh criticism of the censors, you do not know of whom you speak, and the huge sums of money paid out by the government for censors. It would be interesting, if you could publish the huge amount the government receives in licenses, taxes, etc., from movie houses.

Now I would like to inform the public that I am not showing degrading or indecent pictures, but striving to give good, clean, wholesome entertainment, at a reasonable price. Mr. Editor, this business, like any other, needs the press behind it. Advertising is the main theme. Thanking you, Yours respectfully, Syd. G. Schmiat.

BUILD MEMORIAL NEAR AURORA

The Aurora Board of Trade has devised a good scheme to relieve the County of York of a large sum of money, for which no one will reap any benefit outside the contractors. The Banner last week has this to say:

The County of York has been somewhat behind other parts of the province in its recognition of a memorial commemorating the sacrifice of her sons who fell in the great war.

The difficulty has been apparently in the acquiring of a suitable spot, that would meet with the approbation of all parts of the county.

At a meeting of the Aurora Board of Trade held last Monday evening, Mr. W. D. Watson, offered to dedicate to the County of York a Memorial Park having a frontage on Yonge street of 300 feet by 300 feet deep. This spot is known as the "Pinnacle" and besides being on Yonge street and commanding the most picturesque scenery, including Lake Wilcox and Bond Lake, is in the very heart of York County, with an altitude of over 1,000 feet. Many suggestions have been offered as to the form or design of the monument, amongst others, a tower, surmounted by a statue, holding an electric torch. It is estimated that a 75 or 100 foot tower, illuminated with a powerful electric light, could from these heights be seen throughout the greater part of the County of York. Mr. Watson is the first to come forward in a public way, in connection with this worthy cause, and his generous offer cannot help being appreciated by the residents of the County of York.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Report of Lemonville public school in order of merit 60 % pass marks 75 % honors.

IV.—Dorothy Taylor 68, Kenneth Kirby 66, Clarence Hood 62.

SR. III.—Gladys Hisey 73, Mildred Parr 77, Kenneth Piper 63, Jeanne 60.

SR. II.—Ruth Flavel 77, Gordon Kirby 57, Wilfred Lake 57.

SR. I.—John Richardson 68, Herbert Hood 46.

SR. I.—Jack Barker 75.

SR. PR.—Florence Barker 89, Jean Baker 66, Bert Taylor 64.

SR. PR.—Albert Richardson, Elgin Hisey, Louis Wells, Elda Hutchinson, Reta Wells, Blake Yake.

M. Coultis, teacher

W. H. SHAW

Useful Holiday Gifts

You will find here the gifts you will recognize to be "Just the Thing" and at "Just the Right Price" the standard of quality maintained here is known to all and gifts purchased here are certain to please.

Permit us to suggest early shopping. It insures you a larger stock and a better selection.

We are ready for the Christmas Rush with the largest stock and the biggest values.

Hosiery

That prove delightful gifts. An exceptionally fine line of all desirable kinds, Silk, Silk and Wool and Cashmere. All reasonably priced per pair.

75c to \$2.50

Handkerchiefs for Christmas

You'll see many pretty Novelties that are especially desirable for gifts. The handsome designs and fine qualities will surely please her.

Boxed Handkerchiefs per box 50c. to \$3.00.

Separate Handkerchiefs (not in boxes), per handkerchief 5c. to 50c.

Gifts for Men

New Suits and Overcoats in a big range of Styles and Fabrics and make very nice gifts

\$14.95 to \$35.00

Underwear

In Wool, Wool Mixture and Cotton in Union and two-piece Suits. All sizes and prices run from

\$1.00 to \$5.00

Shirts

A big range of new Shirts for the holiday season in Silk, Pique, woven patterns and also Prints, with French cuffs and some with collars to match. Priced to suit everybody's pocket.

\$1.50 to \$5.00

Neckwear

The best assortment of Neckwear we have ever had the pleasure to show is now on display here. New styles and new colorings and priced from

50c. to \$1.50

Hosiery and Gloves

Men's Hose in new patterns. Per pair 50c to \$1.25 Lined and unlined Gloves for men that will please.

\$1.50 to \$2.50

LADIES GLOVES

Ladies Chamais Gloves in all shades from 59c. to \$2.

NECK SCARFS

Ladies Neck Scarfs, in all the new shades from

\$1.25 to \$5.00

TOWELS

Bath Towels in plain white, white and mauve, pink blue, sand, from \$1.00 to \$2.50

Mens and Boys Suspenders, boxed, from 50c. to \$2.00 Also a large assortment of FANCY CHINA and many other articles too numerous to mention.

W. H. SHAW

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STOUFFVILLE

Store opened Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Evenings