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Sunday March 15.

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7.00 p.m.—Sixth Line
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BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. W. Fleischer, pastor

Sunday March 15.

10.00 a.m.—Bible School

Subject:—The Christians Unfailing

Source of Joy.

Subject:—No Thoroughfare

Prayer meeting, Wednesday 8 p.m.

and Sunday 6.15 p.m.

Everybody Welcome.

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**STOUFFVILLE and CHURCH HILL
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

F. E. Hyde, Minister

Sunday March 15.

10 a.m.—Stouffville's S. S.

11 a.m.—Public Worship

2 p.m.—Churchill's S. S.

3 p.m.—Preaching

7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship, by

the pastor

We invite the Public to worship

with us in these services—A cordial

welcome to all.

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MENNONITE CHURCH

S. S. Shantz, pastor

Prayer Meeting.

Sunday March 15.

10.00 a.m.—Sabbath School

11.00 a.m.—Worship, Subject—"The

Three Ways."

7.00 p.m.—Worship, Subject—"Re-

member Lot's Wife"—The above

services in charge of the pastor.

Next Sunday, March 16, 8 p.m.—Bible

Study, in the Acts of the Apostles.

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**BLOOMINGTON and RINGWOOD
ALTONA
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

E. Morton, preacher

Sunday March 15.

After that great white blanket

with such a wonderful thickness has

been spread over this part of the

earth, reminding us of the purity

and liberality of that upper realm,

and so many were kept home last

Sunday from places of worship. Next

Lord's day will find many with

the spirit of the psalmist

when he said, "I was glad when they

said unto me let us go into the

house of the Lord

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**STOUFFVILLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

Rev. Thos. Laidlaw, M.A., pastor

Sunday March 15.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship,

The Pastor

Subject—"A Challenging Promise"

2.30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible

Classes—Business and Young

Men's Bible Class.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Service,

The Pastor

Subject—"The Glory of Christ"

7.30 p.m.—Monday "Swastikas"

7.15 p.m.—Tuesday—Class Train-

ing in church membership.

8.00 p.m.—Wednesday—Prayer and

Bible Study.

Next Sunday March 22, Rev. Dan.

Norman D.D. Missionary from Japan

You are cordially welcomed to

these services

Several farm sales were postponed

on Tuesday as will be noticed by a

reference to our sale register.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. John Gower wishes to thank

the many friends and neighbors for

the flowers and fruits also cards

that she received on her birthday.

Mrs. John Gower

CARD OF THANKS

The father and brothers of the

late John T. Anderson, wish to

thank the many friends also the

War Veterans for their services and

kindnesses shown them during the

funeral of their son and brother.

HEAVIEST SNOW IN GREAT MANY YEARS

Snow, snow, and more snow, accompanied by roaring winds, which swept over the Atlantic ocean and a great deal of Ontario last Saturday night or early Sunday morning, left its wake in Stouffville with "the beautiful" piled in places four and six feet deep. Sunday morning the village was isolated from all the world so far as travel was concerned, and this predicament was brought home in a serious way when two citizens were seriously ill, and should have been rushed to the hospital, but this was impossible. He was finally taken away on Monday and is now said to be recovering after an operation for inward trouble.

Mrs. Harold Lewis, (Ivy Saunders) was suddenly attacked with appendicitis, but was forced to await a train on Monday before being removed to the hospital. Also Mr. Thos. Ratcliff was suddenly taken ill and his medical adviser wished to rush him to the hospital as the case was most serious, but it was impossible, and on Monday it was deemed too late.

On Sunday morning the village could scarcely rear her head above the heavy mantle of snow, and only few ventured out to attend church. In fact it is said that had all our church-goers that morning assembled in one place there would have only been a small congregation for one minister. Sunday school attendance was also depleted, but not so much as the younger folk didn't mind plunging through the drifts.

The bus service was suspended until Monday evening, and the big plow from Toronto arrived in town on Monday afternoon, indicating that the road was again open for traffic to the city. The train service, however, was not badly affected as the road was kept open and passenger trains were operating as usual on Monday morning.

Old timers declare it was the greatest storm this section had witnessed in twenty years. The pile of snow in front of Ratcliff's store after the plow went through was over six feet high, and almost obscured the view from one side the street to the other. One thing that was remarkable is the suddenness with which the snow came down, the bulk of it falling all within five hours, early Sunday morning.

BLOOMINGTON

Mr. Eldon Smith celebrated the anniversary of his birth on Monday. Les banque de Neige are increasing in depth up north and walking is again safer.

Our "knowledge prison" was closed on Monday, as the professor, Mr. Stanley Rose, was storm stayed out of reach of the school.

Jack Spencely and Fred and Walter Cowie have gone to Claremont to work on the railroad.

On Sunday winter hurried violently, its heaviest wallop of snow on the ninth line, which on Monday gave employment to our gentlemen of leisure. Now when old Sal diminishes these banks, it will be as acceptable to our energetic water drawers as Manna is to hungry Bloomington has at the present time, a population of forty-two, within the city limits. Will we elect a mayor next year?

Statistics for year 1930: Birth—two; Deaths—none; Marriages—none; divorces—none; Chivalry—none; Breach of Promise Suits—none. Bloomington is a live business centre, as there is no store, no blacksmith, no hotel, no cafe, no billiard parlors, no amateur golf course. Any one wishing to start up in business, why not come to Bloomington. Graduate Bloomington Kindergarten

MRS. DANIEL CONNOR DIES ON TUESDAY

A highly respected christian mother passed away early Tuesday morning when Mrs. Daniel Connor slipped into the Great Unknown, following an illness of some duration. She was a sincere and conscientious woman, and like her husband who passed away just four years ago, was a staunch supporter and member of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, attending the Stouffville church. A church service will be held this Thursday afternoon the funeral leaving the late home at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made at Stouffville cemetery.

Mrs. Connor was born on the sixth of Uxbridge Township, a daughter of the late Hugh Pugh, 74 years ago this June. With her late husband they settled 52 years ago on the Connor farm just west of Stouffville where they lived the rest of their lives. Their only son, William, succeeds them on the homestead, and works the farm. The memorial sermon today (Thursday) will be preached by Rev. S. S. Shantz.

INCREASING TAXATION

Hon. Geo. S. Henry has made a good start as Premier of Ontario by declaring for retrenchment in public expenditure. It is to be hoped as Minister of Highways he does not carry out in 1931 such an extensive scheme of Provincial roads, or King's Highways as they are now called, as in 1930.

There is no doubt high taxes have been a contributory cause to the large reduction in farm values in the past ten years. Taxes in Ontario are almost equal to a rental, and urban and rural councils find the uncontrollable taxes foisted on the municipalities by the Legislature are affecting the sale of both town and farm properties. We are pleased to note that the present session of the Legislature will be devoted, largely, to assisting farmers and we know of no better way than by lowering taxes mainly by lessening the program of Provincial highways. The 1931 session of the Legislature gives promise of being only a county council session on a large scale. Small talk for party purposes has entered, although too much in previous discussions in the affairs of this province.

Hon. W.E.N. Sinclair, in his address on the reply to the speech from the throne, struck a high business and economic note when he referred to the growth of taxes which had much to do with the depression among farmers. He quoted figures showing that the taxes in Ontario townships were \$28.20 per capita, and 3.8 per cent. of assessed value. Comparing figures for all in the ten years, while the increase in population was only 16.9 per cent., and the increase in assessment 41 per cent., the increase in taxes was 83 per cent. and the increase in debt 91 per cent. The county rate had increased greatly, due to Provincial legislation and taxation. In Ontario County the rate had increased from 1.9 mills in 1910 to 11.7 mills in 1930.

Claiming that farm taxes had increased tremendously, Mr. Sinclair, who is a farmer as well as a lawyer in Oshawa, said that the taxes on his own farm, which he said was typical of all others, had grown steadily from \$22.74 in 1894 to \$122.41 in 1930. He then quoted the price of agricultural produce.

"What had the Province done for agriculture?" asked Mr. Sinclair. He quoted figures to show that a smaller percentage of the total Provincial revenue was being spent on agriculture. In 1919 the percentage of total revenue spent on agriculture had been 6.17. The percentage in 1930 was 4.01.

Mr. Sinclair painted a vivid picture of the plight of a typical Ontario farmer today. The hypothetical instance was of a farmer with 100 acres of good land, good buildings, with machinery, 4 horses, 15 dairy cows, 2 sows, hens and unusual equipment, all paid for. Such an asset would cost at least \$12,000, said Mr. Sinclair, and he figured the farmer should make at least \$2,000, counting interest on investment, wages and profit on his business. Instead, the farmer in this situation would get only \$717.50. Mr. Sinclair said, and produced detailed figures on the management of the farm and price of produce to support this statement. The revenue, he figured, would be \$2,137.50 and the outlay \$1,420.

"This is not wages at \$2 a day," said Mr. Sinclair.

"This picture is not interesting, but it shows the condition of the farmer. The farmer I have chosen is the one who has no debts. I leave to the imagination the condition of the farmer with debts. And I imagine they are numerous. If the farmer with no debts is making no money, is the farmer with debts to carry on? We boast of agriculture being the basic industry. It sounds well in good times. But how does it sound to the farmer himself today? I would like this House to get the farmer's point of view and know the farmer's plight.

"This is no political question for any party to play with. Conditions are not as they are because this Government is in power. There can be some blame attached to the Government, but I am not pressing that now. It is not too late for this Government and this House to study the situation and try to work out some relief."

THE STRAND THEATRE UXBRIDGE

"Home of Clean Entertainment!" The Strand Theatre wishes to announce to all residents of Uxbridge and neighboring towns that they are installing the Northern Electric Talking System. The Northern Electric System is the best money can buy. They will therefore be in a position to give their patrons the best there is in talking screen. Opening date April 2-3-4, 1931. Come one, come all, and enjoy the best talking pictures with a radius of fifty miles.

PACKED HOUSE FOR LOCAL PLAYERS

"Some Baby" Played Friday
Night Revealed a Delight-
ful Comedy Well
Presented

If there is any truth in the old adage, "laugh and grow fat," there will surely be a lot of plump people in Stouffville after Friday night's presentation of "Some Baby," a rollicking farce comedy which was presented by the group of young people under auspices of the local United Church.

The Auditorium Theatre was packed to the doors when the curtain ran up promptly at 8 o'clock, and there was scarcely a dull moment until the final act was completed. Some laughed, some cried and others fairly held their sides with sheer amusement at the funny situations, "Some Baby" created.

It is said this is the first time this play has been attempted in Canada by an amateur group and C. E. Powell, principal of our Continuation School, and play director proved that he could put it over very successfully. If it failed to surpass, it was quite up to the success he attained here a year ago when he presented "It Can't Be Done," which turned away many people who were unable to gain admission to the hall.

The play cast on Friday night excelled themselves as a group of amateurs. They were not all perfect of course but what amateurs are? The point is all did so well they delighted everybody present. Unconsciously they caused the "Elixir" of youth to flow through the veins of the oldest present.

Mr. E. M. Still, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce took the leading roll in the men's part as the professor, while Miss Jessie Laidlaw was the leading lady, as daughter of the Professor. Their lines were many and they were constantly on the stage but despite the heavy rolls there was not the slightest hitch apparent throughout the performance. Miss Janet Button and Edwin Smith as the professor's sister and assistant took roles which contributed much to the success the leading parts attained.

Mrs. Still, in the roll of a neighbor of the professor, and a family worry to the professor's family, was all that could be desired. Both Mrs. Still and Miss Marion Brumwell, a daughter-in-law of Sir Henry Burbeck, performed like professionals, and left nothing to be desired in their acting or delivery.

Mr. Sid Schmidt was a typical old general in his military uniform, and ably acted the part of Sir Henry Burbeck, while Mr. A. J. Ward took the roll of Judge Sanderson. Our east-end citizen didn't require any special make-up for the roll of Judge, while his delivery was also exceptionally well done. Minor roles of Sheriff Johnson and Deputy Sheriff Stoker were taken by Geo. Smith and Wilbur Gower, and little Phyllis Anderson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Anderson was the herald who appeared just before the curtain opened in the first act. The Herald was an innovation to a Stouffville audience, and little Phyllis captivated all present with her sweet appearance.

While the cast put over the play with wonderful success, there was excellent assistance rendered by a host of helpers behind the scenes, whose services were acknowledged on the printed programs.

Special mention must be made of the orchestra under leadership of Geo. Lawson, with Agnes Klinek at the piano, who stepped in at the last minute to act as accompanist. The music was well rendered and the artists were not at all stung by the selections of which some 25 were played during the evening. Mrs. Laidlaw, Luella Gayman and Edith Swift rendered solos between acts all of which were received with real delight and rounds of applause.

The scenery for the stage was superb, depicting a very pleasant setting in the home of Doctor Relyea, the professor, displaying a beautiful rose garden at the rear. The effect was made real and marvelous by the use of spot light appliances with different colorings. No expense, evidently, was spared in giving the people of Stouffville a presentation that was second to none.

To the play director Mr. Powell who was responsible for the selection of the comedy and for its fine presentation, and to all the actors assistants, etc., great credit is due in putting over such a big undertaking, all of which was gotten up in five weeks.

The evening's admissions totalled \$200 but the expenses are necessarily heavy in connection with this nature of entertainment.

BACK FROM FLORIDA

Florida Weather Slightly Disap-
pointing This Winter—
Dr. Freel Talks About
His Visit

Last Thursday Dr. Ira Freel returned home after a visit of three months spent in the city of Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Freel, the doctor and their chauffeur Ross Lewis made the auto trip back leaving their southern abode on Sunday and reaching here at noon on Thursday.

"Orlando," says the doctor, "is a city of some 35,000 inhabitants, but while its usual climate is much like our July weather, the past season was more like our May season, which of course, was greatly out of tune to what is expected there."

For miles around Orlando the landscape is described by the doctor as studded with fruit trees, oranges and grape fruit, and he produced a luscious orange just picked a few days previous. This is a new variety a cross between an orange and a tangerine, they are trying to grow with thin skin but free from the orange making it more easily peeled. The flavor was sweeter than what we are accustomed to in the crated oranges. Getting back to Orlando again the doctor states that most of the houses in the suburbs have from six to twelve fruit trees and in the bungalow rented by the Freels there were half a dozen trees all bearing more fruit than they required for their use. They were able to pick oranges for table use in December, with plenty to supply their requirements from the trees through to March. The land in this section is much better than around St. Petersburg some hundred miles off, where the Freels had spent previous winter seasons.

The Chamber of Commerce is very active in the south in attracting tourists, but Dr. Freel had a real grievance when he discovered "Canada" was ignored in name, and the Stouffville party were simply labelled as from a British possession. This he described as "the work of some person with probably a mixture of ignorance tinged with malice."

Central Florida he says abounds with fresh water lakes from the size of Lake Musseman up to 14 miles. With a canoe it is possible to go right through to Jacksonville, and Ross Lewis declares there are over thirty lakes right around and in Orlando, which is named the City Beautiful.

Wonderful good roads running through miles of weary wastes, interspersed with beauty spots is a feature of the south.

Outside of picture shows, sports of all kinds, Rollins College is a valued attraction to the community. Here at this seat of learning they published a magazine and once a year all the contributors come to life—An animated magazine. Such men as John Erskine, Prof. of English Literature, Columbia University Ray Stannard Baker, Percy McKaye, S. Parker Cadman, Fred Pattee, Irving Bachouler, Margaret Dierer Robins, Ople Read and others delighted a five thousand audience on a beautiful sunny day, in spacious, tree lined grounds.

One has the choice of two roads to go down into Florida. One by way of Pennsylvania, Washington, Virginia, and the southern tier of states. This route passes mostly through the swamps of Virginia, North, South Carolina, and Georgia, and while the roads are excellent the outlook is dreary, flat and uninteresting.

The alternate route, which the doctor followed on the return trip, is called the Ontario-Florida, international highway, and is being recommended by the Automobile Associations. This highway takes you up through the centre of Georgia to Augusta, angles north west over the blue ridge into North Carolina, and then for half a day over the Cumberland mountains into Tennessee and Kentucky. A smooth and quick run through Ohio and Michigan lands you at Detroit.

This Ontario-Florida Highway is one easy to follow, only two numbers, No. 1 U.S., to Augusta Georgia, and No. 25 U.S., Augusta to Detroit. This route passes through fine, well tilled land. The mountain section is picturesque, with easy grades, and quite safe. One car was seen lying down on its side in a deep gully, probably unable to make the hair pin turn, on account of high speed or poor brakes.

It was over these passes that the mighty hunter, Daniel Boone took the first settlers into Kentucky. One is supposed to get out of these mountains through a corridor or gap, but these corridors and gaps are rather elusive, as it repeatedly happens that just as one thinks he is shut off the mountains, the road takes a hair pin turn and back you go into the mountains again, as Ross says for further scenery.

BUILDING CHANGES ON MAIN STREET

Work commenced last week on extensive improvements to Porter's store, next The Tribune office and to the premises of Ambrose Stover, baker, adjoining Porter's ice cream rooms. The Porter parlors are being torn down, to make way for a new store front and an addition to the home of Mr. Stover. A modern brick front will be built, with living rooms to the rear which will form part of his present house. The Stouffville Bakery will be able to maintain a cake shop for the sale of their own bread and pastry when completed, a need for which has long been felt by the management.

Mr. Porter will locate his new ice cream parlors to the north end of his present store in that portion of the building used as his dwelling house. A large arch will connect the parlors and store, while the new rooms will be equipped with the latest appliances in order to facilitate handling many people in the quickest possible time.

The new ice cream parlors will be designed in the latest layout, with the new style stalls and seats, and marble top tables. A heavy plate rail will encircle the entire room, and electric fixtures will overhang each stall. A cool place to enjoy a few minutes at any time in the warm weather season will always be assured by the presence of electric fans which give the additional advantage of keeping the premises free from flies.

The carpenter work, including the construction of the seats and tables is in charge of Mr. Harry Peacock who has made a good start on building the furniture for the new parlors, all of which when finished will leave Stouffville with one of the finest finished parlors inside or outside the city of Toronto.

Mr. Isaac Bowdway is offering the W. B. Sanders residence opposite the Mansion House for resale. This is an ideal site and a fine piece of land while the large residence is adaptable to different uses.

H.M.S. PINAFORE

See H.M.S. Pinafore presented by Markham United Church choir in town hall, Markham, on Friday March 13. Seats reserved at Wood's Drug Store, Markham. Phone Mark. 1400. Admission 50; children under 12, 35 cents.

Speedometer registered one thousand six hundred and four miles on return trip, but the actual distance is less, on account of two detours, the one because of rock blasting sending them over to the mountain city of Frankfort, Tennessee.

The doctor thinks there is plenty of speedy driving about Detroit for while the Stouffville people were hitting it up at 60 miles per flapper and shiek passed them by and went ahead in a constant stream, many of whom must have been travelling 75 miles per hour. spent.

LOCAL BOND ISSUE OVER-SUBSCRIBED

When the municipal council met on Monday evening to finally allot the bond issue for the \$61,000 to be borrowed to pay for the new pavement in town, they found that the issue was oversubscribed by \$12,000.

The total loan was taken up by ratepayers in the village while a number of farmers in the locality who applied for some of the bonds were unable to secure them. The ability of the people of a small place like Stouffville to take care of so large an issue speaks well for the thriftiness of our inhabitants, and for the general safe financial condition of the community, where the ratepayers are satisfied to loan their money for their own projects.

REMINISCENCE

By Rural Retro Specto

"We, that is us" do not care to admit that we are at least among those who are on the "shady" side of life. But we nevertheless can well remember when in the fall of the year the boys were hustled out of their bed before day light, and with the dog WATCH were rushed to the rear of the farm to "SHOO" the wild Pigeons off the newly sown wheat, who by the thousand and thousand would help themselves to the uncovered wheat uninvited. O where, are they now?

Do you remember the first coat-oil lamp, and the first cook-stove that came into your home, and how the children were warned not to look too intently at the lamp, much less touch it lest it might explode, and were served on the home table? This "Retro" has a very vivid recollection of being thirteen years old before he knew of the joys of the comforts and warmth of underclothing, or even an overcoat. The home where this "Retro" was raised knew nothing of "Santa Claus," neither Candles, Oranges and Nuts except Beach and Butter nuts which grew on the farm.

There are still some of us who remember the first grain, and grass that was cut on the home farm with a machine. And the hay gathered up with a horse rake. And this "Retro" recalls the first field of grass that was layed low with the then clumsy mower. O how interesting all this way of doing things was to the boys and especially when the operator of this wonderful machine, would frequently squirt oil from a spring bottomed oil can into the oil cups over the bearings. This man left his machines stand in the home yard for several days after finishing the cutting for some reason. And this "Retro" took advantage of the occasion and proceeded quite frequently to oil all the bearings on the machine until the oil was well spent.



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