

TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. Nelson Mowder, after spending the winter in Toronto has returned to her home here again.

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Mrs. Chas. Perry who is quite ill at her home here, is one of our oldest residents. Her daughter Mrs. Venables arrived here on Saturday evening owing to the serious condition of her mother.

Mr. Arthur Greer, baritone soloist, and choir leader of the Toronto, Bible College Choir, and the assistant Evangelistic Leader will preach and sing at both services next Sunday, in the Stouffville Congregational-Christian Church. Miss Nellie Davis, of Toronto, will also sing.

Messrs. Fred and Ernie Button with Frank Rae took in the Toronto Maple Leaf hockey match on Saturday evening down in the big Arena, only to see a disastrous ending for their pet team, when the Montreal Maroons with a sloppy goal broke an otherwise strong tie.

Mr. Bruce Heise, pastor of the Willowdale Baptist Church, and son of Mrs. Sam Heise, Clark street, who was taken to Toronto General Hospital some weeks ago, suffering from a combination of scarlet fever and pneumonia is gradually regaining his strength, and is expected to be able to leave the hospital next week.

Mr. Bert Edwards, of Oshawa, spent the weekend with his wife and babe, on Blake street.

Mr. J.P. Cassidy, V.S., of Toronto, visited at the home of his brother Mr. Frank Cassidy, Blake street, on Sunday.

Mr. Gordon Quantz, was home from Port Erie over Sunday. Gordon is employed with the C.N.R. at that place.

Miss Elsie Lownsborough, who teaches school at Oakwood, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Lownsborough, Edward Street.

Have supper on Saturday evening (from 5.30) in Ratcliff's Hall, served by the Stouffville Women's Institute. A real Irish affair for only 25c.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Watson, Toronto, were in town on Sunday attending the funeral of the late Dr. Smith. Mr. Watson was formerly principal of our Continuation School.

Mrs. Albert Law of Bloomington who called at The Tribune office on Monday to renew her paper for another year, intimated that she had lived on the farm there for 50 years. Her husband died 13 years ago, since which time Mrs. Law and her son have carried on. That's a long time to be in one place, but its type of steady pioneer farming which made this province what it is today.

Mrs. Agnes Burkholder, widow of the late Aaron Burkholder, was 76 years of age on Saturday last. Her two daughters and three of her four sons were all with her on that day to mark the occasion. One other son, Rev. O. Burkholder, of Breslau, was unable to be present. Mrs. Burkholder is living with her daughter Mrs. Edw. Lintner, wife of one of our village smithies.

The Town of Uxbridge has struck a 50 mill tax rate for 1936, a rate which we believe is about one mill higher than in 1935. However, 50 mills is not the top rate for Uxbridge because only a few years ago they touched 54 mills. Our northern neighbor is high-minded when it comes to mill rates, but the town, fortunately, is assessed very moderate, otherwise half the property owners would be driven out. Markham and Stouffville, with mill rates around 35 and 36, get along very well and both of them enjoy the privileges of a domestic water system which the northern town is denied. Boushing industry has been a policy in Uxbridge for fifty years, while in Stouffville the ratepayers were always thumbs down on it, and having lived under both ideas the writer is inclined to believe that it is a bad business. Uxbridge, like Stouffville, is destined to be a live market centre for farmers with perhaps the occasional small industry giving employment to a dozen men. When anything further was sought through boushing industry, it always ended in disaster. Uxbridge has not a single factory in operation yet thousands of the ratepayers' money has been spent over the years in vain effort to become a manufacturing centre.

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Mrs. R. A. Millroy and Mrs. Murray Millroy of Cedar Grove, visited with Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Tarr, on Monday.

Miss Marjorie Stewart, R.N., and Mr. George Stewart, spent Sunday in town with their mother, Mill street.

The Woman's Institute wish to be host to everybody next Saturday evening for an Irish Dinner, to be served in Ratcliff's Hall from 5.30. Only 25c.

Remember the date, April 3, for the play, "All on Account of Polly." This play is under the auspices of the Y.P.S. of Stouffville United Church.

For Sale—Westend Main street, fine residence of the late B. E. Beebe. All conveniences, warm and comfortable in coldest weather. Open grate fire place in living room. Nice garden. Must be seen to be appreciated. Reduced in price. Phone 503.

The Irish Dinner under the auspices of the Garret Evening Auxiliary, United Church, proved to be most successful. The receipts were much in excess of what was expected as the weather was very disagreeable. The program which was given by the Rev. Hunnisset and his "Mission of the Air Orchestra" was exceptionally good and very much appreciated.

How many school children or their elders know how the dollar sign originated? H. A. Griffin superintendent of schools for York county defines the meaning of the sign \$. He states that the vertical line represents the pillars of Hercules, and the "S" sign represents the Spanish symbol for "garland." Hence money stands for all-enduring power.

Mrs. Henry Grice who is confined to her home nursing a fractured hip, is very grateful to the women of the United Church who sent her flowers recently. It is these little amities of life which make living worth while and helps to smooth the rough journey of another. Mrs. Grice lost her husband within the past year and in the midst of carrying on the farm management herself was unfortunate in falling and breaking her hip bone. She is making satisfactory recovery, friends will be glad to know.

One of our east end Main street citizens, Mr. John Harris, will on Friday next week, reach the 81st year of his age. Although not so spry as he once was, Mr. Harris gets around when the weather is fit and the footing sure, neither of which have been good of late. One thing, he is always able to play the piano in his home. He has an ear for music and can and does enjoy himself for an hour or so every day on the stool of the piano. Mr. and Mrs. Harris moved to town a few years ago from their farm in Pickering Township, and the wish of the community is that they may long be spared to enjoy the eventide of their lives together.

The power of advertising was clearly exemplified last week when Ab. Stouffer Jr. inserted a few lines in this paper intimating that he wanted to rent a farm. Just one day after the paper was issued he was brought into contact with a farm owner who wanted to rent. Mr. Stouffer secured Mr. J. F. Pipher's farm on the 8th concession of the Wideman Church and will take possession next month. Mr. Pipher will hold a clearing auction sale on April 2 without reserve. This is regarded as one of the choice farms in the township. Mr. Pipher has reserved a portion of the large house and will thus remain in the district where he is so well and favorably known.

As a lad you were thrilled to see the circus rider and the trapeze man flirt with death, and on Monday if you had been in the vicinity of the C.N.R. station, one might have received a similar thrill as they witnessed Constable Quibell grimly escaping what might have been a death blow to him, when his car was struck by the local freight train pulling into the depot. Moving at a low rate of speed toward the tracks the cop heard the train when within about 25 feet of the crossing. He attempted to apply the breaks, but the car glided on into the path of the big engine. It was in a frozen rut and everything was a glare of ice. He could not turn out, and crash was certain. The chief, with presence of mind, somehow jumped from his car when within six feet of the train, and then had to do some scrambling on his hands and knees to prevent himself being carried under the wheels of the freight. It was a terrible experience, not soon to be forgotten. The car was almost a complete wreck as the big freight engine crashed it down. Had a little sand been applied to the roadway either side of the crossing there would have been no danger in this instance as the car could easily have been stopped, and thus the question arises as to the liability of someone to sand these track approaches. The Toronto and York Road Commission have jurisdiction over this section of the road.

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Mr. Rae Perry of Trenton, was here last week visiting his grandmother, and other relatives.

Mrs. M. E. Watts millinery parlors are now open every business day, showing the new designs in spring headgear.

Master Fraser Morden, of Toronto, has been spending a week at the home of his grandfather, W. E. Morden.

The weather over the weekend was conducive to making the sap run, and we shall soon hear of trees tapped if it continues a few days.

Arthur Wagg, Altona has returned to the General Hospital for further treatment, since making recovery from his recent dual operation there.

All you can eat for 25c, at the Irish Supper, on Saturday in Ratcliff's Hall. Don't overlook this Irish Dinner by the Women's Institute.

An attack of the mumps may be termed a child's disease, but Robt. Spofford, Mongolia farmer on the 10th line, doesn't believe it. Bob is only slowly recovering from the disease and in two or three weeks he lost 20 pounds in weight, and is not yet in good health we regret to report.

Mrs. T. W. Klinck, and granddaughters Miss Helen Rowbotham and Miss Agnes Klinck were guests over the weekend of Dr. L. S. Klinck at the Royal York in Toronto, where Dr. Klinck was staying a few days before leaving for Chicago enroute home to British Columbia. Mrs. Klinck who is considerably over 80 years of age was undoubtedly the eldest weekend guest the big hotel could boast last Saturday and Sunday.

Newmarket now has \$1500 toward a swimming pool and hopes to gather together double this amount by spring. The Canal Town now has a suggestion that a satisfactory pool there can be obtained by water from Widdifield's pond. In any event the neighboring municipality is making more progress toward planning a swimming place than we are doing here in Stouffville. A pool is admittedly needed here, and can be had for an expenditure of around \$1,000 we are told, provided it is built in the park where free-ground would be available. We hope the Park Commission will be alive to the need this year, and so make an effort to provide the young folk with a swimming tank. Of course, the problem of finance is the big one to solve.

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

This is the second list of new books in the Stouffville Public Library. Keep these lists for future reference.

Fiction
Miss Pat ... L. M. Montgomery
The Ransom ... G. L. Hill
The Crimson Sign ... H. A. Cody
A White Bird Flying ... P. S. Aldrich
Argonaut ... Honore Morrow
Victorious Troy or the Hurrying Angel ... John Masfield
Blood Relations ... Phillip Gibbs
The Boomerang Clue
Agatha Christie
Spears Against Us ... Cecil Roberts
White Ladies ... Francis B. Young
Hill-Top ... Jessie L. Beattie
Class Books
With Lawrence in Arabia
Lowell Thomas
A Fortune to Share and Lets Start Over Again ... Vash Young
A Vagabond in Sovietland
Harry A. Franck
Minute Stories of the Opera
Life with Father ... Clarence Day
Famous Trial: Earl of Birkenhead
Another Garden Note Book
Alfred Putz
The Glorious Adventure
Richard Halliburton
The House of Exile ... Nora Wain
The Gate of Life ... W. R. Inge
The Face of God ... G. Stan. Russell

The Puppet Show

Ancient Entertainment

"If we see numbers of people turning the corner of a street ready to burst with secret satisfaction and with their faces bathed in laughter we know what is the matter—they have just come from a puppet show." Such, at least, was the opinion of the great English essayist, William Hazlitt, writing a century and a half ago.

On Sept. 21, 1668, Samuel Pepys entered into his famous diary: "To Southwarke Fair, very dirty, and thence saw the puppet show of Whittington, which was pretty to see; and how that idle thing do work upon people that see it, and even upon myself too."

On the other hand, Eeopenh, in describing a visit he paid in 122 B.C. to the house of Kallias, in Athens, refers to a Syracusan who came with his puppet theatre to entertain the guests, but who could not capture Socrates' attention.

Thus all three of these writers speak of the popularity of the doll-like actors in their times—Socrates obviously being an exception. And they clearly show, too, the great age of the puppet theatre and the vast territory it had conquered for itself.

"Punch and Judy" is but one of many dramas played for ages by dolls upon miniature stages. The actors are called "puppets"; but of these there are several kinds. "First puppets" are doll-like heads into which the human hand fits, being hidden by the long dresses of the puppet. The hand lends motion to the head and arms which closely imitate human actions. This illusion is heightened by the skill of the performer hidden behind the small stage in making his voice appear to come from the lips of the puppet itself.

"Marionettes" are puppets with complete human bodies, controlled in their actions by strings connected from their limbs to the fingers of the performer above them. Often the control is not by strings but by rods from below the stage, or even from the side.

Moving dolls were well known to Greece and Rome. Aristotle writes that those who direct the marionettes need only pull their strings in order to set in motion first the head and hands of the little beings, then its eyes, shoulders and limbs, all delightfully obedient: China and Japan, Java, Siam and India, Persia and Turkey—even the American Indian—all amused themselves by them, or used them for religious instruction. For that matter, they have been found among the Catacombs under the city of Rome. Did the Christians hiding there from persecution while away the tedious hours watching them, or were they only children's toys? During the Middle Ages puppet plays were common and popular in Christian churches around the Christmas season, and were called "The Christmas Crib."

None other than Joseph Haydn composed two complete symphonies for the puppets, to be played by toy musical instruments. Besides he wrote at least six operas for them. When Prince Esterhazy erected a stage on which exquisitely perfect dolls acted in magnificent dress, he even assembled an orchestra for them, the leader of which was Haydn himself.

And lest any should suppose all is bulesque and strident comedy—as Jonathan Swift says: "The life of man to represent And turn it all to ridicule. Wit did a puppet show invent Where the chief actor was a fool"—We have the testimony of the illustrious Anatole France: "M. Signoret's marionettes have just acted Shakespeare's 'Thempesit.' It is hardly an hour since the curtain of the little theatre fell on the harmonious group of Ferdinand and Miranda. I am still under the charm. What a delightful play!"
(To be continued)
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