

## TORONTO FLASHES

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At this time I would again urge you to send in your news items by visit, mail or phone. Come on now and give us a hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley White of Altona visited at Mount Albert on Sunday. Glad to hear Mrs. White is feeling better.

To F. J. Robinson, Many Happy

Returns on his birthday, March 14th, also for Miss Anne Davey, daughter of the scribe, birthday, March 9th.

Thanks to Martha Stewart for her lovely letter. I know you will enjoy your gift book.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of 2nd con., in the birth of a daughter.

Sorry to hear our friend Mrs. Fields is not so well.

Miss Davey, her sister Mrs. Hill and P. H. Davey visited at Stouffville on Thursday last.

Toronto readers are certainly

pleased to hear that music is being taught in the Goodwood school. There should be plenty of singers for the church choir now.

Many Happy Returns to William Davey, Ottawa. Just another Goodwood Old Boy.

I had a very welcome visit from my surgeon on Thursday, when he removed me from my cast. It certainly is a pleasure to get away from viewing nothing but the wallpaper pattern on the ceiling.

After five weeks' cruise down the Atlantic coast to the West Indies, Mr. and Mrs. William Davey have returned to their home in Ottawa.

To the Lunan family we extend our sympathy.

We under stand Vaughan Blueman's new farm on Scugog Island has about fifty acres of water frontage. His city friends will certainly want to take in a few weekend trips up there.

Miss Minnie Lee is visiting her brother George, 242 Jones Ave.

Visitors to the correspondent last week were Vaughan Blueman, Alex. Brown, George Lee and Howard Harper.

## The Garret Auxiliary Entertains

The regular monthly meeting of the Garret Evening Auxiliary was held in the basement of the United Church on Thursday evening, March 10.

There was a large attendance ranging from the two year old tots to the grandmothers, and the Evening Auxiliary was pleased to have with them as their guests the C.G.I.T. girls who put on the devotional service. Miss Thelma Atkinson was in the chair and gave talk on "Different Ways of Finding God." Miss Gladys Stover rendered an instrumental and Miss Joyce Ball favored with a solo.

The second chapter of the Study Book "A New Church Faces a New World," was taken by Miss Muriel Hostrawer.

Mrs. Milton Storey took charge of the business and it was announced that Dr. Margaret MacKellar would be guest speaker on April 13. This meeting to take the form of an open meeting and be held in the basement of the church.

After the meeting several games were played and a social half hour was enjoyed by all.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL TAXES YORK COUNTY

Changes in the basis of secondary education costs in York County will mean an increase in school costs in 11 out of the 26 municipalities of York County, estimates Joseph E. Howes in an interim report to the county's special committee on taxation.

Rural municipalities will benefit by the new basis, at the expense of many of the towns, villages and suburban townships, the report point out.

Mr. Howes estimates that York Township, East York, Long Branch, Mimico, Aurora, Weston, Markham Village, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Stouffville and Sutton will require higher school rates under the new set-up than they would under the old. In the case of Stouffville however, the increase is practically taken care of by the drop in the general county rate, so that while the school rate is up the net result is nearly the same as in 1937.

Savings to the other municipalities he calculates to be from one to slightly over two mills.

Mill Rates Needed  
Estimated mill rates required to raise necessary funds for all school purposes, including county levy, are as follows:

	On 1937	1938
Georgina	10.97	9.99
Gwillimbury E.	15.33	13.59
Gwillimbury N.	9.63	7.73
King	12.31	10.38
Markham Township	15.14	13.33
Vaughan	11.21	9.05
Whitchurch	11.56	9.41
East York	27.50	28.64
Ettobicoke	22.49	21.96
North York	18.91	17.91
Scarboro	22.68	22.41
York	38.04	39.78
Forest Hill	13.60	11.35
Leaside	12.26	11.80
Long Branch	27.62	23.51
Mimico	25.23	26.71
New Toronto	28.24	26.94
Swansea	14.14	12.28
Weston	25.93	27.94
Aurora	18.13	19.53
Markham Village	18.48	21.18
Newmarket	22.56	25.15
Richmond Hill	22.21	25.51
Stouffville	16.51	17.10
Sutton	16.54	19.10
Woodbridge	10.07	8.28

Grants Decrease  
While total school taxes levied in York County have increased by \$300,000 during the past seven years legislative grants for the same period have decreased by \$29,000, according to the report.

During that period, the percentage of total education revenue formed by legislative grants has declined from 15.97 to 13.97, the report states, thus throwing a larger burden of school costs on the individual municipalities.

The increase in costs has been entirely for secondary education, the total having risen from \$818,057 to \$1,109,952 since 1931, while grants have dropped from \$96,445 to \$87,712, from 10.55 per cent to 7.32 per cent.

## SOMETHING WRONG

(Newmarket Era)  
"A large proportion of the farmers are hard up but they don't know what to do about it," stated S. B. McCready, well-known throughout Ontario as a writer and lecturer on rural affairs, speaking at the leaders' institute held at Pickering College last Saturday.

"The M.P.'s are not much impressed with the idea of doing anything for the farmers," said Mr. McCready. "They don't sense the real needs of the country. We need more Agnes MacPhalls."

Agriculture must be made more profitable. At the present time there is an unbalanced state of affairs. Rural teachers receive about \$500 a year, while city teachers are paid \$1,500. A farmhand gets about \$25 per month, whereas the city milk-driver earns \$35 a week.

"Things are in such a bad condition because of the failure to have the right kind of schools. The department of education could issue pamphlets monthly or quarterly to tell the people what is going on in educational work in other parts of the world, and thus spread the best ideas," said Mr. McCready.

"At the present time no leadership is given in adult education by the education department. Years ago many young men attended the rural schools during the winter months. Some of these men later became well known in the business world."

In the opinion of Mr. McCready, winter training schools should be provided for young people, and they should also be enabled to attend winter classes at the universities without matriculation standing. Since they are engaged in agricultural work for a large portion of the year, they should be given some recognition.

"School fairs are becoming competitive instead of co-operative," he said. "The principle of the fairs is very unsound. Very often the exhibits have been prepared by the parents instead of the pupils. The judges say there is always some crooked work."

## Baxter Thinks U.S. Should Act

Firm Stand by Republic Would Lessen Likelihood of War

That the United States should take her place beside Great Britain in a determination to force peace upon a harassed and muddle-headed world, is the contention of Beverley Baxter, Canadian-born M.P. (and nephew of our former citizen Harvey Lawson) in his London Letter which appears in the March 15 number of Maclean's Magazine.

"The issue of peace or war in the world depends whether America—before it is too late—pays something of her debt to Britain," he states; and continues:

I am not referring to mere tradesmen's debts on either side but to a debt so vast that it could not be computed in terms of money.

The ordinary American is not a world citizen. He is sentimental, kindly, idealistic, but clothed in a vast and self-satisfied ignorance about the history of every country, including his own.

He would be hurt and sincerely astonished to learn that his beloved country owes Great Britain that which could not be estimated in terms of all the wealth in the world. I believe that if he were told of it, he would be ready and anxious to repay.

I would endeavor to achieve a miracle at Washington. It would probably be madness even to think of such a thing, but supposing the incredible happened and the impossible occurred. Supposing as a result of our conversation, President Roosevelt went to the microphone and made a speech somewhat along these lines:

"My friends, before I start my address to-night I want to tell you a little story. Many years ago this country was at war with Spain in the Pacific."

"In pursuance of our belligerent rights, we had announced a blockade of Manila Harbor by our Fleet. Now, it happened that Admiral Chichester, of the British Navy, was in the neighborhood with a number of ships."

"Then a strong section of the German Fleet turned up. Germany had her own ideas about the Pacific being taken out of European hands, and the German admiral sent word to the British admiral asking what he would do if the Germans decided to force the blockade."

"He expected—or, at any rate, hoped—that the British would remain neutral. Admiral Chichester's reply was: 'America's admiral

## Writes From India

Anthiyur, Coimbatore Dist. South India, January 1938

Dear Friends:  
As I look forward to serving our Lord in this land during 1938, it is with confidence that our Lord will do great things for us. Hitherto He has done great things for us, and He changes not. The past year has been one in which I have proved the faithfulness of God. All my needs have been supplied, and I have enjoyed excellent health in this land so ridden with disease.

Many of you may have heard of the advance of our Mission into the United Provinces of Northern India. This truly is an area where a genuine need exists, and we believe the Lord is calling us out to meet this great need. In the area we are entering the missionary occupation is less than one per million. I do not believe such can be duplicated anywhere in the world today. In our present day and age you may well ask how such a condition exists; but as I cannot explain such without an indictment of denominational missions and their methods I shall refrain at present.

With a view to my going to this new area at a later date I have been requested to study the language spoken there. This is no small task and I covet your prayers as I carry on with this. The Lord has blessed and guided me in the study of Tamil, so I now carry on with the study of Urdu believing I shall experience the same help.

The question may loom up in the minds of some of you as to the wisdom of this move; and as to whether or not the time I have spent in South India has been in vain. I can readily assure you that the time I have been in South India has not been in vain, but a time of real training and experience which will prove an invaluable asset to me in our new work. This new step on our part is not without its attendant difficulties, and we stand in need of your prayer fellowship as never before.

"No service in itself is small. None great, though earth it fill; But that is small that seeks its own. And great that seeks God's will. Then hold my hand, most gracious God."

Guide all my goings still; And let it be my life's one aim. To know and do Thy will.  
Yours in His Glad Service,  
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Does America, in spite of Roosevelt's warnings still believe that she can live on her own flesh and keep the evils of the world outside her borders?

The most half-witted Babbitt in the smallest town in Illinois knows that such a policy is impossible. Then is America still willing to live and trade and prosper because Britain makes it possible for her so to do? Or, conversely, is she willing to see all that go rather than support Britain?

I believe that the Americans would like to know those truths.

I wish President Roosevelt would make some such speech as I have indicated, says Baxter, who before he became a member of parliament, received \$60,000 a year as head of Beaverbrook's London Express. He visited Stouffville on one or two occasions to see his uncle Harvey Lawson now of Toronto.

### ANNUAL

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