

We Won't Discard the Old Sleigh Just Yet



Coming home for the Easter holiday provided something in the way of a thrill which the city folks had not reckoned with. Despite the frantic efforts to keep the township roads open the snow piled up like mountains, and traffic between

Stouffville and Bloomington only 2 1/2 miles away was blocked. Visitors to the farm were not to be marooned in town however, as many farmers met the trains and transported their guests in the good old fashioned way. Here we have Ruth Raymer of Toronto,

and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Warder of Kitchener snugly seated behind the farm team enroute to the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Raymer, Bloomington. The sisters smiled at the prospects of the ride.

LOCAL FARMERS VISIT THE COCKSHUTT PLANT

Last Friday, was heigh-ho for Brantford and a visit to the Cockshutt factory for several farmers from the Stouffville district, friends and customers of C. H. Bell & Son, Cockshutt dealer for Stouffville and vicinity. They included Eugene Lemon, Frank Whetter, Albert Batt, Clifford Lemon, Henry Burnett, and others.

The party arrived at the huge factory about 11.00 a.m. and found farmers from Alliston, Barrie, Beeton, Cookstown, Dundalk, Flesherton, Orangeville, Penetang, Stayner, Thornbury, Tottenham.

One of the group said that to start things off, we had our pictures taken, then specially trained guides took us in hand, and our tour commenced. We started in the shipping department, where thousands of Cockshutt farm implements are shipped to all parts of the world. Next we came to the great warehouses. Here 250,000 square feet of floor space is set aside for storing new cockshutt implements awaiting shipment. I never saw so much machinery in one spot. The drill assembly department was the next stop, and here we saw new drills being put together, run in by motors, then tested by hand for smooth, easy operation. From here we went through the inspection department. The paint shop was the last spot we visited before lunch. We saw different parts of implements dipped in huge vats of bright paint, saw them dried in great baking ovens, then striped and stencilled with the trade mark.

We were entertained by the Company at a bang-up lunch, and heard the company heads speak.

After inspecting and discussing the Cockshutt line for 1940 which was arranged in display along the sides of the long lunch room, we resumed our inspection trip. The afternoon tour was the most interesting part of the visit, all agree for it was at this time that we saw what a really intricate business it is to turn out the farm equipment we use. We saw how thorough was the work of the highly-skilled machinists, some of whom had twenty to thirty-five years experience doing the same or similar jobs.

The press and shear room took our breath away. There was one press capable of exerting 400 tons pressure, all of it controlled by a light touch on a foot treadle. We saw great shears which slice metal sheets as easily as you could cut through cheese, and a "Whole-hog" drill which bored seven-teen holes with 100 per cent accuracy and so fast you could not believe your eyes. There were several huge machines for shaping plow beams—"Bulldozers" they called them—and they bend the tough steel beams as easily as you could bend a wax candle. Row upon row of electrically-controlled, gas-heated furnaces heat different parts for "heat-treatment" which puts toughness where it is needed in the finished machines. One of the most impressive things we saw was the pouring of liquid iron at 2,300 degrees Fahrenheit into carefully fashioned moulds. This moulding process drew many expressions of awe from all of us.

It was a great trip and an experience most of us will never forget agreed the Stouffville farmers.

consider it quite a compliment, and we too accept it as such. Friends will be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. Verner and family intend to leave New York this spring to locate down in Texas near the Louisiana border, which is native soil of Mr. Verner. They have sold their home on Bayside, Long Island. The Pictorial Atlas says that Texas has all kinds of weather under the sun, and the same may be said of its soil. In the north, spring season is marked by winter snow and ice, while the south is hot and dry. There is the highland sections with delightful weather most all the time. Stock raising was the chief industry, until the oil finds pushed ahead and took first place.

TOWN TOPICS

Boadways drug specials on this page will interest you.

Principal L. C. and Mrs. Murphy and family spent the Easter holidays at Comber, near Tilbury, the home of Mrs. Murphy's brother.

Rev. Herbert and Mrs. Lee returned on Sunday from spending the Easter week with their families in Toronto.

The many friends of Mrs. G. R. W. Thomas will regret to learn that she had to undergo a very critical operation at the General Hospital, Toronto, on Tuesday this week. Every hope is entertained for her early recovery.

Brampton made a patriotic grant to the Legion of that town, and the Department of Municipal Affairs has declared it illegal. With the wide publicity given the matter when it was put through the Ontario legislature, one wonders why somebody on the Brampton council did not know that such grants may only be made through the county councils, to be assessed against all the municipalities.

Mr. George Judd of Toronto was in town on Thursday for the funeral of Mrs. J. W. Taun.

E. A. Grubin, R.O., Optometrist and Optician, will be at his office in Stouffville on Monday, April 8.

The regular meeting of the War Branch will be held in the Municipal Hall this Thursday, April 4th, at 3 o'clock. Please bring your finished work of knitting. Everybody welcome. M. Davey, Secretary.

The roof over the south shed at the United Church caved in last week under the heavy weight of snow. Fortunately there were no vehicles in the place at the time, but a number of children playing close by ran for home declaring that German bombers had arrived from somewhere. There was a great-crash when the shed went down, which could be heard for several blocks. The demand for shed space has become so small, that it is possible the church officials may decide not to rebuild the wrecked section. However, in case of storms the sheds are appreciated, even as a haven for automobiles.

A basket of lovely spring flowers decorating the chancel of the United Church last Sunday were placed there in memory of the late Mrs. Charles Perry, and were the gift of her daughter Mrs. E. Venables of Hamiota, Manitoba. The late Mrs. Perry, one of the town's oldest women, died in 1936.

Complaint was made before the council on Monday evening regarding the condition of the sidewalk in front of an east end vacant lot. The council has been very tolerant this winter, although most people try hard to keep their walks free from ice and snow. However, it was intimated that the time had arrived for all walks to be cleaned, and those who neglect their frontage obligation, will find the town man cleaning the walk and the cost added to their tax bill, as per statutory requirement. Because of the good record against accidents maintained last year, the accident liability insurance was reduced from \$116 to \$100.

A local branch of Jehovah's Witnesses has been organized in Stouffville and regular services will be held just as soon as their quarters are ready. The organization has rented the upper floor over Mr. Leslie Rowbotham's store next the fire hall, to which an outside entrance is being made by means of an outside stairway up the east side of the building. Hardwood floors are being put in and the room redecorated. Mr. Percy Brillinger, one of the leaders of the local group informs us that services will commence just as soon as the building can be made ready, and due notice will be given the public of the opening service. Judge Rutherford is the leader of this religious sect which has a strong following in the States where it was founded by the late Pastor Russell.

Steps were taken last week to have a county outfit thaw out frozen catch basins on Main street, and much of the ice has been cut away, so that the pavement is in a very satisfactory condition this spring. The interest taken by the reeve and road committee of the council may not be bringing in a flood of congratulations and thanks, but the fact that there is no volume of "kicks" indicates that the ratepayers are satisfied. Business is like that. So long as one is carrying on and doing an honest job, little is said, but if mistakes are made and poor business practises used, then we hear about it from Mr. John Public.

Mrs. W. Verner of New York City was in town last week visiting her mother Mrs. Ira Freel and her brother Dr. H. B. Freel and family. It was the former Kathleen Freel who first suggested to The Tribune that we should have a "life subscription rate" for The Tribune, and she says the idea is carried out by some H. S. magazine publications. Any newspaper that has received such a request may

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