

TOWN TOPICS

Mr. E. Tyrer, teller at the local Bank of Nova Scotia, spent Christmas at his home in Barrie.

E. A. Grubin, R.O., Optometrist and Optician, will be at his office in Stouffville on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30th, at 31st.

Miss Norine Cockerill has been home during the holiday week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cockerill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chamberlain out from Toronto for Christmas Market. Fred is steadily employed at the Union Depot in the city, and finds his old job quite a diversity from farming east of Stouffville.

The action of the Toronto & York Road gang in removing the ice from the centre 20 feet of the roadway through the business section of the village, was greatly appreciated last week. The cost seems more than the local council care to place against the tax bills, so that when the county stepped in they solved a rather troublesome question.

One of the victories which the Ontario Press—particularly the weekly press—may justly claim is in that battle which has raged in editorial columns over the far too frequent and costly changes in text books authorized by the Department of Education in recent years. The Minister of Education, the Honorable Duncan McArthur, has just announced that no more text book changes will be authorized during the war. The changes have been approaching a racket, some editors claimed. And the people pay no matter whether pupils or School Boards purchase the books.

Christmas market day was something of a social event as well as a commercial enterprise. We noticed several old friends about who came back for the occasion. Just now we have in mind Mr. E. B. Hoover, Main street, Toronto, who left the Atha district 22 years ago to settle in the city. Not as young as he once was, Mr. Hoover enjoys very good health and is keen and alert. In the Tribune office he met Mr. Seneca Baker who is in his 90th year, and the pair had an interesting conversation on days of yore. Mr. Hoover is treasurer of the Congregational-Christian conference Board which is sufficient evidence that his mental faculties are all that could be desired.

Miss Robson who has been living in town with her cousin Mrs. Geo. Lawson, is spending the Yuletide season in Lindsay.

Aurora and Uxbridge town are observing "Boxing Day" as a public holiday this year and all places will therefore close the day following Christmas. This is an old English custom, and is very acceptable this year with Christmas day coming in mid-week.

Our east end neighbor Edward Walls received a fancy dog for Christmas, of the Irish Setter breed. Another dog fancier in town will be a delight to the dog tax collector. The addition to the dog canine population balances a loss incurred a week before when Rev. Mr. Macgregor's pup was killed by a passing truck.

More than 2,000 Canadian Girls in training took part in the special Candlelight services held a week ago on Sunday evening, when the group of the Stouffville United Church, formed a link in the chain which reached from coast to coast. Throughout the Dominion Canadian Girls in Training worshipped together as one community, reading together the familiar Christmas story and singing the old carols with their message for all nationalities. The ceremony in the Stouffville United Church was especially impressive, the many beautiful candle-bra added to the solemnity of the service. Miss Wilson, member of the local school staff gave the topic and the service was well attended.

The Woman's Association of the Stouffville United Church met at the home of Mrs. K. G. Tarr for their Dec. meeting. Miss S. Daley conducted a Christmas worship service and Miss Eva Hoover played a piano solo. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. B. Sanders; first vice, Miss Daley; second vice, Mrs. D. Cook; recording secretary, Mrs. Ted Cadieux; financial secretary, Mrs. J. Hodgins; treasurer, Mrs. Levi Hoover; flower committee, Mrs. W. H. Shaw, Mrs. F. L. Button; kitchen, Misses J. and M. Lemon; parsonage, Mrs. J. R. Hodgins, Mrs. L. Barkey, Mrs. K. G. Tarr. The secretary reported a shipment of more than 100 cans of fruit and vegetables and a number of bushel hampers of fresh vegetables to the Home Missions Council, Toronto, to assist in the Christmas cheer baskets.

Mr. and Mrs. Syd. Schmidt have been receiving the congratulations of their many friends this week celebrating their 26th wedding anniversary last Saturday, Dec. 21st. Mr. Schmidt is the proprietor of the Stanley Theatre in Stouffville.

Don. Lehman with the 2nd Field Ambulance at Camp Ebor and a familiar figure in uniform in town from time to time, has been discharged from the army as medically unfit. Don, was found to have very poor eyesight, and the puzzle is, how he got by the first official inspection. However, the medical staff ultimately realized the defectiveness of this willing soldier and promptly marked him for permanent layoff. He has his honorable discharge papers, and expects to now take up peaceful pursuits around Toronto.

Members of the school teaching staffs who live at other places in the province left town on Friday to spend the Yuletide. From the Continuation School Miss Pearl Wilson will be at her home near Port Hope, and Miss Ruth Miller has gone to Kirkland Lake to be with relatives, Mr. Ralph Halst has gone to Fenwick, near St. Catharines to visit his parents. From the public school staff Miss Anne Lindsay will spend Christmas at her home near Bolton, and Miss Margaret Goodyer at home in London, Ontario.

A hat belonging to one of the lady members of the High School staff was mysteriously removed from the school last week, and an old piece of headgear left in place of the much better hat. It is actually believed that someone entered the building and made the exchange, for the particular bonnet left for the teacher does not appear to connect itself with any pupil in the school a rather careful survey has shown. Strange things happen, and this is one of them.

Some unique uses are made of the bi-product of bee-keeping according to Mr. J. L. Byer, 8th concession of Markham, who last week completed the shipment of 500 pounds of bee's wax to a Montreal firm who make the wax into candles for Roman Catholic churches. Another quarter ton goes to Eaton's large thread works in Toronto. Owing to a slim crop of honey this year the output of wax is little over 1200 pounds whereas on a normal year the local apiarist sometimes disposes of over a ton of the bi-product.

A shortage of Christmas trees is reported this year and while local folk can usually procure a tree from a farm close-by, city dwellers are not so fortunate. An innovation on Christmas Market Day was the sale of Christmas trees by Jos. Ogden, local farmer who landed in town early with a truck-load. Mr. Ogden reports ample orders for trees, but difficulty in getting help to cut them. Trees from northern districts are held up by snow. Local farmers receive 25 to 50 cents for their trees to city dealers who in turn sell them anywhere from 75 cents up to \$2.00.

Hardly without an exception Stouffville merchants reported this year's Christmas trade as on an equal with that of last season. In fact, one of our largest merchants who employed some ten clerks during the rush told us that Christmas Fair day business this year was the largest turn-over for any day since he had opened up business here. Local stores featured Christmas merchandise with attractive window displays showing some of the items which might be purchased while the largest percentage were well repaid by their own displays with liberal advertising in The Tribune. Comparing prices with out-of-town firms, it was evident that there was no advantage in going out of Stouffville to shop, and in some instances prices were even found to be lower.

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Dr. and Mrs. S. T. Bodendistel were Christmas guests at the doctor's home in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Harman Hoover are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stover, Millverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brillinger and family spent Christmas in Toronto at the Albert Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bailey and baby daughter were spending a few days in Drumbo with her father, Rev. Mr. Hogg, and with relatives at Uxbridge on Christmas day.

Miss Charlotte Lehman was removed from the home of her sister Mrs. William Watson on the Brierbush Hospital on Tuesday, suffering from a rather sudden attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Parker of Atha have rented the John Turner house next the public school, and will move in immediately. Stouffville thus gains two new residents to whom we extend a welcome.

Mr. Grant Turner enjoyed the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Turner east of town. Grant is employed with a Toronto firm engaged in the manufacture of gas masks.

Information received by The Tribune from Mr. Allen Clossen who with his wife left by their trailer for Miami, Fla., reached their destination on Dec. 3. The weather is 80 in the day time and 70 degrees in the evening. While Mrs. Clossen stood the trip well, she is not yet fully recovered by any means. Unfortunately their copy of this paper has never reached them yet, and this is a disappointment to them as well as to the publishers who are regularly mailing the paper, properly addressed. This matter will be checked at once by the postal authorities.

The High School Literary Society held a Christmas party on Friday, December 20, in the Assembly room. This social afternoon took the place of the usual Christmas At Home, not held this year because of the new war-time attendance regulations. After "O Canada" and a short speech by the President, Bud Sanderson, Don Rowbotham delighted his audience by a piano solo, "When the Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square." Santa Claus appeared next and displayed a wonderful memory for the private affairs of several of those present. After the presents were distributed, the girls served cookies and candies.

In the Spirit of the Season

Happy, Happy New Year to you and all our friends on this bright holiday occasion. It is our hope that the day finds you truly happy and joyous and grateful for Santa's largesse.

Stiver Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacKechnie and son Peter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hall, Miss Ruby Good, R.N., all of Toronto were weekend guests at the Brierbush.

Miss Enna Heise is home for Christmas and New Years visiting her mother Mrs. Jacob Heise. For the past fourteen months Miss Heise has been in Regina with the Welfare Bureau of that city, but after the new year will take up new duties with the Toronto Children's Aid Society. Before going West Miss Heise was a valued member of the staff of the York County Children's Aid Society.

On Saturday afternoon a number of ladies of the Senior Women's Institute were gathered to do up their usual Christmas cheer boxes for the shut-ins, and they were thinking they would have to forgo the programme from OFRB with the village children singing, but with that usual "something" that can overcome obstacles, someone thought of the hardware store and Mr. Agnew sent over a lovely small radio where the ladies were working, and all the rustle of tissue paper and tying parcels was postponed while the program was on. This is not the first time the Brathwaite Hardware store has been generous to these ladies and so they would like to say thanks through this medium.

An advertiser asking for a barrel church received ten offers to sell such a machine last week.

When renewing a paper to his sister in Vancouver this week we learn from Rolph Jones of Altona that his sister Mrs. Benj. Palmer at the coast suffered a stroke last summer just a few months before his brother Abijah Jones was similarly afflicted. Mrs. Palmer is about 87 years of age and her brother who is in the local hospital here is 85, wonderful ages to attain. May they be free from pain and worry, is our wish for them.

Richard Williams who farms above Lincolnville has the determination it takes to get along in this world. He suffered a long and serious breakdown over recent years, but managed to operate his farm with the aid of hired help and his and his own daughters who were home at the time. Last Thursday Mr. Williams called at The Tribune, and we were pleased to mark the measure of recovery he has made. The day was rather an important one too for our Lincolnville farmer for some one whispered to us on the side that Mr. and Mrs. Williams were celebrating their 40th wedding day. Mrs. Williams was a daughter of the late Wm. H. Jones of Bloomington, and to her and her husband hearty congratulations are extended at this time.

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The steadily increased demand for our butter together with the facilities for making same, enables us to take on any new cream shippers who wish to avail themselves of the two combined services.

To obtain the best results in the preparation of your meat for storage: After killing and allowing the carcass to thoroughly cool, the meat should be cut into pieces the size that will be later required for use and wrapped in waxed paper, such paper may be obtained at the creamery at a small cost.

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