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**GYPSY SWINDLERS ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

Several gypsy women, possibly the same who relieved a Mongolian man of his roll a couple of summers ago, besides several others, are reported touring the country again. A report from Walkerton tells of a Greenock farmer being relieved of four dollars by two dusky maidens only last week. It appears that the victimized farmer, a Mr. Weingart, while trudging along a lonely side-road known as Egypt Road, was accosted by a quartette of gypsies, four women and the driver of the car. Two of the former emerged from their chariot and after a little palaver set upon Mr. Weingart, rifled his pockets and robbed him of his cash.

So far the gypsies have confined their nefarious deeds to Western Ontario, as we learn that a man near Exeter was relieved of \$100 in the same manner. They are driving a Plymouth car bearing the license No. Y26-95.

**RED CROSS NOTES**

Donations gratefully acknowledged: 1 pieced quilt top from Miss Tillie Stouffer, 1 quilt, from Bloomington unit, the tops having been pieced by members. A beautiful afghan from the Dickson Hill Junior Red Cross. We have made previous mention of this group of twelve girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Harvey Moyer, who are doing such a splendid work for the cause in Markham Township.

More helpers are needed in our local sewing-room. Plan to be with us this Thursday afternoon, upstairs at the Council Chambers.

The used clothing department received with thanks 2 men's coats, 1 ladies coat, 1 Doeskin windbreaker from Mrs. K. G. Tarr.

Mrs. Roy Grove.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. T. Birkett is somewhat improved since her serious illness last week.

**Local & General News**

Next public holiday is Saturday, May 24.

Markham Village census as revealed last week shows that village to have dropped its population figure by approximately 50 to 1126. This is 93 below that of Stouffville.

Fifty-five ringnecked pheasants have been shipped into Markham Township where they have been planted at various points to replenish the bird population there.

Pte. J. A. McConochie who is stationed with the Army Postal Corps at Ottawa, was home for his first leave last weekend which he spent with his wife and family here.

Mr. Harry Pennock attended the meetings in Hamilton last week of the Ontario-Quebec Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association. On Friday Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Nolan motored to Hamilton for the association banquet.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johnston for the Johnston-Footo wedding were Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston and little son, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Campbell, and daughter Helen, Cherrywood. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnston, Fenelon Falls; Mrs. W. J. Braye, Beeton; Mrs. H. Chervett, Toronto; Miss Margaret Johnston, Misses Beulah and Ellen Stanton and Mr. Norman Johnston, Port Stanton.

Last week's can collection was larger than the year before, according to a report given by Mr. Telf. Rennie who organized the pick-up. Visualize the vast amount of stuff moved by the school, plus the can collection, and the village homes have been ridged of an accumulation of junk they are better without, and much cleaner. Although it is contrary to a village bylaw to dump ashes on the public streets, there are still plenty of unsightly piles, and town officials have been taking note of them.

Fly your flags during the War Loan Campaign. Premier Hepburn has asked the mayors of Ontario to issue proclamations urging the public to decorate their homes and offices during the campaign which is expected to commence June 2. As many towns and cities in our country as possible should be decorated since national enthusiasm must be aroused if the importance of the loan is to be instilled into the minds of every Canadian. How about a few flags on Main street?

The two large hay stacks belonging to C. Hodgson east of town which were destroyed by fire on the night of May 3, were definitely started by a person now guilty of arson. Their footsteps were plainly marked even to increased speed as they ran from the scene of their act. So far, we understand, no charges have been laid. Mr. Hodgson is at a loss to know why anyone would want to destroy the stacks, of what was very good quality hay well preserved.

Three youths from Hamilton and Toronto stole Donald Hodgins, car from the driveway of the Hodgins home, and were apprehended by police in Lindsay where the lads spent the weekend in goal. The boys Howard Mayberry 17, James Murphy 17 and Fred Burgess 16, all pleaded guilty and will be held in custody until May 16th. The Hodgins car was stolen only last fall, and the owner said at that time that he felt quite "puffed up" to know someone thought enough of his car of ancient vintage to steal it.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Evans of Claremont was Sunday visitors with Miss Sadie Stewart.

Whitchurch Township Veterans are being asked to organize a junk collection to sweep over the whole township.

The Tribune has one or two attractive positions open for young girls up to 30 years of age, one in a doctor's office and another in a good home in Agincourt. Call at the office for particulars.

W. E. Smalley gave up his position as clerk in the post-office Saturday to take over his duties with the town as outlined in this paper last week.

The village of Dundalk has just passed a by law prohibiting the parking of trucks on the Main street business section of that town on nights that the stores are open for business. Seems we have somewhere heard that something like this would be a good thing in Stouffville.

Mrs. Murchison on Church street has rented her house to Mrs. Harold Lewis whose husband is on active service in England. Mrs. Murchison intends to go to Quebec for the summer to spend some time with her son there. The change will be made near the end of May.

As evidence of the keen labor shortage at this time, Whitchurch Township spent only \$58.90 in the month of April on relief. This is the lowest ebb in some years, and should continue throughout the summer. Of course no able bodied person can obtain relief anywhere at present, only those physically unfit being eligible for aid.

Dorothy Moyer, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moyer, Church street, has taken a position on the post office staff with Postmaster Leavens, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. E. Smalley, whose time will all be taken up by the village. Miss Moyer however is only a temporary appointment.

The Senior Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Bert Lickorish, Wednesday, May 21st, at 2.30 o'clock. Motto: "May we never be hasty in judgment." Roll call pay your fee. Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Annual reports from all committees. Election of officers for the coming year. Music Beatrice Lickorish; Social half hour. If you are interested in our work come. President Mrs. George Saunders; Secretary, Sadie Stewart.

The Stouffville school board on Monday evening accepted the resignation of Mr. Ralph Halst from the staff with due regret, after nearly three years of good service here. The secretary was instructed to advertise at once for his successor, the qualifications for which will be set out in the advertisement. Several requests for increased salary were left over for a special meeting to be called next week by the chairman. Dr. Freil presided over the meeting attended by all members of the Board.

Contrary to what has been stated in other nations, Canada has only interned 870 men, and about 10 women since the war began according to information disclosed in Ottawa. These internments were made under the Defence of Canada Regulations and these men were placed in two camps, with other provision being made for the women. During the first World War, Canada had 24 internment camps and of the 8,579 male prisoners, 7,758 were arrested in this country and 821 were sent here from other sections of the British Empire.

Mr. John Lehman, off duty on the C.N.R. (section work) for a year owing to ill health, was admitted to the Brierbush Hospital last week, suffering from a serious trouble. Active member and usher in the M.B.C. church. John is missed from his accustomed place. Last summer he had charge of the ushers for the big camp meetings in the park, when a couple of thousand people attended single services. His home in the westend is being closed as new places are being found for the two children he has cared for.

Miss Jean Collard of Stouffville and Miss Jean MacKenzie, a niece of a former shoe merchant here, Miss Clara MacKenzie were the recipients of a double bridal shower one evening last week at Miss MacKenzie's Roehampton Avenue home in Toronto. It seems that Jean MacKenzie, a June bride along with Margerite Hodgins planned a bridal shower at Jean's home for Miss Collard, who is to be married this Saturday; the guests, business associates of the girls, turned the tables on Jean the hostess, and made it a double shower for her as well.

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Ezra Judson Bucknam who was born at Whitevale in 1860, and his wife, the former Rachael Elizabeth Besse who was born at Claremont in 1876, celebrated their diamond jubilee on Saturday, May 10th, at their home, 278 Gilmour Ave. Toronto.

Mr. Bucknam is one of this country's oldest lumbermen and recalls cutting down one pine tree that yielded no less than 36 logs.

Last summer he accompanied A. H. Richardson, of the Dominion Forestry Branch to Vivian where they reviewed the stump of this tree, which he had assisted in cutting down while a boy of 17.

During his life Mr. Bucknam has built sawmills in many of the im-

portant lumbering centres throughout Canada.

The couple were married in 1881, by the Rev. Mr. MacGregor. Mr. Bucknam's eldest sister, Mrs. Annie Richardson who was bridesmaid at the wedding sixty years ago, arrived from Sault Ste. Marie to spend the day with the couple. Another guest was Mrs. Florence Besse who was also a guest at the wedding.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bucknam have enjoyed the best of health and attribute happiness during a long life to their philosophy "a firm belief in God; living a quiet, humble life and doing unto others as you would that they should do to you."

They have three sons, Russel at home; Roy at Latchford, Ontario and George in Oshawa.

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