



NEW WEAPON FOR CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Canada's newest and lightest weapon is shown at right, in the hands of a Canadian soldier. The Sten sub-machine carbine, an all-metal gun used in a similar manner to the American Thompson sub-machine gun, weighs only seven pounds and is designed specially for parachute troops. Small Arms Limited, a Crown company, is now tooling up for the production of this "tommy gun" and it is expected that by mid-summer monthly output will reach the four figure mark. The same company turns out the Lee-Enfield rifle and bayonet held at the attack position by soldier at left. The bayonet is the new type adopted by our army.

Victoria Square

We are glad to report that Mr. Robert Hooper is able to be around again after being confined to bed with a bad cold.

Choir practice was held last Thursday evening at the parsonage.

We are sorry Mr. Egbert Avison has been on the sick list with a very bad cold. We hope he will soon be able to be out again.

Next Sunday there will be a very special Christmas service at our church. Let us have a full house of both young and old.

Last Sunday evening an interesting young peoples service was held with Miss Marion Boynton in charge. Topic was taken by Eddie Hitchcock. Two piano duets were played by Joy and Margaret Morton. James Valliere and Vera Taun also took part.

We were sorry to hear that a cable has recently been received from Sergt. Ross McKay, of R.C.A.F. in England to his parents here, (Rev. and Mrs. Henry McKay) stating that he had been in an accident. We sincerely hope he was not seriously hurt and that further encouraging news will soon follow.

The committee of Y.P.U. met at and that further encouraging news boxes which were sent to the following ten boys: Norman Martin, R.C.A.F.; Dvr. Boyd Mount; John Williamson, R.C.A.F.; L.A.C. Lofkrantz, R.C.A.F.; Sgt. Wm. Thompson; Gordon Kerswell, R.C.A.F.; Milton Heise; L. Corp. Don. Motheson; L. Corp. W. Trussell and Pilot Officer Doug. McKay, R.C.A.F.

A very impressive White Gift Service was held in the Sunday School room last Sunday. Many gifts were brought by young and old. The children marched from the back of the S. S. room and each placed their gift under the Christmas tree on the platform after which they gathered around a little table also decorated for Christmas, while Mrs. McCague told them a story followed by the singing of "Away in a Manager" by the children.

A recommendation for an adequate warning signal at the Maple railway crossing was handed down last week by the coroner's jury investigating the death of Archie Nichols of this place, who died five weeks after his car was struck by a train.

Dr. Fielding who performed the autopsy stated that Nichols had died following an attack of bronchial pneumonia some five weeks after he had been admitted to the hospital.

W. S. Barnard, engineer of the train, stated that he noticed the headlights of a car when he was about a quarter of a mile south of the crossing. He stated that he didn't apply his brakes because he thought that the car was going to stop. Barnard added that his whistle was blowing at the time.

Although he was running 25 minutes late, he was not making up time, Barnard stated, as he had been instructed to remain this way on the whole trip. He said that he couldn't see anything dangerous about the crossing. "It may not seem so dangerous to you in the cab of the engine," Coroner Dr. Lawson interjected.

Sergt. Sidney Barraclough of the York County police stated that the car had apparently been caught on the left hand front of the train and tossed into the ditch and turned over completely. The front of the car on the left hand side was heavily damaged.

Sergt. Barraclough added that he was driving home at 1.20 a.m. when he came upon the accident as he drove along the Maple road. He said that he found Nichols' body beside the railway tracks and called Dr. Bigford, who rushed the injured youth to St. Michael's Hospital.

For more than five weeks young Nichols battled for his life. Two operations were had but he failed to rally after the second one and died on October 22.

8th Line Markham

Mr. Jack Bielby from Western Canada, spent several days with his sister Mrs. James White.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hoover and family had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wideman.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wideman were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Carson Wideman of Dunbarton.

Miss Mabel Shank entertained quite a number of her friends at a quilting bee on Tuesday of last week.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Thomas Blizzard in her recent bereavement in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Armstrong of Locust Hill.

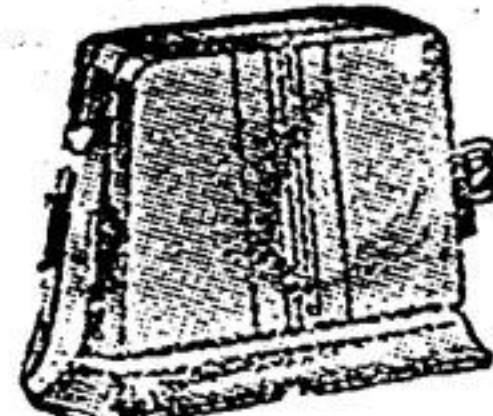
On Sunday evening, Dec. 21, a company of Gospel singers from Goshen College, Indiana, will visit Wideman Church and present a programme of sacred song. Plan to attend.

Ringwood

Mrs. Mary Nighswander, formerly of Atha is staying with Miss Priscilla Piper.

Rev. and Mrs. Brown had Sunday dinner with Mrs. J. M. Grove.

APPLIANCE GIFTS



Toasters \$2.00



Coffee Makers \$6.15



Skate Outfits \$3.99



Irons \$2.50

Brathwaite Hardware

Christmas Services

SECOND MARKHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Norman Rowan, Pastor

Sunday, December 14th, 1941
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Special Christmas music. Miss Gertrude Clark will sing.

Tuesday 8:00—Prayer Meeting at the home of Mrs. Chas. Connor.

To-Day's Thought
Though Christ a thousand times
In Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in thee
Thy soul is all forlorn.

WE WELCOME YOU

CHRIST CHURCH, ANGLICAN

Rev. F. Herman, Rector

Sunday, December 21, 1941
4th Sunday in Advent
1:30 p.m.—Sunday School
2:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
EVERYONE WELCOME

STOUFFVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Clifford McLaughlin, Minister

Sunday, December 21, 1941
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Worship
Subject: "The Wise Men from the East"
7:00 p.m.—Gospel Service
Subject: "His name shall be called . . . the Prince of Peace."
Special Music at Both Services
Talent from Bloomington and Ringwood as well as local talent
Friday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m.—Sunday School Christmas Service.

Church Hill

Sunday, December 21, 1941
2:00 p.m.—Church School
3:00 p.m.—Gospel Service
Christmas Message
EVERYONE WELCOME

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STOUFFVILLE

Rev. T. D. Rayner, Minister

Sunday, December 21, 1941
11:30 a.m.—The minister will preach "BETHLEHEM—DRIVE SLOWLY."
To behold the sights of the Town, and also to ask The Supreme Question of Christmas. What is that Question? It is worth finding an answer to.
"O Come All Ye Faithful . . . Come and Adore Him, Christ the Lord."
You Are Cordially Invited.

STOUFFVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH

Rev. H. Shantz, Pastor

Sunday, December 14th, 1941
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
2:30 p.m.—Mongolia S. S.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic
Thursday evening, 8:00 p.m.—Stouffville prayer meeting. (Rev. E. Honsberger, just returned from Nigeria, West Africa, will speak. Special prayer for missions.)
Friday 8:00 p.m.—Atha prayer meeting, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grenfell Wilson.

Next Week:
Tuesday evening — Mongolia Meeting.
Wednesday evening — Altona Prayer Meeting
Young Peoples Prayer Meeting
Come and Worship With Us.

BLOOMINGTON, RINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Rev. G. W. Brown, Pastor

Sunday, December 21, 1941
11:00 a.m.—Bloomington
2:30 p.m.—Ringwood
7:00 p.m.—Altona
Christmas Music at all Services
Ringwood Church Christmas Concert, Monday, December 22, at 8 p.m.
Bloomington Church Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 23rd, at 6:30 p.m.

Plan to attend our Christmas services and rejoice with us as we commemorate the birth of Christ.

To-Days Thought
"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift."—Rom. 9:15

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH

Rev. Douglas G. Davis, Minister

Sunday, December 21, 1941
11:00 a.m.—Worship
Subject: "Christmas in the Heart"
Bring the family and let us all worship together on Christmas Sunday.
12:15—Sunday School
7:00 p.m.—Worship
Subject: "The Other Wise Man."
Illustrated with beautiful slides
This is our White Gift Sunday.
Bring your gifts wrapped and write on the outside for whom your gift is most suitable.
Friday, at 5:30 p.m.
Mission Band Supper
Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 8 p.m.
Sunday School Christmas Concert
"Don't forget Christ comes first in CHRISTMAS."

DICKSON HILL and MT. JOY MENNONITE CHURCHES

Rev. P. G. Lehman, Pastor

Dickson's Hill
Sunday, December 21, 1941
2:30 p.m.—Bible School
7:30 p.m.—"O Holy Night"—this Christmas Cantata will be presented by Sunday School Scholars. Christmas Carols by Electrical Transcription.

Mount Joy

Sunday, December 21, 1941
10:30 a.m.—Bible School
11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship
Mr. Lehman will preach
8:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Rev. S. Goude will preach
The Christmas Carols will be sung. We wish the members and friends of these churches. A Very Merry Christmas.
Spend Christmas Sunday With Us.

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Duncan Macgregor, Pastor

Christmas Sunday, Dec. 21, 1941
10:00 a.m.—Bible School
Classes for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Worship
7:00 p.m.—Gospel Service.
Subject: "The Angel's Song, Accompanied by the Roar of Guns."
The pastor will preach at both services.
You are heartily invited to share these services with us.
Monday, Dec. 22nd—The Sunday School will hold its Christmas Supper and entertainment. Supper will be served at 6.30. The Christmas program will begin at 8 p.m. You are cordially invited.

Come to Stouffville Friday, December 19th for a good time and a shopping spree at the

Christmas Market Fair

Make Ratcliff's the headquarters for your Christmas Food requirements, and enjoy a cup of hot coffee made from our famous freshly ground bulk coffee and served by the Senior Women's Institute.

FOODS -- The Ideal Gift

There is no better way to remember or be remembered at Christmas — Gift Baskets of food — gaily decorated — have a universal appeal with all ages.

Fancy Fruit Baskets — an ideal gift for the invalid & convalescent as well as older friends.

Christmas Candies

- Mixed Jumbo Creams lb. 20c
- Maple Creams lb. 20c
- Alaska Hard Mixed 2 lbs. 35c
- Fruit Slice Gums lb. 18c
- Vanilla Chocolate Drops lb. 23c
- Christmas Kisses lb. 22c
- Chocolate Buds lb. 30c
- Butterscotch lb. 25c
- Chocolate Gingers lb. 39c
- Chocolate Peanuts lb. 25c
- Christmas Jelly Beans lb. 20c
- After Dinner Mints lb. 35c
- Assorted Chocolates lb. 35c

PEPPERMINT CANDY CANES in various sizes

Christmas Nuts and Specialties

- Peanuts, freshly roasted lb. 20c
- Salted Peanuts lb. 15c
- Shelled Cashews lb. 70c
- Shelled Walnuts, halves lb. 75c
- Canadian Walnuts lb. 15c
- Popping Corn lb. 15c
- Blanched Peanuts per tin 15c
- Crosse & Blackwell's
Consomme Madrilene, red, amber and green tin 20c

Christmas Fruits and Baking Supplies



- Lexia Raisins, (with seeds) 2 lbs. 25c
- Seedless Raisins, (3 crown) 2 lbs. 25c
- Lexia Raisins, (seeded) per lb. 15c
- Shredded Coconut, (sweetened) lb. 25c
- Coloured Coconut, lb. 25c
- Cut Mixed Peel, (with citron) lb. 35c
- Mincement, (extra quality) lb. 15c
- Bleached Sultana Raisins lb. 20c
- Australian Currants, (3 crown) lb. 15c
- Marachino Cherries (red or green) lb. 55c
- Flavour Extracts Fruit Colourings
- Brer Rabbit Molasses, (light) tin 15c
- Icing Sugar 2 lbs. 21c
- Almond Icing Cake Candies

ORANGES ! ORANGES !

Our shipment of Christmas Navel Oranges has arrived with the quality exceptionally good. Three regular sizes

19c doz. 29c doz. 39c doz.

AN ADDED SPECIAL 2 doz. 25c

- SPONGE TAFFY just melts in your mouth. lb. 25c
- PEANUT TAFFY lb. 25c
- AN IDEAL GIFT
- PYREX PIE PLATE full of CHOCOLATES 75c
- AURORA BELLE FLOUR 24-lb. bag 79c
- CHRISTMAS TREATS
- Treats for the kiddies prepared in individual packages on order.
- NEW CROP PORTUGUESE FIGS per lb. 20c
- HALLOWI DATES (with pits) per pound 16c
- PITTED DATES, per lb. 19c

FOR THE HOLIDAY TABLE

- CHEESE
- Nippy old Canadian Cheese colored lb. 39c
- PURE CLOVER HONEY 4-lb. pail 60c
- NORWEGIAN SARDINES per tin 17c
- PINEAPPLE JUICE, 16-oz. tin 15c
- Crosse & Blackwell's
FRUIT & NUT BREAD, per tin 15c
- SHIRRIFF'S FRUIT PUDDING 27c
- SHIRRIFF'S GOOD MORNING Marmalade 4-lb. tin 63c
- LUSHUS JELLY POWDER, 3 pkgs. 25c
- SWEET GHERKINS—OLIVES

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