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MORE THAN 10,000 CANADIAN JAPANESE STILL HELD IN VIRTUAL CONCENTRATION

Continued from Front Page) what to do with these people who have been deprived of all their earthly possessions, cannot own a home, or work for themselves. Coercion in Deportation Scheme. The decision of the Ottawa Government was to deport them to Japan, and they used a scheme of coercion to gain the signature of a large percentage to say they were willing to go to Japan, the speaker claimed.

The Japanese in these camps and interior towns were employed by the government, and they were told that if they would sign an agreement to go to Japan, after the war, their jobs would be secure, and they would receive relief or any other government benefits accorded other Canadians. Those who stated they did not wish to return were told that they would lose their jobs, and would receive no relief, and since they were barred from other employment there was little alternative. A large percentage signed up to go for under the circumstances they were guaranteed a certain amount of

security for so doing, even those the largest number of these did not want to leave Canada.

As a number of these facts come to light in eastern Canada, Ottawa was flooded with protests over the situation, although an Order-in-Council was passed giving the government the right to deport. This action brought stronger protests, and the government made minor changes in the ruling. One of these changes however meant the splitting up of families, and would leave some 3,500 Japanese children here without parents.

The matter was brought to the Supreme Court, whose decision, while not declaring the Order-in-Council void, did make the government plan unworkable, Mr. Hidaka stated. However, thousands of those sent inland from the coast, have no way of re-infiltrating into the community life of the land of their adoption, and the restrictions placed on them during the war are still in force.

"These things came under the War Measures Act, but this Act should not be used to justify racial prejudice," the speaker said. "It is not safe for Christianity, for such conditions to exist," he concluded.

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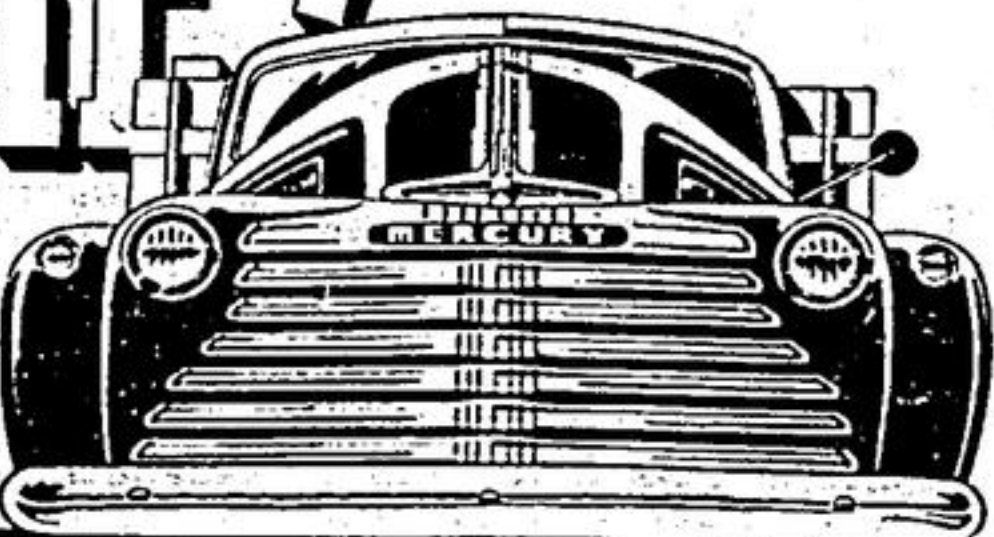
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Local and Personal Happenings

Easter Sunday falls on April 21 this year, almost the latest possible date on which Easter can come, according to the method by which the date is celebrated.

Mr. Claire Bell of Bell & Son, Stouffville, is attending the Westinghouse School of Instruction in Toronto. The course covers electric ranges and household refrigeration.

Information received from relatives at Agincourt inform us of the birth of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lilley of Vineland, born on March 19, 1946.

The Canadian National Exhibition will reopen in 1947 it is expected. The Dominion government has agreed to pay \$1,292,453 to restore the buildings to their former use since they are being vacated by the military who took them over during the war. There are a lot of people just waiting for this annual trip to the C.N.E.

Public auction sale this Saturday, March 30 of goods belonging to Earl Hisey will be sold at his former home in the west end of Stouffville beginning at 1.30. Mr. and Mrs. Hisey are now living in Toronto, and their cottage on Clark street has been sold.

Another New Street

Walter Brillinger is about to have a street surveyed in the west end running south from Main street on the vacant lot between the Hodgins residence and Mr. Cliff Salmon's, the former Will Cook or Harry Brillinger bungalow. The outlook on the Brillinger acreage which is planted to vegetables each year, will be quite attractive to numerous prospective buyers. Mr. Brillinger has promised lots in this new plan to some buyers, for which deals will be completed just as soon as a surveyor is obtained to divide the lots.

Back from Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Borinsky returned on Sunday from a delightful holiday in Florida. Mr. Borinsky stated that he found living costs in the South very little higher than in Toronto. One could obtain a very good meal for one dollar, if the visitor is looking for high priced board, it certainly is available, especially at fashionable hotels. Standing on the sea shore one evening watching the fishing boats unloading after their day's catch the Borinskys met Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clossen of Stouffville who are holidaying in Miami with headquarters at Little River Station.

Dates for the annual school cadet inspectors for this district have been announced, but they do not hold the same interest for Stouffville as they once did, because our cadets have disbanded, and there is no corps here any longer. Major George Beal, M.C., will inspect the corps at Richmond Hill, Schomberg, Aurora, and St. Andrew's College during the month of May. Since war has ended, local interest in cadets fell away sharply, which led to the discontinuance of training at this centre.

Syrup Ceiling too Low

The ceiling price on maple syrup being \$3.15 for one gallon, is regarded by producers in the local area as too low. As one farmer explained to us, three men working all day, cut the wood, emptied the buckets, and did the boiling, and when night came they had two gallons of syrup. The sale price would not more than pay the wages of helpers at any reasonable rate, which would allow nothing for the use of equipment, the amount of wood burned, or any profit whatever to the owner of the bush. He must buy buckets, care for them, and other equipment purchased for this work.

Ceiling Removed from False Teeth

On and after March 16 the ceiling was lifted from artificial teeth, but it is not expected that persons requiring them will be required to pay any more for a set of artificial grinders, which have proven such a blessing to hundreds of thousands of people, and probably a curse to a few other who couldn't get accustomed to wearing an extra wall in the roof of the mouth. Not having had the experience of what it feels like to wear a set we cannot offer any advice to the plagued ones, but we imagine it must be something like becoming accustomed to wearing a wig, in that the artificial displacement must be made to feel comfortable to the wearer. The teeth, of course, can be a thing of great service as well as something that measures up with the service rendered by a wig. Both probably add a great deal to the appearance of the individual, while the wig's other service is that it keeps the flies off during a church service, and relieves the owner from making unsuccessful passes at the annoying buzzers.

Russel Lee of Hamilton has been visiting his mother Mrs. John Lee for a few days, also Mrs. Nelson Chapman of Uxbridge, enjoyed a couple of weeks here as the guest of Mrs. Lee.

Halifax Navy had a familiar face in their senior hockey lineup this season in the person of Ronnie Rowe, former Markham junior star, and still on the Maple Leaf reserve list. He performed the hat trick in one game for the blue and white.

At the regular meeting of the Stouffville Lions Club on Monday evening, Dr. John Button was duly installed as a member. Lion M. E. Watts carried out the installation, while Lion Dr. Ball proposed the new Lion.

The Baptist congregation is to be favored next Sunday, March 31st, with the presence of Mr. Ken Miller as soloist at both services. Ken is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miller who moved to town last year from Toronto, and is an accomplished gospel singer.

Eddie Lapaire, ex-Federal M.P. for Sudbury was in Stouffville on Thursday on a business call, and renewed old acquaintances with Norman McLean who has travelled the north country for the last thirty-two years.

Jack Culverwell, for years a star for Sutton Intermediate hockey clubs, and also remembered as a member of the Sutton nine which frequented Memorial Park back in O.B.A. baseball days here, was in action last week for the Maritime Senior Hockey champs, the St. John Beavers, who were eliminated by Hamilton.

George and Jack Swift, of Toronto, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swift, formerly of Stouffville, were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sanders, eastend.

Bill Sanders was home for a couple of days. He expects his discharge from the army.

The fire brigade was called out during the busy rush of Saturday afternoon, to quell a fire which had started on the roof of the George Watson stables to the rear of the Post Office building. Water and chemical soon had the outbreak which had not gained too much headway before it was noticed by neighbors. The blaze was thought to have originated from a nearby bonfire.

The death of George McGuire at his home in Calgary, Alta., last week, recalls a man who was very well known by older residents of Stouffville. He was a noted clarinet player and leader of the band in the town of Uxbridge forty years ago, and has played with local musicians here and in Claremont. Mr. McGuire was in his 86th year, and had been a resident of Calgary for about 15 years.

Money deposited with the Department of Education last year by the Stouffville Board of Education, setting up a fund for further development at the school in the way of capital expenditures will be handed back to the school board, according to a decision of the Ontario government reached last week. It was evidently found that the administration had been too liberal and could not afford to carry out the promises made whereby a local Board of Education could set aside 10% per year of their annual maintenance costs to be matched by a similar amount by the Department, and on which the Department would pay 3 per cent interest when deposited with them until the day the money would be required for building or other expansion purposes. This regulation is now put into the discard, and probably for no other reason than that the government found they couldn't afford it. Stouffville set aside something like \$2500. The money may be used for expanding the school ground now since the playing field is badly cramped.

The shameful treatment that is alleged to have been meted out to our Japanese Canadians in B.C. under the domination of the Dominion government calls for drastic action in the way of investigation, with a view to bringing the guilty parties to justice and restoring justice to those wrongfully used. This investigation will have to be forced by the Christian people of Canada who in the meantime are under condemnation, since it is their government that has carried out against this unfortunate race, the shameful treatment that was given. No one can read extracts from the sermon of Mr. Hunio Hidaka published in this issue without feeling resentment against their own country which so far has condoned similar inhuman treatment to that for which we hated the German crimes—indeed the crimes against them are still suffered by these unfortunates. What are we going to do?

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Long of Lockport, N.Y., were guests of Mrs. S. Shankel for a few days.

Mrs. William O'Hara died in Uxbridge on March 20. Her husband has long been identified with the hardware business in that town, and was a clerk in the store of the late Robert Jones forty years ago. Mrs. O'Hara was buried on Saturday in Uxbridge cemetery.

The cooler weather last weekend brought on the sap run again, and there was a good flow for a couple of days. However, the syrup is said to be darker, and not of first quality from the late sap run, but with scarcity of sugar and good quality syrup, no doubt many will be glad to make use of second grade syrup if only for cooking.

Despite all the requests made through these columns persons still continue to send in mail orders asking to have the address changed on their paper, yet failing to give the old address. There may be several names of the 2,600 like yours, and it is very difficult to change a name from one address to another without giving both the old and new address. Please remember.

Never has Stouffville needed the support of a Horticultural Society more than right now, when the town is on the threshold of a boom period. Our society did so much good during its short life, that we now realize how necessary it is to have the support of some such organization. The council alone cannot be expected to shoulder the whole problem of beautifying our streets. Right now we should have a tree planting program. During the past few years or all through war days many trees died off, and there have been no replacement of these lovely maples that did so much to give the place a friendly and inviting look in the heat of summer. If the old executive of the Horticultural would meet and try to organize and decided on a new president there is little doubt but that the organization could be revived smartly.

Mrs. D. McKinnon, Toronto, was the guest of her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spofford over Sunday.

The reeve of Stouffville presided over a meeting of the York County Reforestation Committee held in Toronto on Friday, and told the gathering that substantial purchases of land in Whitchurch township was likely to be made this summer for reforestation purposes.

The East York District of the Women's Institute held their directors meeting on March 21st at the Y.W.C.A. Those who attended from the Stouffville branch were Mrs. Garfield Kellington, District Director, Mrs. Howard Malloy, President of the local branch, also Mrs. James Ridout and Miss Sadie Stewart.

Repairs and changes to the interior of the Spofford departmental store are expected to be completed in a few weeks when a formal opening of the new departments will be announced by the firm. The big store will be 150 feet in depth, quite outdoing in size anything between Toronto and Lindsay.

Allan McCallum who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Agnew visited here a few days last week. Allan, who is a transatlantic air pilot, was to have spoken to the Stouffville Lions Club on Monday evening, but had to return to his headquarters on short notice during the weekend, and was unable to attend.

Town barber William Harding was "doing up" some of the patients at the Brierbush hospital on Sunday morning as is his custom, and was in the act of carrying in a basin of water to the room of George Wilson, Markham business man, when the nurse met Bill in the hall and said, "it will not be necessary, Mr. Wilson has just passed away." Bill was almost overcome. He had been in the room a few moments before preparing Mr. Wilson for a shave.

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