



## Just Back from Orient Rev. W. A. Rae Gives Paper A Graphic Interview

Just returned from a few months spent in the Orient Rev. Wm. A. Rae of O'Brien Avenue, Stouffville, who as a missionary was no stranger to the Far East sketches his trip for our readers in interesting fashion.

"We left Montreal aboard the Blue Funnel Line Freighter, 'Menestheus,' on May 18th, and after loading at Newport News, Va., and Baltimore, reached New York on May 28th. During the ship's stay at Baltimore we made a visit to the American Capitol, enjoying especially the White House, the Art Galleries, the Smithsonian Institution and the Mint. From New York we went to Kingston, Jamaica, in the British West Indies, and from there to Cristobel, Panama. In each of these ports we took on Chinese passengers, some returning to die in their native land. The trip through the Panama was very interesting. We made the ten-hour journey in daylight. The last time we came through on our way from India darkness fell and we did not see the locks at the eastern end. Eight days after leaving Panama we arrived at Los Angeles where a shipping dispute kept us for a few days, and a month after we left Montreal we sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco.

The ship's itinerary called for our reaching Yokohama via Manila, Hongkong and Shanghai, but on learning, at San Francisco, that the sister ship of the Menestheus had been badly bombed by the Chinese Nationalist air force in their blockade of Communist held ports, we decided to leave the visit to China to some more convenient time, so we left the 'Menestheus' and transhipped on 'The Pacific Bear' of the Pacific Far East Lines. This ship took the Great Northern Circle which is the shortest route to the Orient, but not the most pleasant. The fog around the Aleutians necessitates the continuous blowing of the ship's siren. Three days before reaching Yokohama we ran into the tail end of a typhoon, and our ship rolled all night in heavy seas with the vessel listing to forty-five degrees. Once during the night I was tossed out of my bed into the bed on the other side of the large cabin, and I watched my trunk slide in and out the cabin door a number of times!

Five hundred miles from the shores of Japan we met a number of small whaling vessels, and I wondered how they had managed through the previous night. On the 8th of July we disembarked at Yokohama, and rode a 'jeep' to Tokyo. The whole of the former industrial area lying between these two cities is completely devastated, as are all of the great industrial sections of Japan. Everywhere the terrible scars of war are evident, but the Japanese are rebuilding despite the fact that the economic situation does not lend itself to a very speedy reconstruction of industry. The problem of sustaining these eighty-millions on four small volcanic islands is not an easy one.

I was impressed with the contrast between Japan and China. China so backward and Japan so progressive. In West China most of my travel was done on foot or by pony over tortuous mountain trails, but in Tokyo I found electric trains leaving the main stations every two minutes, and electrified cog-railways would haul a long train through fifty tunnels for fifty miles to an altitude of three or four thousand feet.

Japan is a land of students, and has the highest literacy of any nation in the world. Now that English is compulsory in high schools, colleges and universities, one has no difficulty getting around as there is always someone anxious to try out his English.

The purpose of my visit was to find out how best we can help the Japanese Christians with the great task of evangelizing their own people. In consultation with the Christian leaders we learned that Japan's greatest need is the Bible. Shintoism as a state religion is now obsolete, and unless Japan is given the Scriptures immediately she will fall an easy prey to Communism. With a view to putting a New Testament in every home, a door-to-door campaign was inaugurated this summer. Then there is a great need for good used clothing.

One of Japan's Christian leaders, Rev. Hiraide came back with me, and will be in Stouffville in a few months' time. You will enjoy hearing this Christian leader. We returned to this land two weeks ago on the American President Liner, 'General Gordon', and as I stepped off the ship at San Francisco, who should be standing on the wharf but Rev. F. Muir of Stouffville, who sailed a few days later on the same ship for China."

They took up farming near Ringwood for a short time, then to Gormley for several years and finally in the year 1920 moved to her home east of Victoria Square where she lived until her death and where her son Walter now farms. Her husband predeceased her six years ago.

### Loyal and Devoted Mother, Mrs. Annie Smith Passed

Mrs. Mary Ann (Annie) Smith passed peacefully away at her home near Victoria Square on Friday, Sept. 16th, after a somewhat lengthy illness.

Mrs. Smith, the former Annie Gee, daughter of the late Joseph Gee and Margaret Thompson, was a life-long resident of Markham township, having been born 78 years ago just west of Victoria Square on the Gee homestead, where she was raised and educated until the year 1898 when she married Charles Edward Smith of Gormley.

Mrs. Smith suffered a stroke twelve years ago from which trouble she only partially recovered, gained sufficient strength to enable her to spend her last few years visiting among her family.

Mrs. Smith had a very quiet disposition but her kindly ways and love for the better things of life made her a friend of many.

The service was conducted by Rev. H. J. MacKay of Toronto, a former pastor, assisted by Rev. E. A. Currey of Victoria Square.

The late Mrs. Smith is survived by four sons, Alfred of Cashel, Murray of Toronto, Walter at home and Fraser of Agincourt, three daughters, Mrs. A. Canning (Lillian) of Schomberg, Mrs. W. O. Nursey (Irene) of Toronto, Mrs. K. McTaggart (Marion) of Nobleton, and fifteen grandchildren. One sister, Mrs. Margaret McCague, also survives.

The pallbearers were John McCague, Heber McCague, Fraser Gee, Frank Julian, Harvey Collard and Glenn Smith, all nephews of the deceased. Interment was made in Victoria Square cemetery.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Victoria Square United Church and in her earlier years sang in the choir there. She was also a member of the W.M.S. and previous to her illness took an active part in all church organizations.

When a 300-pound bear leaped at Fernand Therrien in farm bushland near North Bay, Ont., Fernand first hit it over the head with the butt of his rifle, then

shot it in the head with a .22-calibre bullet. The bear sprang at Fernand again, clawing and bruising him in a 20-minute battle.



An estimated 15,000 people gathered on farm of Heber Down, at Brooklin, Ont., to witness farm improvement and soil conservation program, sponsored by province of Ontario. Complete

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### ALTONA

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lewis, also Mr. and Mrs. M. Hill and Grant have returned from an enjoyable trip to the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Davis, Vandonford spent the weekend with his sister, Miss Esther Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery spent a day recently with the Hodgson family.

There will be a meeting at the home of Mrs. F. Goudie on Thursday evening of this week to study the art of slip cover making.

Atha school pupils were guests of the Altona pupils on Friday last for a game of baseball. The visitors proved to be the best.

The Young People met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dunkeld on Tuesday evening for a corn roast.

The Women's Institute held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. F. Wagg, Stouffville, on Thursday afternoon. H. W. Henry, District Field Secretary of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind for York County, gave a splendid outline of their work, explained the various stages of blindness, and how it reflects on a person when becoming blind. He also had a Braille taking machine and other gadgets used by the blind. Mrs. McLean, Woodville, gave a travelogue on the Lincoln County Bus Tour.

### BETHESDA

The anniversary services of Bethesda United Church will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25th, at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Rev. Levl Atkinson will speak at the morning service and Rev. Sanderson of Toronto at the evening service. Music for the day will be given by Mr. Jess Pike and family of Toronto. Plan to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bowman of Salmon Arm, B.C., and Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowman of New Jersey, U.S., have been visiting with their sister, Mrs. Pike.

We take this opportunity to welcome Miss Ann Shreeve, our new school teacher, to our community.

Congratulations to Earl Brill and his bride who were married on Saturday; and to Miss Thelma Preston and her husband who were married on Saturday at Sundridge.

The Young People's Union will meet on Friday night, Sept. 23, in the church.

Watch for the date of the community croquinoile party to be held shortly. The proceeds are for buying cups for community gatherings.

### VICTORIA SQUARE

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Don Matthews (nee Evelyn Barber) on the birth of a daughter, a sister for Donnie Jr.

Sympathy of the community is extended to the family of the late Mrs. Charlie Smith in the passing of a loving mother.

Miss Emma Warden of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins and George of Willowdale had Sunday evening dinner with Mrs. W. Brumwell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brumwell and family.

Mrs. Taylor of Oakville spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett.

Mrs. Alvin Caseley and family of Richmond Hill, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Percy Bennett spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lyons and family in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ridley and Shariene of Whitby and Mrs. H. Atwood of Uxbridge spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Willows.

Misses Shirley Taylor, Margaret Huston and Francis Shelley of Oakville had dinner Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett and Ray.

Visitors recently in the Hopper home were Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCague of Alliston, Mrs. W. Pingle and Miss Irene Pingle, Mrs. Garnet Hooper, Mrs. Leslie Hopper and Mr. Bill Hooper, all of Toronto.

Mr. E. A. Tupling of Honeywood, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Robt. Tupling and Miss Mary Thompson from Shelburne spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. Robb and family.

Next Sunday at 2.30 p.m. Rev. John McLachlan of the Locust Hill circuit will be the speaker, as Rev. E. A. Currey will be in charge of the anniversary service at Locust Hill.

Mrs. Percy Bennett, Mrs. Ralph Boynton and Mrs. Stanley Boynton attended the Mission Band leaders conference being held in St. George's United Church, Toronto on Tuesday.

At the Horticultural Society meeting on Friday, Sept. 23, in the United Church basement, Mrs. Win Timbers will show slides of Horticultural interest, and other local talent. Mr. Russell Wideman of Markham will judge the exhibits. The prize money for the August show will be given out.

Cape Horn is at the southernmost tip of South America.

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### GOODWOOD

Mr. Jack Atkinson, Field Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Organization from Toronto, paid a visit to the scouts on Tuesday evening. He gave the boys a short talk on Scouting. After the meeting he met the members of the Scout Group Committee in the parsonage where plans for the future of the group were discussed.

The regular meeting of the Merry Mixers Club will take place this Thursday at the parsonage at 8.15 p.m. Rev. John Hunter, B.A., from Toronto, is taking the devotional. Mr. Lloyd Wyse who is a specialist in coloured photography, is going to give a travelogue on a trip down the St. Lawrence.

On Friday evening a large crowd of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alger May to present a miscellaneous show to Miss Grace Wagg, one of our popular young ladies, in honor of her approaching marriage to Mr. Ronald James.

On Sunday evening the C.G.I.T. girls and the Junior boys class gathered at the parsonage to bid farewell to Miss Mary Harper on the eve of her departure for Guelph to take up studies in Home Economics. The girls presented her with a zipper note book, the boys a gold compact, and the choir with a hymnary.

Mr. Howard Harper is in Ottawa attending a potato committee meeting.

The Rally day service at Goodwood United Church was well attended on Sunday. Miss Raymer of Markham gave a very interesting description of an African village. The Quaker Hill Quartette rendered two appropriate hymns. Over 100 were present at this meeting.

The Baptist Church presented Miss Grace Wagg with a beautiful mirror.

The new public school for Chesley in Bruce County is to be built by the firm of George Hardy Co., Limited, Leaside, at a cost of \$155,000. The old school was burned last February and the town has to build two schools since the former structure housed both public and high schools.

The Motherscraft Advice Room will be open in the United Church basement on Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 11.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. All mothers and babies welcome.