

Local and Personal Happenings

Miss Margaret Neal is staying with Mrs. Robt. Brown during the winter months.

Mr. Steve Thomson has gone to his home district at Chesley for the Christmas season and may remain there for much of the winter.

Nowadays it is the electric switch that makes things go. Many can remember when it was the hickory stick that counted.

The property owners of Richmond Hill voted last week on a plebiscite for \$275,000 for sewers, by 334 for, and 261 against.

Miss Cora Sharrard of Uxbridge is a patient in a Toronto hospital. Miss Sharrard taught school in Stouffville many years ago, but numerous families will remember her.

Roy Cormack running for councillor in Scarborough ought to have inspired a few votes in favor when he advertised in his newspaper election card, "For baby sitters and other assistance, phone No."

Mr. Robt. Meed, 7th concession Markham farmer, met with a motor accident last week, and while his car sustained about \$80 damage, Mr. Meed was unhurt, we are pleased to report.

The "50 Years Ago" column of the Uxbridge Times-Journal notes that Spofford's hall in Stouffville was formally opened on Friday night, Dec. 2, with the Uxbridge orchestra and Uxbridge band supplying music, while some 90 from the northern town were on hand to assist in the opening ceremonies.

Quite a commotion was caused in another Ontario town two weeks ago when radio license salesmen dropped into the place and besides issuing many licenses, sent back a number of summonses as well. It's easy to overlook buying a license, just as it is easy to forget to renew the weekly newspaper, despite the fact notices go out from the government about the license. If you have not obtained the right to have a radio in your home, this tip may be of value if acted on; in case they swoop down on Stouffville without warning.

Unthinking Lad Pot Shots at Train

A C.N.R. fireman was hit in the arm and an engineer narrowly missed being hit with another bullet while the two were in the cab of their freight engine shunting south of the Main Street crossing on Friday afternoon.

Constable John Sheppard of Markham Township, investigated the incident and traced the shooting to a 13-year-old. He said the lad, alone in his home, several hundred yards from the track, was firing a .22 rifle from an upstairs window.

Fireman Alvin Johnston of Lindsay, was treated for a bullet wound in his wrist by Dr. H. B. Freel. He was later taken to Ross Memorial Hospital at Lindsay.

Dick Ghent, engineer of the freight which had been shunting back and forth on the siding, told police he and Johnston were sitting in the locomotive when they heard the report of a rifle and a bullet sailed into the cab. As they heard the whiz of another bullet, both ducked.

The boy at first denied he had been shooting the rifle but later admitted he had fired four or five shots out the window, Constable Sheppard said. He said he had borrowed the gun and had been shooting with it the day before.

Mission Groups Christmas Party
Stouffville United Church was the scene of a Christmas Birthday Party on Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Rural Mission Bands and Explorers of Toronto East Presbyterian. Two hundred children and adults mingled in worship, conference and play.

Mrs. Ted Croxall of Uxbridge capably guided the children through a morning session, concluding with Mrs. Mussman Luff (who for many years was secretary of Bands and Explorers on Presbyterian and Conference Branch) teaching the children a "grace" and sung in "rounds" to be used at lunch.

One hundred and seventy-five dined at tables bright with Christmas colours. Thirty tiny tots enjoyed the comforts of the kindergarten tables and chairs.

Mrs. A. E. Nourse, President of Toronto East Presbyterian and Mrs. J. D. Murdoch, Baby Band Presbyterian secretary assisted throughout the day.

The afternoon session opened with a very fine worship conducted by our Band followed by a varied programme by the visiting groups. Outstanding leadership and talent conveyed ample evidence that "Jesus the Light of the World" is shining in many corners. Mrs. Luff entertained with stories "Thinking of Others" and in turn the offering was dedicated to help underprivileged children. An extra special word of gratitude was offered Rev. D. Davis and the church organizations for the happy co-operation extended in entertaining these young folk, our leaders of to-morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sawyer of Toronto spent Saturday with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hughes on Fair Street.

The local stores are still fairly groaning with goods for the Christmas shopper. Not since before war days have Stouffville merchants so much to offer as this year of 1949. Do your shopping early and avoid the last minute rush.

One never realizes how many folks on the voters' list are ill and unable to be out these days. House after house had some member of the family unable to be out of doors, a fact well learned by those who were interested in Monday's municipal election.

Mrs. David Russell of Markham is a patient in the Brierbush Hospital. Being a frequent visitor in town at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Dougherty, Mrs. Russell is quite well known and greatly admired because of her bright disposition and general interest in life. Last week she met with a tumble in her home and suffered a broken shoulder, which is very serious because of her great age. Mrs. Russell is in her 89th year.

Mass Congregations for Sunday Eve

A hearty invitation is extended to all to attend the United Church, Sunday, Dec. 18, at 8.30 p.m. This will be a special Christmas musical service featuring male quartettes, ladies' double trio, solos, etc. A fifty-five voice choir will be present from the Toronto Bible College under the leadership of the well known choir conductor, Mr. Cyril Redford.

Beautiful Christmas music and carols will be the main feature of the evening. There will also be time for congregational singing. Hymn sheets will be provided.

This will be an opportunity for the public to hear again the Christmas message in music and song. Keep the date open and plan to attend.

Many of the churches of the district will be making use of the students of the Toronto Bible College throughout the day, and pastors are asked to co-operate in closing their evening services in good time to allow the students and people to be present at the mass meeting at 8.30.

The store windows are worth a trip down town to see. Folks from the country appreciate the lovely display too.

Christmas Sale
A big reduction in coats, dresses and hats from Dec. 15-24 inclusive at Mrs. M. Watts.

Will the party who took the wrong cap at the Oddfellows room last Monday kindly return it to the Tribune and receive his own cap.

Rev. W. S. Whitcombe of Toronto will be the guest speaker at the Baptist Church in town this Sunday. Mr. Whitcombe is well known to many. Come and enjoy the services.

Attention Stouffville! "Foto-Nite" at the Rio Theatre, Uxbridge, has big cash to offer. Foto-Nite has been presented for three weeks and three Stouffville names have been selected. Alas—they weren't at the Rio to collect. Will YOU be next? Foto-Nite is Thursday. Attendance night is Wednesday.

The Town of Uxbridge has enacted a bylaw to collect a sewerage rental in the same manner as domestic water rates are collected. We understand that a normal sized house in Uxbridge bears a domestic water rate of \$15 per year, which when increased by sewer rental will be quite a sizeable tax. However, the town enjoys a sewerage system which is only a dream in many other municipalities.

83—Looks Younger

Residents of Stouffville for the last seven years, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Hart are highly esteemed couple living in the Bruels apartments on Church St. north. Last week Mr. Hart reached his 83rd birthday, and there is no mistake about his age as some of his friends suggest. Trouble is, Mr. Hart doesn't look within ten years of 83, hence folks take a second look when he reports the figures. Mr. Hart was an active business man in Haliburton for many years. They have one daughter, Miss Florence, on the teaching staff in Toronto, and two sons William, teacher at Kinmount, and George who is at home at present in Stouffville owing to ill health.

Get in on Lehman's Shoe Store Sale, prices slashed in this pre-Christmas sale—shoes 98c to \$1.98.

Only now has the news reached this paper that Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Muir are back in China. Mr. Muir is a former pastor at Stouffville Christian Church, and his movements are naturally of great interest to Stouffville people. The Muirs reached China in October, and we hope that a "missionary letter" will be forthcoming from them in due time, telling of their experiences since returning to the mission field.

W.M.S. Elect Officers

The Woman's Association meeting was held in the United Church on Monday evening, Dec. 6th. In the absence of the president, Miss Brodie, Mrs. McCreight presided. The devotional period was taken charge of by Miss Todd. The topics "Sacraments" and "Home Life" were fittingly handled, closing with a poem "No Room in the Inn" and prayer. Solos by Mrs. Spofford and duets by Mrs. Storey and Mrs. Nigh were enjoyed. The minutes were read and approved. The business of the closing year followed with reports from the treasurer, the Flower Committee; the Kitchen Committee and the Parsonage Committee. Letters of thanks and correspondence were read. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Dowsell and Mrs. G. R. W. Thomas again be auditors for the treasurer's books. Rev. D. Davis took charge of the installation of officers for the year 1950 resulting as follows: honorary presidents, Mrs. D. Davis, Mrs. B. Sanders, Mrs. H. Sanders; president, Mrs. McCreight; vice president, Mrs. Woods; secretary, Miss Brodie; treasurer, Mrs. A. Campbell; assistant treasurer, Mrs. N. O'Boyle; social conveners, Mrs. Topham, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. McCreight; parsonage committee, Mrs. D. Stouffer, Mrs. Percy Stover, Mrs. F. Button, Mrs. Tarr; kitchen committee, Miss J. Lemon, Miss N. Rae; flower committee, Mrs. C. Turner; pianist, Mrs. J. Gayman; friendship committee, Mrs. O'Boyle, Mrs. Mowat, Mrs. R. Young, Mrs. H. Lee, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Rowbotham, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Meyers. The meeting closed with prayer offered by Mr. Davis. Social half hour followed with all enjoying a cup of tea and Christmas cake. Mrs. A. Dowsell, sec'y.

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Nearly a thousand kiddies received a gift from Santa Claus when he arrived in Stouffville last Saturday and greeted them all from his throne at the Stanley Theatre. Amid a fanfare of music provided by Stouffville Radio Electric, and surrounded by clowns and helpers, old St. Nick travelled the length of town. He was followed in the procession by "Tom the Turkey," the property of Maple Leaf Auto Sales. Tom was later turned over to Orval Dageer who won the fine bird on a lucky draw ticket.

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Presbyterian Church — Saturday, 8.00 p.m.

7.45 p.m. — Recording of Christmas Carols.
8.00 p.m. — Films with a Christmas Appeal.

8.20 p.m. — Song Service with a time for all to join in and special Christmas numbers by:
Alma Oldham and Vera Cake;
Winnifred Rumney,
Lemonville Children's Choir;
The Connor Twins.
Also come and join in Question Time! Quizz Time! and Testimony Time!

9.30 — The Spirit of Christmas, a new film release.
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