

Local and Personal Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ward of Blake Street had Christmas on Sunday with their son, Chas. Ward and family on O'Brien Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brillinger were Christmas visitors in Markham with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson.

One of the biggest house parties held this Christmas was the gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gar. Lehman who own and occupy the Stouffer farm adjoining town to the north. Twenty-one sat down to Christmas dinner at this historic spot, so closely associated with the beginning of Stouffville. Mrs. Gar. Lehman says the family gathering all sat down at one time, and actually there was room for two or three more had the occasion demanded it. Among those present were Mrs. Lehman's sisters and brothers-in-law from Toronto, Gar's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Ab Lehman, also his sisters and brothers bringing the Christmas dinner party to its astounding number.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Klinck report a very Merry Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Clark and Mrs. T. W. Klinck of R.R.2 Peterborough. Present also were Cameron Clark of the O.A.C. and Mr. and Mrs. James Moore of Ottawa. While the party was enjoying the Christmas turkey a phone call from St. Louis, Mo., brought greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Bockner and little Ricky whose childish voice was heard distinctly over the wires. Mrs. Bockner is a daughter of Mr. Klinck.

Old Curling Rink Sold
The Stouffville Curling Club have sold their frame building to Mr. W. D. Atkinson who will paint up and make repairs to fit the place as an implement shed. The Curling Club, once very active, had dwindled in recent years, and last winter the cracking of the Scotch granite with the resonant notes of "sweep er up" was not heard at all. Weather conditions this winter would have made sure interest was not revived, and so a sale was decided on. The price received or to be received, we understand, is \$500, which will no doubt be distributed to the shareholders who twenty years ago purchased the building from the C.N.R. It had been a freight shed, and only a few years ago was reshingled, and is generally in good repair. The street on which the building stands hadn't a building on when the late W. H. Todd donated the ground to the rink company. Since that time, however, the section or street, has developed into a purely residential one, and has been named Park Road, since the southern end enters the town park where the new arena is built. The curlers have been having the Scotch granite down in the new rink on a few occasions this winter.

Mr. Sam Armstrong spent Christmas at Kirkland Lake visiting his son who is school principal in the northern town, and a married man with a family.

Rev. Arthur Greer of Weston, and former Stouffville pastor in the Christian Church here assisted in the funeral service for the late Mrs. John H. Procter of Newmarket, who died there last week in her 90th year.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Goudie also Mr. Jos. Mertens and Miss Margery spent Christmas day with their son and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Goudie, Altona.

Mr. and Mrs. Byers Beeler of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Sparling Durant of Kemptonville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Laushway.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Howard St. John and his mother, Mrs. W. F. St. John, east of town, for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lowery, Toronto, Miss Martha Ferrier, Green River, Miss Mary Rawson, Clarendon, Mr. Al. Dummer, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rawson, Muriel, Ron and Roberta, all of St. Thomas.

Christmas Pie Now Forgotten
Mrs. Jos. Hoover (west end) has in her possession a recipe for a Christmas pie that she has never tried herself, but is not adverse to passing it on to friends who would like to return to the old English custom of making the turkey pie. Instead of the Christmas turkey it is to be remembered this pie is intended for the large families of olden days. We are indebted to Mrs. Hoover for loaning us this recipe which reads:
"In Merry England a few centuries ago ingredients of the Christmas pie as it was called consisted of 2 bushels of flour, 20 pounds of butter, 4 geese, 2 turkeys, 2 rabbits, 2 woodcocks, 6 snipes, 4 partridge, 7 blackbirds, 2 pigeons, 2 neat's tongues, 2 curlews. There is no official record of what happened when such a pie was opened, but history does record that the pie was 8 or 9 feet in circumference, and was usually taken around in a wheeled cart in order to serve to the family and guests."

Teacher Many Years At Toronto
For many years a teacher on the Toronto public school staff, Abigail L. Irwin died Saturday at the home of her niece, Mrs. W. P. Lane, Toronto. At the time of her retirement, a few years ago, Miss Irwin had taught for some time at Earl Grey School and previously at Davisville School. She was born in Markham, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Irwin, and belonged to one of the oldest families of the district. Miss Irwin was a member of the former West United Church, where she sang in the choir, and the present Asbury West United Church. She had been a prominent worker in the W.A. the WMS and other church activities. Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Lewis' Loggren of Chicago, and 14 nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston spent Christmas in Trenton.

Mr. Glenn Ratcliff was with his aunt and sister, Mrs. Matthews and Miss Florence Ratcliff, in Brantford for the weekend holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Irwin accompanied by Ileen and Eldon Dixon spent the holiday in Toronto visiting Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Irwin.

Railroad conductor on the C.N.R. out of Winnipeg, Mr. R. C. Birkett, is in town visiting his brothers Tom and Will. Other Christmas guests at the William Birkett home were Mr. John Birkett and two daughters Ileen and Electa of Port Perry.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reynolds, Church St., were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reynolds and daughter of Toronto and their son Don from Clinton, also Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reynolds and children of Pickering.

Spofford's general store is closing Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Jan. 2 to 5, inclusive, all day, opening again for business on Friday morning. During the interval some store changes will be made and stock-taking will be done.

Hillard Pugh, former Stouffville boy, who happened in town this week given away at the Arena on Monday evening to the holder of the lucky program number issued for the Stouffville-Midland game. The big turkey was donated to the hockey club by Harvey Schell, butcher.

Mr. Grenville Forsyth of Chicago is making his home in town for an indefinite time, with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stouffer, O'Brien Avenue. Mr. Forsyth was not enjoying good health and his brother Levi Forsyth went to Chicago to visit, bringing Grenville back with him after a stay in Chicago of five weeks. An old Stouffville boy Grenville Forsyth will not find it too hard to settle down to life as we live it here. His wife died two years ago, and he had no close ties to hold him in Chicago.

That Christmas gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pipher, Albert Street, must have taxed even their spacious rooms because there were 30 present for the dinner. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Pipher and son Murray were noted their daughter and son-in-law and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Daniels and Master Robert, Mr. and Mrs. George Gower, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steckley, Shirley and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Brownsberger, Hazel and Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Almer Fockler, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fockler and Diana, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holden, Erla and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Yakeley and Richard, Mr. John Gower and Miss Ada Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Klinck were in Peterborough for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clark.

Mrs. H. Lee, Church St., enjoyed the holiday in Toronto with her family, the Walter Lee and Locke homes.

Miss Elsie Johnson has rented her home on Charles Street to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Barkey who are about to locate in town after an absence of some time. Miss Johnson intends to spend the winter in Toronto where she has a sister living. The Johnson home on Second Street is next to Mr. Allen Clossen's.

Copies of the Stouffville Tribune can be purchased every Thursday at Chas. Watson's, Goodwood; Madill's Corner Store, and Overland's General Store, Clarendon; Postoffice Store, Brougham; and Wood's Drug Store, Markham.

Mrs. Jim Brown (former Annie Paul) who has been a patient in Toronto Hospital for ten days returned to her home here during Christmas week, and is being cared for by Mr. and Mrs. William Brown who occupy part of the Brown home on Stouffer Street.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mackeehine of 22 Strathgowan Cres., Toronto, were Mrs. Mackeehine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Good, Audrey, Lois and Garth, Stouffville, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Good, Paul and David and Harold R. Good, all of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hall, James and Betty of Kitchener and Miss Ruby E. Good, R.N., of Toronto.

A gratifying mite box collection was received at the December meeting of the Garrett Evening Auxiliary of the United Church, held at the home of the president, Mrs. J. M. Storey. Miss Kathleen Devoston who was in charge of the devotional period gave a very impressive Christmas story, the theme "The First Christmas Bell," and was assisted by Mrs. Garfield Kellington singing a solo. Miss Jane Burkett read the scripture. Carols were sung and a poem was read by Mrs. T. B. Rae. The fourth chapter of the study book "Growing With the Years," was reviewed by Miss Gertrude Todd, the theme, "In Health and Healing," stressing the great work that had been accomplished in China through Dr. Kenneth J. Beeton's guidance. Miss Ann Lehman played a piano number. A report of the Temperance Rally held in Massey Hall recently was given by Mrs. Ross Winterstein telling of some encouraging results made possible through the efforts of the temperance workers, also some alarming facts where children are left to suffer through neglect of the parents. Mrs. Allan McConnochie sang a solo accompanied by Miss Ann Lehman at the piano, followed by a reading given by Mrs. Ray Fleury that contributed to the enjoyable program. The vice president, Miss Eva Hoover presided, and the meeting closed with prayer by Rev. D. Davis. Lunch was served and a social time enjoyed.



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The NEW YEAR

To All Our Friends

1900 - 1950

Back in 1900 a representative of the W. D. Mathews Co., a grain company of Toronto, dropped into C. H. Stiver's general store in Unionville and asked the proprietor if he knew of anyone who would run the company's elevator at Unionville for the coming season. Mr. Stiver said he had a young brother on the farm north of Unionville who wasn't very busy after harvest and suggested that the grain man see him. After a short consultation it was agreed that Mr. F. L. Stiver would buy for the W. D. Mathews Co. and C. H. Stiver would keep the books for him and so the partnership of Stiver Bros. was started.

Successful operation at Unionville led to the Mathews Co. asking them to take over the operation of their elevators in Stouffville, Aurora and Richmond Hill. Mr. F. L. Stiver was in charge at Stouffville while his brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph Watts, operated the Aurora elevator and Mr. Jacob Ramer the Richmond Hill elevator. Mr. C. H. Stiver continued to operate the Unionville elevator and kept the books for all of them.

This arrangement continued until 1915 when the Mathews Co. wished to dispose of their elevators at the four points. The young firm was able to finance the purchase of businesses at Unionville, Stouffville and Aurora, Richmond Hill was sold to Mr. Ramer. In the meantime coal, seeds and commercial feeds had been added to the original grain buying venture. After the first World War when specialized feed-

ing introduced poultry rations, dairy feed and balanced hog rations, these new feeds were enthusiastically taken up by Stiver Bros. In 1934 the mill was built at Unionville and in 1945 the Burkholder mill was purchased in Stouffville and a new mill erected adjoining the grain elevator.

The years roll by and time has taken its toll. Mr. C. H. Stiver died in 1917 and his widow carried on at Unionville until E. J. Stiver and M. E. Watts returned from overseas in 1919. Mr. Joseph Watts died in 1940 and the management at Aurora was taken over by Mr. M. McDowell who had moved there from Unionville in 1930. Shortly afterwards Mr. Howard Stiver joined the firm at Unionville and Mr. Fred McNair at Stouffville. After nearly fifty years in active business life Mr. F. L. Stiver died in 1948. By his wise provision the firm was able to continue in uninterupted operation.

The present partners, E. J. Stiver, M. E. Watts, and managers, Howard Stiver, Milford McDowell and Fred McNair, are proud of the sturdy reputation for integrity and service which the founders of the firm early acquired in the communities in which they served. They are appreciative of the loyal support given them by the present staff but above all are they appreciative of the loyalty and friendship of their many customers. Many of them are customers of long standing; whose continued patronage and good will has contributed so much to the success of Stiver Bros. through the fifty years they have been in business.

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