

# Local and Personal Happenings

## Delightful Trip To California

Believing that most of your many readers appreciate reading about interesting trips, I am induced to report on my travels to Sunny California.

On Dec. 5 I boarded the C.N.R. at Toronto travelling to Sarnia and Port Huron then landed in Chicago the following morning. I left Deerborn station on the long journey through many states, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. We passed through many beautiful cities and towns, and finally halted at Los Angeles on Dec. 8. Here we found the climate in this land of sunshine much like mid-June in Ontario.

Crossing the Rockies we attained an altitude of 14,000 feet above sea level. Snow was in evidence and cool weather. Coming down from this height through the Grand Canyon of Arizona, we descended a mile. Much of this area is desert land. Slopes are spotted with shrubbery of evergreen, pines, Joshua trees, cactus, and other varieties making the locality rather picturesque.

We left by taxi for Glendale, a city of 125,000, arriving at the time of the evening rush. Four lanes of traffic one way. Ramps seen crammed with cars fender to fender at speed of 50 miles. Within touching distance it was thrilling, and I was relieved when we landed. The saying goes that everybody wants to be American and everybody wants to see California, and as a result that paradise is rather overcrowded. They tell us there is a car there for every three of its population, and nearly all of them are very recent models, (the cars of course).

We found Pasadena and Fullerton interlocked, seemingly no break between them. At the latter place I found my cousin Bert Wideman, former resident of Gormley district around 1900. He is comfortably settled in the California Hotel. We spent some days with him, then pushed on to Alhambra, another attractive city 20 miles away. We called on friends. We passed on through territory inhabited by Mexicans, Spaniards and Indians.

Reaching Newport Beach we went directly to No. 3710 Channel Place, a lovely spot on the beach, waters flowing in from the Pacific. There are many elaborate mansions to be seen. Likewise, are many boats about, launches, coast guard cutters, and ocean going vessels. On Dec. 17 racing contests were held and we were privileged to cruise on the water to better witness the performances. It was, of course, accompanied by my friend from the above address. Eventually we entered the breakwaters, which are long shafts of rock extended out to protect the shore line from inroads of the ocean. Most of the construction is merely large boulders and stones, which prevent damage to shipping. We sailed on the Pacific some distance, when the motor stopped. Mr. Spielberger, my friend, seemed quite cool, as the launch mounted the waves 3 and 4 feet high. I was asked to move to the centre of the launch, while he opened the toolbox and calmly took out a hand-ful. Removing the gas line, repairs were quickly made and we were again under our own power. Mentally I was anything but calm

This Friday, Jan. 13, enjoy a trip to the Gaspé Peninsula in the comfortable basement of the United Church, as Mr. Carl James of Unionville shows slides of pictures taken while on that trip in the fall. This meeting, under the local Horticultural Society, will commence at 8 o'clock. Local talent, Mrs. Nigh, Mrs. Storey and Mrs. Bramham will also help entertain. Come and bring any interested friends.

Jas. E. Dixon accompanied by Russel Vale of Woodville were in town Saturday night to attend the Saturday evening hockey game. Mr. Dixon is 83 years of age and is the father-in-law of Dr. S. T. Bodendistel of Stouffville. Our octogenarian visitor took a keen delight in the sport. It is very rare that one of his age patronizes our arena, and not then on a sub-zero night.

**No Dancing next Saturday**  
The weekly dance in Veterans Memorial Hall will be suspended for next Saturday evening (Jan. 14) while the new floor is being laid. Beginning today (Thursday) workmen will commence laying a fine hardwood floor over the whole expanse of the hall, and this will require much work and voluntary help, and will naturally interfere with the Saturday dance for one time only, Saturday, Jan. 21, the work will be completed, and then on with the dance so book that date ahead.

**New Legion Officers**  
Officers for the Stouffville Branch, Canadian Legion, have elected for year 1950 as follows: President—L. J. J. Buckland; 1st Vice President—M. C. Clark; 2nd Vice President—J. Garrett; Secretary—Bert Lickorish; Treasurer—A. R. Clarkson; Sgt.-at-Arms—Lorne Hisey; Executive—Wm. Malloy, F. Bramham, Fred Castle, Geo. Saunders, Dr. S. S. Ball; Service Bureau Officer—Jack Sanders.

for a time, until he stepped on the starter and we were away. Following this thrilling experience we were later visiting friends at Long Beach, the home of my sister-in-law, Mrs. H. Melon and family, where we were met by Mr. H. A. Doner, a brother-in-law.

From here I headed north along Western Avenue to Los Angeles, a short distance inland and came to Wilshire Avenue, known as the busiest intersection in the world. There are double traffic signals. After leaving Hollywood I came to Newhall, a lovely town nestled at the foothills of a range of mountains where I spent several days.

Returning I saw many cattle ranches, oil fields in New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona and South California. Later I found myself among the orange and lemon growing districts, also many citrus fruits, all beautiful to behold. The citrus groves are all well planted and carefully cultivated, over an area of some 75,000 acres.

In this section the weather is perfect around 90° in the sun, and 75° in the shade, but cool at night.

The Santa Fee railways are operated by Diesel engines in units up to 55 feet long with 2500 h.p. on the several engines attached to a train, usually three, with one more when you reach the foothills, making combined h.p. of 10,000. They make a maximum speed on a long run of over 100 miles an hour. Soon I found myself back in Chicago, and bound for Toronto to complete a round trip of more than 6,000 miles.

R. Wideman,  
Richmond Hill R.R.1.

Rev. Douglas Davis of Stouffville officiated at the devotional ceremony at the inaugural session of Whitechurch Township Council on Monday.

Miss Susan Sellers, daughter of Mrs. R. Sellers, Main Street, who has been training for a nurse at Hamilton, has received word she has successfully passed her R.N. papers.

Mark Kay of Canada, Saskatchewan, has been visiting his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tindall, and calling on old friends in town over the weekend. This is his first visit to Stouffville in 40 years. Mr. Kay was born near Zephyr in Scott Twp. and farmed south of Stouffville.

Mrs. Alice Cheeseman owner and occupant of the former Collard residence on Albert Street, was accorded a party last Saturday on the occasion of her 83rd birthday. Mrs. Cheeseman is a bright, interesting personage, and since coming to town only a few years ago, has endeared herself to the neighborhood.

**Lions Grant \$100 to Sick Children's Hospital**  
Stouffville Lions Club voted \$100 to the Sick Children's Hospital Fund during their regular meeting at the High School on Monday evening. Plans were also discussed for this winter's annual Lions Club Carnival which will be held in March. K. H. Middlemiss was installed into membership in the Club by District Deputy Lion Fred Campbell.

Veteran town barber William Harding was laid off duty most of last week suffering from a heart condition, which necessitated him spending several days in bed. Third member of the family to serve the tonsorial trade "Bill" has continued to ply his trade always in the home town, and his west end shop serves a need that would be greatly missed. During his enforced holiday the Harding shop in the Mansion House is being conducted by Mr. R. C. Meabry, an old hand at the trade.

**The W.M.S. Report**  
The W.M.S. of the Stouffville United Church held their monthly meeting last Thursday. Mrs. K. Campbell presided. Minutes were read and reports given. Devotional, Miss Bannerman. Theme, the Bible. Prayer, Mrs. Orchard. Interesting letters from missionaries in Africa and China were read by Miss Bannerman and Mrs. Pipher. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. S. Stover rendered a duet. Mrs. C. Woodcock gave a very interesting review from the study book, "Growing With the Years." Rev. D. Davis conducted the installation ceremony of the following officers for 1950:

Honorary Presidents, Mrs. H. W. Sanders, Mrs. Douglas Davis; President, Mrs. Kenneth Campbell; 1st Vice President, Mrs. F. Riches; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. C. Woodcock; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Floyd Fairles; Assistant, Mrs. Herbert Lee; Treasurer, Mrs. F. L. Button; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Stanley Ball; Temperance and Citizenship, Mrs. Earl Drewery; Supply Secretary, Mrs. Dowsnell; Assistants, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss M. Bannerman; Associate Members Secretary, Mrs. J. Turner; Assistant, Mrs. E. A. Button; Community Friendship Secretary, Mrs. R. Young; Press Secretary, Mrs. D. Holden; Assistant, Mrs. F. Brown; Literature and Missionary Monthly Secretary, Mrs. J. Gayman; Assistant, Mrs. S. Stover; Pianist, Miss Bannerman; Assistants, Mrs. Blake Sanders and Mrs. J. Gayman.

Hockey fans are reminded that all Saturday night games in the local Arena commence at 9 p.m.

Mrs. Harry Noble of Glasgow (daughter of Mrs. Wm. Hopkins) was holder of the lucky program at the Arena Saturday evening and was presented with a valuable heating pad for her good fortune.

The handsome motor rug donated by Stouffville Motors (Ratcliff & Pipher) for the lucky program holder at the Arena a week ago was won by Gordon Galbraith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Galbraith, east end Stouffville, who moved here last September. Gordon is the first high school lad from the local academy to win one of these winter prizes. He is a student in third form.

Best wishes for the new year come from Miss Hattie Smith, former resident of Stouffville and daughter of the well-remembered Nelson Smith, auctioneer, whose place of business was the present site of Schell's meat market and part of The Tribune office. Miss Smith and her family have been readers of this paper for 50 years.

The regular monthly meeting of the Stouffville Women's Institute will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19, 1950, at 2.30 p.m. in the Municipal Hall. Roll Call—name a place and how it got its name. Motto by Mrs. McGrogan. Currents events, Mrs. G. Lemon. Talk by Mrs. Woodcock, Convener of Historical Research. Visitors very welcome. E. K. Kellington, secretary.

## EDITOR'S MAIL

A Truly Complimentary Letter  
Leaside, Dec. 29th, 1949.

Dear Sir,  
You will find enclosed \$2.00 for which you will please send me The Tribune for another year.

I read its columns with interest, for it is just receiving a good long newsy letter from home, as I was born just a few miles from Stouffville, nearly eighty-five years ago, and many of the names mentioned in your paper have been familiar to me in the past seventy years.

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Glad to note that the editor supports any project that will better the condition of the town or countryside, and does not quarrel with the person who may not accept his ideas, but guards every avenue that might cause The Tribune to become a political battlefield.

I would like to congratulate the editor upon the large amount of space he gives to the activities of the church and Sunday school, and would make special mention of the fine scriptural exposition of the Sunday school lesson, which is an honor to any paper, and should be read by everyone—within a reasonable distance—who call themselves a teacher.

I consider The Tribune to be a real asset to any home, and would not want to be without it.

Wishing you every success as editor of The Tribune and in your many duties as reeve of the town,  
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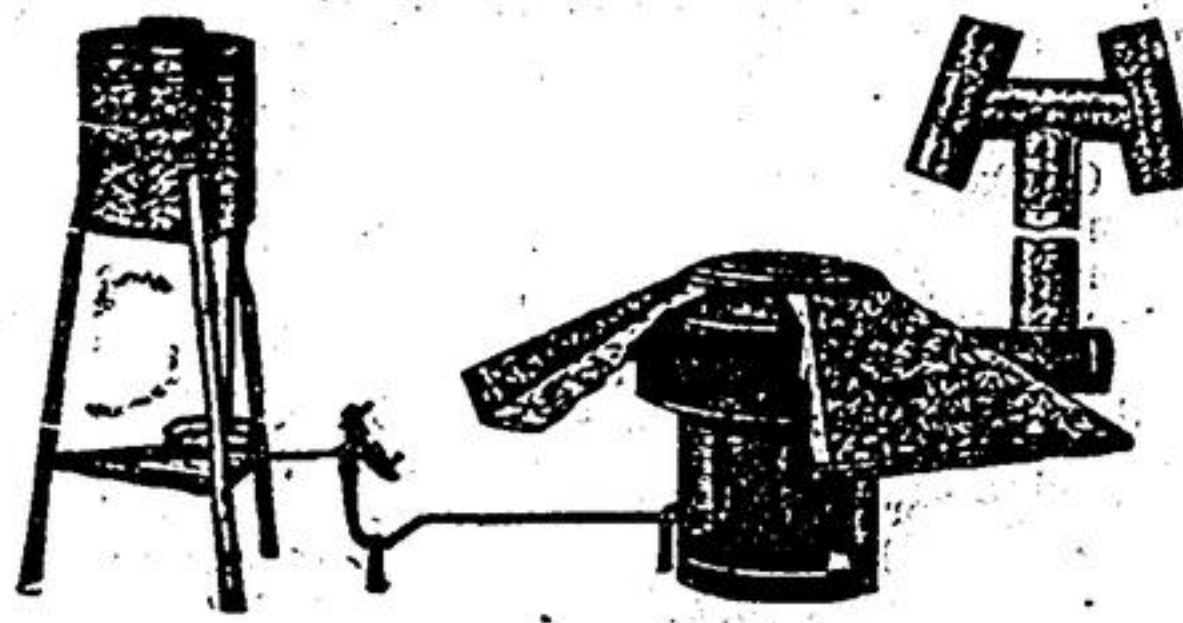
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## SON ARRIVES FROM ARCTIC FOR CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Mrs. William Beach, north of Musselman's Lake, wasn't the least disturbed by the size of her family over the holiday season. It reached its peak when 27 sat down to dinner and still that wasn't all the members of the Beach family. It did include Mrs. Beach's younger son Howard who was able to be present from his far away outpost in northern Alberta where he is serving in the Canadian army. Had the entire 13 members of Mrs. Beach's family been present with their children they would have been 32 because there are 19 grandchildren. In any case Mrs. Beach admitted that she wasn't permitted to be lonely because only 27 were on hand and two or three of those were merely friends and not immediate members of the family. It will be remembered that Howard Beach was noted in despatches last summer for flying in food stuffs to a stricken party in the Arctic then in perilous condition. He couldn't come home at the time his father died but promised to be here this Christmas. The promise was kept, and his presence must have helped to dispel some of the grief over the loss of her husband. Howard had to hurry away and is now back in Edmonton or farther north by this time. He expects to try life under canvas before the winter is over, which will be quite an undertaking where the thermometer drops to as much as 30 and 60 below.

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