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ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to a recent illness my physician has advised shortening my working hours and no winter driving this season. I regret that I will not be able to be at my Stouffville office until April. When I do return I plan to stay two days at a time instead of one as formerly. In the interim, repair work mailed to Picton will be taken care of.

E. A. GRUBIN, R.O.
Optometrist

PINE ORCHARD

(Thursday, Dec. 11)
The election of officers for the Whitchurch Township Federation of Agriculture was held at the home of Ross Armitage on Thursday evening, Dec. 4. Officers returned by acclamation are: Past President, M. Millen; President, Edgar Dennis; 1st Vice, John Sytema; 2nd Vice, Gordon Ratcliff; Secretary, Ross Armitage; Treasurer, Mrs. Ross Armitage; County Directors, M. McMillen, Edgar Dennis and Garfield Kellington. After a discussion on warble fly control the secretary was instructed to obtain further information. It was decided to meet the Township Council to make arrangements and discuss the necessary by-law for warble fly control. The Whitchurch Township farmers will be given information regarding the warble fly control by a paid advertisement in the local papers and by public meetings.

From Rationing to Fishing in The Tight Little Island

By George Abell of Stouffville

Would you like to buy some tea? There's plenty here. The grocers shelves are full and the warehouses are bulging. In the few weeks since it came off ration supplies have piled up and the price is dropping. It's not that less is being used but just that more is being produced. Looks like the old law of supply and demand is still at work even in the very peculiar twentieth century.

A few years ago sweets (that's all candy, confectionery, etc., to you backward colonials) came off ration and the resultant rush cleared out all stocks in three weeks so that page of coupons went right back in the ration books. In those days there was nothing much else to buy, whiskey was short, beer was weak and people unlike nowadays, had something in their pockets besides fingers. So it wasn't much wonder that the country went on a candy spree.

Now that finances are down to earth the powers that be have decided to take a bold step and take all sweets off the ration for good after the first of the year, you may ask, as many have asked here, why wait till the New Year when the candy stores, wholesalers and manufacturers are stocked up to the roof. Well here's the official, straight from the Food Ministry, answer.

"Derationing of sweets will not take place until Jan. 1st because it is feared that the public might buy an excess of chocolate products for Christmas consumption."

That's what happens to a country when the Civil Service once gets the power to decide what's best for the people. They don't think kids should have too many chocolates at Christmas, the shock might be bad for them.

It will be a shock at that for no British boy or girl of 15 years or under has ever been able to walk into a candy store, and buy a chocolate bar or bag of toffee without a ration book with a limit of six ounces a week.

As the family ration books are

always kept by the head of each house for her shopping trips it will be just as big a shock for the men to realize that all it needs to buy a box of candy to take home or a bar to nibble on is money.

Things are just getting too good for the British people, before long they won't be tough enough to stand winning another war.

We'll leave the subject of food and get on to something interesting, which is fishing. I've said some pretty mean things about the fishing here and it now looks as if I shall have to eat my words. Apparently there's lots of fish but everyone uses the wrong type of tackle to catch them with.

Now a game keeper has invented a way of fishing that captures them all alive so that the sheep can be separated from the goats. The sheep in this case are trout and other game fish and the goats are pike that eat everything they can catch.

In a flat bottomed boat he has mounted a small gasoline engine driving an ordinary direct current generator. A lead from the negative connection goes to a chain hanging in the water and a lead from the positive one goes out to the end of a twelve foot pole where it is hooked into a wire mesh scoop. The fish come from all over the place when the current is on and swim into the scoop where they become half paralyzed. In less than one hour here's what three men using this contraption caught in a little river called the Dun in Berkshire, near Oxford.

Three hundred trout, all weights up to five pounds, sixty pike, up to twelve pounds, and a hundred grayling, whatever they are. They were put into tanks to revive and then the pike were disposed of in an enclosed canal where they couldn't do much damage. How I'd like to try that method out in a certain lake up in Northern Ontario. I would need a big truck to bring home the catch.

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LEMONVILLE

(Thursday, Dec. 11)

We welcome to our community Mr. and Mrs. Geoff. Fish and Richard. They are occupying Mrs. Marguerite Lehman's house.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Harry Burns, whose father passed away suddenly on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Charlie Preston has been spending a week or two with her daughter in Toronto.

Mrs. V. L. Sharp with Kay and Vic and Mr. and Mrs. W. Claughton spent Monday in the city.

Mrs. K. Hutchinson, Lois and Kathy spent a few days visiting with her brother and family at Port Credit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Weller and family were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ratcliff and Carol Ann.

The annual Christmas party of Lemonville Church and Sunday School will take the form of a pot-luck supper on Friday, Dec. 19th, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to come and help make the evening a success.

GREEN RIVER

(Thursday, Dec. 11)

The Green River Sunday School met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gray to hold their annual meeting for the election of officers and teachers. The following is a list of the same: Supt., Mr. R. Nighswander; Assist. Supt., Mr. G. Duncan; Treas., Mr. J. Nighswander; Recording Sec., Miss G. Carter; Assist., W. Cook; Pianist, Mrs. R. Carter; Assist., Isobel Nighswander; Press Corr., Mrs. J. Buckles; Temp. Supt., Mrs. E. Wilson; Temp. Sec., Barbara Gray; Teachers: Sr. Bible Class, Mrs. J. Cook, Mrs. G. Gray; Jr. Bible Class, Miss Ida Gray, Mr. R. Carter; Int. Class, W. Cook, Assist., G. Duncan; Jr. Girls, H. Carter, Assist., Kathleen Nighswander; Beginners, Barbara Bruce, Assist., Isobel Nighswander; Auditors, R. Carter and W. Duncan; Supplies, Mrs. Nighswander and R. Carter; Social Com., Eunice Bruce, Barbara Gray, Mrs. R. Carter and Mrs. J. Nighswander; Stewards, members of the junior class.

The reports of the different committees were read and adopted. The auditors approved the treasurer's report which showed a balance on hand of \$129.13. The meeting closed with prayer by Mr. W. Duncan. An interesting program is being planned by the various classes for the Christmas program to be held on Friday, Dec. 19, at the hall. Everyone is welcome.

The Sunday School wish to pay tribute to the work of Mr. W. Duncan who asked to be relieved of his duties as Superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Duncan has been superintendent for 17 consecutive years and another two years, previous to a short time when Mr. Carter was in office. This makes for Mr. Duncan a total of 19 years in this office during which time he has been most faithful in attendance and conducting the school. The Sunday School owes him a debt of gratitude for his labours on its behalf.

The reason a woman's intuition is so often right with respect to a man is that it leads her to expect the worst of him.

A world-wide survey just completed shows that the only good thing all people are 100 per cent agreed on is that people are funny.



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TO THE VOTERS

To all the Markham Twp. voters who supported me and worked on my behalf in this year's municipal election, thank you very much for your support.

Mrs. Kathleen James

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all who supported me during the recent election and elected me to council for another term.

To all the citizens a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

F. GLENN RATCLIFF

CARD OF THANKS

My thanks is extended to those electors of Stouffville who supported me at the polls in Monday's municipal election for the office of school trustee.

MRS. JAS. McCREIGHT

CARD OF THANKS

My sincerest thanks is extended to the electors of Stouffville who gave me such splendid support at the polls on Monday. In this first term of public office I will endeavour to merit this confidence.

DELBERT BOOTH