



**LOCAL BOY
AT
VARIETY
VILLAGE**

Bob Kerr, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kerr, Ringwood, is seen here using a special tray fitted to his wheel chair for processing roll film from his camera. Wheeling himself into an improvised darkroom, he will complete the work there.

Bob is a patient at Variety Village on the outskirts of Toronto, a school for the incapacitated provided by the Crippled Children's Society, to which the Stouffville Lions Club makes one of its prime contributions.

Chiefly responsible for having this photography class set up at the school is Evelyn Andrus, first woman president of the Toronto Camera Club. The class receives weekly instruction and is producing work of amazing quality as balanced against their disabilities. It was more than three years ago that Miss Andrus, noting the work being done at Variety Village in training handicapped boys, and casually hearing of the need for interesting hobbies to fill in spare time, offered to conduct a photographic class each week. Ninety per cent of the students wanted to join, but because of space limitations, it was possible to take only a fraction of the would-be entrants.

And each week since then, with very rare exceptions, Miss Andrus has conducted the boys through initial stages of training, with their advice and assistance, has contrived many gadgets to overcome some specific disability, has displayed rare patience while insisting the proper photographic cleanliness be observed in all processing work. Many amateurs do not know that tongs used for

developing a print should never touch the fixing solution—but the Variety Village boys do—and observe that and many other rules of good technique. One former graduate of the Village who took up photography as a hobby under Miss Andrus now has a part-time job in a studio, augmenting his earnings from his regular trade. Supply houses, photographic associations and individuals have been very generous to the class in the matter of equipment and supplies. Miss Andrus donates her time, a washroom is taken over for a darkroom, and the great outdoors around the Village is the studio. There is even talk that, some day in the future, the class might have its own fully equipped darkroom. In the meantime, the boys don't worry—they have a fascinating hobby, and something to

show for it in the way of good pictures that record their stay at Variety Village.

BETHESDA

(December 24)

Miss Ellen Steckley is spending the holidays with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Last of Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Clubine were Wednesday evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Spofford and Craig of Port Credit were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Longfellow.

Mr. Fred Preston is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Burnice Preston.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gibson were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wood of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Harper and Mr. Lloyd Wideman and girl friend of Toronto.

Miss Leona Atkinson has taken a position as clerk at the 5c to \$1.00 store for the Christmas rush.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Atkinson were Sunday evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Atkinson of Richmond Hill.

BLOOMINGTON

(December 24)

A Very Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year to the editor and staff of our fine local paper, The Stouffville Tribune, also greetings from Bloomington to the readers of the Tribune.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wagg were visiting in Toronto on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Shantz and Janet of Petrolia are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Tranmer.

In the setting of a beautiful decorated church a choir under the leadership of Mr. Mills with Mrs. D. Burnett, organist, rendered a number of selections Sunday morning and a junior choir trained by Miss A. Fockler gave a number. All this fine music was appreciated and climaxed by the Christmas message of the pastor, Rev. G. W. Brown.

We are glad to report that the Wilfred Ferguson family is convalescing splendidly from their recent illness.

Saint Nicholas, as usual, was present at the public school concert held on Thursday evening. Rev. G. W. Brown was chairman.

**TOSSES COIN TO END
TIE FOR DEPUTY REEVE**

The toss of a coin last week, made Philip Pensa deputy reeve of Port Stanley for 1953. A recount of votes cast Dec. 1, was conducted by Judge J. F. McMillan. It was found that both Mr. Pensa and his opponent, Garnet Spears, had each received 277 votes. Joseph Burke, municipal clerk, tossed the coin.

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