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## Painted Desert 103 in the Shade Described by Johnson Family

(by Mrs. Bruce Johnson)  
Dear Stouffville Friends:

I hear 'via the grape vine that you would like another letter, so here goes. No, we didn't all down the Grand Canyon, though that is where my last letter stopped. Believe me, it could be done very easily, as there are only a few fences at the most popular observation points, and elsewhere one could just step off into space. How they would manage to get anyone out who did take the fatal plunge is beyond me, as there are no roads in the Canyon, and the donkey trails are few and far between. When I dreamed that one of the children was slowly somersaulting down into the depths, I knew it was time that we left! Our last view of the Canyon was from Desert View Tower. Through excellent binoculars at the top of the Tower, one can see snow-capped Mount Humphrey North of the Canyon with a good stretch of the Colorado River to the West and North, and a distant glimpse of the Painted Desert to the South-east.

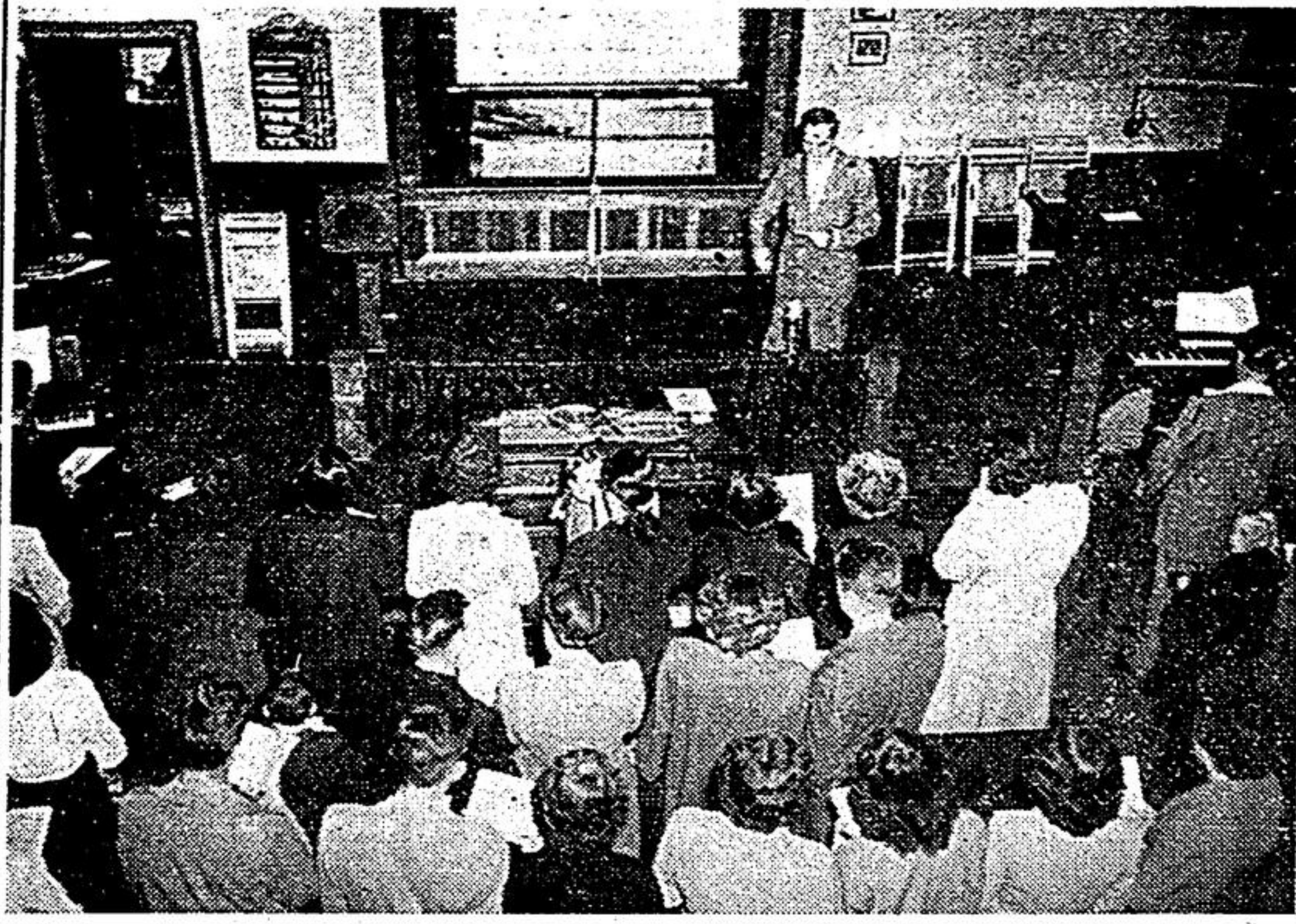
From here we travelled straight south to Flagstaff, down through lovely ponderosa pines, into desert (Navajo Indian Reservation), up again through more pines into Flagstaff. We liked the country so well around here, that we investigated the farm situation, but when we found that their growing season is shorter than Ontario's, and that almost all they grow is pinto beans, we decided to love it and leave it. The reason for the short growing season is the altitude, which is over 7000 ft. Before leaving Flagstaff we visited Oak Creek Canyon. This is what people expect to see when they visit the Grand Canyon. Rushing stream, beautiful trees, spectacular switch-back highway and striking rock formations. Our destination down Oak Creek was Montezuma's Castle, which isn't a castle, and has nothing to do with Montezuma but is an ancient Indian pueblo cut into the rock walls of the Canyon, and believed to have been built by the Hopi tribe. Alas, we never reached the Castle. It was 100 in the shade, and utterly unbearable in the sun, so we turned off into cool shade, dabbed our feet in the ice-cold waters of Oak Creek, and thought we were in heaven!

The Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest lie between Flagstaff and the New Mexico border. The latter, as you probably know, is not a forest, but a desert with petrified logs scattered here and there. One has to touch and lift some of the petrified wood, before one is convinced that it is really stone. The original tree rings and markings are there, but all changed into beautiful colored stone. The temptation to carry away some of the smaller pieces is almost irresistible, but, as the keepers point out, if every one of the thousands of visitors carried off even a chip, there would soon be none left. The Painted Desert, if its lovers will forgive me for saying so, was my idea of hell—a shimmering trackless eternity of sand, and sun, and colored rock, with pinks and reds predominating. The thermometer stood at 103 degrees, and I gazed at that heat-filled Hades and shivered!

The least said about the North-west section of New Mexico, from Gallup almost to the Colorado border, the better. Until one reaches Shiprock, a government helium plant on the San Juan River, it is all Indian Reservation. Poor Indians! How they even exist is a mystery. "The abomination of desolation" is a very apt description of that district, with its blowing sand, barren ridges, and bare-footed, starving Indians. We saw quite a few horses, and some sheep, although there wasn't enough grass to feed a hungry jack-rabbit.

We reached Farmington that night. It is a prosperous fruit country, watered by the San Juan River, though the desert is still too close for comfort, and one feels that it is just waiting for irrigation to fail, so that it may creep in and possess the land once more. The next morning we caught our first glimpse of the snow-capped Rockies. Some time later, the highway turned sharply to the left, into a beautiful valley, through which the San Juan rushed and tumbled, and a sign informed us that we were entering Colorado. Behind the lush green meadow rose wooded hills, and behind them, the snow-caps. Much of Colorado was to prove disappointing, but our first glimpse of it surpassed our fondest dreams. I will give you three guesses as to our children's first request in Colorado.

## PACKED HOUSE LISTENS TO LEADER



## Rev. N. Rowan Begins 8th Year Youth for Christ

On Saturday evenings all roads lead to the Second Markham Baptist Church where the Stouffville Youth for Christ rally services are held under the leadership of Rev. Norman Rowan. Seven years ago a group of young people consulted Rev. Rowan concerning the formation of a rally group and he aided by Don Ratcliff put the plan into operation. The first meetings were held in the Stouffville United Missionary Church and later in the Presbyterian church where increased attendance demanded a larger building. The interest and enthusiasm surged to unbelievable heights as young people and grown ups alike began taking active parts in the well-planned programs. Night after night the church would be packed to the doors until the usherettes found it necessary to place chairs in the aisles to accommodate the overflow. (continued on back page)

Wrong! They didn't want to gaze in awe at the beautiful scenery, or take pictures, or climb a mountain; they wanted to pick dandelions! They made yards and yards of dandelion chains, and then just rolled in the grass in utter content. They had travelled thousands of miles past bare roadsides, and this lovely green country felt like home. Mountains are beautiful, but they present real problems to the trailerite. Wolf Creek Pass, which is the Western entrance to the San Luis Valley, almost had us licked. It was a hot day, with a tail wind, and the higher we went, the hotter the car became. Cars heat up on the passes, even without a trailer behind them, so we couldn't blame the car. Also, the higher one goes, the less power a car has. (Get a scientist to explain this, I can't.) All mountain passes have turn-offs at intervals, and the first one we stopped at happened to be quite narrow. When the car had (continued on back page)

New Remington typewriters for rent at The Stouffville Tribune.

## Udora Youth is Killed, Pal Injured at Crossing

One person was killed and another injured Monday night in a train-car crash at Uxbridge, but through a "miracle" another train-car crash 20 miles away at Sunderland resulted in only minor injuries to a couple and their two children. Eldon Wagg, 19, of Udora was killed when the 1935 car in which he was riding was "shredded" by a westbound CNR freight train at the Main St. N. crossing at Uxbridge. His companion, Ross Stark, 18, owner and driver of the car, was treated for possible concussion and severe head cuts. Near Sunderland, Dr. C. Bruce Morrow, of Dundurn St. Hamilton, his wife and two children, were thrown from their car and escaped with minor bruises and cuts when it was hurled 30 feet down the CNR tracks by a freight. The Uxbridge fatality occurred as the two young men were returning home from a show. Wagg and Stark, both Udora residents who worked together in Uxbridge, were flung 10 feet in opposite directions when the auto was spun around and flung into a four-foot ditch by the 22-car train. The young laborer is believed to have died instantly from a brain hemorrhage and a possible broken neck. An inquest will be held. Engineer Paul Holle, Fifth St., New Toronto, said he saw the car drive on the tracks but it was too late to stop. He said the train was travelling between 30 and 35 m.p.h. John Hodgson, Tyndall Ave. was the conductor. The switchman's step on the right side of the engine's pilot caught the car in the centre of the rear door on the right-hand side. The right side of the car was torn off but the door remained impaled on the step until the train stopped, then dropped off. "The car was absolutely shredded," said OPP Constable Clayton "Slim" Wilton of the Uxbridge detachment. "It looked

as though a giant can opener had been used to rip it apart." In the Sunderland accident, Dr. Morrow told OPP Cons. T. Craig he was coming down a hill on No. 7 highway when he saw the train approaching. Tramping on his brakes, he tried to skirt around the front of the train. His car struck halfway across. T. H. Preston, 54, freight conductor, said he threw the train into emergency and it stopped 150 feet past the point of impact. He had seen the car 200 feet from the crossing.

## Everson Norton Wins Senior Judging Trophy

Everson Norton, Locust Hill, won the senior trophy for live stock judging in the competition at Brooklin on Saturday. This trophy, as well as the junior trophy won by Ralph Chambers of Wilfrid, were both donated by Stouffville Live Stock Sales Arena. There were 44 contestants and the high standard of judging resulted in keen competition for the various trophies. Other winners were: Jr. Farmer-inter-club trophy, won by Brooklin Jr. Farmers; C.N.E. Shield for first-timers, won by Doug. Alves, Pickering R.R. 2; Dairy Trophy, (to be won three times), Ross Evans, Uxbridge; Beef Trophy, Everson Norton, Locust Hill; Sheep Trophy, Everson Norton; Horse Trophy, Ross Evans, Uxbridge R.R. 2.

On Sunday, May 24th, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Wagg of Stouffville celebrated their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary. Many friends and relatives extended congratulations to the local couple with cards and gifts. Mrs. Wagg also celebrates a birthday on that occasion.

## Arena Faces \$10,000 Action by Albert Booth

A writ for damages was served last week on the Stouffville Arena for \$10,000 damages by Albert Booth, eastend farm owner in town. The writ as received by Reginald Button, secretary-treasurer of the Arena asks damages in the amount of \$10,000 for trespass by the employees of the Arena on the lands of Mr. Booth and the permitting of impure water and liquids to flow on the lands of Mr. Booth. Mr. Booth further claims an injunction restraining the Arena from allowing impure liquids or substances to be deposited on his land.

Notice was given some time ago to the Stouffville Public School Board, the Stouffville Arena Co. and other residents concerning certain drainage on Mr. Booth's property.

## Hog Cholera Outbreak Closes Sales Arena

Stouffville Sales Arena has been closed until further notice due to the hog cholera in southwestern Ontario. The big weekly sale was shut down for the first time last Saturday and will remain so until the Department of Agriculture gives the "green light" to resume business. Careful and gradual investigation of more than 1,000 lots of hogs from the sales barn where the original infected lot was purchased has confirmed infected swine on 13 premises in eight counties. Since the last (May 21) announcement from the Department, one case was confirmed near Beamsville in Lincoln county, two near Stratford in Perth county and one near Guelph in Wellington county. Perth and Wellington were involved before, as were Simcoe, Huron, Waterloo, Wentworth, and Halton counties. So far, nearly 600 hogs have died or been destroyed in this outbreak. The Ministerial order issued Friday halted all movement of hogs out of an area including 29 counties and the District of Muskoka. The area under quarantine includes all of Ontario south and west of and including the counties of Northumberland, Peterborough and Haliburton and the District of Muskoka. This allows movement of hogs to the Toronto processing plants. The Health of Animals Division veterinarians are checking every one of the hogs that Continued on back page

## Dream Comes True For Benson Jones

"It's like a wonderful dream come true, to return home to Goodwood and minister at your anniversary service," stated Mr. Benson Jones prior to delivering his message at the 77th anniversary of the Goodwood Baptist Church. Mr. Jones, a former resident of Goodwood and student of Stouffville High School is now ministering at Hillsburg Ontario near Orangeville. He is attending McMaster University in Hamilton for his Bachelor of Divinity degree. The well-chosen topic of his sermon was headed "Homecoming". Both services in the afternoon and evening were well attended with special music being provided by the Hillsburg male quartet. Rev. L. W. Herbert of the Goodwood United Church also took part in the service along with the regular pastor, Rev. England.

## Local Minister's Son Involved In Accident

Mr. Ronald Huson of Toronto, son of Rev. F.G. Huson, minister at the Stouffville United Missionary Church luckily escaped serious injury on Saturday afternoon when his car crashed into the rear of the "bride and groom" auto on the 5th concession of Markham following a wedding in the Gormley United Missionary Church. Huson, along with a number of other drivers, was following Mr. Henry Koop, 27 Boon Avenue, Toronto, and his bride south along the fifth concession when the lead car suddenly turned quickly into a school yard. Huson was unable to avoid collision and his car skidded out of control into a nearby field. Another car in the procession was also involved. Rev. Huson's car was badly damaged by the impact.

Whitchurch Township Council will hold their regular mid-month meeting this Thursday evening, May 28th.

## Stores Open Next Wednesday

Owing to the Tuesday Coronation Day holiday, June 2nd, the business places in Stouffville will remain open all day on Wednesday, June 3rd. There will only be one open evening during the week, Saturday, June 6th. This announcement was made this week by the retail committee of the local Chamber of Commerce and will be much appreciated by the buying public.

## Tribune One Day Later

For the second time in two months, The Stouffville Tribune will reach subscribers one day later than usual. Next week owing to the Coronation Holiday falling on Tuesday publication date will be Thursday rather than the usual Wednesday.

## Writer for Tribune Sails for Coronation

R. G. Simpkin, a weekly newspaper reporter, is on his way to the Coronation. This is the first of a series of articles he will be writing for The Stouffville Tribune and other members of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Assoc. Sailing for the Coronation

When my sailing for the Coronation was changed from Montreal to New York I decided to take an extra day in the big city and see some of the sights.

Arriving Monday morning I started in to see those places which most everyone coming here, visits, Radio City, the big stores and the 5th Avenue Shops.

I watched the lights of the city come on from the observation tower of the Empire State Building. There among the clouds the streets and buildings came out in lights as the sunset gradually faded in the west. This was truly a magnificent sight.

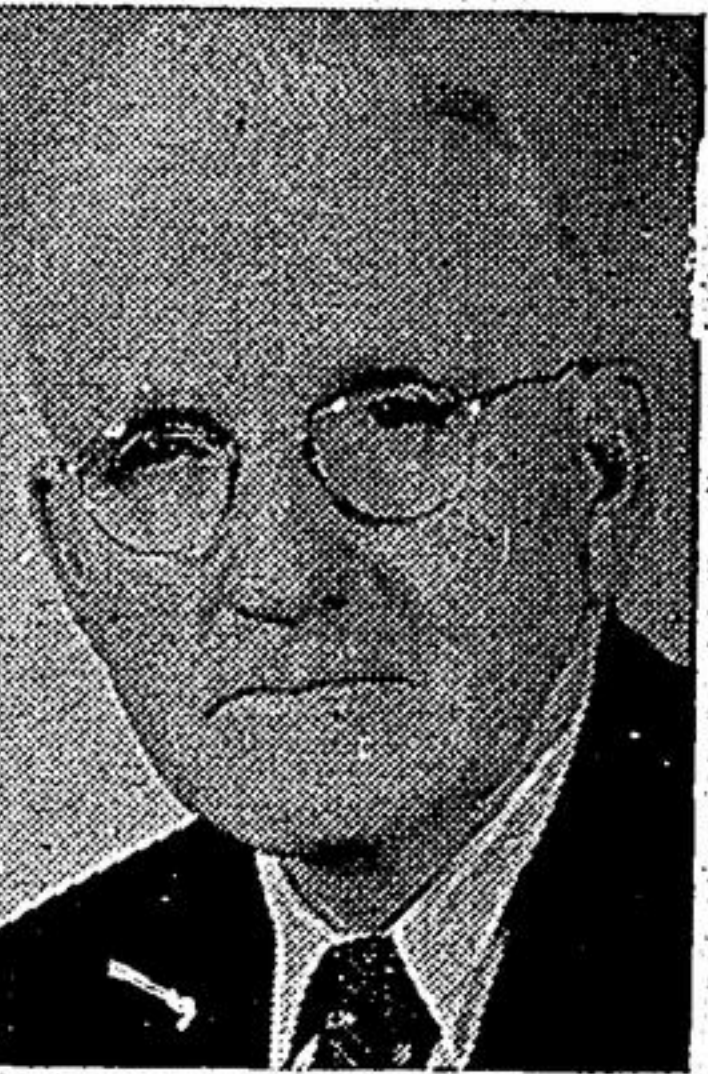
When I came down it was with the intention of seeing a show or night club which is what most people believe is a must in New York.

As I reached Broadway the masses of people were on the street and the stores and restaurants which line both sides (continued on back page)

## ENGAGEMENT

Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Carson of Frankford announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois Carmileta, to Robert Ernest Radford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Radford of Ballantrae. The marriage will take place on Saturday, June 13, in the United Church, Ballantrae.

## NEW PRESIDENT



Fred Campbell who was officially installed on Monday evening as the new president of the Stouffville Lions Club is a former Deputy District Governor.

## ONTARIO EXECUTIVE MENNONITE SEWING CIRCLES



Sewing Circles Executive—Against a map of the world showing the fields where Mennonite missionaries serve is shown the execu-

tive of the Sewing Circles of the Ontario Conference, of the Mennonite and Amish Churches. Left to right are Miss Louida Bauman,

Kitchener, retiring secretary; Mrs. Arlin Snider, Kitchener; Mrs. Ephriam Gingerich, Zurich, Amish representative; Mrs. Jacob

Shank, Markham; Mrs. E. Brubacher, R.R. 4 Kitchener; Miss Fern Knechtel Kitchener, Mrs. Harold Groh, president, and Miss Luella Shantz, Kitchener.

## Reeve Ogden Proclaims Coronation Day a Public Holiday in Stouffville

Reeve Ogden this week issued a proclamation declaring next Tuesday, June 2nd, Coronation Day, a public holiday in Stouffville. There has been some confusion concerning whether or not the day would be generally observed as a holiday due to the fact that no official proclamation was issued from Ottawa. However, residents generally have concluded that a holiday would be observed so that there will be little upset caused by the proclamation. Stores will be closed all day

Tuesday and will remain open all day Wednesday, according to announcement from the Chamber of Commerce retail committee. Reeve Ogden asks that all residents observe the holiday and decorate their homes and places of business in recognition of this momentous occasion. The local municipal building will be fittingly decorated for the day and there will be a giant fireworks display in Memorial Park in the evening and free ice-cream and pop for the kiddies.