

Overseas Writer Tells of Coronation

This is another letter from R.G. Simpkin who is doing a Coronation Year series of articles for The Stouffville Tribune and other members of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association.

(By R.G. Simpkin)

Today there are millions of visitors in this city of already millions — where they stay is a mystery. London with thousands of homes blown off the map has been crowded for years and yet the visitors pour in by train, auto, bicycle, and on foot.

Last night a large number were all set to sleep on the Thames embankment. They brought tent, food, and blankets. However, the police moved them out, no one knows where.

Today in Trafalgar Square buses, cars, taxis, and pedestrians all strive to move in all directions. There were so many people there was little room for the famous pigeons to feed.

By the way, if you wish a chap will take your picture feeding the pigeons. He will supply a few grains while you kneel and shortly your picture will be ready for 2 and 6. They were doing a real business until so many people came the pigeons could not find a place to light.

London Police are marvellous to watch as they handle traffic jams and street crowds. This Coronation will be the biggest police problem ever handled and it is estimated 15,000 police will work 16 hours that day.

At the gate to the Tower of London two guards in uniform of the House Guards were endeavoring to pace back and forward. They could not because of the jam of humanity around them and everyone trying to take their pictures.

Like Statues
They stood like statues until some kid pinched one and he turned quickly and said "Beat it you . . ."

All along the parade route stands or bleachers have been erected. These are constructed of two-inch steel piping and clamps similar to scaffolding used on construction work. There must be miles of this piping and millions of feet of planking.

Today workmen are protecting plate glass windows along the route with similar construction over which is placed a type of wallboard some green, other red, and some white; it all works in with the decorating scheme.

The streets are beautifully decorated. Fleet Street, which is mostly newspapers and insurance offices, is the most magnificent. From a high crown ruffled white streamers six in. in diameter fall and loop in a five to each side. These are about 200 feet apart the full length of the street. Plus this there are the flags and most every building has its own decorations. Although Fleet Street is not on the parade route a remarkable number have walked to view it.

Canada House
Canada House from where I will be watching the Coronation procession is completely enclosed in scaffolding on two sides.

The top gallery where the press are located will command a splendid view. We will see the going and the returning. We will spend the entire day meals and everything there.

However, this is not free. Seats are 6s and meals 2s.

While I spent a few minutes awaiting a seat which the High Commissioner had authorized after receipt of a cable from the Ontario Division CWNA Manager Werden Leavens, I heard several replies to phone enquiries, "Sorry, there is not another seat available."

Mr. Moody's secretary said when I turned in the bleacher seat ordered from Canada, "There will be a scramble for that."

Seats at 6 a.m.
Instructions say be in the building at 6 a.m. in order to be sure to get through the rows.

The night of the Coronation promises to be one night of fun — New Orleans with the Mardi Gras will be tame to this. They are promising among other things a fireworks display the like of which has never been seen before. I wonder if this takes in the Canadian National Exhibition which is a top notcher for fireworks.

All business in London closed down last Friday night and will not open until Wednesday. Lost not only closed but barricaded their windows.

The crowds have included all types of crooks and confidence men, pick-pockets, and thieves.

Scotland Yard
I wandered into Scotland Yard on a walk this afternoon and got talking to an officer there. He said they already had over a hundred characters locked up. Today, he said, there

B.A. Degree



Miss Erla Holden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holden. Stouffville received her B.A. degree in Secretarial Science at the University of Western Ontario Convocation, May 30. Erla has taken a position as the secretary to the Assistant Manager of Industrial Relations at the new Ford plant at Oakville.

New Nurse



Miss Mildred Brillinger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger of Gormley and a graduate of Stouffville High School, has graduated from Toronto General Hospital.

O.A.C. Grad



Murray Miller, former student of Stouffville High School, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with first class honours from the Ontario Agricultural College last week. Murray is at present on the farm planning staff of the Soils Dept. In September he is leaving for Purdue University, Indiana, to study towards a Master's Degree in Soil Science.

had been more than 300 ambulance calls.

Speaking of Scotland Yard, I heard the following conversation on the street. A photographer who takes pictures and passes out a card saying where the picture may be obtained handed one to a chap ahead of me. "Got my picture 'ave you?" the fellow enquired. "Well, Scotland Yard as too, a real good 'un, profile as well. Want to get a profile of me, too?" By this time the photographer could think of no good answers so dodged through the laughing crowd.

Although pubs are open Sunday afternoon I never saw any one who even slightly appeared to have been drinking and a glance in the door of any pub showed they were doing a real trade.

Three Hundred Delegates at W.M.S. Convention

The Toronto East Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church met for their annual rural gathering in Stouffville United Church with about 300 delegates attending.

Mrs. J.D. Murdock of Toronto, presided. The morning session was given over to Reports and then discussion groups on the various phases of W.M.S. work. At luncheon hour the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Muir were presented with a gift of money from our local society and friends from Toronto. The Muir family will soon be leaving for Japan under the Overseas Missionary department of the United Church and this small gift was simply a token of the good wishes and prayers that will follow them to their new sphere of labour.

Mrs. John Nigh presided in the afternoon and Miss Eva Hoover representing the Garrett Evening Auxiliary conducted a Choral Worship service assisted by Mrs. Claude Brillinger and Mrs. Charles Nolan. Mrs. Howard Clements and Mrs. Peggie Clarke were guest soloists.

Rev. Dr. W.J. Gallagher, secretary of the World Council of Churches gave an outline of his recent visit to India. Although he visited many towns and was ably directed into the varied life of this great country he did not pose as an authority on conditions there. Still certain observations are quite apparent to any visitor, particularly the striking contrasts of the ancient and modern existing side by side. Women carry waterpots on their head; oxen tread out the grain. Primitive and modern transportation as camels and oxen, rickshaw and car crowd the narrow streets. Most striking is the violent contrasts of wealth and poverty. Beautiful buildings with shabby and flowery almost beyond the power of description. Near by streets of indescribable filth and appalling living conditions. Poverty and malnutrition are responsible for a number of diseases that blast the lives of millions of poor people so that the average length of life in that country is 27 years.

Education and Social Service agencies are doing good work but the situation goes deeper than their remedies. India is the most religious of all countries, in fact all religions are treated alike with the result that religion is the great handicap to their progress. The cow is a sacred animal and as such is now an economic liability. Unproductive cows roam anywhere at their will and none may disturb them in their travels. The Caste system is still the shackle that holds millions of these people from co-operating in schemes of betterment for their way of living.

What is the future for Christian Missions in India? The answer should first make clear that Christian Missions have been most fruitful. Good seed has been sown and there is a splendid nucleus of Christian workers ready to give good leadership. The Government of India prefers that religious matters be promoted from within the country itself. Christian Teachers, doctors and technicians will be very welcome but the evangelistic preaching methods to be initiated from within. This need not disturb us as a good foundation has already been laid but it should stimulate us to provide the Christian Leadership in these other fields that cannot fail to be very productive of good.

OPP Insp. Joseph Bartlett told the commissioners that police officers were unable to give him a satisfactory explanation of what happened to 261 of 290 bottles of beer confiscated after a raid in Ajax. He said Sgt. White was in charge of two raids.

The two were suspended last week after an enquiry into the disposition of beer and liquor seized by township police in raids.

Chief Trinnell, who has been head of the force since 1950, and Sgt. White, president of the Durham, Northumberland and Ontario Police Association both admitted failing to report seizures of liquor to the LCBO and innocent of charges of failing to account for liquor seized by Pickering Township Police. Sgt. White pleaded not guilty to a third charge of failing to notify the chief constable of shortages of liquor.

Their resignations were accepted by the three-man commission, headed by Judge F.J. MacRae, as of June 1.

Clamp Down on Dumping
Uxbridge Township has issued a "get tough" policy with persons who insist on the illegal dumping of refuse throughout various sections of the municipality. A considerable amount of junk is located along the townline road north of Lincolnville and other piles of waste matter are plainly visible on the 2nd concession. The Council are hot on the trail of the law-breakers as they have salvaged licence markers, magazines and other articles which they believe will lead to the identity of the persons responsible.

"We will have to prosecute if such situations are to be cleaned up," stated councillor Dowsell. "All warnings have proved useless."

"I feel sorry for the property owners who have this junk scattered at their front door," declared Mr. Dowsell. "It is not only a disgrace to the township but it lowers the value of the individual's property." The Township of Uxbridge has a regular dumping ground which is open to anyone who cares to make use of it. It is believed however that the persons responsible are not residents of the township.

Edward St. which is sixty-six ft. has had little use at the north end, and will be improved and the travelled surface will be widened. On the property the Edward St. Extension will be sixty-six feet. A new 66' street running west to the 9th concession, has also been provided for.

Public Meeting Next Week For Home and School Assoc.

There is an effort being made by actively interested parents, in Stouffville to organize a Home and School Association, and an open meeting is being planned to take place at the school on June 17th.

Mrs. Jack Skinner, Mrs. Wm. Sanders, Mrs. John Brubacher and Mrs. Gardiner, appeared before the Stouffville Public School Board on Monday evening to outline the proposed organization and seek permission for the use of the school for the organization meeting. Principal Cedric Watson stated that the staff would be anxious to co-operate with the group and chairman Len Wilkes of the School Board told the ladies that they could count on the support of the Board members.

Because the school is under the direction of the Provincial Department of Education, the responsibility of organizing new associations, rests with the provincial Federation of Home and School and official organizers, will attend this meeting.

Stouffville is one of the last of the towns in this district to organize, being preceded by Markham, Unionville, Aurora, Richmond Hill, and Newmarket where there are four groups. Groups which have formed under the Federation have invariably proven successful. It is gratifying to see that parents here are finally taking this step forward.

Over all Ontario, interest in education among parents seems to have reached an all-time high level. A number of explanations are apparent, but from among these reasons the work of the Home and School appears outstanding.

The Home and School as the name implies, brings home and school together. They are both vitally influential forces in the character building, and education of the child. For this reason it is understandable that parents have become interested, and they in turn through the medium of the Home and School have found a channel by which they may expand their energies to the benefit of their children.

Parents and teachers are partners in the development of children. Sometimes they are partners, who co-operate well, sometimes indifferently or poorly. There is need for an organization which will make co-operation a reality.

It is to be hoped that all parents and interested adults will support this worthwhile association and that the organization meeting will be well attended June 17th.

As well as parents of children already enrolled in Public School, parents of children, who will be ready to start school in Sept. are invited to attend the Organization meeting of the Home and School Association, on June 17th at 8 p.m. This meeting is to be held at the school, and an official organizer from the Federation of Home and School will be here to hold an election of officers, and to install them.

Ask for Vote of Confidence

Markham Township Plumbing Inspector Les Galbraith, appeared before council Monday evening and asked for a vote of confidence. Prior to Mr. Galbraith's request the council had been discussing the latest move of the provincial government in assuming the main responsibility for administering plumbing bylaws in all municipalities governed by established health units. The government is also paying 50% of the salary and expenses of the Health Unit Plumbing Inspectors and Deputy-reeve LeMasurier suggested that council might wish to consider having their local inspector, Mr. Galbraith placed under the jurisdiction of the Health Unit.

Mr. Galbraith stated that under what he termed his "uncertain future" he would like an expression of opinion on his work. "I have been accused of not doing my job and even of taking bribes," he said.

"Mr. Galbraith has given us good service under difficult circumstances," declared reeve Timbers.

"Any public official is bound to be subject to abuse," commented deputy-reeve LeMasurier.

Council unanimously passed a vote of confidence as requested by the Plumbing Inspector.

Public Meeting
Council announced that a public meeting would be held presumably in Unionville on Friday, June 28th, to discuss the setting up of a Ward System for Markham Township.

Make Goodwood Sidewalk Survey
Uxbridge Township council members will meet on Monday evening in Goodwood to make a survey for the purpose of constructing sidewalks in the village. Councillors Earl Dowsell and Clarence Bunker felt that since no money had been spent in Goodwood during the past year it was only fair that some improvements should be made.

"A certain expenditure should be set aside for the village of Goodwood every year," pointed out councillor John Ball.

The Council felt that a portion of sidewalk should be built where the members decided it was most needed. Councillor Bunker suggested that they should investigate the price of laying an asphalt walk. Such sidewalks had proved highly successful in other villages and towns.

Stouffville Public School Music Festival at Stouffville United Church this Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Local Lady Going to Greece

Dr. Marjorie Trotter who purchased the former John Spence home on Baker Ave. some time ago, will leave town on June 15th for Greece where she will head the girls section of Anatolia College in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Dr. Trotter who came to Stouffville after holding the principalship of Moulton College, Toronto, for the past 22 years will sail from New York aboard the S.S. Saturnia bound for Naples and thence she will travel from Abuzzin to Pyreus, Port of Athens. Dr. Trotter expects to be away in her pacting position for three years but anticipates returning to Stouffville, she told The Tribune.

The college in which she will be acting principal of the girls' section, comprises 600 students. The college is located on a forty-acre campus in full view of Mount Olympus. Thessaloniki is the city from which Paul wrote some of his famous letters as recalled in scripture. During the war the place was taken over by the Germans.

Dr. Trotter, although she has travelled previously in Europe has never been to Greece.

Henry Riddell Born at Locust Hill

On Wednesday, June 3rd, Mr. Henry F. Riddell, a farm resident on the 8th concession of Whitchurch passed away following a brief illness of two weeks. The deceased was born at Locust Hill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Riddell and at an early age he moved to Whitchurch Township where he had resided for the past forty seven years. When in good health he attended the Stouffville Baptist Church. The late Mr. Riddell is survived by his wife, the former Bertha Saunders, one sister, Mrs. M. Clodd of Toronto and two brothers James and Tom of Box Grove.

Funeral Service was held at the chapel of L.E. O'Neill, Stouffville on Friday, June 5th conducted by Rev. Fleischer with interment in Stouffville Cemetery. The pall bearers were Percy Brown, Ben Talbot, Geo. Bartholomew, Garfield Kellington, Walter Jacobs and Delbert Rogers.

Pearson to Speak



Hon. L.B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs and President of the United Nations Assembly, who will speak in the Aurora High School auditorium on June 20th under the auspices of the North York Liberal Association. This will be the occasion for the North York Liberal convention to nominate a candidate for the next federal election.

L.B. Pearson spent some of his boyhood days in Aurora and was the son of a former Methodist minister in Aurora and Kleinburg. Other speakers will be Jack Smith, M.P., North York and D.G. McNish, president of the Toronto and Yorks Liberal Association.

Medical Graduates

William "Bill" Kellington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Kellington was one of two local students who graduated in medicine from Queen's University on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Kellington were in Kingsford for the occasion.

Miss Jane Logan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H.A. Logan, Whitchurch Twp. was also a Queen's graduate in medicine on Saturday. The 1953 medical class was unique in the fact that all students graduated without exception. This is only the second time this has happened in the past ten years.

Bill Kellington, we understand will intern at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton, while Miss Logan will go to St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburg.

Markham Twp. Engage A Full-time Engineer

In a regular meeting at Unionville on Monday night, Markham Township Council engaged Mr. J. Howard of Box Grove as full-time engineer at a salary of \$4,100. Mr. Howard is presently working for Scarborough Township and will commence his duties in Markham on July 15th. In addition to the new engineer, Markham will retain Margison and Babcock of Toronto as consulting engineers at an annual salary of \$500.

Dr. D. Tanner, H. Maynard and A. Stagg appeared before council for the final approval of the new Land Use bylaw over which council spent a recent meeting with representatives of the Board to make certain changes and modifications. The bylaw did not pass the second reading this Monday night as council failed to reach unanimous approval of the clause governing the sale of 50' ft lots. Councillor Clark and Reeve Timbers held to the opinion that the clause should not be amended to allow the sale of such lots, and they were

supported in stand by the twp. solicitor J.D. Lucas. Councillor Lennie and Deputy-reeve LeMasurier voiced the opinion that such a clause would work a hardship to ratepayers. It was revealed that only about thirty lots within the municipality would be affected and these mainly in Doncaster subdivision and Unionville. Councillor Hooper who was obliged to leave the meeting early was not in on the discussion of the bylaw.

"No bylaw should be made retroactive, our duty lies in legislating for the future," declared councillor Lennie who called for any change in the clause to allow sale of the contentious lots.

Reeve Timbers and councillor Clark cited the fact that a change in the law might present health problems in the future.

When the new bylaw is finally passed it will effect the entire township with the exception of the incorporated districts surrounding.

Olympic Horsemen to Compete Here on July 1st

Mr. Larry McGuinness, Mr. Thos. Gayford, Mr. Walter Padgy, Col. Chas. Baker Jr. and Mr. Robt. Ballard, all men who represented Canada at both the Olympics in Helsinki, Finland and leading International Horse Shows, will be riding in the annual Stouffville Horse Show to be held here on July 1st. These riders who appeared

in New York and at the Royal Winter Fair will be trying for a place on the teams for future Olympic games.

Their scores will be counted at this local event since the Stouffville Show has been selected for International test No. 4. Thus competition is expected to be very keen among these top riders.