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**BIRTHS**  
**GEBBLINCK** — Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Gebblinck, Stouffville, R.R. 4 are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Mary, on Tuesday, December 8, 1953 at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.  
**PRINGLE** — Mr. and Mrs. W. Pringle, Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, on Thursday, December 3, 1953 at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.  
**CLIVERDON** — Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cliverdon, Uxbridge (nee Phyllis Taylor) are happy to announce the birth of their son, Sunday, Dec. 6, 1953 at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

**School Area Out**  
 On Monday, ratepayers of Uxbridge Township voted 361-219 in favor of dissolving the Public School Area Board. Only 22% of the eligible voters cast a ballot on the question. It is expected that Council will take the necessary steps to prepare a bylaw which will be passed on to the Dept. of Education for a final decision. If the Department agrees with the majority vote, the municipality will once again return to the old system where each school has its own separate trustee board.

**York - Simcoe Home and School Council**  
 About ninety attended the general meeting of the York-Simcoe Home and School Council, held in the Charles Howitt School, Richvale, on Thursday evening last. Mrs. H.E. LeMasurier was in the chair.  
 Dr. C.D. Gaitskell, Director of Art for the Ontario Department of Education was introduced by Mrs. P.A. McClelland, Honorary President of York-Simcoe Home and School Council, who spoke of the Doctor's wide experience and of his influence on the accepted methods of teaching art in Ontario school today.  
 In his lecture, which was accompanied by coloured slides and two short moving pictures in colour, showing the contrast between children's work of the past and present, Dr. Gaitskell described the experiences the children were showing in their paintings.  
 "No matter what age children, or for that matter adults, begin to use any medium for expression there is the initial period of getting the feel of the medium," the speaker began. Getting the feeling of what he is working with produces the meaningless results we see in the child's first efforts. "They make it first and name it afterward," the speaker has noted. First come the random scribbles. A picture called "Me playing with the boys" showed symbols used for human beings, rather than an aim for perfect proportions. With more shown in the background "Me in the garden" and "Me at Sunnyside" showed the use of symbols and environment.  
 "Colour of paints used has no particular significance," the speaker said. "Merely that it is handy. If too sombre just take it away and leave something brighter nearby."  
 "The art the children do today gives them something no other part of the curriculum does for them to quite the same degree. It draws out their thoughts about what they are experiencing in everyday life, teaches them to observe and gives them an opportunity to tell about it in their own way. That is why it is so important." Dr. Gaitskell said. "Teachers now ask the children to tell what goes on around their house on Saturday, or "Draw Mother talking to Dad." Parents often wonder what their offspring have brought home and the phrase "Tell me all about it," gives the child encouragement.  
 Asked if there was any guidance in the way art is taught in school today, Dr. Gaitskell replied that inasmuch as the teacher put the materials, tempera paint, large sheets of paper, brushes and water at the pupils disposal, encouraged him to talk the things that happen to him, what he himself experiences, praised him for the good effort all these things are guidance. "But we don't tell the child what to put in the picture." The speaker went on to say that the aim of art today in school was not to turn out artists, but to lead the child to observe and think about what he sees and at an earlier age to come to grips with living.  
 In discussing old fashioned

discipline in teaching art the speaker said that the newer method imposes a self discipline upon the child which is simply terrific. He decried the use of colouring books to keep children quiet. They give the child activity without thought and make him dissatisfied with his own development. They bring his creative impulses to a halt.  
 Dr. Gaitskell advised putting all the children's work up somewhere in the house even if it had to be the kitchen and always praising good effort. When in doubt get the child to "Tell me all about it," he said.  
 Mrs. O. Jaques thanked Dr. Gaitskell for his enlightening talk. Mrs. K. Vizely, Publications convener, announced that folios of reproductions of famous works of art are obtainable at the National and Toronto Art Galleries. Brief reports were given by Mrs. H.E. Bennett, Children's reading convener and by Mr. W.R. Baillie, convener of Arts and Crafts.

**Co-op Breakin Brings Two Years in Jail**  
 A Toronto man who, says Judge J.A. McGibbon has refused to take advantage of his opportunities to turn over a new leaf has been sentenced to two years in penitentiary on a conviction of breaking and entry. Ernie Beckett, 24, of 130 Brooklin Street, Toronto, was sentenced on Thursday in the Ontario County Court at Whitby to two years, a sentence which will run consecutive to a three year sentence he is presently serving at Kingston. Judge McGibbon is presiding pending the arrival here of Judge Pritchard on December 15th.  
 A plea had been made both by Defense Counsel Neil Fraser and by J. Alex, Edmison, assistant principal of Queen's University for a concurrent

sentence to allow the accused to be released from prison at Christmas of next year. In passing sentence, His Honour observed that on previous occasions Beckett had been granted clemency and had not learned any lesson.  
 Beckett pleaded guilty to the charge laid following a break-in at the Uxbridge Co-Operative warehouse on May 21st of last year. Constable James Swinson of Uxbridge, told the Court that he had been on duty on the night mentioned and had encountered a man standing at the corner of the Co-Op building. He stated that he had arrested two of three men he found there, Livingstone and Anthony, both of whom have been tried. The third man, he said fled, and was recognized by him as the wanted man two days later in a police lineup.  
 Crown Attorney Alex Hall, QC, then read accused's record into the file. In 1946, Beckett was given 30 days for attempted shop breaking; in 1947 he was placed on probation for a

period of one year on conviction of shop breaking and the theft of a safe and its contents; in 1949 he was sentenced to 18 months in the reformatory on 12 charges of receiving stolen car radios and one charge of receiving a stolen typewriter and an overcoat; on October 22nd, 1952 he was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for receiving, a sentence he is serving at the present time. Mr. Hall pointed out that prior to this last sentence being passed, Beckett had appeared on the charge of receiving before a magistrate on April 18 and had been committed for trial on May 18 and allowed out on bail until his hearing in October. It was five days after he had been released on bail that this offence is alleged to have occurred at Uxbridge.  
 Mr. Fraser reported that he was appearing in the defense of the accused on the advice of the director of legal aid in Kingston and he produced a letter from J. Alex, Edmison, (Continued on page 10)

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