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Former Pastor Writes from Japan

Rev. Frank Muir, former pastor in the Stouffville Christian Church, has written to friends in town and extending the season's best wishes and telling a little of his present location. We quote, "Ten weeks after we left Stouffville we dropped anchor in Tokyo Bay. We were given a royal welcome by the folks there. This is not to say we were not likewise welcomed in Manila and Hong Kong for indeed we shall not forget those happy occasions. The folks at Kobe have good reason to be proud of the beauty of that part of Japan and those beautiful new school buildings. Philip and Douglas were most impressed. For the next two years nearly Tokyo will be our home and of home we must talk. After looking around we find our house isn't too "Japanese" but at least it has the usual abundant supply of slid-

ing doors and windows, and we can see Mount Fuji from our bedroom window. We have lots of room and would like you, any of you to come and visit. Having only language study to tie us down we have lots of time for entertaining. You'll find a pair of slippers just inside the door. We have gone that far in Japanese custom. Bowing isn't so hard to get on to for we both have to walk in a semi-bowed fashion to keep from bumping our heads on the doors. And we have swell neighbours. We like to think back to our first Sunday when we went to the local Japanese church. Not being able to find a pair of slippers my size, rather our sizes, we both attended our first worship service unshod. We didn't feel like Moses must have felt of course but yet there was that sense of having entered into a new experience with God. I was requested to pronounce benediction in English. The unit of God's people the world over was felt. I suppose everybody who comes to Tokyo is struck by the great numbers of orphanages and day nurseries. It is a great humanitarian enterprise and it is also a great potential bed for the seeds of the gospel. Mr. Muir has been tackling a large English Sunday School class of boys and girls from ten to eleven years old. The English Bible Class that I teach in the Japanese Church is coming over for a social evening at the house."

On Monday, Mr. John Spang who resides on the 9th concession of Pickering, celebrated his 76th birthday. Besides his family, Mr. Spang had numerous callers during the day. Friends will be glad to know that he is in good health.

Hydro service was temporarily interrupted early Sunday morning between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. when a wire dropped across the C.N.R. tracks near the wig-wag signals cutting off the town current.

On Saturday, Rev. Norman Rowan, Lambert Stouffer, Jim Sleeth and Garnet Rae visited Kingston Penitentiary. At Y.F.C. Fireside Hour Sunday night Lambert told about the bible study class, and how being inside a penitentiary impressed him. A new testament coloured film "Before Abraham was I am" portrayed the opposition to the teachings of Jesus. This Sunday night, Fred May, a widely travelled musician will be at the Fireside Hour.

Horticultural Meeting
You are invited to a meeting at 8 o'clock on Mon., Jan. 25 in the United Church Basement for which Mr. Lloyd Weldon and Mrs. H. Dixon are arranging for pictures to be shown by local photographers. As there will be pictures that have been taken right around home you will not want to miss seeing them. Mrs. M. Storey will give information on the care of Poinsettias. There will be a Question Box for anyone wishing to bring any along. Local talent will help with the entertainment. A silver collection will be taken.

Mrs. Mabel Richardson, wife of Dr. Gilbert Richardson of 1076 Kingston Rd., Toronto died at her home on Thursday, Jan. 14th and was buried at Pine Hills Cemetery, Scarborough last Saturday.

Mrs. Richardson was well known in this town which she often visited and where her husband was raised. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George T. Young, residents of Markham, and taught public school in her native village before marriage. She was active in church and missionary work all her life, both at Sprucedale, her first home after marriage and at Toronto.

There survives, besides her husband, a daughter Dr. Grace (Mrs. Geo. Handley) of Scarborough; a son, John R.Y. Richardson, Toronto and four grandsons. The funeral service was attended by a number of relatives and friends from Stouffville. More than 300 persons called at the home after death, remembering her graciousness in health and her cheerful courage in sickness. Dr. and Mrs. Richardson celebrated their 50th anniversary of their marriage last summer.

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Our Local and Personal Happenings

Stouffville Municipal Council will hold their regular February meeting this Saturday afternoon, Jan. 23rd.

Mrs. Robt. Snowball left by bus on Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Bob Hassard in Pittsburg.

Markham Sunday School convention will convene in the Stouffville United Church and United Missionary Church this Thursday.

Euchre! Euchre!
Attend the Big Euchre on Friday, January 22nd at 8:15 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Stouffville, under the auspices of the Cancer, Polio and T.B. Fund. Good prizes. Lunch. Admission 35c. Come everyone.

More than seventy-five skaters and friends attending the inter-club competitions of the Peterboro-Granite and Oshawa Skating Clubs were fed at the Mayfair Restaurant on Saturday evening. The proprietor turned over a portion of the proceeds as a donation to the local Skating Club. The competitions were held in the Stouffville Arena but were not largely attended possibly because of the severe cold which prevailed at the time.

Dr. L.S. Klinck of West Vancouver, B.C. in a letter to his brother H.O. Klinck has this to say about our Christmas issue of the Tribune: "The Christmas number of your local paper is deserving of all praise. The editor is able and his proof reader is a credit to the management. The illustrations were clear-cut and the advertisements artistic and distinctive."

Dr. Klinck has been a subscriber for many years. We are pleased to know he appreciates our humble efforts.

Stouffville Planning Board meeting for the first time in 1954 on Friday evening dealt at some length with a proposed zoning bylaw which would concentrate commercial property in certain areas and industrial sites in others. The Toronto & York Planning Board has strongly urged on all municipalities, particularly those close to the metropolitan area that zoning bylaws be passed at the earliest opportunity. The secretary Garfield Brown was also instructed to arrange a meeting with the Toronto Industrial Commission concerning the locating of industry in Stouffville.

On January 13th the first meeting of the New Year, the Garrett Evening Auxiliary met in the Church Parlour, Mrs. Storey presiding. Miss Winnie Hutchinson gave the worship service. Her theme was "The Conquest of the Unknown." Miss Jean Hosie gave a reading entitled "Each Dawn I Live." Instrumental duet by Mrs. Gayman and Mrs. Nigh. Mrs. Helen DeWitt reviewed Chapter VII of the study book "Where'er the Sun." This dealt with Church in Europe. Mr. Davis conducted the installation of officers for 1954 as follows: Hon. Pres., Mrs. D. Davis; Pres., Mrs. J.M. Storey; 1st. Vice Pres., Miss Eva Hoover; 2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. R. Mercer; Recording Sec., Miss Anne Lehman; Asst. Recording Sec., Miss Margaret Hosie; Press Sec., Mrs. H. Ratcliff; Corres. Sec., Miss J. Burkett; Treas., Miss Ida Lehman; Pianist, Mrs. Ed Nigh; Asst., Mrs. J. Urquhart; Christian Stewardship, Mrs. J. Williamson; Social Convener, Miss Emma Winn; Asst. Convener, Mrs. Charles Ward; Devotional, Miss G. Todd; Mite boxes, Mrs. C. Boardway; Flower Fund, Miss Violet Hoover; Temperance, Mrs. Helen DeWitt; Friendship Sec., Miss Gladys Brooks; Mrs. Florence Miller; Supply Sec., Mrs. H. Klinck; Miss Bertha Winn; Lit. Sec., Mrs. D. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jennings last week took up residence in the recently renovated home on Main St. next to the Stouffville Nursing Home.

Want to rent a new portable typewriter — see The Stouffville Tribune about renting or purchasing a machine. A few new 1953 machines available at greatly reduced prices.

The York County Health Unit office is expanding in Stouffville and has engaged Mrs. Gordon Lemon as full-time stenographer. One nurse, Mrs. Abram is attached to the Stouffville office located over Snowball's Barber Shop.

The W.M.S. of St. James Presbyterian met at the home of Miss A.B. Duncan for their January meeting with the President, Mrs. Stevens in the chair. The study period was conducted by Miss Duncan and Mrs. C. Morris, the subject being "Cheer along the way." They emphasized the importance of visiting the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, where there are very lonely people. The meeting closed with a hymn and the Lord's Prayer in unison, followed by a social half hour.

Mrs. Wm. Thorn received word that her brother, Bruce M. Yake of Kinistino, Sask., passed away in Prince Albert Hospital on January 17th where he had undergone an operation. Bruce was a son of the late Calvin and Susan Yake and was 84 years old. It is 42 years since he left Stouffville to go west. He is survived by his widow, one daughter Elva and two sisters, Mrs. Lamb (Edith) of Vancouver, B.C., and Mrs. Thorn (Bertha) of Stouffville. Mr. and Mrs. Thorn visited him in August when they made a trip to Western Canada.

The January meeting of the Stouffville United Church W. A. was held in the church parlours, Monday, Jan. 18 at 8:00 p.m. The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. J. Pickens who chose as her theme, "The Three Certainties of Faith." During the evening Mrs. B. Silverthorn and Mrs. C. Wagg rendered two lovely duets with Mrs. L. Forsythe assisting and playing a piano solo. There is to be a shower for the Victor Home at our next meeting and all are welcome. Little gifts such as soap, baby powder, towels and washcloths, also home made jams and jellies will be greatly appreciated. The installation of officers was conducted by Rev. Davis and are as follows: Pres., Mrs. D. Booth; 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. D. Middleton; 2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. Reg. Button; Sec., Mrs. Alex Logan; Treas., Mrs. G. Thomas; Card and flower, Mrs. A. Campbell, Mrs. J. McCreight; Parsonage Committee, Mrs. W. Schell, Mrs. F. Campbell; Kitchen Committee, Mrs. Hammersley, Mrs. E. Myers, Mrs. W. Ford; Social Com., Mrs. Topham, Mrs. Elson, Mrs. F. Fairles; Pianist, Mrs. T. Gayman; Victor Home, Mrs. N. O'Boyle.

Stouffville Nursing Home further brightened Main St. this week with the installation of a fine electric sign displaying the name of the home.

Stouffville Bakery now has in operation new bread slicing equipment which produces thicker slices for toast and thinner slices for sandwiches. Bread can also be sliced lengthwise if desired. Our local bakery and cake-making establishment is one of the best equipped of the non-metropolitan bakeries and the popularity of its products is well known.

Some forty-five Sunday School children were presented with prizes at a special Sunday School service in the Stouffville United Church on Sunday morning in recognition of faithful attendance during 1953. These forty-five had all attended forty-five Sundays or more, and three had been present every Sunday. Mr. Delbert Booth, superintendent told the congregation that the average attendance during the past year had risen by twenty-five. Enrolment is close to 200 in addition to the cradle roll.

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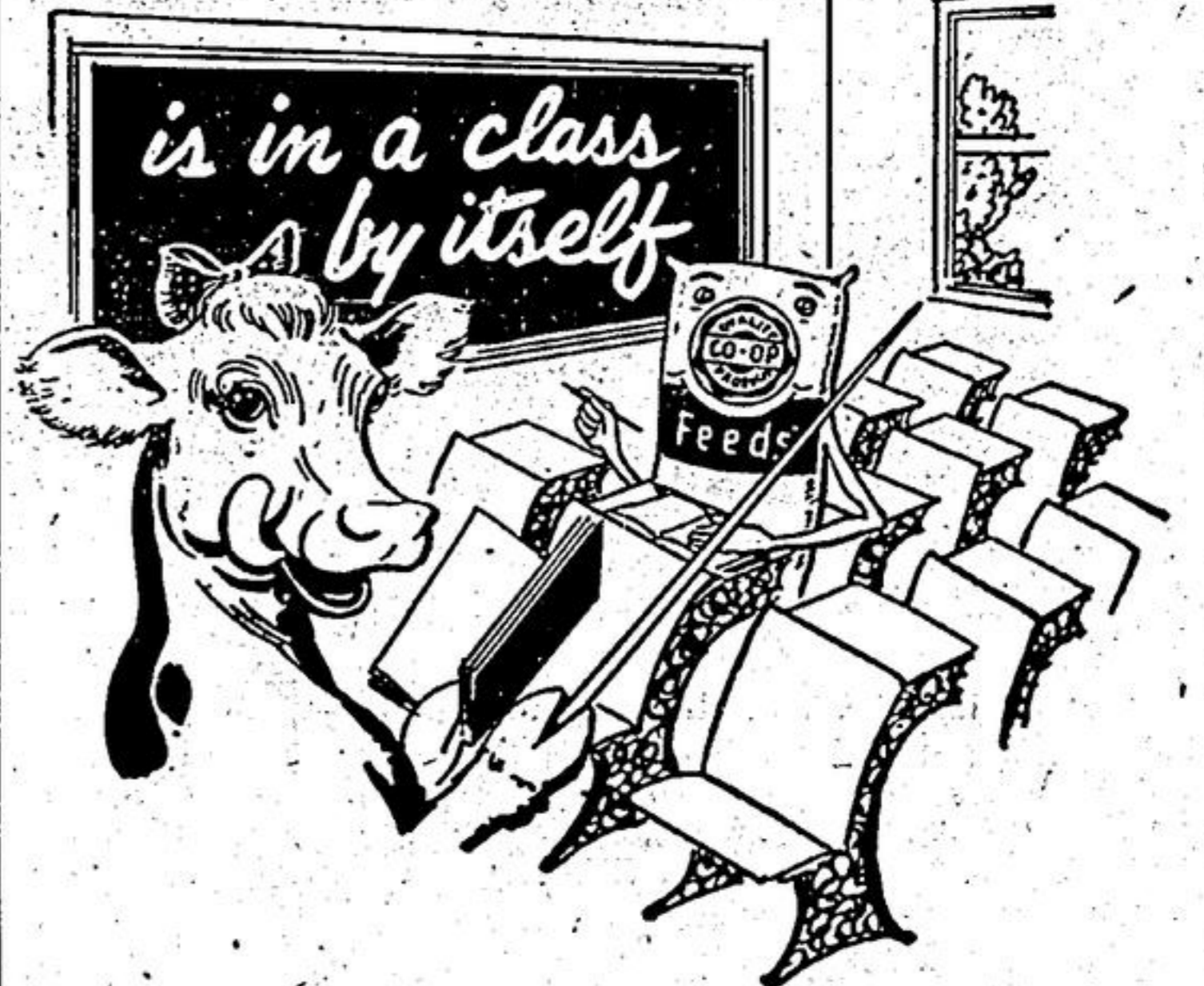


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