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Professor Willard Hallman, the director of the Seminary Singers, and head of the Department of Church Music at the Seminary, is a graduate of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey, and of Williamette University, Salem, Oregon. Professor Hallman has directed College Choirs for twenty years and his choirs have gained their popularity and reputation on the basis of artistic performance and spiritual interpretation. The choir will present a service of sacred song in the United Church, Saturday evening at 7.30, at which the public are cordially invited. The service is sponsored by the Stouffville United Missionary Church.

Holstein Club Banquet

The York County Holstein Club is holding its annual banquet in the United Church hall at Markham on Thursday, Mar. 24th. Guest speaker will be Mr. Bruce Smith, popular radio personality on CJBC. Tickets are available through the directors of the Club.

Cheap Meals in England Local Tourist Reports

Shoreham-by-sea, England. Dear Editor and Friends. We had a nice trip over from France. They have much better ships than they had a few years ago. It certainly was a great relief to be able to ask for directions in the English language, and get them.

The fields and farms in England are bigger than in France. France has a much greater number of small properties—at least, in farming.

The traffic in London doesn't seem nearly so fast as it is in Paris and it is twice as easy to get across a busy street. Nobody in the world could be more polite than the London police.

The London Subway is cleaner, faster, far more expensive and twice as complicated as the Paris Subway. However, I soon got tired of it and since there are far too many stairs to climb, I used the buses. They are slow and cold but no stairs to climb and you can see a lot from the top of a double-decker bus.

Four years ago, rationing was on but now I am amazed at two things. The butcher shops are full of carcasses of sheep and hogs and quarters of beef, also the prices are so low. The English people grumble about the high cost of living, but then it is a normal state of affairs for the British to grumble. A dinner which costs \$1.50 in Paris is only 75 cents in London, and the tablecloth, cutlery, teacups, and so forth are very much more nicely prepared. We had some really nice dinners for 50 cents each, and I was sorry to leave. The waitresses in London have delightful voices, they articulate so clearly. I don't wonder at so many English girls getting good positions in Toronto. I think it is the voice that does it.

There is a wonderful lot of house building going on throughout the suburbs of London for an area of 50 miles around. They are really nice houses, although they have one fatal defect—no heating system. It has snowed for the last three days and it is no pleasure to lie in bed in the morning and see your breath rise in the cold air. Most of the people use a hot water bottle in the bed, but I prefer the hot water with some tea and sugar in it, and put it into my tummy instead of into the bed.

The hotels in France all had central heating, but our hotel in London didn't, and the first night we nearly froze to death. In the morning we found a small gas heater with a gas meter in the corner, into which we put a shilling, but shilling's worth of gas won't burn all night—so one of us had to get up at 2 o'clock in the morning and put another shilling into the gas meter to prevent the fire going out. But the fire was so small and the room so big that we were still cold sometimes. The coldest room in any English house is always the

one that shouldn't be, viz and to wit—the bathroom. Since we have been in England we have struck the most terrible weather. We usually find many flowers out and around (snowdrops, crocuses, primroses and violets) at this time of the year. I have seen a few of each, but for the last week we have had nothing but snow. Up in Scotland a night or two ago it was 10 below zero. Helicopters are dropping food for the sheep. New-born lambs are dying because of being outdoors, freezing to death right there.

The highway on which we came down to the southwest of England was obstructed with 6 or 7 feet of snow, and for half a mile we followed the snow plow, then we were able to detour. We had planned to run all over the place, but the snow drifts are making it mighty difficult. A couple of weeks ago we went up to London and rented a small car called a Ford Consul—not a bad little car—very similar to a Vanguard, but it has a right-hand-drive, and together with the left hand traffic it is, or was, a bit awkward. The cost is fairly reasonable, the charges being \$1.50 per day, plus 5 cents per mile. I pay for the gas, but not for the oil.

In the cities I think that the English people are slimmer, not quite so fat as the French people. However, in the country districts the people seem to carry a little more flesh. We paid a visit to the little country school where I went as a child. I was amazed and delighted with what I saw. At 11 o'clock a great big can of hot cocoa was brought in. The teacher set it on the table and the kids all clustered around, some with their hats on and others without. The students came over from another school where they also enjoyed a cup of steaming hot cocoa. At noon the children have a good hot dinner. There is a very nice kitchen which supplies some schools that are without one. The dinners are taken several miles in heated containers. If a family has only one child going to school, he pays 10c and if there are two children attending, the price is 9 cents. If three or more children, the price is 8 cents each. Of course they pay in English money, but I have made it clear by using cents instead of pennies.

I noticed on the highway that some humorist had put up a sign, "Low Bridge 1760 yards ahead", and sure enough, by my speedometer, it was exactly one mile to the bridge. The highway signs here are among the clearest and best that I have ever seen anywhere. Every village and hamlet is clearly marked. Distances are given to the quarter mile such as "Blandford 3 3/4 miles". Well, I guess I'll have to quit—so cheerio!

Fred J. Vacher

Tax mills can grind a person down.

Local and Personal Happenings

The regular meeting of the Stouffville I.O.O.F. will be held on Monday evening, March 21.

Mr. John Baxter of Pickering was a Sunday visitor at the home of Mr. Joe Mertens.

Mr. Ben Raxlin has returned home and is about his business premises again after some days in hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkins from Jordan Station were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Harry Klinck.

Mr. John Birkett visited with his brother, Mr. Will Birkett, last week and has returned to Port Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins and family from Richmond Hill were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Robbins.

Miss Anne Martin and her fiancé from Toronto were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Stan Martin.

John Otter is away from his work at Smith Welding this week due to a mishap last week when a piece of metal lodged in his eye.

Resignations of two members of the local High School staff have been accepted by the Board here, to be effective this midsummer and replacements are now being sought by advertisement. The two teachers who will be leaving are Miss Lanthier and Mrs. Sumner.

Garrett Evening Auxiliary The March meeting of the Garrett Evening Auxiliary was held in the church parlours. The weekly Lenten devotional service conducted by Rev. D. Davis formed the worship period. "The Living Christ" was the theme of the meditations. Following the devotional service the first Vice-President, Miss Eva Hoover, presided.

Two duets, "By Faith—Not by Sight" and "Beautiful Bible" were sung by Mrs. J. M. Storey and Mrs. E. Nigh. Roll Call was answered by a verse of Scripture. Mrs. J. Dennis reviewed chapter 6 of the Study Book, "The Growing Together of the Church in India". The genuine desire for a closer Christian unity is very widespread among the churches. About 95 percent of all Christian Church membership is represented in the National Christian Council of India. Burma and Ceylon whose fundamental aim is to co-ordinate Christian effort throughout India. Some of the most impressive examples of united effort are to be found in the realm of medicine, education and theological training.

The meeting closed with the singing of a missionary hymn "Speed away" and the Mizpah benediction.

Presbyterian W.M.S. St. James auxiliary of the W.M.S. met for their March meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Morris. The president, Mrs. R. Stevens, opened the meeting with a call to worship and prayer.

Following reports of the various secretaries, places were made for the Easter Thank Offering meeting. The program was in charge of Groups I and II, introducing the new study, "Face to Face with India". Scripture reading and commentary on the parable of the Good Samaritan were given by Mrs. A. Q. Thompson, followed by prayers by Mrs. A. Battely.

The presentation took the form of a radio broadcast. Those taking part were the radio announcer Mrs. Thompson, Government official Mrs. C. Morris, and two Indian representatives Miss A. Duncan and Miss E. Goudie.

We were brought face to face with present day problems confronting India as seen through the lives of some of her people and the responsibility that rests with the Christian Churches of the West during this period of transition which Indian Christians are experiencing.

Mrs. Wm. Morris was honoured for her faithful and devoted service to our Society and to the Church, in being presented with a Life Membership Certificate of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The meeting closed with prayer and a social half-hour was enjoyed.

Ladies' Bowling League

- Joan's Jonahs - - - 51
 - Cracker Jacks - - - 48
 - Whiz Bangs - - - 36
 - Razzbarrys - - - 34
 - Klinkers - - - 22
 - Whirlers - - - 13
 - High Single Opal Lehman - - - 244
 - High Triple Marg Wagg - - - 602
- Postponed games to be played (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.)
March 25 - 64, 1-6, 23
April 15 - 5-8, 3-4, 1-2

Hal's Snack Bar is open for business again after renovating and enlarging the premises. This weekend eatery has undergone a modern face-lifting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hughes, Brenda and George of Medicine Hat, Alta., are at present visiting with Mr. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hughes of Lloyd Ave.

Ronald Thompson, local High School student who won the recent Lions Club oratorical contest here, carried first honours at the district contest in Aurora and will now advance to the third round in Oshawa.

A good audience was on hand at Stouffville United Church on Thursday evening when the Ambassador Choir from Toronto entertained with a fine choral program.

Would the ladies who are saving Monarch Food Cartons for The Explorers of United Church please call 3234 if they have not been collected by Friday, March 18th.

Congratulations to the highly esteemed couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hope of Goodwood who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary quietly at their home on March 22. Their many friends wish them many happy returns of the day with health and happiness in good measure.

We understand that a considerable movement is underway again to change Saturday open night to Friday and some definite change may be forthcoming by May when the annual changeover to Tuesday and Saturday customarily comes. A group of local merchants is meeting this week to talk over the change.

The Horticultural held at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto, March 10 and 11, had a good representation from the Stouffville Society. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Win Timbers, Mrs. A. Campbell, Mrs. T. Baxter, Miss M. Mertens, Mrs. F. Fairles, Mrs. H. Dixon, Mr. A. Lamb, Mr. E. R. Good, Mrs. R. Davis, Miss B. Winn and Mrs. L. Forsyth.

A well-attended Horticultural Meeting was held in the United Church Parlours Monday night. A quartette consisting of Bob and Roger Stover, Dave Stouffer and Gordon Tarr, from the Boys Band, provided music. Mrs. Fleury gave two humorous readings, and Mrs. Floyd Fairles and Mrs. Archie Campbell reported from the Horticultural Convention. The guest speaker, Miss Ruby Good of Toronto, along with Miss Elspeth Turner showed pictures taken on the continent and the British Isles as well as some from the States and Ontario.

Stouffville Lions entertained their former friends at their regular meeting on Monday evening, supper being served to the large gathering in the United Church. Lion F. L. Button proposed the toast to the farmers and the response was made by Albert King. The guest speaker was Mr. Antcliff, advertising manager of the Phillips Electric Co. He was introduced by Lion Co. Bellman and a motion of appreciation was tendered by Lion V. H. Atkinson. Much enjoyed was music provided by a local instrumental trio composed of Ken Burkholder, Gordon Forsyth and Ian Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Erle Lehman left last weekend for a motor trip to Georgia and other U.S. points where they will visit relatives.

There will be a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Joyce this Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Baptist Church. These missionaries are leaving immediately for Iraq. A special offering will be received.

The Commons Committee on Elections and Privileges agreed last week to examine the feasibility of using voting machines in Dominion elections. The mechanical device for balloting by which a voter makes his selections by pressing buttons on a master board and then pulls a lever to complete his vote casting, has been in operation in many United States cities for several years.

Housewives will be interested to learn that packagers and processors of bacon and similar meats have been ordered by the government to stop putting the meat in red striped packages. Health Minister Paul Martin told Commons that legal action will be taken against violators.

Two new postage stamps in the wildlife series will be issued April fourth to focus attention on National Wildlife Week. Postmaster-General Alcide Cote says the four-cent purple stamp will show the head of a musk-ox. A five-cent blue stamp will picture two Whooping cranes in flight. Large numbers of the Musk-ox and the Whooping crane lived in this country less than a century ago, but both are now rare.

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