



Let us break bread . . .

Through the ages the simple rite of breaking bread has been the symbol of man's goodwill toward man. A gesture understood by everyone, everywhere. A symbol with meaning unchanged. Now in this holiday season, with the need for peace on earth as great as it has ever been, let us join heart and hand and break bread with friend and neighbor. May all men live side by side — brothers.

THE STOUFFVILLE BAKERY

Oldtimer Visits Pine Orchard District

I am continuing farther east in the vicinity of Pine Orchard. On lot 31 there was another gentleman, Bert Reynolds, who used to raise and handle some good Clydes horses. He had several sales of horses at the Hotel yards in Stouffville years ago. Continuing farther east the late Charles Rose used to have some good Clydes too. There is one place where for about two weeks in the summer there is much activity, the Pine Orchard tent meetings. They are a good asset to that vicinity. Ross Thompson now owns that farm where those meetings are held. He came from north of Holt. I worked at Ajax with two of his brothers when the war was on. One of those boys, Fred, has since passed on. I have been told by those boys. In two miles and a half there were seven families of Thompsons who lived on that seventh line north of Holt, and none of them related.

There was a chopping mill at Pine Orchard owned by the late Jess Lundy, who married one of the several Davis girls, sisters of Dawson, the plumber and tinsmith at Stouffer's Hard-

Interesting School Topics Featured In Home & School Group Talks

The regular meeting of the Home and School Association was held in the school, Mrs. Bacon the Vice-Pres., presiding. During the business period it was announced that the January meeting be advanced one week to Jan. 9, 1957.

Mrs. McConnachie was introduced and spoke on "The Christmas music most liked by the six to twelve year olds." Following this interesting talk she led the parents in a sing-song of well loved Christmas carols which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. DeWitt then took over the meeting which had as its theme, "Children from Six to Twelve." The parents then divided into study groups of their choice, each with a chairman and a secretary to report back to the general group the discussion conclusions they had made.

Group 1 discussed "Meeting children's play and social needs." Mrs. Bacon reported her group concluded that there was much too much going on in out-

side activities for the average child; these activities were too costly; birthdays were family festival affairs.

Group 2 discussed "Enriching Family Life." Mrs. Skinner reported her group concluded that music was a means of pulling the family together; there was enjoyment in certain chosen TV programmes which enriches the family through knowledge gained; it was possible to use comics to a point for a special purpose but that comics in general should be replaced by more worthwhile reading; and they suggested to interest children in better reading that parents read to the child; hobbies and family outings were mentioned as other ways to enrich family life.

Group 3 was in two parts and they discussed "Children's Responsibilities." Mrs. McConnachie's group concluded that clothes should be a matter of preference for the child with guidance from the parents; that they ban jeans for girls at school. During the general discussion that followed, it was agreed that jeans have a place for the child walking a distance to school but that they should be removed with outer clothing and not worn in class. It is good to have children's shop as early as possible; also to have them answer phone and learn to take a message correctly. A child should be given an opportunity to expand in regard to his interests and preferences with out absolute parental curbing. This would encourage responsibility by trial and error, the group concluded.

Mrs. Lamoreaux reported for the other group on this topic. They concluded that children appreciate certain restrictions on their activities for their own mental well-being; that each child have his responsibilities without being forced to do a job for which he may have a dislike. Often a younger child is zealous of the responsibility given to an older child in the family, but as he becomes older he will likewise accept equal responsibility. If our children know our aims and the patterns we set, they will follow them. A child wants to know that he is needed, appreciated and loved by his parents, the group concluded.

Meeting closed with the serving of delicious Christmas cake and coffee by the hostesses for the evening.

As the Hamilton Spectator observes: "Death and taxes have always been regarded as inescapable. But at least death doesn't get worse each year."

boys and their sister who used to sing and I well remember one of the numbers. The chorus was "Oh, that pumpkin pie, that good old pumpkin pie, it will make a fellow smack his lips, that good old pumpkin pie."

I attended a picnic at Sharon three years ago and was sitting on a bench listening to George S. Henry speak. George S., old as he is, is still a fluent speaker. This gentleman Barker and his wife came and sat down beside me; we got into conversation, which is not hard for me to do, and I found out he was one of the same men who used to sing in that trio. I well remember another hot fowl supper that was held on a Halloween night and a bunch of boys changed buggy wheels, lap rugs, robes, whips, buggy cushions and anything they could change handy. Of course a thing like that never happened in the hamlet where I was brought up. We were all well behaved and good boys. The late Harold Dewberry had driven the two Williamson girls Hannah and Minnie up to sing at this supper with Dan's horse and buggy and we had gray buggies both alike except that his had a green cushion and mine was a different color, and Dan drove down to our farm the next Sunday morning thinking I might happen to have his. Well, I didn't have his but he wasn't early enough in the morning, for I was gone long before he arrived. I was on my way up the fifth of Whitchurch to east Gwillimbury Township.

My girl friend and I drove back to Pine Orchard Church that night and of course I had had my robe changed. Walter Hall was there to church and told me where mine was, for I had my name printed on the name of the maker. Just another kind act of Walter's. I worked Monday forenoon and after dinner I told my father where I was going to get my right robe.

There was a blessing asked at the dinner table that day and I had one bestowed on me when he found out I was going to lose a half day's work. That was important around there, unless it was election day or the twelfth of July. Well, I tied this wrong robe on the handlebars of my bicycle and made for the old mill up on the Sharon and Mount Albert road. That Ollie Dyke who married one of the Oliver girls, ran at that time and got my right robe. My son-in-law still has it yet.

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"We are happy to report that Mrs. Ryan is improving to the point where she is downstairs, still not able to work, though."

Did you notice that radio's favourites, the Craig Family, will appear on a special Christmas edition of CBC-TV's Country Calendar on Dec. 23. It will originate live, from Briarwood Farm at Unionville.

Frank Sewell is making news this week in a new DeSoto sedan and the Waitons because of chicken pox.

There will be a square dance in the school on New Year's Eve. Roy Clifton, an orchestra and all the trimmings. Watch the paper for more details but make your plans now.

Hungarian Relief—The preparations for Hungarian relief have been progressing very well over the past week and your donations have been generous. The house is coming along well under the influence of energetic bees and there will be plenty of furniture. A few things are still lacking — canned goods, dishes and glasses, pots and pans, linens (other than bed linens). This committee will stay organized as long as the need remains. Cash donations will be gratefully received by Jean Miller at 93W4 or by Bruce Armstrong at 2-2455. Several skilled men have offered their services to repair a radio, frig, washer or any other electrical appliance if you happen to have one that is not in working order.

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