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TWO SECTIONS

Stouffville to Australia

## Salmon Family Have Close Call with South Sea Tornado

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Hi! Folks!  
Before continuing on with our travelogue, I'd like to put a word in here about mother. As you all know, she took to the air over five weeks ago, and after a short but pleasant stop-over in Vancouver, she caught up with us here in Australia. We were at Essendon airport when the big De4 roared in, and mother alighted from the plane just as if she had been used to flying all her life. For her, the flight over the Pacific was a calm and uneventful experience—the high-light of her trip was the visit to our friends in Vancouver, B.C.

For those of you who have not yet done any air travelling, let me say that it's a cinch. The altitude maintained on long hops is always well above the usual atmospheric disturbances, and passengers enjoy controlled temperature and air-pressure, not to mention the kind attentions of the airline hostesses. Everything is done to enhance your enjoyment of the trip—even papers and magazines, afternoon and mid-morning snacks, etc. The controlled pressure inside the plane makes going up and coming down a great deal less uncomfortable than it would otherwise be.

To all those who helped in any way to look after mother's welfare since we pulled away last September, we wish to express our deepest appreciation. The co-operation of our friends back home contributed in no small measure to the carefree enjoyment of our trip. Mother also sends her grateful thanks for the many kindnesses shown her.

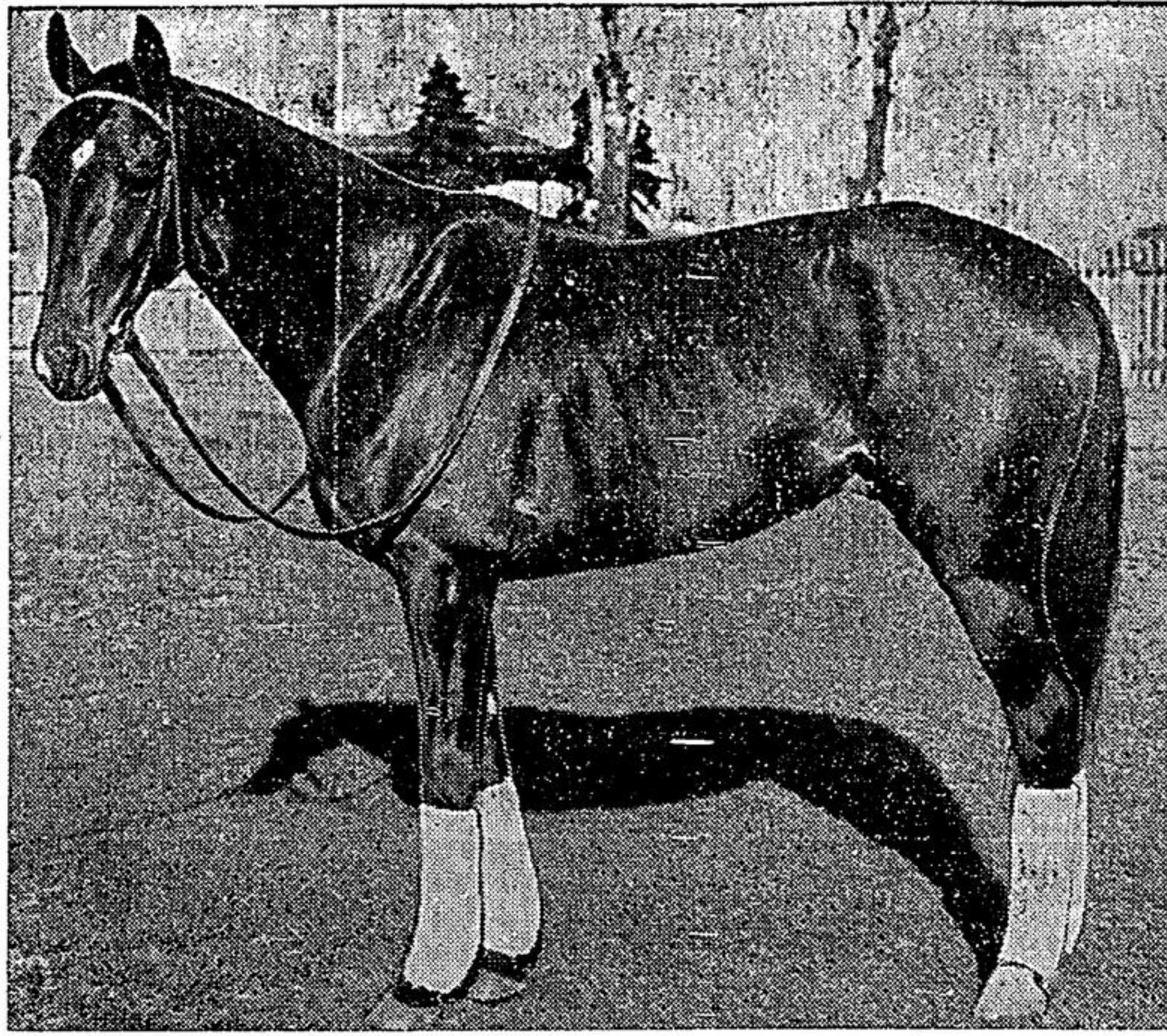
I don't think I mentioned in any previous letters that we had the honour of travelling on the same voyage with the Canadian athletes on their way to the British Empire games in New Zealand. We didn't see much of them actually, as all but one or two of them were travelling second class. A bit of confusion arose in the ship's post office because there were two Peter Salmon on board. Pete's namesake was a young chap from B.C.—perhaps you read of him in the Toronto paper's version of the various events.

On arrival in New Zealand, a special welcoming committee had arranged quite a 'do' at the docks. As the Canadian entrants filed down the gangplank, a band played 'O, Canada'. Officials, photographers and friends of the team had a merry time of it for a few minutes...and then the Maoris took over. There were over a dozen Maori girls in native costume, as well as several men. Much to the delight of the team, as well as to the hundred of Aorangi passengers lining the rails, these colourful representatives of an unconquered people put on as fine a show as I ever remember seeing. In between their various dances and songs, the applause was terrific. Naturally, during these proceedings, Cliff was camera happy, although I could have wished for a better vantage point than looking down at an angle of 45 degrees.

As the Aorangi was going to be in port for the best part of two days, most of the passengers went off to various points on sight-seeing tours. Luckily, I had a friend-of-a-friend to look up in Auckland, and this developed into a motor trip around the city, and a visit to the summit of Mount Eden. The panorama from this vantage point is really something to see. For miles in every direction, the streets and gardens of Auckland lay like a map below us. The most striking thing about the scene to North American eyes was the house tops. All, absolutely all, were roofed with red tile. And then there were no buildings of any size in evidence. I learned that tall buildings of any kind are not favoured because of possible earthquakes. Mount Eden itself is an eminence on the rim of an old, extinct volcano. We could look down into what used to be the mouth of it... green slopes with a few stones at the bottom...and sheep quietly grazing here and there. There across the harbour, where we could see the Aorangi and several other ships in dock, was the volcanic island of "Rangitoto". This is the famous landmark in the middle of Auckland harbour which looks exactly the same no matter from which direction you look at it. It, too, is an extinct volcano, but of much more recent vintage. The Maori name means "red top". The surface of the island is so rugged that apparently no one has bothered to try living there. Maybe they're scared to!

Another feature of Mount Eden

## CARRIES "UNIONVILLE" NAME INTO BIG RACE



Named after the Police Village of Unionville this horse belonging to the Carr Hatch stables will be a favourite in

the King's Plate race at the Woodbine this Saturday. The animal was born and raised on Hatch's Markham Township

Farm, and is believed to have a real chance to cop the King's Guineas.

## Dept. Cut Town Road Appropriation by \$500

In line with the Highway Department policy this year to keep municipal road appropriations from soaring, Stouffville has received a communication from the Department cutting their by-law appropriation by \$500, to a \$5,000 expenditure. The cut back is not expected to create any hardship locally however, as this season's road program will deal almost entirely with maintenance repairs and graveling. There are no more streets ready for hard surfacing without at least one season's graveling. Road engineer Sid Brumm was in town this week making a survey of the streets to prepare an estimate on the cost of repairs. Approximately \$4,800 was spent on the town streets last year.

Stouffville Municipal Council meeting for their inaugural session on Friday night, named the following standing committees: Roads and Walks, Councillors Harry Ratcliff and Harold Spofford; Water and Light, Councillor Glenn Ratcliff and Reg. Stouffer; Property, Councillors Harold Spofford and Harry Ratcliff.

A report was tabled from the Provincial municipal department showing that for 1949, Stouffville received grants on social services and roads amounting to \$1,721.65, made up of: police, \$193.97; fire dept. \$154.44; children's aid \$114.27; home for the aged, \$29.03; roads, \$1226.91. These grants are given in lieu of the one mill subsidy which has formerly been paid by the Province.

is the stone dial which has arrows engraved on it showing the direction from here of all the major capitals of the world.

The tour around the city introduced us to the "hedge" idea. Every home boasts a more or less elaborate low brick or stone wall around its front lawn and flower garden. And talk about flowers and shrubs! Here we saw literally hundreds of varieties that were quite new to us. The residential areas were almost uniformly beautiful, in contrast, we thought, to the business section of the city. Frankly, we were not impressed. The combination of antique "trams" together with a general impression of a "gone to seed" sort of an atmosphere set us to wondering just what to expect when we got to Australia. I suppose the Aucklanders love their city...but we were glad we weren't staying there.

Some of the folks went as far inland as Rotorua, but this involved staying over night...with two kiddies this seemed like a bit of a chore. So I didn't get pictures of the New Zealand countryside which I understand is about the most beautiful in the world.

A high-light for us was going to one of the Auckland theatres and seeing "Annie Get Your Gun" which was put on by an Australian cast. I believe the two lead-

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## Collect Clothing Here for Manitoba Flood Relief Fund

Good clean clothing to be sent to the Manitoba Relief Fund, on behalf of the Salvation Army, will be accepted at the Len Wilkes Clothing Store or the residence of Mrs. G. Green, Victoria St., west end, Stouffville.

The Salvation Army is beginning a Dominion-wide collection of bedding and mattresses to supplement the vast stocks of clothing now being accumulated for victims of the Manitoba floods.

Commissioner Chas. Baugh, head of The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda, said today on his return from an extensive survey of flood conditions, that mattresses and bedding would be urgent needs when dispossessed people began returning to their homes. "The frills that make the home come later," the Commissioner said, "but the people must have immediately somewhere to sleep and something to sleep on."

All Salvation Army centres across Canada will be alerted the Commissioner said, and the work of gathering, sorting, reconditioning and laundering will begin at once. Bedding will be taken to regional centres for loading in railway cars for shipment. According to present plans, district distribution centres will be established in Winnipeg in available warehouses or gymnasias, so that as soon as a family is ready to spend the first night in their own home, necessary equipment can be secured quickly in their own locality.

## Resident of Markham Twp. Eighty Years

After five weeks of illness with a heart condition, William Smith passed away at his home, Gormley on the 4th concession of Markham Twp. on Saturday, May 20th. The late Mr. Smith was in his 85th year, and had been a resident of Markham Township for 80 years of his long lifetime. He was born in Scarborough Twp. near Sullivan's Corners.

In 1910 William Smith took as his bride Clara Cross who survives him. Also surviving are two sons, Glenn and John Smith both at home, and a sister Fanny Smith who is 87, also at home. Five brothers predeceased him.

The funeral service on Tuesday, was conducted from the late home by Rev. E. A. Currey and L. K. Sider. Pallbearers were nephews and neighbours of the deceased. Interment was made at Victoria Square Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Hoover spent a few days in Milverton last week.

## Succumbs to Rare Blood Disease

After some weeks of patient treatment, Walter Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Farmer of Gormley, succumbed on Wednesday, May 24th, to a rare blood disease, known as leukemia. Walter Farmer who was nineteen years of age, was hospitalized at the Western Hospital, Toronto, for some time, but had been removed to his home at Gormley where he passed away. A similar case was discovered at Mt. Albert some months ago at which time a new drug known as ACTH, was used on the patient, but was not found to be an ultimate cure.

The late Walter Farmer had attended Stouffville High School, and of more recent months had been employed as a carpenter locally. He was secretary of the Gormley United Missionary Sunday School, and was a faithful church and Young Peoples' worker.

Besides his parents, deceased is survived by two sisters, Olive (Mrs. Andrew Hutchinson), Betty, Toronto, and one brother Paul at home.

The funeral service will be conducted this Saturday afternoon from Heise Hill Church.

## Mrs. Malcolm Ramer Sunday School Teacher More than 35 Years

The death occurred suddenly on Thursday, May 18th, of Mrs. Malcolm Ramer, at her home, Forest Hill Farm, lot 13, con. 9 Whitechurch Township. Mrs. Ramer was stricken suddenly with coronary thrombosis. She was born seventy-two years ago at Mongolia in Markham Township.

Deceased was the former Teresa Barkey, daughter of the late Christian Barkey and Seville Kester. Forty-eight years ago she married Malcolm Ramer, and for almost half a century the couple have resided on their present farm in Whitechurch.

An ardent church worker, Mrs. Ramer taught Sunday School in the United Missionary Church, Stouffville, for more than thirty-five years, and was secretary-treasurer of the Sewing Circle for a long period.

Besides her husband, deceased is survived by two sons, Murray Ramer, Bloomington and Gordon Ramer, Colbourne; three daughters are Eva (Mrs. Theodore Warder) London, Ruth (Mrs. Howard Reichard) Toronto, and Grace (Mrs. Eugene Lemon) Bloomington; a son Norman predeceased his mother in 1932. There are five grandchildren.

The funeral on Saturday was conducted from the late home with service in the Stouffville United Missionary Church. Rev. H. S. Hallman conducted the service. The pallbearers were Messrs. Wm. Fockler, Wm. Connor, Otto Tramer, Russel Johnson, Ross Barkey and Harry Stover. Interment was made at the Wideman Cemetery.

## Death, Fire and Flood Combine to Heap Tragedy Upon Stouffville Family

Residents of the village were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Miss Sarah Janetta Stewart (affectionately known as "Sadie" to everyone) on Thursday last, in her 72nd year. She had entered the Carload Groceria to do some shopping, when she collapsed and expired immediately. It was the afternoon of the meeting of the Institute, of which she was a devoted member; and the sad news made it a difficult meeting to conduct. Although Miss Stewart had been about as usual, she had been receiving medical attention for her heart for the past year.

Miss Stewart was born in Uxbridge Twp., east of Goodwood, the daughter of William and Martha Stewart. At one time she lived in the west for 3 years; then came home to take care of her mother and to help raise the younger members of the family. She had lived in Stouffville for 34 years.

She was a life member of the Institute, having been identified with the Altona Branch, then as secretary of the Stouffville Branch for a great many years, having only given up this office regretfully a year ago. The members of the Institute attended the funeral in a body.

The deceased was also an untiring worker in the local Baptist Church. She will be missed in a great many of the town's activities; and many will recall her faithful labours in wartime in the local War Branch.

The funeral service was conducted Monday afternoon from O'Neill's Funeral Chapel by Rev. W. Fleischer, a former pastor; and proceeded to Quaker Hill Cemetery for interment. Pallbearers were Louis and Henry Slack, Albert Batt, B. Lickorish, Clifford Hisey and Harry Pugh.

Surviving are three brothers and three sisters, Archie of Stouffville, Wesley of Winnipeg, Herb of Foxhorn, Man., Anna (Mrs. Ed. Evans of Uxbridge), Minnie (Mrs. McDonald of Hamiota, Man.), and Tilda (Mrs. Harry Reid of Brandon, Man.). Another brother, James A. predeceased his sister two years ago.

The Stewart family seems to have more than its share of troubles right now. Besides Sadie's sudden passing, Wesley's home in Winnipeg has been inundated by flood waters and he has come down east. Miss Stewart's nephew (Rae Reid of Victoria, B.C.) had his wife and 3 children burned to death in their home the day of Miss Stewart's death. Mrs. Harry Reid was at the airport ready to come down for her sister's funeral, when she was told of the tragedy in her son's home, and turned west instead. Mrs. Rae Reid, who perished in the fire, was a daughter of Charlie Graham, well-known in this locality as an old-time hockey and lacrosse player of Markham. Two children survived the fire along with Mr. Rae Reid.

Rae Reid suffered painful burns on his wrists and face in rescuing his two children from a second storey bedroom.

The fire is believed to have started from smouldering clothes, which were hung around the kitchen stove to dry during the night.

Miss Edwards of Toronto, sister of Mrs. W. Waddell, Stouffville, has purchased a building lot on Lloyd Ave., formerly owned by Jos. Winterstein. The sale was negotiated by Geo. Allison, local realtor. We understand that all the lots on this new sub-division have been disposed of in the first block, and are now being sold south where Lloyd Ave. will ultimately open on Rose Ave. to the east.

Mrs. Chas. Tindall visited relatives at London recently.

## Lions Boost Manitoba Relief With \$200 Gift

Stouffville Lions Club voted at their regular meeting on Monday evening to send \$200. immediately to the Manitoba Relief Fund. This amount may be supplemented by a further donation from the proceeds of the Club's annual summer carnival being staged here on June 28th.

The Lions are also sponsoring a Tag Day here for the Fund on Saturday, June 3rd.

## Plans Proceed For Tent Meetings

The Pike's Peak Tent Meeting, traditionally held at this season of the year by the United Missionary Church of Gormley & Bethesda, begins on Tuesday of next week. Levelling operations on the tent site have been completed, and a marquee type tent, 40'x70' in size has been erected. Seating accommodation is at present being installed, which will comfortably seat four hundred persons. Ample parking space is provided, and it is expected that large crowds will be in attendance to hear the music of the Lacy Colored Singers and the messages of Rev. E. J. Wilson of Brantford, Ontario.

## U.M. Church Accepts Five Candidates for Missionary Work

Five candidates were accepted as foreign missionaries at the 30th annual meeting of the general missionary board of the United Missionary Church last week.

Accepted were Rev. Harold Hallman of Zephyr, formerly of Hespeler; Mrs. Hallman, formerly Mabel Hachborn of Breslau; Eileen Lager of Owen Sound, and Mr. and Mrs. Weyburn Johnson of Brown City, Mich.

All the candidates are expected to leave for the mission fields next fall. Rev. Mr. Hallman, Mrs. Hallman and Miss Lager, all Emmanuel Bible College graduates, are going to Nigeria.

This will bring the total number of United Missionary Church missionaries in Nigeria to 51, 20 of whom are from Ontario.

The remaining two candidates will go to India.

During the past four years 28 new missionaries have been sent by the denomination to foreign fields. The church has 84 missionaries in 10 foreign countries.

It was suggested to organize the work in India as a separate conference under a native Indian Christian, but the proposal was deferred for one year for further consideration and working out of necessary details.

Rev. Q. J. Everest of South Bend, Ind., newly-elected president of the society, was in charge of the session. Representing Ontario were Rev. P. G. Lehman, district superintendent, and Rev. Arthur Walsh, pastor of Bethany Church.

The 1951 annual meeting will be held in Indiana.

Sod was turned this week for the new \$75,000 Public School addition at Markham. The Scott Construction Co. has the contract. This is the same firm which completed a large addition to the Unionville school a couple of years ago.

## Local Anglican Congregation Planning Church Addition

The Stouffville Anglican Church congregation is planning to erect an addition to the present church building on Main Street. While plans for the enlargement have not definitely been drafted, an official of the church states that the new addition to the south may be about 20'x20'. It will provide accommodation for organization meetings and Sunday School rooms.

Land on which the new building would be erected has been donated to the church by George Lee who owns the adjoining property. The Episcopal Church as it was more commonly known at the time it was founded in Stouffville, was organized by Rev. Mr. Hart, under Rural Dean Fletcher in the year 1880, and the present church edifice was built in 1882.

Church records give special credit to Rev. Mr. Hart and Miss Kennedy for giving much of their time and means to the work of this church.