

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Lost—Masonic Apron and Jewels. Flinder kindly leave at Tribune.

Now that Santa Claus is not holding the centre of the stage, we may all find time to give a little thought to the public issues concerning our community.

Will the party who removed the small parcel from our counter, on Thursday evening, containing gloves and laces, kindly return to us promptly. A. G. Lehman.

If there is any merchant who doesn't believe the people read advs., just let him put an adv. in this paper offering to buy cats at a dollar a head, and see what will happen.

After four years as councillor Mr. F. W. Silvesters retired this year. F. W. has done very good work, and spent many hours of faithful service in the interest of the rate-payers.

The public school Christmas concerts were a delight to all the pupils. Each room was decorated fitting to the occasion, and in the primaries the parents were invited by the teacher in charge to attend. School will resume on Monday, Jan. 4th.

We had an unusual touch of winter over Sunday when the thermometer dropped to 24 below zero during Saturday night. At ten o'clock Sunday morning it still hovered around 10 below, but it moderated some on Monday. It was hard on the coal bin, but then think of the money you save on fly swats during the winter!

George M. Lee, truck driver, is a better guesser than Kaiser Bill whose one big guess was that his armies could lick the world back in 1914. The truck man's guess was on the weight of a young heifer hanging in the window of Leadbetter's butcher shop. The nearest guess to the correct weight was to receive a goose for Christmas and George's figures and the beef were exactly the same, being 363 1/2 pounds. Ambrose Stover came a close second, being only out 2 ounces. Elias Lehman was third guessing 365. In all several hundred people displayed their skill on estimating the weight, and it is surprising how many came near the mark. About 20 guesses were within ten pounds of the correct weight.

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JANUARY 1 - 2

FEATURE

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S. G. SOHMLDT

In accordance with his old custom our townsman W. H. Todd presented each of his tenants with a fine Christmas goose.

The New Year's market on Tuesday was rather tame after the big Christmas market. Geese were 22 to 23c., chickens 25c., ducks 22c., eggs 50 to 55c., and butter 40 to 45c. Practically no turkeys were offered.

A baker in England made a Christmas cake which weighed a ton, but a west end resident told us on Saturday that he had eaten a piece on Christmas Day which he was sure weighed a ton also.

W. J. Mather, undertaker, has been notified that the remains of the late Thos. Kay, a former resident here who died in Western Canada on Sunday, would arrive in Stouffville about the middle of the week for interment at the local cemetery.

The extremely cold weather was responsible for the local line of the Canadian National Railway carrying a tremendous number of passengers over the holiday. Many who otherwise might have motored, preferred the comfort of the trains, and as a result about 1000 people pulled out of Toronto on the three trains coming along the line. Of course the roads were good for motoring, and many took advantage of them despite the cold.

An interesting annual gathering took place on Christmas Day at the home of Mr. A. G. Lehman, O'Brien Avenue, when the descendants of the late C.L. Hoover (father of Mrs. Lehman) assembled to the number of 51, and partook of the Christmas festivities. The day was spent in social discourse and singing of familiar songs. The late C. L. Hoover who died in 1918 was a resident of Markham Township, and his descendants now number over 65. Those coming the longest distance to attend this gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller of Fenelon Falls, Mr. Miller being principal of the Continuation School there. The other members of the party were residents in and near Stouffville.

As foreshadowed in The Tribune a couple of weeks ago there is to be drastic changes in connection with the railway service on the line from Stouffville to Sutton. After the first of the year the daily passenger train now in operation will run only three days a week leaving Stouffville every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9.45 a.m. for Sutton, returning so as to connect with the four o'clock train from here to Toronto. The Sutton train will not carry passengers to Toronto, it will be noted, but connects with the passenger service on this line.

Another important change will be the discontinuance of the Peterboro "Flyer", which is the earliest passenger train to Toronto each morning, and the late train to come back on in the evening. With the cancellation of this train early in the New Year, it will be impossible to reach the city before noon travelling by rail, but the train is probably looked upon as robbing the regular mail train of passengers.

NOTICE OF APPRECIATION

To one and all my patrons during the past, I heartily extend a Happy New Year, and my sincere thanks for their liberal patronage. May our future relations be ever more cordial.

M. HILL
General Blacksmith, Stouffville

High school girl requires room. Apply Tribune office.

Miss M. VanSickle has resigned her position as teacher of the first book in our public school. New appointment was to have been made last night.

Percy B. Risley of Zephyr, was in town last week. He is a young man employed by W.O. Law, Ford dealer. Percy just recently inherited a fortune of \$60,000, but despite the fact he has suddenly become rich, he states that he is still going to work, and intends learning the blacksmithing business at Zephyr.

A quiet wedding took place at the Christian parsonage last Thursday morning, when Harvey Topper of Uxbridge Township and Miss Alice Graham of Pickering were joined together in holy matrimony. Mr. and Mrs. Topper will make their home at Goodwood. We extend to them our best wishes for the New Year.

The contract for the new post office at Wlarton, which was authorized by parliament at the same time as the Stouffville post office, was awarded last week to a Wlarton firm of stone cutters and marble dealers. The building is to be of native stone, the letting of the contract having been delayed owing to a petition from the town people to have the building erected of stone rather than of brick.

Fred Stevenson's fine team of grays made a mad dash from Silvester's hardware store on Saturday, while Mr. Stevenson stepped inside the store for a moment. They raced through Main street at break-neck speed, slowing down sufficiently to make the turn at the ninth concession to get home. When they reached their own gate however the going was so good that they kept right on, and were later captured on a side road south of the Stevenson farm. Fortunately they were uninjured and did no particular damage. The team is a lively pair and had not been getting sufficient exercise since fall work ceased.

The anniversary services of the Ladies Aid of United Church will be held on Sunday and Monday, Jan. 10th and 11th. Mr. Morley, B.A., noted orator and platform entertainer will preach on Sunday, giving a sermon recital in the evening entitled, "The Lost Word—Human Dependence on the Divine." On Monday evening, Mr. Morley will give an entertainment in the church, consisting of miscellaneous selections, dramatic readings, humorous monologues, etc. Mrs. Sanderson of Pickering will sing at these services, also our choir will render choice selections. Come and enjoy a treat. Admission 35c., children 25c.

The United Church Sunday School concert and Christmas tree in Ratcliff's hall, on Wednesday evening last week established a record for lengthly program. Commencing about 8 p.m. a continuous program followed until nearly eleven o'clock when Santa Claus wound up the proceedings by handing out the usual good things from the tree. Among the gifts was a handsome cheque for Mr. Joel Nendick from the Board and congregation in recognition of his services as church janitor for 34 years. Mrs. Truman was also present and was presented with a life membership in the Missionary Society. The kiddies under the direction of their teachers seemed to have unlimited talent, and provided almost the entire program with the exception of a duet by Messes A.J. Ward and Reg. Button which was well received, and revealed musical talent we did not know was in town. The receipts at the door amounted to nearly \$50.

One of the very old residents of Stouffville district passed away last Thursday in the person of Christopher John Zeller, a resident of the east end of the town. The funeral on Monday took place to Stouffville cemetery, the service being conducted by Rev. A. G. Warder of the Mennonite Church. The late Mr. Zeller was born on the third concession of Markham Township, and was twice married. Two children survive his first wife, they being Jacob of Port Arthur and Mrs. Greenbury of Woodbridge. To his second marriage there were born nine children, all of whom survive, together with the mother whose maiden name was Sarah Campbell, being born in Whitchurch. Most of the children were home for the funeral. They are: Mrs. Sutherland of Winnipeg, Oliver of Stouffville, Miss Nina of Lindsay, Mrs. Ponton of Concord, Harold of Toronto, Mrs. Lehman of Long Branch, Mrs. Lonagan of Toronto, Kenneth P. Zeller and Miss Dorothy of Toronto. The late Mr. Zeller was an honest, industrious working man until he was overcome with illness a few years ago.

District Court in Markham, Monday, Jan. 18th. The next court in Stouffville will not be held until March 1st.

A small leather purse was dropped on the street in Stouffville a couple of weeks ago, containing small amount of change. Apply Tribune office.

The John O'Great Journal, published at Wick, Scotland, a copy of which is just to hand) contains an item relating to a cousin of Mrs. C. Perry of Stouffville, wherein it says, "The Town Council of Edinburgh, has elected Judge J. F. Robertson, senior judge, to the important post of convener of salaries and wage committee, which is the second highest financial office which may be held by its members. It deals with the remuneration of 7500 corporation employees amounting to over a million pounds annually."

On Christmas day this year the gathering of the Hoover clan was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Hoover, Church street, Stouffville. This particular branch of the preponderance of Hoovers is known as the descendants of the late Daniel Hoover who had ten children, but the circle is gradually widening. Thirty-one were present for this happy Christmas festival, all enjoying the good time. While the clan doesn't lay claim to ferocious appetites, or to their propensities as great eaters, it is interesting nevertheless to chronicle what thirty-one contented, healthy, happy people can put out of the way at a Christmas dinner and it goes to show that the host and hostess have a good place to stop at. There was prepared for the feast four geese, two chickens, one ham and a small barrel of sauer-kraut, as well as the usual Christmas dainties. Dutch sauer-kraut is still popular for the supply just equalled the demand. With the exception of a few Toronto people, the guests present are residents of this locality in and near Stouffville.

CASH BALANCES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

The financial statement presented to the ratepayers of Stouffville at the public meeting in the Auditorium on Monday evening showed that Stouffville is sound financially, with only a moderate tax rate, and this reflects credit on the outgoing council of 1925. There is a substantial bank balance shown in every department, which makes a cash balance in the bank of \$3400 with which to start the new year.

Last year the council started out with a cash balance in the bank of \$2700, and this was considered big, and this year it has bounded still higher, but its not a bad thing to have.

Ever since our electric lighting system has been taken over by the hydro or as a hydro enterprise, there has been no financial statement given the ratepayers, and this seem to us the one weak spot in this year's statement. Even though the Government or the Hydro Electric System of Ontario audit the 1925 accounts sometime in 1926, the people who own the local utility are entitled to a statement showing what is being done, and how the system stands financially. This is done in the case of the other public utility, namely the water system.

The total receipts and expenditures of the town for the year, exclusive of the school board who will give a statement to the people in February, and the hydro system of Stouffville as mentioned above, are as follows:

RECEIPTS	
Cash in bank	\$ 2704 80
Resident Taxes	17660 27
Non-Resident Taxes	473 93
Dog Taxes	110 00
School purposes	1339 90
Licenses	7 00
Rents	31 00
Debentures	685 61
Electric supplies	478 16
Miscellaneous	1118 55
Cement Walk	30 05
Fines	1 00
Stouffville Hydro Electric System	15 00
	\$24726 77
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries and Allowances	\$ 756 00
Printing, postage and advt.	228 72
Roads and Bridges	351 36
Charity	54 25
School purposes	7114 90
Debentures	3720 85
Fire Protection	352 40
County Rate	3161 55
Street Lighting	2139 00
Board of Health	114 05
Deposited in Sinking Fund	
Stolen debentures	932 30
Miscellaneous	1115 82
Electric Supplies	348 01
Public Library	557 00
Walks	380 56
Cash balance	3400 19
	\$24726 77

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Appreciation

Not only as a time honored custom but in sincere appreciation of the splendid patronage accorded us in the year now drawing to a close, we take this opportunity of tendering our hearty thanks and in wishing our many patrons the compliments of the season and express the hope that by prompt and efficient service our business relations may grow in mutual accord and confidence.

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To the

Citizens of Stouffville

I want to express my appreciation at receiving an election for a second term to the reeveship

We are most happy to present to our citizens a statement that shows our finances in excellent shape and a good surplus.

Also our public utilities—Hydro and Waterworks are in excellent both physical and financial condition and giving perfect public service.

We too have found it possible to reduce your tax rate 3 1/2 mills, notwithstanding the addition of considerable new equipment.

I want to assure you that during 1926 the well-being of our town will have my most earnest and careful attention.

With best wishes for a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Respectfully
F. W. SILVESTER