

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Uxbridge plays baseball here Friday against the locals. Don't forget this league fixture.

Several speeders were picked up by Constable Pugh last week. First offenders were warned and old offenders received a ticket to pay.

Mr. Edward Lloyd is remodeling the verandas and making other necessary improvements to the fine brick residence opposite Dr. Sangster's place on the north west corner of the street. The premises are known as the John Baker property, which now belongs to Mr. Lloyd.

Stouffville head the York-Ontario Baseball league, having lost only one game this season. Newmarket stands in second place with two losses, Uxbridge third with three losses, then Aurora and Sutton at the bottom of the heap, the latter having lost every game of the six played.

Because of the continued growth of the town and its broadening out, the Whiby council last week installed a siren on their town hall as a fire alarm. It is operated by a five h.p. motor and can be heard for a mile and a half. When the new town bell is installed in the tower at Stouffville this summer we will have at least as good a fire alarm as under the old conditions, but it is expected that the new bell will have much better carrying ability. The old clapper will simply be attached to the new bell as heretofore for use as a fire alarm.

A regular meeting of Whitechurch Township Council is slated for Saturday of this week.

Jos. Betz has brought into the office of this paper an excellent sample of Siberian Cassack Alfalfa of which he has sold considerable in this district. The yield promises to be excellent this year.

Ex-Capitalist—Why, a lot of us had seats on the Stock Exchange a year ago, and now look at us.

Farmer—Yes, and many of us had seats in our pants a year ago, and now—don't look at us.

Besides being a first-class cake baker Mr. Frank Gordon is somewhat of a gardener of no mean repute. Since the 20th of June he has been using potatoes from his own garden, and they are not marble in size either. Some of the spuds we saw from Mr. Gordon's garden last Thursday were a splendid size. His splendid patch is at his home just south of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The main power line which serves Stouffville and the district with hydro current has been enlarged in order that we might have a better supply of the white current. In order to make some of these changes an interruption in the service was necessary all last Sunday. We understand this is likely to be the last interruption necessary to accomplish the turnover to the higher powered line. All municipalities up Yonge street experienced similar interruptions to this section.

It was 94 in the shade on Tuesday. Keeping cool was a job for many people.

Strawberries were plentiful in the local stores last week at 2 boxes for 25c. Home grown product demand a higher price or 2 boxes for 35c.

Farmers are busy cutting hay, and are finding it difficult to get it into the barns between showers. The crop is a good one, and said to be unusually free from weeds.

The man who is always telling what he would do if he were in someone else's place, seldom does anything himself. Can you think of any individuals of this class in Stouffville? Of course not!

Two boys from this section have secured positions for the summer months at the Windermere Hotel in the Muskoka District, they being Jack Hill son of our local smithy, and Arthur Clendenning, son of Harvey Clendenning of Ringwood.

The North York Plowmen will hold a meeting in Stouffville this Thursday evening to arrange for the annual plowing match. All farmers are urged to attend. This is their competition, and therefore they are asked to become interested.

A number of farmers who have planted large acreages in tomato plants for the new canning factory at Claremont, have lost practically all the plants from destruction by grubs or other insects. It is said that some are putting in new plants again.

The announcement in this issue that the school board has reduced the school tax another \$500, being the fourth consecutive reduction, will be received this year with especial delight. With the council doing their best to keep down the tax rate in order that the new road tax may not come too heavy, the assistance given by the school board is timely.

Outside of the store itself, the best and almost the only way to attract a prospective customer's attention to what you have to sell is through the newspapers that go into the home. The store that advertises adequately and persistently in its local newspaper has no need to waste money on other inferior media.

Rev. J. R. Fraser, pastor of Dunbarton United Church and one time pastor of Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, Uxbridge, was tendered a farewell banquet at Dunbarton last week on the eve of his departure for Gravenhurst where he will minister to the northern congregation. Rev. Dr. Fraser is quite well known in Stouffville, and preached in the local church one Sunday evening two years ago.

Owing to the increased rate for carrying newspapers recently invoked by the postal department in the search for increased revenue, the Toronto daily papers will arrive at The Tribune office each morning by express. The newspapers claim they can ship their bundles by this method cheaper than through the post office. As an example of the tremendous increase in postal rates for papers we are informed by one large daily in Toronto that their postage bill will be \$30,000 per year more.

The ratepayers' Association at Musselman's Lake are calling a business meeting for Sunday afternoon next at 3.30 o'clock to be held in the church building on the 9th concession. In view of the meeting being held on the Sunday, and in the sacred edifice, it may be presumed that the cottagers are about to organize a Sunday school or a missionary society. However laying jokes aside the cottagers declare they cannot meet at any other time than the Sabbath if all are to be given a chance to attend a meeting for the transaction of business matters concerning the summer residents.

Taking into consideration the "catchy" weather of last Friday the local Presbyterians were very fortunate in having such fine weather as prevailed in the early evening to start their garden party in, and as a result over 500 people assembled for the event on the spacious grounds of Mr. James Brodie, townline west. During an intermission in the program when the big crowd thronged about the refreshment booth, from out of the skies and without warning a heavy downpour of rain fell, and the scurry for cover was like a rush on a free lunch counter. The program by Toronto talent was greatly appreciated as heretofore, Ralph Gordon and a couple of pipes being the chief entertainers. George Watson had a busy time as treasurer in charge of the gates, while James Rennie was going at top speed as master of ceremonies. The host the genial Jim was here, there, and everywhere, welcoming all the friends from far and near. The big "Scotch" garden party is now looked on as a real annual event and only the abnormal times in which we are living prevented the attendance from being double what it was.

Auditorium Theatre CLOSED

Owing to the regulations now in force the Department for Theatres, refuse to grant a license for the auditorium here. Therefore Saturday night was the "Finale" for the local picture house in Stouffville which has run for over 7 years and in that period only failed the public on two occasions, due to hydro trouble. Preparations are under way for a new theatre with sound installation in the near future. I therefore take this opportunity to thank the public for their support in the past and trust I will receive the same in the future.

Signed Syd G. Schmidt

Frank Burkholder of Markham village has installed a pasteurizing plant in connection with his dairy there.

The summer church services at Lake Musselman will commence on July 7, with Mr. A. J. Ward in charge. This is his seventh consecutive year as lake pastor.

Beets are said to be of supreme value as the beet and the top can be eaten. Potatoes are in the same class, the only difference being bugs get the tops.

Robins in India are dying from eating too many cherries. Robins should eat one worm to every three cherries and we imagine they would wiggle through all right.

According to Sir Henry Thornton passenger trains may soon be carrying freight. It seems only right to us in view of the fact that a good many freight trains are carrying passengers these days.

The Collard Block and the Shaw store fronts have been much improved by the painters brush. There is nothing like keeping up a good business front, and we congratulate our business men on their enterprise. The Grubin block has also been repainted a suitable gray color.

The Orange Lodges of North Ontario will celebrate the 12th this year at Sunderland, and it is expected that Stouffville Orangemen will be in the walk there. The 12th falling on a Sunday this year, will necessitate the walk being held on the following day.

Miss Grace Nicely has been appointed teacher of S. S. No. 13, Markham (Cashel) Miss Miller having resigned the position. The trustees are Messrs. Archie Fleming, W.J.A. Powell, and George Hoover.

The C.N.R. has issued a new time-table for this division which affects most of the passenger trains on the line. The regular train from Toronto each morning will reach Stouffville at 8.55 about twenty minutes earlier than heretofore, while the morning train going to Toronto leaves at almost the same time as formerly, being due at 10.45. There is no change in the time of the mixed train going to Toronto in the afternoon, and the evening train from Toronto will be due at 6.05 (no change). The mail train to Toronto in the evening will leave here at 7.06 o'clock. If you are interested in the train service cut this notice out for future reference.

Negotiations are underway that may end in an agreement being entered into for the construction of a new picture theatre in town. The only kind of a building that would really pay in the long run would be a thoroughly modern structure designed for picture shows, concerts, etc., and well located in the business area. That a good picture house is a drawing card for any community, few will deny. Since the coming of the talkies the present show house in Stouffville has only a license for a limited time, and the authorities will not permit the "talkies" being installed in this building. As a consequence many people from here have been drawn to Uxbridge to the talkies, during recent weeks, and the local show and business interests suffer accordingly. The manager of the Uxbridge theatre tells us that he gets patronage from as far south as Oshawa district.

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Rev. and Mrs. Laidlaw and family are camping on Lake Huron for the month of July, having left town on Monday.

The annual picnic of the United Church Sunday School will be held this year at Oshawa on the lake, the date being July 29.

You must now put a two cent excise stamp on all bank cheques irrespective of the amount. It is just as well to be reminded of the fact also that your letters require three cents postage too.

Mr. Frank Rae and other members of the Tower Fund Committee report having received several cheques recently in aid of building the new tower. These will shortly be acknowledged in the press, and the donors will have their names inscribed in the archives of the town, possible on a stone tablet.

The wooden tower on the fire hall has been taken down, and preparations are underway for the erection of the new brick structure which will rear its head to a height of some 75 feet. We are given to understand that the new clock will be ready for shipment from England the latter part of July.

Mrs. Henry Vanzant is the possessor of a cactus which flowers just one night in the year. When it came into bloom a few evenings ago the whole house was charged with the beautiful aroma, while the flower itself was a delicate large white and bell shaped. There were two blooms. Many townpeople were fortunate in viewing the plant when in bloom.

If you have occasion to sound the fire alarm any time now, the rope hangs over the door of the town clerk's office. Last week when work started on the new tower, the old bell was removed to a point on the municipal hall roof, where it is available for alarming the inhabitants in case of fire. The matter of removing the old bell from tower was a simple one, and was accomplished in less than three hours.

A party of young people out joy riding on Sunday evening ran into trouble up at Ballantrae when they attempted to make a turn at a sideroad. Their car ran head-on into a cement barricade, and Wilbur Gower, one of the occupants, was thrown through the wind shield, sustaining a nasty gash on the head and knee, while the driver of the car and another occupant received minor injuries. Wilbur required three stitches to close the cut on the left side of his mental dome. The car, a Ford coupe, is likely to be consigned to the brush heap.

Despite highly favorable weather the garden party held in the Arena on Tuesday evening was not largely attended. The members of the Eastern Star had provided an excellent tea, while the program was above the average on such occasions. The talent was contributed by two Toronto chapters and was heartily applauded with every number. The same evening two other similar events were being held at country points, which in addition to the fact that there was a garden party almost every evening last week, is partly responsible for the attendance of local people not being up to expectations.

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Barnwell, Alberta, on the line between Lethbridge and Medicine Hat breaks the record for Spring plowing and cultivation for 1931. Work on the land there is general and began March 25.

Motor tourist travel to New Brunswick from United States was almost 50 per cent greater in 1930 than in the previous year, according to a statistical statement issued recently by the Canadian Customs Commissioner.

While the railroads of this continent are not responsible for deaths or injuries to trespassers on their properties, they annually spend many thousands of dollars in preventative steps and educational campaigns to reduce this drain on the men and women of the country.

George H. Jones, head of the Canadian Pacific Supply Farm at Strathmore, Alberta, has been appointed zone manager of the Colonization Finance Corporation of Canada, Limited, with headquarters at Portage La Prairie. Mr. Jones is recognized as one of the outstanding livestock authorities in Canada.

Travelling incognito, Their Majesties the King and Queen of Siam will not appear at public receptions in Victoria or Vancouver when they arrive with their regal suite aboard the Empress of Japan en route to New York, April 17, the Consul-General for Siam announces.

A total of 1,066 moose and 10,733 deer were taken by hunters in the New Brunswick woods during the past hunting season, bringing the total for the past ten years to 12,614 Moose and 60,332 deer, according to the report of the Game Warden of the Province.

Announcement has been made by the Canadian Pacific Railway company that shipments of freight at eastern points for points west, via Port McNicoll, will now be accepted subject to delay at Port McNicoll pending the first sailing. There will be five Canadian Pacific steamers on Great Lakes service during the coming season.

"Given a year of peace and China will become a dominant factor in enormous trade developments between Great Britain and Europe in the Far East," says Sir Ernest Thompson, prominent British cotton manufacturer, who returned from a British economic mission to China aboard the Empress of Canada recently.

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