

# LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Hurrah for Stouffville Civic Holiday.

Mrs. J. B. Wurts who has been living with her daughter at Mimico is spending a few weeks in town with another daughter Mrs. Wm. Hopkins.

Rev. William McKinley announces the engagement of his daughter, Margaret Jardine to Rev. Samuel J. Clarkson, D.D. of Rochester, New York, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clarkson of Stouffville, Ontario.

Funds are steadily coming in for the tower fund and one lady in town last week donated \$10 stating the interesting fact that her husband was a member of the first fire brigade Stouffville ever had. Beginning Sept. 1st the list of donors to the tower fund will be published in these columns and thus one and all will know that their donation has assuredly been placed in the proper coffers.

The annual lawn bowling tournament held on the local greens Wednesday of last week was a great success. Ideal weather conditions were partly responsible for a big crowd assembling and 30 outside rinks arrived, while the locals swelled this number to 38. The greens were in fine trim, and added to the general satisfaction of the day. The ladies bowling club served meals and were well patronized. The prizes all went to the first and second going to two Toronto rinks, third to Richmond Hill and the fourth to Markham. Bed comforters, bed spreads, auto rugs and mantle clocks were presented to the winners. Wednesday's tournament was said to be one of the most successful ever held on the local greens.

1931 is rapidly gliding by.

We knew a man who hadn't done a tap of work in 20 years, still when he died recently the Uxbridge paper comes out with his obituary notice headed thus: "Laid to Rest."

The three young men from Brougham and vicinity, who destroyed a number of mail boxes on R.R. 2, Claremont and whose trial took place at Pickering last Tuesday, were most fortunate in being given a chance to change their mode of living and to seek different companions.

Coroner Herbert Burgess aged 62 years, who died in Toronto last week was in town only recently, making a brief call on his cousin Mr. S. W. Hastings. The deceased man was a widely known practitioner, and his mother whose maiden name was Mary Anne Hastings was a native of Lemonville district. The funeral of Dr. Burgess on Friday afternoon from the late home 122 Manor Road Drive was attended by several from this section.

Announcement cards have been issued for the opening of the new bread and cake shop of the Stouffville Bakery by the proprietor Mr. Ambrose Stover. The new premises are located one door west of Porter's ice cream store and its opening this week will supply the patrons of this well known bakery with an exclusive store, thereby filling a long-felt want. Visit the new store on the opening day next Saturday and you will be pleased with the modern appointments and pleasing style of the place. Bread and cakes, rolls, and layers, all supplied from their own ovens will feature the stock in this exclusive new bakery premises.

A. V. Nolan, the publisher of this paper was appointed to the Canadian Press Association Board, at the annual meeting of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association held in Regina last week.

Get your ticket for the Civic Holiday, celebration early and secure a chance of being presented with a new Ford Tudor car absolutely free. Your ticket will admit you to the grounds in the afternoon and to the street carnival in the evening, all for 50 cents. Yes, you may get the car thrown in if you hold the right number!

Copious rains the past week has made most difficult hay weather, and many farmers have plenty of cutting to do yet. Scarcely does the ground become dry when another downpour is on us in the form of local showers. All that is wanted now is a spell of dry weather and one of the best crops ever harvested in this section will be gathered.

Last Sunday Rev. Herbert Lee was one of the speakers at the centennial celebration of Vandorf United Church, he being a former pastor when that church was on the Methodist circuit. On Wednesday evening there was a congregational gathering held at which Rt. Hon. Sir William Mulock was the guest of honor, he having presided at the opening of the present edifice in 1881.

Mr. A. C. Burkholder wishes to call public attention to the fact that wind insurance may be taken out through him as agent for an old reliable company. Residential rate runs as low as 35c per hundred dollars insurance for three year period, and barns 65c per hundred for the three year period. Is it safe to take a chance when the risk may be carried at such low rates?

Mr. W. S. Mitchell of Ringwood brought a few apples into the Tribune office last week which were old enough to become a real novelty. The fruit was picked a year ago last October, but we doubt if any apples could be better preserved even from last year's picking. The apples were of the Solomes variety, an uncommon name we say, and sounds like a descendant of Solomon. Mr. Mitchell has a good stone cellar with dirt floor which is the ideal spot for the preservation of fresh fruit.

A quiet wedding took place on June 20th at the home of the bride in Belvedere, Illinois when Miss Dorothy England became the wife of George E. Venables, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Venables of Hamiota, Manitoba. The ceremony was performed by the Methodist minister, and the happy couple left in the evening for their future home in Chicago where the groom has a position with the Woolworth Stores. George was born in Stouffville, and is a grandson of Mrs. Charles Perry. Friends of the newly weds here send congratulations and every good wish for the future.

Three men were arguing over whether it was a hurricane, tornado or cyclone which blew down the barn just west of town, on Saturday afternoon. As we listened in we concluded that enough wind was being wasted to start another such storm, but could not help but think that the man who labelled the big wind of Saturday as a cyclone was nearer correct than his opponents. A cyclone is described as a violent wind going in a straight line in a rotary manner, while a tornado travels in violent whirling gusts over a considerable area. A hurricane on the other hand is a violent wind usually covering considerable ground as a general storm.

It has been customary for Mrs. Robert Miller to give a dinner to a small number of Mr. Miller's friends with their wives on the 15th of July, his birthday. Last week it was decided to reverse that order of things and on the occasion of his 75th birthday anniversary this year to give Mr. and Mrs. Miller a dinner at the Granite Club. This surprise event took place on Wednesday evening last and to make the occasion more memorable a beautiful radio was presented and installed in their home on the following day. The gift was accompanied by the following message:

Toronto, July 15th, 1931  
Dear Mr. Miller—  
Having heard of the approach of your seventy-fifth birthday anniversary, a small group of your Toronto friends enthusiastically desire to send you a remembrance, with their congratulations and best wishes for "Many Happy Returns of the Day."  
Though the signatures of this letter are alphabetically arranged, everyone would like to be first in recording appreciation of the gentlemanly Ex-President of the Canadian National Exhibition, the only non-resident of Toronto who has been honoured with the Presidency. Sound in judgment and kindly in manner, your long association among us has created warm and lasting friendships.  
The address was signed by the following gentlemen: T. Bradshaw, Fred H. (Col.) Deacon, W. K. George, G. H. Gooderham, Wm. Inglis, Harry McGee, J. A. McLeod, F. L. Ratcliff, Alfred Rogers, T. A. Russell.

Barley and wheat are ready to cut.

Montmorency Cherries for sale. Alex. Jamieson successor to G.R.W. Thomas Stouffville east. Phone 6713.

Boys, girls, ladies and gents should dress for the Calithumpian parade on August 3rd in connection with the big street carnival. Valuable prizes for best or comic costumes. Parade at 8 p.m.

The ladies of the Lemonville United Church will hold an ice cream social on Wednesday, Aug. 5, on the lawn of Mrs. Macklem Cook. Admission 25c. Good programme. All welcome.

Newmarket the only serious rival in the York Baseball League against Stouffville, the league leaders, will play here on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The club needs your support and you will enjoy the game between these rivals. Keep Friday open for this match.

Mrs. Wilson of Markham, and housekeeper for Mr. M. T. Leavens the east end store keeper, has purchased the small frame house on Victoria street belonging to the late Maria Kester. The sale price is \$1050, and Mrs. Wilson intends to rent the property for a year or more at least.

Clerk William Crawford of Whitechurch Township who suffered a stroke last week, is now said to be out of danger. He is lying at the home of his son in Toronto and was visited there on Sunday by the reeve of the township Mr. Kidd. At that time Mr. Crawford was only able to move his one hand on the side that is paralyzed.

The United Church Sunday School annual picnic will be held on Wednesday of next week (July 29) to Lakeview Park, Oshawa. Automobiles will leave the church here at 12.30 sharp. The transportation committee consists of Messrs. K. G. Tarr, N. M. MacLennan, and E. M. Still. Both those who are willing to provide transportation and those who wish to have a place reserved for them should get in touch with any member of the committee as early as possible.

Local egg prices were firmer last week farmers receiving 14 to 16 cents for hen fruit on the market. Butter sold at 20c and slightly higher in special cases, but the supply was light and the buyer was glad that he had not been offered more than the small supply which came in. With the cold storage plants filled to the roofs and the immediate demand light in the cities, the produce man has a rather tough time of it these days. He's not alone however in his troubles.

The Stouffville correspondent of The Pickering News reports in that paper that Mr. E. Lloyd of Stouffville will erect a moving picture theatre in this place. Referring the matter to Mr. Lloyd, he states that he has the matter under consideration, but so far has let no contract. And we are therefore not able to pass on as a fact what would be good news to many. Mr. Lloyd is making preparations to move the brick house on his Main street property next Tail's butcher shop, to a site at the rear of the property, and with this accomplished an ideal location for a picture show would be the vacated lot from which the house is to be moved. As it is preferable to have theatres on a lane it is also under consideration to erect a show in the Old Rae store which also belongs to Mr. Lloyd and which stands next to a lane just east of the Button Hardware.

Not since bible days do we read that anyone has been taken up in a chariot into the clouds, but last Saturday when our local Ford dealer Delbert Holden stopped just on the outskirts of the cyclone which spiralled across the highway opposite the Lewis farm west of town, he must have had visions of history repeating itself. Mr. Holden was driving a heavy McLaughlin touring car into town. He saw the cyclone hurling itself across the fields as he looked to the north, and he made an attempt to reach home before the threatened storm would break over him. As he came almost opposite the spot where the cyclone hurled the big barn to earth he jammed on the breaks and came to a stop feeling himself being lifted, car and all, straight upward. Then he came back to earth with a thump as the top of the car blew up, allowing the wind to pass through unimpeded. He witnessed the big barn crash to earth and saw a portion of a field of alfalfa on the Davis farm being lifted heavenward, while a goodly portion was rammed into his car. Thus with his eyes filled with alkise seed, his mouth full of hay, and mud and dust flying in wicked manner, Delbert realized that he had run into something that at least had a tinge of excitement attached. Fortunately he had only been on the edge of the cyclone otherwise something more serious might have happened.

Choice Cherries for sale, on the Collard farm, Gornley. Pick your own if you wish. Fred Schelke, Phone: 2502.

In addition to the big list of attractions to be staged here on August 3rd, the Ladies' Bowling Club will run off a mixed tournament during the afternoon, play to start at one o'clock.

A bee was organized by the citizens and neighbors of James Burry whose barn was blown down on Saturday. On Wednesday the boys turned out in full force and accomplished much valuable work in cleaning up the damaged structure. The ladies provided a splendid lunch for the busy workers. This is the sort of thing that is worth while, and gets back to the co-operative manner in which things were done in the good old pioneer days.

Bud Johnston and Reg. Walker returned last week after being detained for two weeks by Magistrate Keith as his guests in the big mansion. Charged with stealing a watch, Reg. was allowed to go on suspended sentence, while Johnston was similarly dealt with on a charge of receiving stolen goods. While in custody Walker informs us that he came into contact with Theodore Wideman who is being held on a charge of "dopping" cars. His trial postponed to this week, is again set aside.

Seeing a tent pitched in the orchard of Mr. Abram Stouffer up the 10th line we made enquiries to learn that his uncle Simeon had taken up life there for the hot weather at least, and is enjoying himself in the open spaces under the fruit trees made famous in history through the downfall of Adam. Having taken up his abode in the orchard in single blessedness our venerable citizen will have no fear of meeting the same fate that befel the orchard dweller at the beginning of time.

Stouffville ball club had an off day on Tuesday when they journeyed to Aurora and took the short end of an 11-16 score. The game in spots was decidedly loose, accounting for the 27 runs made in all.

## Lake Musselman

Mr. Editor—  
Having noticed a letter in your paper of last week I was much surprised at the attitude the writer had taken in regard to the improvements and police protection for the cottagers (not campers) of Musselman's Lake. The writer either misunderstood or didn't know the true facts. I was at a meeting of the Ratepayers Association held in the little White Church on a recent Sunday afternoon. I heard Reeve Kidd, Deputy Reeve Williams and Councilor Ratcliff speak. Mr. Williams gave a very interesting talk and promised his support to every thing that was reasonable for the cottager's protection and improvements and also did Mr. Ratcliff.

I heard Reeve Kidd make this statement about one-third of the taxes going to York County, one third to school taxes and one-third to local improvements, granting this correct why does not some of the improvements that he said show? I have been coming to the lake for thirteen years and the road from Stouffville has not been improved more than ten percent as has the road passing Reeve Kidd's home all the way to the lake. The road is paved and in fine shape. Where has the taxes gone in the last thirteen years. Not to Musselman's Lake. Reeve Kidd said \$1200 was paid as a salary for a school teacher. This is a worthy cause but a very high price for a small school of about fifty children in attendance. Sir could this school teacher have been engaged at this \$1200 a year back a few years ago when some taxes were \$35 a year on a farm which now brings in over \$500 a year and in the near future hundreds more. Let us be reasonable. Give improvements where the taxes are coming from. Give police protection where needed. Musselman's Lake is destined to be a wonderful summer home and improvements are needed badly.

Cottagers are no advantage to farmers. Now right here I speak a few words. I know that for over 60 years before my father bought property at the lake. The owner of same drank lake water, pulled up from the lake on a stone boat with a tank. This man did not have the means to install a pump. Now the property he owned is all sold. Mortgage retired, back taxes all paid. Now living a happy and comfortable life. We bring ready money, cash, not trade in the store to help them make life worth living. Take this year, what are we paying the farmer around here? Milk 10c and 1 1/2 quart; eggs 20 and 22c per dozen; cream 60c per quart; ice 25c per block. Where delivered in Toronto 25 lbs. for 12c. Lettuce, onions, potatoes, berries, cakes, chickens and other things too numerous to mention are bought locally. We help the bakery, butchers and merchants in Stouffville, Ballantrae, Markham, Ringwood, Mount Albert, Newmarket as well as garages and gasoline men. I have seen shoes put on the children's feet, clothes put on their backs. Some of the farms in a radius of the lake are non-producers to any extent beyond sand and grass hoppers. If not far the cottagers revenue and taxes would be nil and

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no \$1200 per year for a school teacher. As a cottager the same as hundreds more at the lake keep up two homes—One in the city and one at the lake. At the lake two or three months in the year. We come out to help our family and children to try and make them strong and healthy and eventually to help themselves and the country they live in. What does the Eaton farm have cottages for their employees not to make money but to give the girls a chance to have a good clean outing at as little cost as can be arranged. Are they a detriment to the township?

How many farmers in the township have had their taxes raised? Some cutting their acreage into lots selling same to cottagers this being a great financial benefit to them. Election time is coming and I intend to have a visit among the 200 and more cottagers at the lake and see why our rights are no protected and if same is not adhered to a change will be necessary. No acclamation but a voice of the people by ballot. You know the old story "kissing goes by favour" but the cottagers want results. Rome was not built in a minute nor the lake but give us cottagers a fair square deal and in the coming years you will see one of the finest places around Ontario. Kindly let us know if possible Reeve Kidd, who gave the instructions to have the roads around the lake oiled if their judgment was not any better on oiling the roads around the lake, their parents would feel like disowning them. Now Mr. Editor I hope these few lines will not worry you but these are only a few of the facts. Let's get down to business, give honest facts and figures and don't try to mislead, that the cottager wants everything for nothing and the farmer has to pay for it in his taxes.

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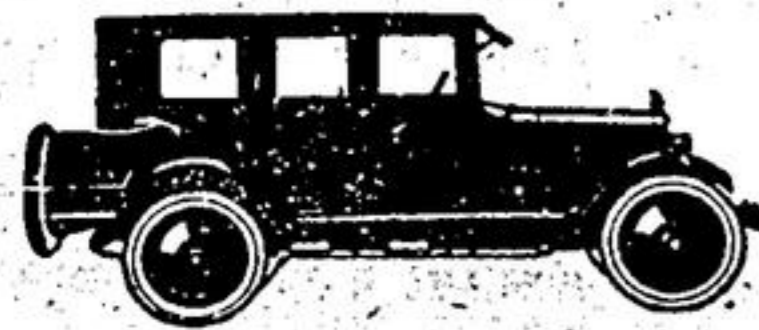
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