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FIRE DESTROYS SCHOOL BUILDING

Large Frame Structure on Second of Uxbridge Burned to Ashes.—Only \$700 Insurance

The large frame school house at S.S. No. 9, Uxbridge, situated on the second concession just north of Garibaldi burned to the ground on Wednesday morning of last week between three and five o'clock in the morning. The fire was first noticed by Frank Badgero who was returning from a dance at McNelly's, Lake Musselman, and he immediately alarmed the people, but the fire had gained such headway that nothing could be done to save the building, although the splendid fight put up by the crowd which gathered resulted in saving the large woodshed close to the school building. The school only carried an insurance of \$700, which is said will do little more than replace the equipment.

The school was located on a splendid site, and had served the neighborhood for almost three-quarters of a century. The present teacher is Miss Alma Ward of Claremont, who is numbered among the most successful who had taught there.

The school was heated by a turmacette and wood is burned for fuel, but it is reported that there was no fire in the furnace that night. The cause of the fire remains a complete mystery.

The trustees are Sam Bacon and Leslie Morgason, with Bert Tindal secretary. Arrangements are being made to house the 40 pupils attending in the large woodshed which is being fitted up as temporary quarters.

Sprague is Warden

Contrary to expectations there was no contest for the wardenship of York County for 1934. Reeve D. Ernest Sprague of North Gwillimbury receiving the post by acclamation on Tuesday.

BETHESDA

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Steckley, Bethesda, spent the weekend with Dr. and Mrs. Campbell at Galt. The Tribune would be grateful for a budget of news weekly from the Bethesda area. We supply writing material, postage, and a complimentary copy of this paper weekly.

UNITED CHURCH RAISED \$6,000

More Accommodation Required For Sunday School Classes

The annual meeting of the Stouffville United Church took place on Wednesday evening of last week. The attendance was not large, but the night was a very severe one, and weather conditions may have prevented some from attending. Rev. Thos. Laidlaw, pastor, presided over the proceedings, which deviated from the usual annual meeting because of the presentation of a playlet, "Missionary Arithmetic," given by the girls of the Evening Auxiliary.

Reference was made to the need for enlargement of the church for Sunday School quarters, and some favor building an addition to the present edifice without further delay. One suggestion is to extend the basement north and west to give needed accommodation to the Sunday classes.

The church reports were handed out in booklet form, showing that for all purposes nearly \$6,000 was raised in 1933. The Maintenance and Missionary Funds totalled over \$1200, while the Board finished the year with a balance of a few hundred dollars.

A vote of thanks was introduced by Dr. D. O. Smith and Rev. H. Lee and carried by the meeting commending the choir for their fine work during the year, also the leader Mr. Robt. Leslie and Miss Lehman, organist. Rev. and Mrs. Laidlaw were also included in the vote of thanks.

The church board officers for the year were elected as follows:
Honorary member of session—Amos Lehman.

Session—Dr. D. C. Smith, D. J. Williamson, Jas. Murison, H. W. Sanders, K. G. Tarr, E. M. Still, G. R. W. Thomas, W. Asling.
Stewards—Robert Curtis, Isaac Barkley, J. R. Hodgins, Robt. Leslie, F. E. Rae, Harvey Moyer, A. V. Nolan, F. L. Button, H. J. Malloy, A. C. Burkholder, R. G. Winn, S. W. Hastings, Clayt. Stouffer.

Trustee Board—A. C. Burkholder, Isaac Barkley, J. R. Hodgins, A. G. Lehman, Jas. Murison, F. E. Rae, Dr. D. O. Smith, K. G. Tarr, Geo. Urquhart.

WESTERN OFFICIAL VISITS IN TOWN

B. A. Robertson Rural Clerk and Tax Collector from Regina District Tells of Conditions he Faces.

A native of Canada, but a visitor in Ontario for the first time, is Mr. B. A. Robertson, who is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayt. Baker. Mr. Robertson is the municipal clerk of what is known as the rural municipalities which comprise nine twps. and covers a large area of country. He lives at Balcarres, a village of 700 lying north-east of Regina. In addition to his duties as municipal clerk he has been tax collector, which Mr. Robertson regards as "some job." Despite the fact that this territory enjoyed a good crop this past season only 20.6 per cent of 1932 tax roll is paid. That year crops were bad. Tax sales are of little avail for you couldn't get a bid on a man's land at one of them, and if you did sell for taxes the government refuses to issue the script for the land transfer, so there you have it. Why pay taxes?

The average tax on a 160 acre place runs from \$35 to \$60, but unlike the assessment system in Ontario it doesn't matter whether there are any buildings or not, they do not affect the tax rate.

Speaking about wheat, the western clerk says that farmers realized only 16c per bushel for much of their crop. The newspaper prices are much higher than the net received by the grower, but its one of the mediums he is able to collect taxes through, for while it is useless to hold a tax sale, it is still possible to seize enough wheat when it is being brought to the elevators, to satisfy tax demands.

Mr. Robertson is making his initial visit to old Ontario. His father went from Owen Sound and settled in the West in the district where his son later became the municipal clerk. His first impressions of Ontario are good, and he is sure he would like to live here. Mr. Robertson is greatly impressed with the trees, so many of them, and if one is impressed in this manner in the depth of winter, how much more fascinating will they be in the summer season!

When Mrs. Clayt. Baker taught school in the West prior to teaching at Stouffville, it was in Mr. Robertson's district that she located, and the teacher was boarded at his home, and the kindly treatment accorded a young school miss a long way from home is one of the cherished memories she has of her school days at Balcarres.

Mr. Robertson gave The Tribune a friendly call, and we were able to observe that even though they grow short of the "long green" out in his country, they certainly do not grow all short men, for the western official stands six foot three or four, and is therefore quite a young giant. His splendid physique may stand him in good stead when he has to go out and collect a 1932 tax roll that is nearly 80 per cent in arrears from those farmers who have suffered greatly, and must feel resentful in being asked to contribute into Caesar even the most paltry amount.

HOGS SOAR NEAR \$9

A LOOK AT THE MARKET

Further advances in the market quotations for products of the farm will this week hearten the farmer who has been operating under grave difficulties for the greater part of three years. That the elusive corner, which was declared to be within sight for some years, has been turned appears now to be beyond the realm of doubt and the tiller of the soil is commencing to receive something like adequate returns for the products of his labor and investment.

Wheat has advanced to 70 cents a bushel and for an extra good sample as high as 72 cents will be paid. Hogs again advanced in price this week and for the first time in nearly three years received \$8.25 per hundred for them on Monday.

Turnips are still going to the market at 20c bushel and even 22c for extra good sample. The cabbage are about done, having climbed to \$1 per dozen, although with new crop from the south on the market the price has eased slightly. There is a dumping duty on new cabbage of \$40 per ton, but with city housewives willing to pay at the rate of \$240 per ton in small lots, the duty is easily paid.

Eggs have taken a landslide, to 21c, for extras, butter 24c. Potatoes are selling at country points at 70c bag to the farmer.

ORANGE "WALK" HERE THIS YEAR

N. M. MacLean, Local Man also Elected as County Master

At the annual meeting of the Ontario County Orange Lodge held at Udney in the north of the county, the invitation to hold the annual 12th of July Walk at Stouffville, was accepted, and the boys will be here with the fife and drums in all their glory for the occasion.

Another singular incident at the meeting was the election of our Norman M. MacLean to the office of County Master, the highest office in the gift of the county lodge. Their assembly will meet this year at Halifax and Mr. MacLean will be Ontario County delegate to the meeting down by the sea.

Mr. Truman Holden of Stouffville was present at the Udney meeting, and was probably the oldest Orangeman present.

Officers elected in addition to the county master:

Dep. County Master—Bro. Less McMullen, Vroomantion Immediate Past County Master—Bro. J. Elmer Wood, Udney, Ont. County Chaplain—

Rev. S. Littlewood, Vroomantion Rec. Sec.—J. C. Taylor, Udora Fin. Sec.—Norman Wagg, Goodwood Treas.—J. V. Park, Wilfrid Dir. of Cer.—Harold E. King, Wilfrid 1st Lect.—Sam Parker, Beaverton 2nd Lect.—P. Hurren, Balslover

Installing Officer—Bro. W. O. Webster, Udora Mara True Blues, Udney L.O.L. No. 2426 put on the Royal Arch Degree.

U.F.O. SAILS "CLOSE TO THE WIND"

At the annual meeting of the Stouffville U.F.O. Club held on Saturday afternoon, it was revealed that commodities were purchased and sold to the farmers during 1933 totalling \$10,000. As only \$102 profit was made over cost of handling it indicates that the organization was sailing pretty close to the wind on the yearly turnover. In this total only \$20 is outstanding, showing that the Club insist on cash business and gets it. The U.F.O. carry a bank surplus of \$800. Not more than seven or eight members turned out for the meeting, presided over by James Rennie the president who was re-elected together with F. H. Sangster as secretary. Provided Mr. Rennie procures a suitable speaker, there will be an oyster supper announced for the near future.

CHURCH HILL

The Churchill Women's Institute are holding their skating party on January 30, at Mrs. Ed. McNelly's, Musselman's Lake. A hot lunch to be served after skating. Everyone come and have a good time. Admission 10 cents

A TRIP THROUGH ONTARIO GARDENS

An important event will be the coming annual meeting of the Stouffville Horticultural Society on Monday evening, Jan. 29.

In addition to the routine work of elections and reading reports, Mr. John F. Clark, will give an illustrated lecture on "A Trip Through Ontario Gardens." Mr. Clark's ability to interest a large audience should assure him a large attendance.

It is expected that Mr. Lionel Godson, district director, will also be present.

All citizens are requested to come, and bring along plate, cup and sandwiches, pie or cake. If every member would try to bring his or her neighbor, it would gladden the hearts of those who are shouldering the responsibility of this needed organization in the community.

The meeting will be held in Ratcliff's hall, starting at 8 o'clock.

BIRTHS

Locks—In Toronto East General Hospital, on January 12, 1934, to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Locke (Vida Lee) a daughter.

Hisey—On January 14, 1934, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hisey, Con. 6, Whitchurch, a son.

Paisley—At the Private Hospital Stouffville, Ontario, on January 19th, 1934, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Paisley, Stouffville, R. R. 4 a daughter (Phyllis Marie).

Gilroy—On Sunday, January 21, 1934, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilroy, of Toronto; a son.

DR. BALL VOTED TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN

New Board Decides to Consider Cost of Next School Extension

At the inaugural meeting of the Stouffville School Board, held Wednesday evening, Dr. S. S. Ball was appointed chairman for the year 1934, on a resolution brought in by Dr. Freel and Edw. Baker, the latter being chairman for the past three years.

On assuming the leadership of the board Dr. Ball welcomed Lloyd Turner, the newly elected member at the recent elections, Mr. Turner receiving an acclamation.

J. W. McMullen was made chairman of the Property Committee and E. W. Baker chairman of the Management.

Dr. Freel introduced motion to appoint Lou Lownsborough as school attendance officer, to replace Constable Alf. Pugh, and the motion carried without opposition.

The regular monthly meetings this year will be held on the second Monday of the month, instead of Friday as heretofore.

In view of the ever increasing attendance at the Continuation school the members informally discussed the matter of school extension, and the possibility that will soon confront them of building the south-east wing to provide two additional class rooms. While it is hoped to delay this extension until some of the present school debtures are paid off, it is not too soon to make a survey of the situation, and the management committee were requested to produce the plans and cost of the last wing built so that they may be viewed at a future meeting.

The annual meeting of the local Presbyterian Church was held on Wednesday evening this week, and will be reported in our next issue.

About sixty enjoyed the pot luck supper Tuesday evening, served by the members of the Women's Bowling Club. The members of the men's club were the guests.

Councillor Jim Rennie went to Toronto today to sit in at the recount over the Markham Township elections. Jim polled a vote that is beyond the danger zone, but anything may happen between Chas. Hooper and Fred Coakwell, with only one ballot between them.

GOODWOOD

Gasoline prices in Goodwood are keeping pace with the downward trend during the gas war. Here's one war we all want continued. Sick'em!

There was big excitement in the village the other day when a chimney fire broke out at Miss Jessie Todd's. Plenty of willing hands kept the threatened fire in hand, and averted any serious loss.

Miss E. Helmky, R.N., of Toronto, spent a few days last week at the home of Dr. R. E. Darling. She was called back on duty on Saturday morning. To bad Etolie. Hope you can stay longer next time.

Turnip shipping over the C.N.R. is still in progress the roots demanding a price of 20c bushel or better. Some of our farmers who have hogs for the market are certainly smiling too, for they obtained \$9.75 for them on Tuesday.

Reeve Grant Christie of Reach Township was made warden of Ontario County on Tuesday at Whitby. Our two representatives were both on hand, and we hope their lusty voices will be heard this session championing the cause of a tarvia top road through Goodwood.

One tax sale for taxes was held at Lincolnville the other day, and several others are pending. With the improved prices for farm commodities this fall and winter, one would think that something could be laid aside for taxes. Ronder un to Caesar, says the good book; so why escape?

A man named Berry ran into an unfortunate pedestrian in Toronto with his car in December, so seriously injuring him, that one leg had to be amputated. The motorist was later arrested at a garage and was identified as the driver of the fateful car. Now it turns out that Berry is on relief, and has a wife and three children and his solicitor is pleading for leniency because the family will suffer. What about the unfortunate man who lost a leg, and why are people on relief allowed to drive cars? Judge Parker has reserved his decision to consider these perplexing details.

FARM AUCTION TOTALS ONLY \$45

Tax Sale on the Border Line of Uxbridge and Whitchurch Townships Didn't Meet Half the Taxes Due.

The farm stock, sold at the sale of Frank Pace at Lincolnville on the Uxbridge townline last week for taxes realized the startling low price of \$45.64. The top notch cow went under the hammer of Bill Smith, the Uxbridge bailiff, for \$19, and as the bovine was led away someone said that's more than she's worth unless there's a better price for hides. A yearling calf or two brought \$6 each while a few odds and ends made up the balance. Under the exemption law one cow had to be left with the farmer, also certain implements.

The sale was made under seizure for 1932 and 1933 taxes. Collector Distin McDonald not having returned the 1932 roll yet. The farm is mortgaged and the mortgagee is unwilling to have the taxes applied against the property, so there was nothing to do but get them from the few chattels. After the expenses were paid there was \$24.48 to apply on the overdue taxes, and the balance may now be charged against the property.

It is reported that the owner of the chattels has since applied for relief from Uxbridge Township council, and some are disposed to look on the affair as a sort of "tit for tat" move. However, the collector of taxes is bound to carry out the law or become personally involved, and if there is any leniency to be shown it is wholly in the hands of the municipal council, who have power to remit taxes under distressed circumstances. Uxbridge Council in recent years has been remitting taxes for persons whose buildings were destroyed by fire, but whether it is any more distressing to be burned out than to be starved out is a matter for the council to decide.

DR. LORNA COTTON TO BE IN STOUFFVILLE

On Thursday evening February 8th, there will be a public meeting in Ratcliff's Hall, under the auspices of the C.C.F. The speaker of the evening, Dr. Lorna Cotton, Ph.D., will deal with the C.C.F. platform. Dr. Cotton has an attractive personality and presents her subject with great clearness and effectiveness, and all our citizens who are unformed on this great movement for a new social order should try to be present at this meeting.

GOLDEN WEDDING

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Clubine was the scene of a happy reunion on Saturday, when the fifteen members of their family gathered to celebrate with them on their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clubine (nee Catherine Hunt) were married in Toronto in 1884 by Rev. Mr. Withrow, then pastor of Metropolitan church. They have always lived in this vicinity, residing for a number of years on a farm near Bethesda, also at Baker Hill, but 21 years ago moved to the Clubine homestead on the Whitchurch Markham townline. This place has been in the family for five generations, and they hold the original crown deed. Mr. Clubine was born on this farm eighty years ago. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clubine are still quite well and active and take a vital interest in affairs pertaining to the farm as well as those of the community and of the Baptist denomination, having been ardent members of Second Markham Baptist Church for many years.

The living-room and dining room were decorated in gold and white with bouquets of roses, marigolds and daffodils, the gifts of relatives and friends. Numerous congratulations were received through the mail and well wishes were tendered by relatives and friends.

After a dinner served at 1 o'clock the members of the family motored to Stouffville to have the remembrance of the day recorded in a tangible form at the photographers. On returning to the home, the afternoon was enjoyed with music, games and short sketches told by the bride and groom of interesting events that here and there dotted the pathway of fifty years of happy wedded life. The honored couple both recall their school days when they attended the old log school at Bethesda with John Bruce school master, and an attendance of 120 under one teacher.

After the best of wishes for future years the happy gathering closed with singing "God be with you till we meet again."

Those present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clubine, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Baker, Baker Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton Clubine, Whitchurch and nine grandchildren.

Among The Churches

BUSINESS AND YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS (Non-denominational)

(Rev. Thos. Laidlaw, teacher)
Oddfellow's Hall, Sunday, Jan. 14 at 2.30 p.m.
Sunday, January 28th, 1933
Subject
"Man and His Burning Bush"

STOUFFVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. H. Fuller, B.A.
Sunday, January 28th, 1933
2:00 p.m.—Sunday School
3:00 p.m.—Afternoon Worship
Everyone invited

BALLANTRAE—BLOOMINGTON LEMONVILLE

UNITED CHURCH
Rev. J.A.C. Kell, Pastor
Sunday, January 28th, 1933
10:30 a.m.—Ballantrae
3:00 p.m.—Bloomington
7:00 p.m.—Lemonville

MIENNONITE CHURCH STOUFFVILLE

Rev. S. Cressman, Pastor
Sunday, January 28th, 1933
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship

BLOOMINGTON and RINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

E. Morton, Preacher
Sunday, January 28th, 1933
The heavenly Bridegroom will never be satisfied with a beauty that is only skin-deep. He longs to have loving hearts, with that kind of beauty mentioned in Psalm 90:17
Services next Lord's Day—
11:00 a.m.—Bloomington
2:00 p.m.—Ringwood
7:00 p.m.—Altona
Our aim is to be helpful in every service.

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Charles McGrath, Pastor
Sunday, January 28th, 1933

10:00 a.m.—Bible School
We invite you to our Bible School—Classes for all ages. Come and enjoy the messages that awaits you.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Prayer meetings Wednesday, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, at 6.15 p.m.
Serve God, and God will take care of you. Submit to His will, trust in His grace, and resign yourself into His hands with the assurance that the Lord is in His mercy.

The Bible Class will meet on Friday evening, January 26th, at the home of Mrs. Phillips. Let every member make a special effort to be present.

We invite all who wish to learn more of God, and His works, to attend our services on the Sabbath as well as the mid-week meetings.

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH

Rev. Thos. Laidlaw, M.A., Pastor
Sunday, January 28th, 1933
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
"Disappointment and Defeat Turned into Victory and Success."
2:30 p.m.—S.S. & Bible Classes
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
"The Great Thirst"

Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m.—Y. P. S. Skating Social
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.—Teacher Training Class
Wednesday 8:00 p.m.—Prayer & Bible Study.

The Women's Association will meet on Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Blake Sanders, at 8 p.m.
Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. the W.M.S. will meet in the church basement. All welcome.

STOUFFVILLE and CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Chester O. Sommer, Minister
Sunday, January 28th, 1933

10:00 a.m.—S. S. & Bible Class
11:15 a.m.—Worship & Preaching
"Is Salvation Really Free?"
Wednesday, January 31st at 7.30 p.m. Fellowship in prayer, song and study, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Brown. Let us not be too busy to attend.
Churchill

2:00 p.m.—S.S. and Bible Class
The S. S. is growing in many ways—Let all of us in the community take advantage of this service afforded us.

3:00 p.m.—Worship & Preaching
"The Transforming Power of Jesus Presence"

Thursday Jan. 25th, 8.00 p.m.—Mrs. Orville Martin will lead us in a discussion on "Knowing Ourselves", held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Beach.
All are invited to all services