

Stouffville Lady Sets Attendance Record

For 40 years dating from last Saturday, through the cold and snow of winter and the heat and rain of summer, Mrs. Emily Gray of Stouffville has tended her butter and egg stand at the St. Lawrence market with the same cheery smile says a Toronto reporter.

During all that time she has missed only two market days. Once was when her husband died, some seven years ago, and the other time when she lost her father, several years earlier.

Although she encountered some pretty stormy weather during her years of market experience, Mrs. Gray never allowed it to keep her at home when she knew her customers would be coming to the market to be served. Once, she recalls, a heavy snowstorm prevented her getting back home for a whole week.

"The train got in to Toronto all right on the Saturday morning, but by afternoon the line was blocked." "It was a whole week before they got it clear again, and every day I had to go down to the station and wait all day, for they never knew how soon the line would be cleared and the train would be able to pull out.

"At the end of the week I phoned home and had them express my supplies, so I was able to open my market stall as usual. During the week I stayed with relatives, so I was not as badly off as I might have been.

"It was during the war, and

while waiting at the station I spent my time knitting socks for the soldiers."

St. Lawrence market was housed in a wooden structure when Mrs. Gray first gathered her prints of butter, crates of eggs and jars of cream, and in the early morning climbed into the wagon with her husband to drive to the city from their farm home near Stouffville, to spend their first day at the market. Years later, when the present structure was being built, she recalls, the farmers had to move to the street.

Mrs. Gray soon had her regular customers, and many of them are still dealing with her.

Mrs. Gray usually looked after the market stall herself, while her husband attended to other business in the city.

"Mr. Gray never liked working behind the counter, and only did so if we were real busy," the reporter learned. "But I have always liked the work very much. Your customers become just like friends, and it is a pleasure to meet them and chat with them each week.

"But I think that I shall soon retire and take life easy," the smiling, gray-haired but still lively lady continued. "I suppose I shall miss the trip to town and the crowds, but I'll just have to get used to it."

One more Ontario town is turning to the idea of an artificial ice arena this fall. Simcoe is planning a campaign to raise funds for such a project. A joint stock company will be formed.

AURORA WINS JUNIOR HOCKEY TITLE

Aurora won the O.H.A. Junior "C" championship in Galt on Friday night, when in the fourth game of their best of five series, they trimmed Milton 6-4. Eliminated in the finals last year, Aurora came through worthy champions this season. In the final game on Friday they displayed the fine brand of hockey which gave them the first two games in the series. Both teams were inclined to mix it up and no less than twelve penalties were handed out.

BABY IS SCALDED BY UPSET COFFEE

Cutting the clothes from the scalded body of his one-year-old son, Teddy, C. F. Blunt, Uxbridge, town baker, probably saved the life of the boy after a coffee percolator upset, spilling its contents over him.

The child was playing with his father when the accident occurred. He was scalded about the face, neck, arms and chest, and after receiving treatment from Dr. F. E. Mellow, was rushed to the Hospital for Sick Children, where his condition is reported as satisfactory.

GOODWOOD OLD BOY RECALLED

The older residents of Goodwood will recall in the days goneby, when the village was thriving with all kinds of industries such as sawmills, grist mill, planing mill, grain elevators, backsmith shop, hotels and a goodly number of stores and churches and also one of the best carriage factories north of Toronto. The town prided itself in having its own brass band composed of citizens connected with the factories and other businesses.

Those who remembered the town band will recall one of the members who was the youngest of all being at that time twelve years old. He was the drummer boy. This lad was none other than William Davey, son of M. and Mrs. James Davey. At the time he was attending the public school and enjoying all the good things that were to be had in a town of this size and times that will never be forgotten. But there came a day when the drum sticks had to be put aside to start life anew. This was many years ago. In after years he was sent to Toronto and was apprenticed to the printing industry for five years. He served with the old firm Dudley & Burns. Finishing his trade, but knowing everything could not be learned under one roof, he served in the printing department of the Normal School at Toronto for a short while, then joined the staff of the Methodist Book Room (now known as the Ryerson Press) then the Brown Searle Co., and later he went to Ottawa to take charge of the Mortimer Company printing department and was only with the company for a few years when he was appointed general supt. of all branches. In 1922 he was appointed as assistant manager and a year later was promoted to general manager and finally was made vice president and managing director retaining this until retiring in 1938. Mr. Davey has travelled extensively. A few years ago he toured Europe, visiting in Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, France and England. He visited a great number of the states to the south and last year with Mrs. Davey he visited Bermuda, British West Indies. Mr. Davey married Miss Ellen Olive Caldwell, R.N., graduate of Lady Stanley Institute, Ottawa, and Ontario Whitby Ladies' College. They had five children of which three are living, one daughter, Mrs. Henry Gordon, Ottawa; Wm. Jr., now attending McGill University in Montreal; John at home attending the Glebe College. Mr. Davey now retired in Ottawa is enjoying a well earned holiday after a very strenuous business life, and we hope he will continue to do so for many years to come.

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Pheasant's Life Brings Court Action

A double charge of recklessness resulting from an accident just south of Unionville on March 23, was dismissed in County Court by Magistrate Keith on Monday, who advised that civil action should be taken if the contestants wished to press their claims further.

The accident investigated by Constable Gayman involved Mrs. Christina Hall of Scarborough Jct. and Chas. B. Peck of 79 Ingham Ave., Toronto, drivers of two cars which collided on the Kennedy Road a couple of weeks ago. It was claimed that the car driven by Mrs. Hall, and travelling north, swerved suddenly to avoid hitting a pheasant, and collided head-on with a machine piloted by Mr. Peck. Both new cars were badly damaged.

CHRISTOPHER STECKLEY PASSES

(Aurora Banner)
Christopher Steckley, whose death occurred on Sunday March 26th, was born in 1854 at Bethesda in the Township of Whitchurch, and had reached the age of 85 years. He was the son of Samuel Steckley and Lydia Baker, two well known Whitchurch families. Mr. Steckley had been ailing for some months and his end was not unexpected. He passed away very peacefully, surrounded by the members of his family. He came to King Township 37 years ago,

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and had a farm on the 2nd concession. A few years ago he purchased the old Johnson farm, the west half of lot 21 in the 3rd concession, where they have continuously resided. His wife was Mary Wheadon of Aurora. The following children survive: a son, Robert, and daughters, Mrs. William Storey of King Township, Mrs. W. P. Rush of Sault Ste Marie, and Mrs. Geo. Green of Patterson. There are four grandsons and one granddaughter.

Mr. Steckley was highly regarded by all who knew him in his long and honorable life. For many years he was on the off-

cial Board of the Snowball United Church. The funeral service was conducted on Tuesday, the 28th, at the home Rev. Mr. Burton of Kettleby officiating, assisted by a nephew of the deceased, Rev. Levi Atkinson of Stouffville. Interment was made in the family plot in the Aurora cemetery.

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