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## Local Women Asked to Register Abilities

Calling all women of Stouffville and district between the ages of 16 and 65 to come in and register. Registration may be made at the Brown Betty Tea Rooms any day this week. This registration is Dominion-wide and is government approved. It doesn't obligate any woman and is non-political and non-sectarian. Mrs. McKeown of Toronto was in town last week and arranged for local registration station next door to The Tribune.

The project for the Voluntary Registration of Canadian women (V.R.C.W.) arose out of discussions by a group of women who were interested in questions of defence. They were convinced that something ought to be done to insure that in the event of a crisis women willing to serve their country would be put to the tasks for which they were trained and qualified and that a record of their willingness to serve, their training and their qualifications ought to be made now so as to be readily available in the event of such an need.

They foresaw difficulties in the way of getting any Canadian Government to undertake such a survey in peace time. These women thought they saw a way in which the matter could be undertaken with the least expense and the greatest expedition and without involving the government. Canada is a perfect network of women's organizations, through which women have learned how to organize and how to get big jobs done.

They found out that in England the first step taken in the programme of air raid precautions (A.R.P.) was the registration of all women who were willing to give their services, voluntarily, for such purposes as first aid, ambulance driving, fire fighting, organizing metropolitan evacuation, etc. This scheme which was started about May of 1938 utilized the existing women's organizations, although there the plan from the beginning was sponsored and financed by the government.

A canvass of the heads of women's organizations in Canada bore out not only their capability but their willingness to undertake the work of registration. Indeed the reception of the idea was so enthusiastic that there was no nothing else to be done but proceed with it.

Women in surrounding communities have been busily filling out the questionnaires for more than a week so that their capabilities will be known when their services are needed. It is hoped that the response will be great. The registration puts no woman under obligation, but is being conducted to discover what female strength and ability there is available.

## \$150 Mare at Locust Hill Sale

Mr. Herbert Jarvis of Markham purchased the highest priced mare sold at the farm sale of stock and implements belonging to Miss M. Boyd, Cedar Valley Farm, Locust Hill, on Monday afternoon. Another mare sold for \$78. The highest cow went at \$65 and heifers averaged \$47.50. Oats in the bin went readily at 40c bushel, and wheat 75c, hay \$7 per ton in the mow. Implements sold well as did all the live stock. Auctioneer Farmer handled the sale. Miss Boyd who conducts a summer park in connection with the farm is moving to Toronto for the winter where she owns an apartment. Next season she intends to operate the park as usual, but has rented the 100 acre farm to John Graham.

## FORM WAR WORK BRANCH

The Stouffville Senior Institute voted \$25.00 to the promotion of a branch of the War Work. Officers appointed are: President—Mrs. Geo. T. Lee Sec'y—Mrs. E. J. Davey Treasurer—Mrs. A. Farthing Buying Com.—Miss Sadie Stewart and Mrs. Lloyd Turner. Knitting—Mrs. P. Barrie Sewing—Miss M. Mowder.

## Uxbridge "Drys" Win Liquor Fight

Temperance Forces Rally in Force to Keep Out Beverage Room

Uxbridge voters Thursday defeated a proposal to allow the sale of beer by 639 to 215. Of some 1,000 voters on the roll 854 cast ballots. The town has been dry since 1916.

The temperance campaign was launched after a petition for a beer parlor had been circulated early in the summer. More than the 25 per cent of the names on the voter's list necessary to force a vote were obtained.

Church, business and community organizations united in a temperance federation headed by Mrs. Rev. P. G. Powell and J. Smith. Women's meetings, young people's meetings were climaxed by a general mass meeting in the town hall addressed by temperance leaders from Toronto.

## AT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee of Goodwood will be at home to their friends on Monday October 2nd, from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 10 o'clock it being the occasion of their 50th wedding day.

## Age Doubted But for Bible Record

On Monday afternoon the scribe encountered one of our prominent Whitchurch citizens on the street in the person of Mr. Abner Baker, and we learned from him that he had reached his 81st birthday just a week ago. Because he does not appear a day over 65, we questioned him on making errors, but Mr. Baker says his age is recorded in the family bible, so there is no room for argument. Seven years ago he underwent an operation for rupture of the stomach, and today is feeling fit for anything he cares to do.

Mr. Baker is a member of a long-lived family. His grandfather came here the year 1804, his father lived to be 94 and his mother 87. Mr. Baker thinks the present generation of young people travel a pretty lively pace, and not confronted in the home with the Christian teachings that many homes presented back in his youthful days. His long life has all been spent close to his present home on the 8th concession of Whitchurch at Baker Hill, and he recalls hauling hundreds of bushels of oats to Stouffville, dumping them into a hopper at the mill which stood right where the post office now is located. Today we drop in letters where Mr. Baker dropped grain overboard.

Abner Baker gave some years to public life, and served the township of Whitchurch as a councillor for numerous terms. Friends are proud of his activity and wish for him many years in his present good health. He is the only surviving member of a family of six brothers and sisters and Mr. Seneca Baker in his 89th year, is a second cousin.

## STOLEN SIX WEEKS CAR RECOVERED

Word was received in town by Constable Quibell on Monday morning informing him that Mr. Paul Boadway's automobile stolen six weeks ago, had been recovered at Peterboro. Police chased a suspect from Marmora in a running battle during which 20 shots were fired, and the thief overtaken in the northern city.

Besides the 1935 Chevrolet car owned by Mr. Boadway, and removed from his home during the night, a quantity of clothing stolen from Blake Yake's car in the west end of the town, was found with the thief.

Peterboro police said the serial number had been filed off the car and the markers changed. The thief gave the name of Kenneth Mitchell, and as he admitted six different charges, is likely to be tried in Peterboro and sentenced there. The Boadway car was insured and the owner in the interval purchased another car, believing the stolen bus would never be recovered.

## 45c a Bushel No Price for Wheat

"All the Western farmer was getting for his wheat when I was in Alberta a few weeks ago was 45c," said Mr. Henry Wideman well known farmer on the townline east of town when discussing his trip to The West with a reporter. Mr. Wideman was reticent about bursting into print, but we persuaded him to talk just a little. He noted with pleasure that wheat had advanced around 20c bushel since he came home, and estimated that the farmer might reap some of the benefit of the upturn, although he feared some had sold their crop early to pay debts.

Mr. and Mrs. Wideman in company with her sister Mrs. Morgan Hill and Mr. Hill left the old township of Markham about (Continued on page 8)

## DEATH RECALLS PIONEER FAMILY

Miss Jane Minns, 90, was a Daughter of Local Harness Maker

The death of Miss Jane Minns in Toronto last week brings to the mind of old timers in Stouffville the familiar harness shop on Main street which thrived some 50 years ago on a site about where Mr. Clayt. Baker's residence is located. Miss Minns passed away in her 90th year at the Belmont Home, and was laid to rest in the Anglican cemetery at Norway.

There survives one sister Elizabeth, also two brothers, Frank of Markham, and Wm. living in Saskatchewan. The family were among the pioneer residents of the village, but there are still a few people who recall the Minns harness shop and the proprietor.

James Minns who died in Athabasca a couple of years ago was a nephew. Concerning his widow now a resident of Victoria, B.C., an interesting fact comes to light, in that she was twice bereaved last week. In addition to the death of her aunt on Thursday last, her brother David Harwood, Sandford, Ont., passed away in his 74th year, and was buried near Uxbridge.

## LIONS RECOMMEND PATRIOTIC SOCIETY

At a dinner meeting of the Stouffville Lions Monday evening, it was unanimously recorded to ask Reeve A. E. Weldon to call a public meeting for the purpose of organizing a patriotic society in the village.

F. L. Button, K.C., sponsored the resolution and received a second in Secretary Hugh Bannerman.

Members pledged their support and resources to a society dedicated to aid in the present national crisis, and believed the time now opportune to get an organization under way.

Miss Mary Miller of Montclair, New Jersey, has been visiting Mrs. W. H. Shaw for a couple of weeks.

## Stouffville Ball Club Face Elimination at Galt

Breaks Against Locals in 7-3 Loss—Fine Fielding a Feature—Return Game Scheduled for Wednesday is Rained Out—Will Play in Galt on Saturday.

A soft run in the second innings and two easy ones in the eighth along with eleven solid pokes were enough to give Galt an opening win in the first of home and home games in their series with Stouffville for the right to continue in the Intermediate baseball play-downs. Stouffville were able to count one in the fifth and two in the sixth and although they were able to place men in scoring position in nearly every innings the necessary hit to bring the runs across were not forthcoming.

The local fielding deserved a much closer score than it received, but several costly errors combined with the lack of batting punch to bring the boys closer. Accles and Murray led the Galt hitting-barrage while Lehman and Cook accounted for three of Stouffville's five hits.

Stouffville sacrificed men to second and third in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings and then were unable to get more than a weak pop fly to carry them home.

Cutting off baserunners was (Continued on page 8)

## DO YOU WANT A BIG CROWD AT YOUR SALE?

More people every week are finding out that the cheapest and best way to obtain a bumper crowd of good buyers for their auction sale is to advertise it in The Tribune. The Tribune Press will print your sale bills attractively and at most reasonable cost, but your surest guarantee of a good sale is to advertise your goods in the columns of this newspaper. The great circulation of The Tribune gives you an advantage over any other advertising medium. If contemplating a sale this fall don't forget this important fact, that to be sure of a crowd you must be sure your sale appears in The Tribune.

## Eye Witness to Nazi Persecution to Give Address Here

An eye witness to the burning of Jewish synagogues in Berlin, carried out under the superintendency of men in uniform, Rev. Oswald A. Blumit will address a meeting in the local Baptist church this Friday evening, Sept. 29, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Blumit is pastor of a Baptist church in Latvia near the border of Soviet Russia. He came to America as the official delegate to the Baptist World Congress but before he could return home war had broken out.

Because of his extensive travels in Europe Mr. Blumit has first hand knowledge on conditions, especially in Germany, Poland, Lithuania and Latvia. He tells of being in the home of a Lutheran pastor when the police came and arrested this man, and dragged him off to a German prison. Many atrocities he saw and these are graphically told by him.

You are cordially invited to hear this speaker whose address is very timely. An offering to aid in the care of orphan and needy children in Latvia will be taken.

## NO OCCASION FOR ALARM

John Couperthwaite of Scarborough purchased the highest priced horse sold at the auction sale on the Frank Seebeck farm at Atha last week, but left the animal in the stable until he could take it home the next day. To his dismay when he went to get the mare, like old Mother Hubbard's cupboard the stall was empty, and the owner had visions of a horse thief, so did others, and a hunt was promptly instituted. However, before the police was called the mare was located down in the pasture field. She had in some way become untied, and just walked out on them, that's all.

## Acts as Judge at Beaverton Fair

Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Boyle and son Walter motored to Beaverton for the big fair last week, taking along Mr. George Watson who was to act as one of the judges on light horses. Despite rain which fell from 12 noon until around 2 o'clock, the directors ordered the track events to proceed rather than allow the racers to suffer loss although they stood to lose probably \$500 in prize money themselves. "I consider it pretty good sportsmanship," said Mr. Watson to The Tribune. Fifteen horses were ready to start, and although the going was in mud, fine entertainment was provided. "The finest show of heavy horses I have seen at any country fair in years," is the words Mr. Watson used in describing this branch of the show.

## New Voters' List For Whitchurch

3,071 Names on 1939 Issue

The annual issue of a book entitled "Voter List for the Township of Whitchurch" was issued last week, and ratepayers may have a copy on application to Clerk John Crawford, whose duty it is annually to compile a list of all the persons entitled to vote in any election that might be staged, be it municipal, provincial or Dominion.

Just here it might be in good order to state that this list should be used for all or any of these elections, instead of discarding it when it comes to a provincial or Dominion contest, when at enormous and wasteful expense the same thing is issued in another form. There is no better list to make use of than that prepared by the municipal clerks for rural municipalities.

The Whitchurch list was posted in the clerk's office at Vandorf last Saturday, and voters have 21 days in which to file appeals.

There are three thousand and seventy-one names on the entire list, divided 2060 on part one of persons entitled to vote at both elections for members of the legislative assembly and municipal elections in the municipality, 914 names of persons entitled to vote at municipal elections only, and 93 on part three constituting those who may vote for members of the legislative assembly only.

The letters "nc" after the names of women in part one, stand for words "no count." (Continued on page 8)

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barkey, Toronto, were in town calling on relatives. They found Mr. Thos. Williamson doing surprisingly well for a man of his advanced age.

## Be Sensible - -

The way to stop a rumor which steals the character of an individual, a firm, a product, is to refuse to repeat it. It is a thief.

This sort of thievery seems to thrive in war time. It did in the Great War and there is an epidemic of it now. The wildest rumors are afloat—rumors about men, rumors about goods, rumors on internments and shootings, all equally unfounded, without a shred of truth behind them.

Some of these alarmist yarns are calculated to harm firms of the highest standing and products of the utmost reliability. Other stories deal with individuals; in some cases with citizens of foreign ancestry whose loyalty is beyond doubt. The anonymous originator of malicious and false stories of that nature is a low specimen of humankind. Unfortunately many good people innocently pass on his lies and help spread foolish fears.

It is time intelligent people stopped doing this. If the rumors were true, the newspapers would know it. They know, on the contrary, that the rumors are false. They are false even when repeated by some man who says he knows because someone else told him all about it. But they spread like a prairie fire.

It is the part of good citizens to help put the fire out, not to fan the flames. "Do not repeat what you do not know to be true" is a good motto at any time, but especially so in war. And again let it be said—the mischievous yarns current of recent days are without foundation. The suspicions and fears they have created are entirely unwarranted.