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Lightning Damages Local Hydro Service

A bolt of lightning created considerable havoc in the west-end of Stouffville about 10 a.m. on Sunday morning, putting out the hydro service in that part for several hours. It struck the grist mill near the Mansion House and tore off part of the wood roof, went down through the building, and left in its wake a strong smell of sulphur. Fortunately the building was not damaged.

Every electric service in the west-end business block was damaged, meters blown off the wall, and fuses burned out by the wholesale. Twenty-five street lamps were blown to pieces, leaving in many cases no trace of the bulb whatever. Many homes on Church street, O'Brien Avenue, Blake street and west beyond the tracks, were without power as the fuses gave out under the heavy flash, which was followed by a tremendous crash of thunder such as has not been heard for many a day.

In the kitchen at Mr. Truman Holden's the ceiling fixture was blown into a thousand pieces, while a wire holding up the kitchen stove pipes was sizzled up. Mr. and Mrs. Holden were in the kitchen at the time. Both received considerable shock, but were quite all right in a few minutes.

Down at the Stouffville Florists greenhouse a heater was destroyed while a relay switch on the town service was put out of commission.

Marriages

Ramer—Stevenson

A quiet outdoor wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon, October 7, 1939, at three o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Stevenson, Kinsale, Ontario, when their eldest daughter, Florence Edna, became the bride of Reginald Ramer, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ramer, Altona. Rev. Robert McVee officiated. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white net over taffetta, with matching shoulder length veil, and carried a bouquet of pink roses, babies breath and maiden hair fern. She was attended by her sister, Marion Stevenson, wearing a gown of pink net over taffetta with matching accessories and carrying a bouquet similar to that of the bride. The groom was attended by Harry Spang of Claremont. The wedding music was played by Wilma Richardson of Toronto, cousin of the bride. The bride travelled in a navy and wine ensemble. After a motor trip to Michigan the couple will reside at Altona.

Lemon—Ramer

An interesting event took place on Wednesday evening, October 4th, at "Forest Hill Farm", the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Ramer when their youngest daughter, Mary Grace was united in marriage to Mr. Eugene Lemon, eldest son of Mrs. Lemon and the late Philip Lemon. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. H. Shantz of the M.B.C. Church, Stouffville. The happy couple left immediately after for a short honeymoon trip. On their return they will reside on the groom's farm just north of Stouffville.

Ferguson—Smith

On Saturday, October 7th, at the Temperanceville United Church Parsonage, by the Rev. W. A. Westcott, Blanche, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Smith, Aurora, was united in marriage to Edwin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ferguson, Stouffville.

Plans are likely to be completed this week for two more new houses in town.

PLOWING MATCHES

North Ontario plowing match will be held on the farm of Talmage Bryan, just east of Sunderland on Monday, Oct. 16, South Ontario at Heber Down's in Pickering, Oct. 19, and North York at Aurora Oct. 21.

Business Man is Injured in Crash

One of our business men Mr. Hugh Bannerman figured in an auto collision in Toronto on Monday evening which sent him and Miss Anna McKay, Toronto, a passenger, to the Toronto General Hospital. The driver of the other car Mrs. Della Parr of York Mills escaped injury, but both cars were badly damaged. Mr. Bannerman was found to be suffering from severe cuts while Miss McKay received a fractured leg. Miss Bannerman, also a passenger was uninjured. The chief of the 5c to a \$1 Store was able to return on Wednesday and we trust will soon be himself again. Mr. Bannerman was proceeding south and making a left turn into the York Market at the top of Hogg's Hollow, the Parr car was going north and the two crashed.

Thieves Fail in Attempted Breakins

Once again thieves attempted to rob the store of Reeve A. E. Weldon. On Tuesday night he was awakened by his watch dog but could not find anyone about. However, in the morning, it was discovered where thieves had removed the screen from the rear window and prepared to force the sash up, working from a pile of boxes that had been carried to the spot.

Evidently the continual barking of the dog frightened the thieves away in time to escape being caught by the proprietor. Three years ago this was the window the thieves broke in and made off with a pile of merchandise.

Grove's store at Ringwood was also visited and an effort made to remove the glass in the front door, when the thieves were heard and frightened away. Mr. Grove saw the car, which tallied with the description of one that Constable Gayman is looking for as stolen recently.

Bethesda Auction Totals \$3,600

Ideal weather, tremendous crowd, and brisk bidding combined to produce one of the best auction sales held in Whitchurch in many a year on the farm of Mr. Fred March last Friday afternoon. The live stock was all in the pink of condition, a fact readily seized on by Auctioneers John and Ken Prentice to bring the last dollar from every hoof brought into the ring. It was stated that the farm would be offered at a sale to be held later in the season, in response to numerous enquiries, for this is one of the finest acreages in the township.

Fred March was congratulated on every hand, for the fine stable of horses and cattle he was able to produce to the public. A team which the owner prized very much and would never have parted with had he been continuing on the farm were divided in the ring, one selling for \$191 and the other for \$135. They were six-years- (continued on page 8)



Oldest Driver at Markham Fair

The great crowd cheered and watched with thrilling interest the vain attempt of Driver L. G. Bennett of Port Hope to wrest first place with Ashworthy Grattan from Blanchard Bros. of Newmarket with Walter Grattan, but few who watched ever realized that Bennett, with sporting coat, goggles and peak cap was in his 83rd year. This veteran of the turf had all any younger driver could show, plus all the cunning that long years could teach. Blanchard's horse won first in the 2.16 in straight heats, while Bennett's pacer was a close second.

In the 2.24 race Miss Lee Grattan, owned by C. Smith, Weston, took first money in three heats with four entrants,

Trip to Milwaukee Delightful Holiday

Motoring to Milwaukee, Wis., covering 644 miles, and returning by a different route covering 633 was the remarkable comparison in distances covered by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Simpson, Mr. Seneca Baker and daughter Mrs. Barnes last week. Entering the States at Sarnia, they returned by Detroit, yet the remarkable thing was that there showed only one mile difference in the two routes.

Their destination was the home of Mr. Alfred Pipher with whom they enjoyed a visit, also with Ada Lemon and Ed. Lemon, all former residents of Whitchurch. At Pontiac they called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flath who once lived north of Musselman's Lake.

The veteran Seneca enjoyed every minute of his holiday, and was more than interested in the big airport at Milwaukee where the big machines from all parts of the States call. Mr. Baker was able to climb aboard one of them visualize what it felt like to be in the seat of the passenger liner. The corn belt encountered from Chatham south was most interesting, as well as the manner in which the harvest is handled on such extensive scale.

MARKHAM RED CROSS

A mass meeting is being called for next Monday evening in the Township Hall at Unionville, for the purpose of organizing the municipality for Red Cross Work. The meeting will be presided over by Reeve James Rennie, and speakers from Toronto will be present to give addresses and assist in the organization program. Farm women from every concession are expected to attend.

The formal opening of the new wing at the Brierbush Hospital will be announced in this paper next week. Watch for the announcement.

MASS MEETING OF SOCIAL INTEREST

Sunday, October 22, has been named as the occasion on which an officer will visit Stouffville in the interest of the Bible Society. A mass meeting has been arranged by the churches of the town to be held in the United Church at 7 p.m.

Rev. A. W. Bamfield will show pictures, and give a talk on a trip through Ethiopia by motor, camel and mule. All churches in Stouffville are co-operating and centering their efforts on this meeting.

Tuesday's Reception

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bailey received for the first time in their home on Main Street, on Tuesday, October 10.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Bailey in her wedding dress of pink silk net received with Mrs. C. G. Bailey and Mrs. J. E. Hogg, mothers of the couple. Those assisting were Mrs. F. Marshall, Miss G. Todd, Mrs. F. L. Button and Mrs. Herbert Lee. Four girls of the C.G.I.T. served in the dining room, Misses Ruth Marshall, Aurelia Jennings, Kathleen Turner and Beryl Brillingier.

In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Bailey received many of their friends and introduced them to their parents who were all present. Miss G. Todd, Mrs. S. Ball, Mrs. L. C. Murphy and Mrs. L. E. Atkinson assisted. Those serving were Misses Ruth Miller, Joyce Ball, Betty Sanderson and Thelma Atkinson.

The house was decorated with fall flowers. The table, covered with a cut-work cloth was decorated with ivory tapers and red roses.

Nearly ninety guests attended, those from out-of-town being, Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Bailey of Kleinburg, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Hogg of Drumbo, Mr. and Mrs. MacRae, Miss G. Feir and Miss Roberts of Uxbridge.

A quartette from Hamilton will sing at the Anniversary service in Stouffville Christian Church this Sunday evening.

Offer New Courses to Claremont Pupils

Eight students from Claremont Continuation School will find a place for themselves in the new shop and domestic science courses being taught in the new wing of Stouffville School. It was decided on Monday evening at a regular meeting of the local trustees that classes from Claremont should be accommodated, and Principal Murphy expressed the view that if these classes were to start, it should be immediately, in order that students have fair opportunity on the year's work.

Claremont trustees who made the request met on Tuesday and made the new arrangements. The classes will be in Stouffville twice a week, 9.45 until noon and will be merged into the present classes taking the courses outlined.

We were informed on Wednesday that ten from Claremont will now enroll this week.

54 BUS. TO THE ACRE

Mr. Sam Armstrong returned a few days ago from a three weeks' trip to Manitoba and Saskatchewan, stopping at Saskatoon, then proceeding to Melfort in the famous Prince Albert district. Crop conditions he found good. In the Crow Lake district farmers reported 54 bushels to the acre of wheat. Most of them had their grain in the elevators before the upturn in grain prices, but Mr. Armstrong thought that for the most part the farmers would benefit from the advance, as they had received only a down payment and thus would receive more as a result of advanced prices which came on the outbreak of war.

BIRTHS

Meyer—At the O'Brien Avenue Maternity Home, Stouffville on October 5, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Allan B. Meyer of Claremont, R.R., a daughter.

Stouffville Ousted From the Ontario Baseball Picture

On Wednesday of last week, finish was written on another attempt by Stouffville to grab off Provincial baseball honors, when their hard-fighting nine went down to defeat at the hands of Galt for the second straight loss to the western champions.

The overwhelming score of 20-8 was considerably more than Galt deserved, the shortage of local pitching reserves, and fielding much below local standards, accounting for the running up of such a margin.

After the first loss to Galt 7-3, it was still thought that Stouffville might prove equal to the task, as a couple of costly errors netted the visitors their winning runs on this occasion.

With Top Anderson on the mound, Stouffville packed a 5-2 lead into the third innings, Wideman, Holden and Clark doing the hitting. However Anderson weakened badly in the fifth, was relieved by Hodgins who was likewise slugged freely for one and a half innings and gave way to Pennock who finished the game.

With Stouffville out of the picture there are just three teams left in the race. Galt were defeated in their second game with Lucan and their series now stands tied one-all. Sunderland was eliminated on Monday at Hagersville by the score of 4-2, leaving Hagersville to go into the final round against either Galt or Lucan.

JAMES NEIL FAMILIAR FIGURE DIED SUDDENLY

A familiar figure in Whitchurch Township for the past 25 or 30 years, James Neil died suddenly at York County hospital, Newmarket, on Friday last, following a stroke the previous Tuesday. He was 76 years of age and had lived at various places in the township. The funeral on Sunday from Newmarket took place to Church Hill Cemetery.

Besides his wife living in Toronto, a family of six children are believed to all be living although no relatives could be reached by the press to ascertain this information. Two sisters in Aurora are Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Gallagher.

Who Will Go To England?

Unusual interest is being displayed in the Salada Tea contest at the Provincial Plowing Match this week. Each local plowing association may enter two contestants, those from the local association, North York being Win Ferguson and Louis Wells. From North Ontario, John Mead, Port Perry, and D. J. Tran, Atha, have been chosen and from East York our next nearest society Richard Jarvis and Ed. Timbers will be the entrants. These plowmen with two from all other societies will enter one grand competition on the last day of the provincial, the winner and the runner-up being eligible to be sent to the Old Country by the big dispensers next year.

The Salada Co. are certainly to be congratulated in taking such active interest in the making of good plowmen, and lending encouragement to the work of better farming in this way.

This competition, as we stated two weeks ago, is for a sale in jointer plows, in which only horses may be used.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Thompson, Stouffville, Ontario, wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Laurel Eileen, to Mr. Charles William Bushell of Weston.