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## Meet to Organize for the Christmas Market

Preparations will be underway this week for the annual Christmas market fair in Stouffville, for which a public meeting is here called for Friday evening in the municipal building, by the Fair President J. R. Hodgins. All business men and any others interested are requested to be on hand to aid in reorganizing the list of officers, and discussing the prize list to be offered.

### ANNIVERSARY CONFINED TO SUNDAY SERVICES

While there will be no Monday entertainment this year in connection with the United Church anniversary next Sunday in Stouffville, the yearly event is an important time in the history of the church and one of great interest. The special worship services held on Nov. 5 will bring to town two outstanding churchmen, Rev. C. M. Curtis of Hope United and Rev. Archie P. Gillies of Don Mills. The former for the morning service, and the latter for the evening worship.

There will be special musical numbers, and large crowds are anticipated on both occasions.

## Toronto Men Buy Markham Estates

Two Toronto business men have purchased interesting country properties, just south of Markham, this week. One is situated on the banks of the Rouge river at Boxgrove, while the other is located at Bayview and Steeles Corners, Markham Township.

Hubert Page's four and a half acre property, with country home at Boxgrove, has been purchased by D. Ross Hossack.

The property was acquired early this spring from Major Gillespie, who had purchased the old Gooderham home at Meadowdale.

The Boxgrove property is beautifully landscaped with flagstone walks, shrubbery and flower beds, and has a young orchard and splendid vegetable garden. The quaint old frame house, on stone foundation, has barn, stable and garage. An attractive feature is the Rouge river, which flows along the west side of the property.

The second acreage sold consists of 5 1/2 acres of the John Evans farm, located at Bayview and Steeles Corners, Markham Township, purchased by J. P. Ramsay, who contemplates building on it early in the spring.

This property is beautifully wooded with tamarack, beech, maple and elm trees, and has a spring-fed branch of the Don river winding through it.

The district has recently attracted many Torontonians, and is near the country home recently purchased by Miss Mazo de la Roche, and diagonally across the corner from the Hon. Dr. Herbert A. Bruce's country estate.

### OPENED AND CLOSED

Quite a number of the local stores will continue to observe the Wednesday half-holiday throughout the winter season with the exception of the Christmas weeks.

Beginning this week, however, a number of the places will discontinue the half-holiday, and this includes Shaw's general store, Schell's meat market, the post office, and the banking houses.

If a farmer requires groceries or other wares, there is always some merchant available to meet his demands in most any line, although the majority of the business places are on the closed list.

### KICKED IN FACE BY A HORSE

The second youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wideman east of town narrowly escaped the loss of his right eye on Monday when one of their horses kicked him, inflicting a cut just below the eye, which might easily have destroyed the sight had the hoof of the animal struck an inch or two higher up. As it was the injury is not serious, and was readily attended to by the family physician.

## Brodie Southdowns Entered for Chicago

Chicago, Oct. 30.—Eight Ontario stockmen and two from Alberta made entries today for the 1939 International Live Stock Exposition, to be held at the Chicago Stock Yards Dec. 2 to 9.

The Government of Ontario will pay bonus prizes of \$25.00 for each first prize winning grain from this province and will also pay \$10.00 each to Ontario exhibitors winning highest awards on corn, small grain and seeds.

Ontario livestock entries, received include Purebred Southdown sheep and a carload of native lambs entered by C. J. and W. J. Brodie, Stouffville, exhibitors of the grand champion carload of lambs here for the past five years in succession and Shropshire and Hampshire sheep listed by F. W. Gurney, of Paris, Brant county. Herds of purebred beef cattle were entered by F. H. Deacon & Son, Unionville, and others.

## "Feeding" Business Hits Peak Stride

With the coming of November, Stouffville will see the opening of two more feed emporiums in our midst, to supply the wants of both man and beast. Messrs. Bell & Sons, will swing into action with a fish and chip stand in the vacant store between Ward's Garage and Red Forsyth's clip shop.

Any fear that may be aroused among live stock and poultry that Stouffville with the biggest number of eating houses or restaurants in its history is forgetting the needs of the beasts and birds, is offset by a move on the part of Mr. Herb Ferrier and his son-in-law Mr. Ken Rusnell who announce the opening of a grain and feed store next to the Library premises occupied by the Central Feeds now west of the Library. The new store will handle the Dickson Hill products and agencies.

With a fish and chip stand Stouffville will have four restaurants, two on each side of Main Street, also the Mansion House dining room. In the grain and feed line there will be four exclusive flour and feed stores, Stiver Bros., Hastings, old established businesses near the station plus the Central Feeds owned by Price Pugh, and the Ferrier and Rusnell shop each located on either side of the Library.

The opening of a third butcher shop which started in the Lawson block, westend, now sees every available stand in the business section occupied. There is not a vacancy of any kind.

In line with increased number of feed stores and restaurants is the barbering business. A few years ago when two barber shops did the work, to-day there are four shops and two hair dressing establishments.

## No Third Day Shoot in Markham

There was no third day pheasant hunt in Markham township.

"It is true that the department authorized a hunt in several townships, including Markham," Clerk Hoover explained, "but that was only subject to the approval of the game committee in each township, which includes the reeve and other officials. In Markham the committee decided that a third day of shooting was undesirable. When we have hunters come up here to shoot, I think the idea is to have something for them to shoot at. At any rate the decision was not to approve the third day of shooting."

It was decided to eliminate the third day in Markham township months ago when the game committee of the township was first given the authority from the department of games and fisheries. Reeve James Rennie of Markham township said:

"We thought two days would be sufficient," the reeve said. "Our people resent too much banging around their farms. We complained to the department last year and after a lot of discussion they permitted us to cut it down to two days."

Many farmers were unaware that the third day of shooting had been cancelled and many properties were posted with no shooting, no hunting and no trespassing signs.

### MRS. JOSEPH GOULD GONE

A widely known family of Markham Township was bereaved last Saturday when the death occurred of Mrs. Jonathan Gould at the farm home on No. 7 Highway east of Markham village. Araminta Plank was a resident of Uxbridge town for many years and continued to live there following her marriage to Jonathan Gould. Around 35 years ago they came to Markham and bought the farm where they have since resided. Besides the husband who is so widely known through his connection with the Markham Fair and sporting organizations, there is an only son Joseph on the farm. The funeral on Tuesday afternoon following service at the home proceeded to Uxbridge cemetery for interment.

## Gasoline Refunds Checked Closely

Commissioners for taking oaths are being cautioned about any let-down in the usual formality in the matter of farmers filing gasoline tax rebate forms. Every applicant must be sworn in the proper manner, said a Department official to The Tribune on Tuesday when in town on an investigation of rebates.

The farmer enjoys a great privilege in being able to have rebated the tax paid for gasoline used for tractor or other work on the farm, but he must be sworn on the claim he presents, and Commissioners, should they fail in their duty to properly swear them, are subject to a penalty of \$25.00 for each such offense.

The oath may be taken either with the uplifted hand, or by being sworn to with the Bible in hand.

Farmers are required to keep a close record on the purposes for which the gasoline is used. If gasoline is taken from the barrel for use in the family car, it should be recorded, and so declared.

After all farmers should guard closely the privilege they enjoy of being able to have rebated all taxes paid on gasoline consumed for farm work in tractors or engines. If it were found that the privilege was being abused it could easily become the means of causing a government to abandon it entirely.

## Judge Apportions the Division Court Upkeep To Four Municipalities

### WINS SECRETARIAL PRIZE



Gloria Windsor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Windsor, Locust Hill, has been awarded the Loretto secretarial scholarship, open to Catholic girls from all parts of Ontario outside Toronto. It is valued at \$130.00, and gives 10 months' tuition at Loretto secretarial college. Miss Windsor, attended Markham High School several years ago.

### BATTLE PRACTICE NEAR MARKHAM

Troops of the Active Service Force on Tuesday staged a successful "counter-attack" against "enemy" forces near Markham Village and gained from all-day maneuvers in open country a picture of moving warfare. The 53rd Field Battery, R.C.A., 48th Highlanders, and Toronto Scottish and planes of the R.C.A.F. took part in the battle practice.

## Many at Funeral of John Snowball

Died in Unionville in His 81st Year.

The funeral of John Snowball, father of Robert Snowball, Stouffville barber was held from the family residence, Unionville, Monday afternoon to Elmwood Cemetery, Markham. Mr. Snowball was in his 81st year and was born on the Seventh Concession of Markham where he lived until moving to Unionville seventeen years ago. He conducted a farm and a tile and brick manufacturing business, was a Conservative in politics and an adherent of the United Church. He was the son of John Snowball and Ann Glue.

Last January he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding. He is survived by his widow, Ellen Spence, previously of Yorkshire, England. They had a family of six sons and three daughters, all of whom survive. They are, Arthur, Wilbert, John of Markham; Ernest and Harold of Unionville, and Robert, Stouffville; Mrs. Foster Wagg, Stouffville; Mrs. Albert Westland, Toronto, and Mrs. Eleanor Shank, Buffalo. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. E. Owen at the house and the United Church, also at the graveside. The bearers were his six sons.

### BOUGHT A FARM

Mr. Joan Lewis has purchased the 50 acre farm east of Stouffville owned for the past ten years by Fred Chamberlain who will give up farming. Mr. Lewis is an experienced farmer and his success is assured for he has purchased a splendid home, well located and fitted up excepting for electricity which the new owner intends to install. The property is less than a mile from the village at the ex-

Four municipalities will contribute to the maintenance of the Second Division Court of the County of York which holds sittings in Stouffville alternate with Markham village, three in each place per year. The fixed charges of the court, that is for hall rentals, clerk and bailiff expenses runs annually \$78.

Judge Barton in Stouffville last week met the Reeves of Markham and Whitchurch, and apportioned the court costs as between them, basing the amount each must pay according to population in part of the municipality served. Markham Township will be required to pay annually \$30, Whitchurch township \$10, Stouffville and Markham village \$19 each.

The townships also contribute to the upkeep of other Division Courts which reach into their municipalities, but as the court boundaries are set by the county judiciary, there is nothing to do about it. However, the amount assessed each place is not very serious in so far as the Second Division Court is concerned. Heretofore Stouffville paid \$24, and Whitchurch did not contribute anything. The Reeves assembled before Judge Barton rather agreed among themselves to meet the expenses of the court as outlined, hence settlement was an amicable one, and without argument being heard.

### CIRCULATION HITS WEEKLY PEAK

The weekly output of the Stouffville Tribune reached 1,400 copies this week. The weekly increase in demand for single copies and steady rise in yearly subscribers are responsible. This is the largest circulation ever attained for the regular issue. The Tribune staff, including twenty-two rural correspondents combine each week to bring you a true picture of the district happenings, interspersed with liberal illustrations of nation-wide events. Between four and five thousand people will read this week's edition.

## Pays Dearly for Pheasant Excursion

One would-be pheasant hunter engaging in the shoot in Markham, paid dearly on Tuesday for his excursion into the township. Williams Howitt was sentenced to seven days in jail and his car was impounded for three months when he was convicted of drunken driving by Magistrate Keith. The officer patrolling No. 7 Highway stated he had collided with a pole about a mile from Markham Village. "The pole was broken in two pieces and accused's car was badly damaged," the officer stated. "Howitt was intoxicated."

Howitt said he had been pheasant shooting and that he had had four glasses of beer on an empty stomach. He declared it did not affect him.

"There is no question that you were intoxicated," stated Magistrate Keith. "You have had to pay the damage to your car and the hospital bill for the passenger with you, and I think the minimum penalty will be sufficient punishment."

treme end of the townline running through Main street. Formerly it was the Harry Gilbert estate.

Mr. Chamberlain, an employee of the C.P.R., is now working full time in the linen Dept., at the Union Station.

## Vandorf Farm to be Scene of Another Big Auction

Perhaps the largest sale of individual articles ever knocked off in one day by a team of auctioneers was the Kingsley Farms, Vandorf on March 18, 1938. Well, believe it or not, since that time the place has been restocked with sufficient furniture to set up many homes, yet everything on this big estate is billed to pass under the auction hammer on Saturday, November 11.

The Kingsley Farm, was re-established by the Rev. John Franks, Trinity Anglican, Toronto, immediately after being abandoned by the Toronto hotel. It will be remembered that Rev. Mr. Franks opened his church to helpless men and allowed them to sleep in the building while the city and government fought out the question of looking after them last winter.

Mr. Franks immediately sent up 50 men to Vandorf and quartered them at the well known White House, and the numbers grew. So did the supplies of bedding, cots, furniture, etc, commence to mount. Now most of the men have enlisted and the place is again to close down, hence J. H. and Ken Prentice have been called in and will conduct another big sale. Just turn to the display adv. in this issue and see the layout of goods, hundreds of blankets, cots, chairs, besides the entire list of farm stock and implements must be disposed of. The sale will open at 10 in the morning and continue throughout the day.

## Oddfellows Install New Officers

Twenty Lodges were represented at installation ceremonies of the local I.O.O.F. on Monday evening. The one hundred and fifty members present included those from Aurora, Mt. Albert, Agincourt, Whitevale, Markham, Weston and Toronto. Bro. A. M. Walton, D.D.G.M., of dist. 39 was in charge of the installation. Other notable officers present were Bro. Geo. Morrison D.D.G.M., Bro. Irondale, Grand Warden Patriarch, and Bro. Balsdon, D.D.G.M. dist. 41.

New officers for the year are: Bros. W.T. Rennie, J.P.G., Lorne Kester N.G., W. C. Sanders V.G., W. R. Sanders R.S., T. B. Rae Fin. Sec'y., H.J. Malloy, Treas., W. Holden Warden, H. Slack Cond., O. Spang O. G., W. D. Malloy I.G., R. Storry R.S.N.G., W. E. Morden L.S.N.G., J. B. Sanders R.S.V.G., W. Greenbury L.S.V.G., J. Silverthorn R.S.S., Price Pugh L.S.S., Jess Cook, Chap.

## Altona Scene of Another Collision

One of the worst corners to contribute to accidents is in Altona where one cannot see traffic from at least two directions owing to the buildings. Last week one day W. Eckardt, said to be travelling at not more than ten miles was in collision with Roy Tindall who was reported going 30 miles. It was foggy weather which added to the poor visibility at this point. More or less damage came to both vehicles, but no passengers were injured. Mrs. Eckardt was somewhat bruised and shaken.

How about approaching the proper authorities with a view to having stop signs at this intersection of two quite busy roads, which is also the public square of the hamlet of Altona.