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Neighboring Youths Steal Our Bread

Juveniles Facing Eight Charges—Little of Value Stolen in Raids During Six Weeks

With the arrest of three Markham juveniles, police believe they have solved a series of break-ins and thefts during the past six weeks. The trio, all of Markham, will appear in York County Juvenile Court to face eight charges.

In only one case was anything worth more than \$5 stolen, according to Constable Arthur Daniels, of Markham. On Saturday, Dec. 2, the home of Charlie Sargent of Markham, saw theft of a .22 rifle and 200 rounds of ammunition. The rifle was recovered by police. The other cases were breaking and entering a Markham home and stealing a number of eatables and an attempt to break and enter another local home.

All the break-ins and thefts occurred in Markham area with the exception of theft from the Stouffville Bakery, when a loaf of bread was stolen. The boys were arrested Saturday after they had been charged with stealing Christmas trees from J. Seeber.

York County Police Sergt. Sidney Barraclough assisted Constable Daniels in laying the charges.

Property Sold Over Auction Block

On Friday afternoon the John Beach house and lot on the 4th concession of Whitchurch at Gormley found a buyer at the auction sale conducted by A. S. Farmer. The property went to Anthony Nigh also of Gormley living on the 3rd concession of Markham. The sale price was \$875. There were several active bidders, indicating that the modest little home well located on the highway, was sought after.

The household goods and garden tools realized over \$100 being surplus which Mr. and Mrs. Beach will not require when they move to Stouffville. They had resided in the Gormley place for 35 years, and it was like parting with an old friend to give up the home.

"Kickers" Good Behaviour Wins Farmer \$5 Bet

Frank Brown of Uxbridge is the owner of a bay colt which he thought up until Tuesday was good enough for the Calgary Bucking Broncho Show. The thing could kick the daylight out of any rig he hitched it to, and so when Norman Claughton of Stouffville bet him \$5 that he could drive the colt through the maddening crowd of market day shoppers in Stouffville, the bet was taken and the money was promptly paid over to Joe Cooney.

At the appointed hour of two o'clock the colt was hitched up to a two-wheeled cart, and the drive started from the east end. Claughton took the precaution to tether the front feet with an extra pair of lines, so that had the broncho commenced any of its well known didos, the driver could lift one foot and thus stop the antics.

Evidently the beast was wise to the manner in which it could be brought to time, and was on its best behaviour. It walked the full mile and a half from Tenth to Ninth, passing all the cars and winding in and out the traffic with the decorum of an old hack horse. Claughton was paid the bet without protest.

25 YEARS MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Sid. Schmidt were caught in a web of the unknown on Sunday when their daughter Mrs. Dawson Wagg arranged a surprise dinner for them to mark their 25th wedding day. The manager of the Stanley Theatre and Miss Roby Gibney were married by the Rev. Dr. Booth who was stationed in the Methodist church at that time. Now that the surprise is known, we all join in wishing our townspeople long years and happiness aplenty. The Schmidts are among the town's best boosters and give freely of their means whenever the occasion arises. About 20 guests joined in the wedding dinner on Sunday.

OFFERED SERVICES TO EMPIRE



Dr. Neal Smith has received a call for service in the Canadian Army Medical Corps and will report for duty very shortly. Dr. Smith is completing arrangement for carrying on his dental practice, fuller announcement of which will be made shortly.

Thieves Flee Before Constable's Bullets

Surprised by police after ransacking the Canadian National Railway station at Markham early Monday morning three men disappeared into the bush alongside the railway siding amid a hail of bullets.

Constable Arthur Daniels of Markham, fired five shots at the fleeing trio as they disappeared under cover of darkness into the bush. All shots were aimed into the air and the thieves did not stop.

Constable Daniels, assisted by York County Police Sergt. Sidney Barraclough and Markham Township constable Ben Gayman searched the district and all highways for two hours after the robbery attempt without success. It is believed that the men spent the night in the bush.

A car, thought to have been stolen from Herbert Bowes, Pape Ave., East York, is being held by Markham police, awaiting identification. The ignition of the car was still locked when police recovered it at the railway siding. The wires underneath the dashboard had been ripped off and then joined together to start the engine.

The robbery alarm was raised by Arthur Russell, who lives a few hundred yards away from the railway station. He saw a car drive alongside the station as he was putting his car into the garage for the night. After he emerged he heard glass breaking. Notifying Constable Daniels, the two crept along the railway tracks, aided by the rumbling of a passing freight train, until within 75 yards of the building.

Although the cash drawer in the station had been ransacked, nothing was taken. Entrance was gained to the station by breaking the glass in the side door, and then reaching in and lifting the locking.

Be sure and telephone or write The Tribune a list of your holiday visitor. Let's all co-operate.

Record Tax Payment in Whitchurch

"The best response in the six years I have been collector of taxes," said Ross E. Ratcliff on Saturday in discussing this year's tax payment. The total demand for the Township of Whitchurch amounts to \$53,000. There was paid in by the last day, (Dec. 15) before penalty is added the sum of \$40,000, leaving outstanding only \$13,000, and the collector is fully assured of a few thousand more before the end of the current year.

In comparison with 1938 when there was outstanding \$20,000 on the last day, the payment this year reveals the fact of better times for the farmer. Another feature that might be considered is that the taxes are sharply down this year. According to last year's tax roll the total collections for all purposes amounted to \$56,549 as against \$53,000 this year. The general rate (controllable) in 1938 was \$16,141, and in 1939 dropped to \$14,902.

The largest tax payer in the municipality is St. Michael's College paying \$500, and probably next in line of big land owners with an outstanding tax is Mr. George Rodanz, Ringwood, paying \$400. A. H. Kirby, Toronto man, with farm lands and cottages at Lake Wilcox pays \$300. Wm. Ratcliff is also in this class.

There are only three separate schools supporters in the township, although from time to time application is made by Roman Catholics to have their school tax applied to separate school purposes. This cannot be done unless the tax payer's property is within three miles of the separate school to which he wishes his school tax to be paid.

DIED ON VISIT NORTHERN ONTARIO

John Phillips of Lemonville passed away in the hospital at Bracebridge on December 5, following a serious illness. He was in his 75th year, and had gone north some weeks ago to spend the winter with relatives, a sister and a nephew. The remains were interred at Bracebridge.

The late Mr. Phillips was widely known as a fence builder in this district where he spent all his life. Two sisters survive, being Mrs. A. Hellam of Sprucedale and Mrs. W. G. Morley, of Stouffville.

Christmas Fowl Excels Anything in District Declares the Dept. Judge

Stouffville Christmas market on Tuesday excelled that of the previous year in point of attendance, while prices for poultry ranged much the same. However, we have the word of the departmental judge Mr. F. Francis of Guelph, that the prize fowl seen here excelled anything he had judged this Christmas, and he's going every day of the week.

Wm. Sweezie of Newmarket district, came in for honorable mention with his wonderful display of turkeys, a new breed it was explained, with wide breast, and nicely set up every way. He had no trouble in carrying off the bulk of prizes. Probably the largest amount of poultry brought in by one farmer from the close by townships came from Green River Mr. Stanley Byers had 350 pounds of turkey, and for the best birds in the lot received 24c a pound. Of course some of the northern visitors brought along a whole truck load of these birds for sale rather than for exhibition purposes. The most of them were not eligible for competition from the north as they were not in possession of the farmer's but rather belonging to dealers seeking to resell them.

The ruling price for turkey averaged 20 to 22c, geese 16c to 17c, and chicken ran from 16 to 17c. Plenty of farmers sold fancy birds above this price which we give as the average. Despite the tonnage the quality had not been sacrificed and the milling crowds in the market hall (Ratcliff block) were amazed and delighted with the grand display.

A buyer for the Maple Leaf Milling Co., was on the market and bid .25c pound for all the turkeys between 12 and 14 lbs. he could obtain. This company present their employees with birds each season and it take a thousand to fill the demand. The buyer who came here of course obtained a very small portion of the total required by the firm.

A list of special prizes were all won by four exhibitors, namely Wm. Sweezie, William Barker, Wm. McNair, and Mrs. Barkis Reesor.

Mrs. L. E. Tishburn, Toronto, judged the cooking and baking exhibits and must have had a hard time of it. The exhibits of

home-made bread were numerous and brought out the fact that the art is not a lost one among farm women as many suppose.

The hall was crammed with people from noon hour until after four o'clock, so dense at times that one could not inspect the prize birds with any satisfaction.

Turkeys, (14 to 18 lbs.)—Mrs. Ronald Steven, Mrs. Fred. Mowder, Wm. Sweezie, Mrs. J. Fuller, Mrs. E. Wells; (Over 18 lbs.)—W. Sweezie, H. Cunday, Wm. Barker, Mrs. Fred Mowder, Mrs. Ronald Stiver; (Up to 14 lbs.)—Mrs. Sweezie, Mrs. Fred. Mowder, Wm. Barker, Mrs. Ron. Stiver, Floyd Marquis.

Geese (8 to 10 lbs.)—Mrs. Robert Irwin, Clayton Davis, Mrs. Willis Davis, Mrs. Jno. Coombe; (10 to 12 lbs.)—Murray Dunkeld, Mrs. W. McNair, Mrs. W. Slack, Mrs. Robt. Irvin; (Over 14 lbs.)—Mrs. W. McNair, Mrs. W. R. Evans, Murray Dunkeld.

Muscova Ducks—Mrs. Coombe, Mrs. W. Slack; (Single Duck)—Mrs. J. Fuller, Mrs. W. Sack, Harold Cundy; (Pair Ducks)—Mrs. Fuller, Wm. Barker, H. Cunday.

Bread—Mrs. Hewlett, Katherine Moyer, Mrs. Thomas Simpson.

Buns—Mrs. Ira Rusnell, Mrs. C. Gostick, Mrs. Eli Ramer. Layer Cake—Mrs. Eli Ramer, Mrs. W. Beach, Miss Eva Hoover.

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Sponge Cake—Mrs. Ira Rusnell, Miss Eva Hoover, Mrs. B. Raxlin.

Banana Cake—Mrs. Eli Ramer, Mrs. Sweezie, Mrs. Silverthorn. Pumpkin Pie—Miss Fockler, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. R. W. Evans.

Eggs (White)—Mrs. Albert Allen, Irene Pilkey, Mrs. John Fallister.

Egg (Brown)—V. Pennaman, Mrs. Walter Jacobs, Mrs. A. S. Stouffer, Mrs. Sweezie.

A lady representative on the staff of Clare Wallace Tea Time Topic broadcast was in town on fair day, keeping a sharp eye for anything unusual and interesting for the broadcast.

The Horse Show

The addition of a horse section to the Christmas fair proved a more than popular move. It may have been largely responsible for the additional milling crowd of people along Main street who stayed until threatened rain came about 4.30. The horses were judged in the C.N.R. yard, and attracted keen interest. Teams came from every direction of the country. Hugh Boyd and his committee did a good job in preparing a liberal prize list and carrying out the events so well. The winners:

H. D. Team—Heber Down, William Reesor, Louis Wells. Light Draught—E. Pascoe, Allan Lewis, E. Snowball. 2-year-olds—Allan Lewis, William Reesor, Jack Morgan. Yearling—M. Forfar, Anthony Hoover, C. Wideman. Best Colt on Grounds—M. Forfar.

NEXT ISSUES LATE

The Tribune will be printed one day late for the next two weeks owing to Christmas and New Year's holiday.

How Much Should Indigent Funeral Cost?

How much should a municipality pay for the funeral of one in destitute circumstances for whom they are bound by law to provide a burial? That is a question with some of our people just now. Last week when Stouffville was faced with the obligation of providing a burial for an elderly lady, Reeve A. E. Weldon engaged the services of the Markham Village undertaker because the local establishment refused to commit the body for the sum offered.

Mr. O'Neill states that \$30 is not enough for a decent burial, embalming fluids alone, he points out, cost more than a third of the total of \$30. Added to this there is the casket, personal service and use of hearse and car.

Reeve Weldon when interviewed said the village is not liable for more than \$30.00 under the Hospitalization Act dealing with indigent people, and York County which meet half the cost, will not go beyond \$15 for their share. "The undertaker engaged after Mr. O'Neill declined the job is also a local ratepayer," said Mr. Weldon.

Appreciation for All Village Officials

The final meeting of the village council Friday evening was short and concluded with a vote of thanks to Reeve Weldon on behalf of his colleagues for the manner in which he had conducted the meetings during the year. Another expression of thanks from the council went to Clerk J. S. Dougherty and his assistant, H. C. Quibell. The ever changing regulations had added endless work on the office staff, and another drastic change in the bookkeeping system is eminent to start next year. Each change adds more work and more detail, it was pointed out.

While no mention was made by any member of the council as to his stand for 1940, it was assumed that the entire Board would not be adverse to retaining their positions.

The only business was that of passing a few accounts after which the clerk recorded the minutes in his book, and then they were passed.



Old Fashioned Christmas Cheer

To be sure, we're a lot more modern nowadays . . . and justly proud of our advancement. But there's one thing that's never been improved upon—the good old fashioned Christmas spirit. We look back to the days of sleigh bells, frosty breath'd steeds, footwarmers and mufflers . . . and wish the genuine joy of those hearty times to you and yours. May your Christmas be as full of treasured happiness!

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