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## Hog Marketing Studied by Stouffville Farmers

There was considerable commotion in town on Thursday morning last when a big 40-passenger bus pulled up to the "loading chute" to take on the greater part of a party of 62 farmers of the Stouffville district who were to spend the day as guests of Canada Packers to study the marketing end of the hog business. The party composed of perhaps more seniors than juniors, had been organized by the Stouffville Junior Farmers with the assistance of Agricultural Representative W. M. Cockburn, and was made up of almost equal numbers from Whitchurch, Markham, Pickering and Uxbridge townships.

It was brought home to the group that Canada is at war when they arrived at Canada Packers at 9.45 and found the plant under guard with a sentry at each entry to the premises. The War Office apparently realizes that the soldier's stomach is the backbone of the nation. Mr. Cockburn met the Stouffvillites at the gate and escorted them into the reception room where he introduced Mr. Frank Curtis who outlined the plans for the day.

From 10 to 11.30 was spent in a tour of the plant to see how the various pork products were processed, including an inspection of the smoke chambers, the shortening, sausage, smoke meat and curing departments. Everyone was keenly interested in the packing of the brine tanks where 800 sides were piled up like cordwood in concrete tanks. From here we went to the cutting floor where carcass with proper finish, was cut up to compare with an overfinished side from which considerable excess

fat had to be trimmed.

Out in the stock pens, W. S. McMullen, chief hog grader of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, discussed eight live hogs of various types and finish and each man recorded on a card his impressions. A class of four live hogs was also judged, the final placing to be made on the carcasses. At the complimentary dinner, Mr. Hugh Murray, manager of the Provision Dept. who has a farm in Peel County, presided.

From 2 to 2.30 was spent on the killing floor, seeing the various operations including the inspection of carcasses by the Health of Animals Inspectors, all the killing and dressing operations; the weighing of the carcasses by the electric scales which automatically stamp a duplicate weigh ticket to attach to each carcass, and finally the grading of the carcasses by a Government grader, who removes one of the weigh slips and records the grade for returning settlement to the farmer whose

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## Old Goodwood Boy Killed by Motor

David G. Scott, aged 81, was almost instantly killed near his home at 145 Collier street, Toronto, on Saturday night, when he was struck by a motor truck driven by Elmer Miller, aged 26, who was arrested and charged with dangerous driving. Mr. Scott was a native of Goodwood district, and is widely known there and in Stouffville where his son, Alexander Scott lived for years.

At the time of the accident Mr. Scott was crossing a street corner, and persons rushing to him quickly summoned an ambulance and the police, but he died before he could be removed to the hospital.

Born near Goodwood David Scott as a young man married Hannah Kellington, sister of Mrs. Wash. Paisley of Stouffville. They farmed on the third concession. During the rush to Western Canada in the early part of the century, they took up land at Caron, Sask. Fourteen years ago while in the harvest field Mrs. Scott lost a limb when the binder passed over her and the accident proved fatal. She was brought to Stouffville for burial from the home of their son Alex. who at that time owned the residence now occupied by Dr. Bodendistel. Mr. Scott later married Mary Dewpugh who survives him, also his only son Alex, now of Kirkland Lake district. After the loss of his first wife Mr. Scott spent some months in Stouffville living with his son when he went to Toronto and married again.

The funeral was held on Tuesday with interment at Pine Hill Cemetery, Toronto.

## INTERMEDIATES OPEN SECOND ROUND FRIDAY

Stouffville Intermediates will open the second round of the York-Ontario Hockey League in the local arena here this Friday night against Uxbridge.

There will be home and home games between the three teams, Stouffville, Markham, and Uxbridge, during the second series. At the completion of the schedule, the second and third place teams will play home and home games, goals to count, winner will take on first place team in a two-out-of-three series for the championship.

This Wednesday night the Stouffville team are playing in Fenelon Falls, a challenge game, winner to take one hundred per cent of the gate after the expenses have been deducted.

## AURORA MAN BUYS GRAVEL HILL PROPERTY

Mr. Harry Paisley has sold a 20 acre parcel of land at Gravel Hill to W. H. Chapman of Aurora, who also bought a portion of the Ralph Connor farm. The land was obtained for the gravel deposits and both parcels adjoin each other, at this well known "gravel mine" north of Stouffville.

## Horseless Sleighride Thrills City Guests

Something entirely new and novel was enacted here on Saturday night, when folks who came down town to shop witnessed a bob-sleighing party of 50 or so people in two sleighs linked together being hauled by a tractor, skidding along the roadway at a speed even faster than the best Old Dobbin ever did.

Not only was the event the first "mechanized" sleigh ride seen in Stouffville, it is probably the first in York County, and on top of that some of the participants, members of the Masonic craft, 1937 masters, and their wives, from Toronto, had the first sleigh ride of their lives. City born, some knew only of the thrills and spills of a sleighing party from story books and tales told by their country cousins.

The jolly group were guests of their craft associate and president, Mr. Jos. Borinsky. Following the sleigh ride for which Mr. Lloyd Turner's new Massey Harris Tractor did the pinch hitting for a couple of teams of Clydes, a banquet was served in the O.E.S. rooms, and a bright toast list was presided over by Mr. Borinsky. He explained that the "horseless sleighride," had been planned for Toronto last year, but that country members would have had to take along the snow, so it was abandoned. This year they brought the sleigh ride to the country instead.

The route of the sleigh ride took the party east to Altona thence south to the 9th of Pickering, and was thoroughly enjoyed by men from the professions of doctors and lawyers, city police force, business managers, but was lacking a well known crown attorney around the City Hall who while a native of the district, got his directions mixed and arrived in town so late that he missed out on the sleigh ride.

## Was Born on Site of Wideman Church

Mrs. Martha M. Carter died January 21, 1940, at the home of her eldest son, Harry Carter, 214 West 12th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. She was in her 80th year. Survived by four sons, Harry, George, Walter and Oscar, and 14 grand children, one sister, Mrs. E. Menzies of Vancouver and a brother I. David Ramer of Uxbridge, Ont. Mrs. Carter's husband George predeceased her 12 years ago. Funeral service was held at Mt. Pleasant Undertaking parlors, Wednesday, January 24th, conducted by Rev. M. Burch, pallbearers were T. S. McLaren, A. F. Smith, E. C. Carter and Philip Meyer.

Mrs. Carter was the youngest daughter of the late A. B. Ramer of Mount Joy, and was born on the farm on which the Wideman Church stands. She had a dressmaking department for a number of years in connection with the store of the late Henry Wilson in Markham. After marriage she resided in Toronto until 1900 when they came to Mount Joy where Mr. Carter built the brick house next the M.B.C. church. In 1902 they moved to Sardis, B.C., and about twenty years ago moved to Vancouver where Mr. Carter had a grocery store on Broadway W. up to the time of his death.

## Business and Church Mourn Robt. Leslie

The choir loft in the Stouffville United Church was strangely vacant on Sunday morning as the surprised choir members took seats in the body of the church and no anthem was sung, because of the deep mourning for their leader, Mr. Robert Leslie, who suddenly passed away at his home Saturday evening. He had been ailing for some months with heart trouble, but resumed his work as manager of the Shaw Store, when he was forced to give up the beginning of the week in which he passed away. The end came with shocking suddenness about 7 o'clock Saturday evening. Death was due to coronary thrombosis.

With his wife and family Mr. Leslie came to Stouffville in 1930 to manage the Shaw Store for his sister-in-law Mrs. W. H. Shaw, and his kindly, quiet, disposition soon won for him many warm friends. A choir leader of considerable experience, he took over this position in the United Church and faithfully promoted the musical talent of the church.

Born in Owen Sound Mr. Leslie was one of ten children, eight of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. One of his brothers while serving as Mayor of that city died in office. Mr. Leslie was a choir leader there, and later when he went to Edmonton to become appraiser for the city council in the western centre, developed a large and important choir in a church in that city.

He was married to Isabel E. Waters, who with an only daughter, Betty survives the beloved father. There are three sisters and one brother living, namely, Mrs. Thane Wilson, Owen Sound; Mrs. William Paton, Brantford; Mrs. Leonard Cunneynorth, Hamilton; and Alex. Leslie, Waverly, Iowa.

In a brief but feeling announcement made by his pastor on Sunday morning, Rev. L. E. Atkinson said that we were all conscious of the fact that the village had sustained a great loss, and more particularly the church, for a fine christian gentleman had been taken.

The United Church auditorium was filled on Tuesday afternoon for the funeral service which was conducted by the pastor Rev. Mr. Atkinson and Dr. Thomas Mitchell. Scripture was read by Rev. H. Lee and prayer offered by Rev. Robert Young. Beautiful floral remembrances covered the bier including wreaths from the Official Board of the church, the choir, The Stouffville High School and staff, friends, and the family. The choir rendered a selection very effectively, "Peace, Perfect Peace."

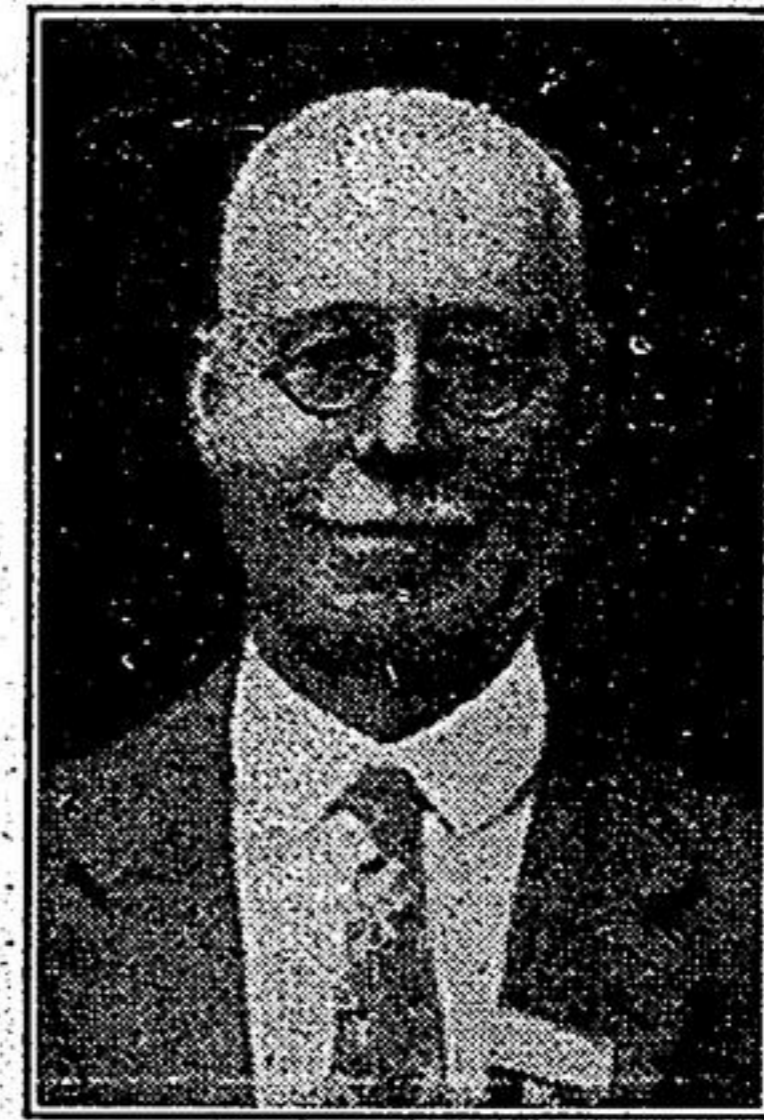
Interment was made at the Stouffville cemetery. The pall bearers being, Isaac Barkey, F. E. Rae, Carl Boadway, Geo. Nichol, Owen Sound; Allan Leslie, Toronto; Leslie Cunneynorth, London.

## WESLEY HILL TAKES BRIDE

On the first day of this month Barbara Jane Piper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ripley, became the wife of J. Wesley Hill, who is so well known in Stouffville and its community. The bride and groom were united in matrimony at the home of Rev. E. Morton, and will reside in the west end of Stouffville. Mrs. Hill came from Mt. Albert to Stouffville about two years ago.

## MAY MOVE TO ALMIRA

We understand that Mr. Jacob Wideman on the 7th concession of Markham intends to give up farming this spring, and move to Almira where he is thinking of buying a property next to the Lehman Mills. His sale date is not yet announced, but is expected to be decided on shortly. Mr. Lehman has been a renter on lot 26, con. 7, for some years.



The Late Robert Leslie

## WAR BRANCH DONATIONS

War Branch will meet in the Municipal Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 8th, at 3 o'clock. Everybody welcome. Donations received since last meeting: Sr. Women's Institute, \$25.00; Mr. H. Golden, \$2.00; Mrs. J.M. Storey, \$1.00; Miss B. Winn, 50 cents; Miss L. Baker, \$1.00; Miss J. Brodie, \$2.00; Bloomington School, \$1.50; Ballantrae Group, \$2.00. Additional knitters are Bloomington & Glasgow schools

## RECORD HYDRO PEAK REACHED IN DECEMBER

The hydro power peak touched in the month of December last was 269 horse power, perhaps the heaviest drawn or demand yet made by Stouffville. A clock arrangement at the entrance of the town located on the hydro lines registers the amount of the peak or highest point of demand during the month. On this high point the town pays for the month, hence it is desirable to have an even load rather than one that is flighty. The December bill for power cost the users \$908.21, as against some months when the bill is only \$750. There is a steady increase in the use of current, more stoves and other appliances going on as people find that hydro is as cheap to use as other heats and much more convenient.

## Percy Ash's Truck Takes a Ducking

When the ice on Lake Wilcox started to crack last Friday during ice-cutting operations and finally gave way, three men were forced to jump to safety.

Ritchie Syers of Richmond Hill, who was atop the truck when the ice started to give way, had the narrowest escape. He jumped to the ice below but crashed through up to his waist. He was pulled to safety by his two companions, Elwood Ash and Les White, both of Lake Wilcox.

The large truck which was loaded with ice was lost in 25 feet of water.

"I guess we had just a little too much ice on it," Percy Ash, owner of the truck, stated, following the near tragedy.

He said his brother Elwood heard the ice crack but paid little attention to it. Then he heard a further crack, much louder than the first and saw the ice break away, revealing open water.

"My brother yelled to the other two men to jump for their lives. Les White scrambled to safety beside Elwood, but Ritchie Syers was not so fortunate. He was atop of the truck, which carried approximately 9,000 pounds, when he jumped. As he landed he struck open water, getting soaked to his waist."

## A STOUFFVILLE BOOSTER FOR BRITISH BACON

William R. Coates, farmer east of Stouffville, has a brood sow which is a real booster for filling up the gap between the requirements of the British bacon market and the porkers so far supplied by Canada. This particular mother pig in the last four litters has given birth to no less than 73 lusty squealers. There were two litters of 17, one of 21 and the last 18. The Toronto Star will now probably rush in and say this is a hog's answer to the threat of Hitler that he will starve out the British Isles.

## Glasgow Couple Married 61 Years

Sixty-one years ago, on Sunday, February 4, 1879, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Davis of Glasgow were married in the Methodist church parsonage, Stouffville by Rev. George Washington. The late Mr. and Mrs. Elezer Forsyth of Uxbridge Township stood up with the couple on this happy occasion, so many years ago.

Mr. Davis, who was a son of George and Elizabeth Davis of Scarborough, and one of a family of eight, will be eighty-eight this coming June. Mrs. Davis was the former Elizabeth Pickering, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pickering of Uxbridge Township, and she will celebrate her 82nd birthday in July.

To the union were born seven children, three sons, Walter of Glasgow, Newton in the West, Ralph on the home place, and one boy deceased. Three daughters are, Mrs. Herb. Ferrier of Stouffville, Mrs. Lou Slack and Mrs. John Spang. There are thirty-one grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis first took up farming just north of Goodwood. Following this for five years, an acreage was worked on the 3rd of Whitchurch. The last fifty years have all been spent at Glasgow.

Two years ago Mrs. Davis suffered a stroke and has been rather poorly ever since.

Her husband is extremely active for his years. He works quite a large garden and turned a hand only recently to cutting wood. This local pioneer has not had to resort to glasses and reads the newspapers quite readily without any such aid.

Mr. Davis attended school just south of Malvern, his first teacher being Alexander Muir, famed writer of "The Maple Leaf."

"I think our winters are becoming less severe," said Mr. Davis as he chatted with The Tribune. "Why I remember when the snow would fall three and four feet on this concession and there were no snow plows either." "Everything had to be done with the horses then, even to the threshing."

Mr. Davis recalled the railway going through to Uxbridge for the first time. Glasgow, when he settled in the district, boasted two stores, one kept by Ben Parker and one by William Burton, also a hotel operated by Elisha Miller. There were two village smithies, Thos. Latcham and Sam Ottowell, and a flourishing grist mill over the hill to the east.

"That frame school on the corner," he said, "must be over 75 years old." "It was one of the first building contracts taken by Ben Parker." All the Davis family have attended this same school, which sits on the southeast village corner.

This fine old couple who have passed their diamond jubilee were greeted with many family calls on Sunday, and also a number of lovely gifts in honor of the occasion.

The community extends congratulations at this time and best wishes for continued health and happiness.

## BACK FROM THE LAKE NIPIGON DISTRICT

Mr. Gordon Murchison who has been up on the east shores of Lake Nipigon for some months is home visiting his mother on Church street. He was employed by the government measuring the cut pulp wood, seeing that both the Abitibi Paper & Paper Co., for whom the cut was made, and the woodmen, get proper measurements. The coldest dip up there was 32 below, but the snow was only six inches deep. Gordon and the other "cubers" as they are called, walked the seven miles from camp to camp in the performance of their duties.

## Enumerators List 1000 Voters Here

Last Monday morning the enumerators started out to register the names of voters entitled to vote at the Dominion elections on Tuesday, March 26. Ross Davis, Jack Sanders, N. M. MacLean and Martin Tait are doing the work in Stouffville. They completed the job by Wednesday and recorded 1,000 voters in town.

Every person, man or woman is qualified to vote and is entitled to have his or her name included in the list of electors for the polling division in which he or she ordinarily resides at the time of the preparation and revision of the list of electors for such polling division if he or she is of the full age of twenty-one years or will attain the full age of twenty-one on or before polling day at the pending election and is a British subject by birth or naturalization and has been ordinarily resident in Canada for the twelve months immediately preceding polling day at the pending election, and was ordinarily resident in the electoral district at the date of the issue of the writ for the pending election.