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Pioneer Newspaperman was Born in Stouffville

W. J. White who was born in the east end of Stouffville 89 years ago but who left here when only a small lad, died at his home in Lockwood, Sask., last week.

Pioneer prairie newspaperman Mr. White founded the Brandon Sun and opened the first paper ever printed west of the Assiniboia. Later he went to the U.S.A., where he was employed by the U.S. government in promotion work of an advertising nature for the Dept. of Agriculture.

A couple of summers ago this venerable old gentleman while on a trip east to visit his daughter in Ottawa called on the editor of this paper for a brief time. It was his first visit to his native village in more than 75 years, still he could tell where certain old established businesses of his boyhood days stood. Mr. White was a man of remarkable ability and could wield the pen quite as forcefully at 80 as when he was a younger man.

He entered the newspaper work first of all in the town of Exeter where his father was in the business. His death marks the passing of a friend we are loath to see taken from us, for he linked the early pioneer days with the present in a more able manner than many could do.

BAND BENEFIT MONDAY

The Stanley Theatre manager has arranged to put on a show for the benefit of the local Jr. Band, Monday, March 11, the feature picture, "Swanee River" a musical drama in technicolor. A biography of the life of Stephen Foster composer of American folk music. This picture is comparable to Alexander Ragtime Band. Local junior band will render several musical selections. The band committee solicit your patronage to this worthy cause.

Locals Drop Series Opener by Big Margin

Return Game Postponed on Monday, Now Scheduled for Thursday Night Here—Face a Nine Goal Lead.

Stouffville returned home from Sutton last Thursday night after seeing the biggest barrage of rubber pushed into their net in any game of the season. The locals were blasted 12-3 in the first game of their intermediate series with the Lake Simcoeites.

Considering that Stouffville was without the services of Nicholson, their regular goalie, and were forced to use two lads in the net who had little or no knowledge of filling in between the posts, the showing was not as bad as the score indicated. Sutton were able to score almost at will, providing they could manage to get in a shot on the net.

The lakeside team potted three "gift" goals out of their first four in the opening period and kept up a steady stream of long-distance sniping which netted them at least fifty per cent more counters than they earned on the play.

The Stouffvilleites got away on the right foot when Murphy batted home Lou Morden's pass after just five minutes of play. Burchell, Sutton wingman, who lived up to his "badman" reputation during the entire game, was serving a penalty when the goal was scored.

This opening success was shortlived as Milroy, speedy Sutton Centre, kept the local

MOVING TO ROCKWOOD

After fifteen years spent in the Ringwood and Stouffville locality Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Ferguson are moving this week from the Sim Atkinson farm recently purchased by Percy Allan at the rear of the 4th to Rockwood between Guelph and Acton in a good farming centre. They have taken a hundred acre place there, and we wish them and their family of eight children the best of success. They have proven themselves good neighbors. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are natives of King Township.

Mr. Ferguson moved most of his implements to his new district by use of the trailer and car.

Charles Stiver Was 80 on Sunday

Lived Around Unionville All His Life.

Charles E. Stiver, of Unionville, son of the late William and Susan Hesk Stiver, entered upon his 80th year Sunday. Mr. Stiver was born at the old Stiver homestead on the 5th Concession of Markham, close to Unionville, and has spent almost all of his life in the vicinity. He is a cousin to Mr. F. L. Stiver head of the Stiver Bros. seed firm.

He is a carpenter and builder and still does considerable work along those lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Stiver are active workers in the Central Union Church. They have a family of two sons and three daughters, Clarence of Timmins; Harold of London, Ont.; Mrs. Luneau and Mrs. White of Toronto, and Miss Effie, who resides with her parents.

TOBIAS CASTER 94, DEAD HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY FINALS STAND ALL TIED



As we go to press this Wednesday at 2.30 we learn of the death of Mr. Tobias Caster of Claremont in his 94th year, following a considerable period of ill health. Mr. Caster was 93 last Sept. and will be buried on Sunday afternoon with public service in the Claremont Baptist church.

WHITCHURCH FINALS BEGIN FRIDAY NIGHT

White Rose downed Vandorf 8-6 in overtime in the local arena on Tuesday night to clinch the other Whitchurch play-off berth against King City. The finals will open this Friday night in the first of best two-out-of-three game series for the championship.

AGED ALTONA MAN PREPARING PEN AND PENCIL LOCAL HISTORY

A peep at Altona 100 years ago is what is in store for those who may read the history now being prepared by Mr. Obijah Jones, the veteran 83-year-old resident of the hamlet east of Stouffville who marked his birthday only last Sunday. Indeed, Mr. Jones is not only recording the lives of prominent people there when he was a very small boy and before, but he has made pencil sketches of many old buildings. The house he was born in, the old Altona Inn, (Cooper's), Walter Andrew's house and the familiar mill lane, and others. Living alone and in good health he is quite independent of any aid one might expect a man of his years to require. Why, Mr. Jones even puts down fruit, and attends all his culinary work from which he takes enjoyment. For many years he farmed on the property of his brother Ralph, and since he has no family and his wife dead these many years, he takes life easy at his home north of Madill's store.

Dog Owners Pay \$130 in Taxes

The revenue produced from dog taxes in Stouffville is \$130 for 1940 Assessor George Storry told the council on Monday evening. Only half a dozen names were handed over to the town fathers who in turn passed them on to the constable as delinquents. When receipts from these are in the total will be close to 1939 receipts.

Hospitalization costs for January amounted to \$119 for care of three patients, while other relief costs were over \$100 for fuel and food supplied to homes where the bread winner was said to be in destitute circumstances. Relief Officer John Dougherty said the demand for relief was falling off, as work is opening up.

Reeve Weldon presided, members present being Councilors R. E. Brown, Ira Rusnell, Delbert Holden, John Silverthorn

THREE DAYS IN JAIL

Convicted of attempting to obtain relief when he had a small bank account, a resident between Markham and Unionville, was given three days in

The first game of the inter-school hockey play-offs between Scarboro Collegiate and Stouffville High School resulted in a four-all tie, last Wednesday night at Agincourt, after 60 minutes of hard battling on the part of both teams.

Ramsey, and Walker, the star centre player for the "southerners" both scored early in the first period, to maintain a two goal lead which extended into the mid-session. The Stouffville lads, however came to life when Abell and Cadieux combined for their first counter, and Schell notched the next one from an assist by Abell and Cadieux to finish the second period two-all.

Walker chalked up two more goals in the next few minutes of play, when he scored, first, from an assist by Barrell, and then in a scramble in front of the Stouffville nets. Cadieux took advantage of a minor penalty to Ramsey to come through with a lovely shot from outside the blue line, making the score 3-4. With only two minutes to play, Bob Abell scored from a pass by Jim Abell to make the final count four-all.

The deciding game for this inter-school championship will be played between the two teams possibly this week.

Body Of Farmer's Wife Found at Bottom of Well

The body of Mrs. Daniel Dick, Siloam, was found by her husband around four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon in about five feet of water in a cistern on a neighboring vacant property to their home, where they had been going to draw water since their supply had run out. Mrs. Dick, it is believed, had slipped and fallen into the cistern, and since no one was about, her cries must have gone unheard. She had been dead two hours or more when the discovery was made.

Their nine year old daughter was at Siloam public school nearby, and the husband had gone down the road to the home of his brother-in-law, leaving no one at home excepting Mrs. Dick. She had gone to the cistern with two pails, one stood filled with water, and in the act of hauling out a second one, she slipped on the ice which coated the whole top, and fell in. This is the way neighbors reconstruct the story of what must have happened.

When Mr. Dick returned home around 4.30 p.m. he found the kitchen fire out and the house cold. Calling his wife and getting no response, he rushed outside and followed tracks to the fatal spot. Unaided, he managed to recover the body.

The unfortunate woman, 42 years of age, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace. Three sisters surviving are Mrs. Cecil Heard of Uxbridge; Mrs. Clifford Rose of Newmarket; Mrs. Sam. Montgomery, Toronto; also three brothers, John, Arnold and Harold Wallace, the former being a resident of Siloam and at whose home the bereaved husband was cutting wood when the tragedy occurred. The unfortunate lady was a niece of Mrs. George Watson of Stouffville.

ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. Florence Chadwick announces the engagement of her youngest daughter Edna Florence to Mr. Wilfred Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ferguson of Stouffville. The marriage to take place Wednesday, March 27, 1940.

jail on Tuesday. Clerk Charles Hoover and the Bank Manager at Unionville gave evidence for the township.

School Concert Draws Big Houses Both Nights

MARKHAM LOOKS OVER PROPOSED ROAD BY-LAW

The maintenance of the Markham and Pickering township townline would be divided equally over specified areas according to a proposed by-law read and discussed at the regular meeting of the Markham Township council held at Unionville on Monday. Markham would shoulder the upkeep of that portion of the road lying north of No. 7 highway and Pickering the south half.

By-laws were also passed re-hiring assessors Craig and Forster at salaries of \$275 and \$210 respectively with an additional ten per cent of all dog tax collected. This is an increase of \$25 and \$10 for each of these officers. The additional money was deemed necessary (Continued on page 8)

Ballantrae loses One of Oldest Residents

Ballantrae district lost one of its oldest and best known citizens last Sunday when death claimed William Coppins in his 77th year. Although born in the township of Markham, he had spent practically all his life in and around Ballantrae, and farmed for more than half a century. Although ill only a week or ten days, he had been in delicate health for a considerable time with heart trouble. His immediate death was due to a stroke.

As a young man he united in marriage with Emma Nesbitt who survives him together with a family of five, four sons and one daughter. They are Mrs. W. Vaughan of Bloomington; Roy Coppins, of Claremont; George of Goodwood; Wm. in Zephyr, and Herbert at Church Hill. They were all home with their mother over the weekend. The deceased is the last surviving member of his family, excepting for a half-sister, Mrs. Fortal, living in Marine City, U.S.A.

Mr. Coppins, was a quiet industrious man, and many lifelong friends gathered for the funeral at Church Hill church on Tuesday afternoon when the remains were laid to rest in the little cemetery close by the church.

Carpet Factory Owner Died at Age of 101

Over Half a Century Ago Archie Campbell Ran a Thriving Industry Here

One's memory would have to be able to go back fifty years to recall the Campbell Carpet Works which flourished in Stouffville half a century ago when the building stood on the north side of Main street almost north of O'Brien avenue on the west shore of the pond which once was there. Archibald Campbell who died in Philadelphia some days ago at the wonderful age of 101 years was its founder. He came here from Markham where he had established a similar business, and when his plant was in full operation it employed a goodly number of men. Stouffville saw the greatest boom in its history during the operation of this factory here.

After the factory burned down Campbell returned to Markham and operated the plant there until 1900 when he disposed of the place to Underhill & Sisman Shoe Co. He is remembered by our older resi-

A capacity crowd filled Ratcliff's Hall on Thursday and Friday nights for the annual commencement exercises of the Stouffville High School. The students, 140 in number, were assisted and directed by the teaching staff, and presented a very favourable programme. Musical numbers which were under the supervision of the principal L. C. Murphy, consisted of several choir numbers and a duet by Mary and Elaine Baker. Boys' gymnastics, including tumbling, pyramids, and comic act, and girls' costumed dances were in charge of Mr. R. Haist and Miss P. Wilson.

The feature number of the programme was a short play entitled, "The Bishop's Candlesticks," adapted from Victor Hugo's Les Miserables. The role of the bishop was ably enacted by Gordon Baker, and the part of his sister was taken by Mary Burkholder. Other characters were portrayed by Bud Sanderson, Aurelia Jennings, Jim Abell, Vernon Davies and Fred Clubine. Mr. G. Bailey and Miss R. Miller were responsible for the dramatic efforts.

Thursday evening diplomas were presented to the following graduating class by Rev. C. E. MacLeod: Thelma Atkinson, Harold Boardway, Beryl Brilling, Erma Dowswell, Isabel Fleming, Mary Graham, Lois Kester, Arthur Rusnell, Betty Sanderson, Bruce Stover, Ellrie Thompson, Phyllis Winn.

The valedictory address was given by Bill Tranmer, a 1939 graduate, now attending the University of Toronto.

On the second night Dr. H. B. Freil, chairman of the school board, and Mr. L. Turner presented silver cups to the field day winners. The former made a brief comment concerning the silver trophy won by the high school in the inter-school hockey competition last term.

The athletic awards were received by the following students:

- Junior Girls—Jean Westlake, Joan Baxter
- Junior Boys—Kenneth Klinck and Grant Turner
- Intermediate Girls—Beth Kellington, Frances Forfar
- Intermediate Boys—Jim Abell, Cameron Aldred
- Senior Girls—Isabel Fleming, Myrtle Bacon
- Senior Boys—Harold Boardway, Bob Abell (tied)

BALLANTRAE CAPTURE UXBRIDGE HOCKEY TITLE

Led by Joe Austin who slipped in five goals during the evening, Ballantrae coasted through to the Uxbridge Hockey championship, defeating Claremont 10-5 in their third play-off game on Tuesday night.

A crowd of 1200 watched the Shellmen forge to the lead in the second period with six counters and then hold off the battering Claremont lads for the final session.

The British Consols Cup was presented to Manager Ed. McNelly in a brief ceremony following the game. Coach Herb Simpson voiced a fitting reply on behalf of the Ballantrae team. It is rumored that an oyster supper is in store for the victors at Ballantrae in the near future