

Fire Destroys Two Homes in Township

Miles Apart Houses Burn at Same Time Last Saturday

Two fires were raging at the same time in Whitechurch Township last Saturday, when a couple of homes, miles apart, were razed to the ground a total loss. At 12.45 the frame dwelling occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Hall at Corner of 6th concession and Vandorf road was believed to be started from a spark on the roof. Mr. Hall was not at home, and before the neighbors could render assistance everything was a total loss; even the furniture. The property is owned by Wm. Pattenden.

One hour prior to this a fire broke out on the premises of Charles H. Rose, Cedar Valley, Pine Orchard station, believed to have caught from a running grass fire from a point where they were boiling sap. The Ballantrae fire engine with its 300 gallons of water was quickly on the scene, but after its contents were emptied no more water was available. The men turned their attention to saving the goods and the milk house close by. Most of the furniture was removed from the dwelling, but the house burned to the ground.

The dwelling was a frame and metal building.

So quick did the first fire gain headway that no fire equipment was sent to the scene, and even if a chemical outfit had arrived, it is not thought that it could have rendered any service. It is beyond the recollection of any one to recall when two homes have gone down by fire in this manner at the same time.

GRADUATES FROM THE TORONTO BIBLE COLLEGE

The graduation exercises at the Varsity Arena this Thursday evening will have a peculiar interest for folks in the Christian Church conference. On this occasion Miss Evelyn

Filyer, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Filyer of Ringwood will be seen as a member of the graduating class. She will receive her diploma along with the other members of the class.

Miss Filyer has the unique distinction to be the first lady, as a member of the Christian Church Conference, to graduate from the college. The affair at Varsity Arena will be attended this Thursday evening by many people from her home district.

VERY TIMELY FILM TO BE SHOWN AT STANLEY

For a thorough insight into the Nazi boast that they would capture the United States with an army from the inside, one might want to see the film playing at the Stanley Theatre this weekend, entitled, "Confessions of a Nazi Spy." The picture starring Edward G. Robinson, shows just what grounds the various European neutrals have for fearing the German "Trojan Horse tactics."

HALF HOLIDAY BEGINS NEXT WEEK

Although a number of stores in Stouffville carried on the half-holiday through the winter season, next week it will become general in town. Banks, post office, and business places recognize it from May 1st, and patrons are asked to bear the fact in mind.

The post office will be open on Wednesday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12.10 p.m. and again between 5 and 6.45 p.m.

B. & S. TELEPHONE CO. STRINGS NEW LINE

The Bethesda & Stouffville Telephone Co. are erecting a new cable line to Ringwood from the main office in town, which will eliminate the use of all open wiring over this area. However it will be some time yet before the job is completed, although the cable itself is now in place.

One could hardly realize that this small pipe line contains one hundred small strands of wire or 50 complete sets, but that's the fact of the case. There are many advantages in placing the telephone wires in cables. They are more immune from weather and breakage by ice storms, require a lighter pole line, and will last longer. The capital outlay, of course, is rather heavy, but the local company plan to extend this style of line from year to year.

New Firm Stage Big 14 Day Sale

It will be noticed in this issue that the Carswell General Store, (successor to the Shaw Store,) is introducing itself to the public of this district, with a gigantic "Change of Business Sale." The event of which Stouffville has not seen the like for some years, will open this Friday morning at 9 o'clock, and will continue for 14 days. When you scan the offerings in the big display adv. in this paper you will realize at once that there are going to be crowds in Stouffville and folks are sure to come from a considerable distance. These reductions are hardly to be expected at a time when all goods in these lines are actually bounding upward.

Mr. Carswell is anxious to create a lasting impression on the buying public of the district, and with the enormous stock on hand, is well able to do it by offering goods at prices you have not bought at in years. Folks from out of town will see a marked change in the interior of the store, where everything is on display and plainly marked as to price. As has been said, Stouffville's leading store is taking on a "Broadway" appearance. Well, you come and see for yourself, and be prepared to snap up some of the bargains which will smack your conscience as give-away prices.

DEATH ENDS LONG ILLNESS

Following a lingering illness Mrs. Hughie Percy died on Tuesday this week at her home, Lot 27, Con. 7, Pickering, in her 53rd year. The funeral this Thursday afternoon is to Markham cemetery at 2.30. Mrs. Percy was the former Mary Elizabeth Norton, and is survived by her husband, one son Harold and one daughter Marjorie.

PIONEER RESIDENT 97

John Ross, pioneer resident of Markham Township, Monday celebrated his 97th birthday. It was a special occasion for Mr. Ross. No less than four generations were in attendance at the celebration at the old family homestead on the seventh concession.

SEEDING OPERATIONS NOW COMMENCING

A good many farmers will commence seeding the latter part of this week, but it will be a hundred per cent general in the district by next Monday.

The land gives promise of working up nicely this spring, which is not always the case for it sometimes cakes and hardens.

Fall wheat and all seeds came through the danger point of early spring frosts in excellent style and will get off to a most promising start.

Buried From Church of His Grandfather

Samuel W. Clark, retired fruit and vegetable wholesaler, was buried at the Wideman cemetery in Markham last Friday afternoon, following his death on Wednesday at his home in Toronto, in his 63rd year. Death came unexpectedly.

Born on the farm west of Stouffville a son of prominent farmers in Markham and Whitechurch, Mr. Clark early forsook the farm to seek a mercantile career, going to Toronto when only a young man. Surviving are his widow, Mary Clark; one daughter, Mary; three sons, Lorne, Jack and James; three brothers Lorne and Bruce W. Clark in Toronto, and J. Aylmer Clark on the homestead in Whitechurch. His father was the late David Clark of Whitechurch, while his mother was a Wideman. It is interesting to note that the funeral on Friday to the Wideman cemetery followed service in the church there which was originally erected by his grandfather.

RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

Councillor Herman Kidd, of Ballantrae, received a serious strain while engaged in cutting wood, and was rushed to the hospital in Toronto on Tuesday. He was immediately operated on, and is reported to be making good recovery.

BOWLING MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club will be held in the Telephone Office on Friday, April 26th, 1940, at 8 p.m. All members and prospective members are urged to be present. J. B. Sanders, Pres.; T. B. Rae, Sec'y.

Unionville Drama Winners, 4th Time

For the fourth consecutive year Unionville players annexed the York County Junior Farmers' drama festival top honors when the adjudicator, G. K. D. Alderson, Toronto, gave them highest rating over four other clubs.

Mr. Alderson said that the competition was so close among all clubs that he would only name the winner.

He gave special praise to Sam Gough, of Unionville, who, he stated, played a very difficult role in a most capable manner. Mr. Gough performed the part of J. Altrus Browne, a major in the last war, in Merrill Dennison's well known one act play, "Brothers in Arms." Mr. Gough was capably aided by Miss Mary Crosby, as Dorothea Brown.

Others in the successful cast were Mac Freeman and Hilliard Beare, who were backwoodsman somewhere in northern Ontario. They provided many laughs for the large crowd by their slow drawl and high voices.

FORD DEALER LEAVES HOSPITAL

After three weeks in the private patients' pavilion, Toronto General Hospital, Mr. Holden was able to be removed to his home in town by ambulance on Monday evening.

Cedar Beach Owner is Seriously Injured

ON ACTIVE SERVICE



A very interesting letter has recently been received by Mrs. George Evans of Uxbridge, R. R. 1, from her son, Pte. John Evans of Goodwood, and now of the R.C.O.C., C.A.S.F. with the Canadian Troops at Aldershot. John is a grandson of the late John S. Todd also of Goodwood.

Pte. Evans reports that he is in splendid health, that the grass in England is very green right now and the parks most beautiful.

George E. Davies, proprietor of the Musselman's Lake Cedar Beach Dance Pavilion was seriously injured early Saturday morning by being struck by a car while he was repairing a punctured tire. The accident occurred about 2 o'clock in the morning, just half a mile north of Ringwood on the 8th of Whitechurch. Mr. and Mrs. Davies were returning from Toronto, while the other car was travelling south.

John Bruce alleged to have been the driver of the other car which struck Mr. Davies, was arrested on a charge of reckless driving by Constable Robert Windsor, and later released on \$1,000 bail. His companion, Cliff. Arsenault was not held.

Davies had to stop to repair his left front tire, when the other car came from the north. He ceased work and stood beside his own car while the other vehicle passed. It is said the door handle of the passing car struck him a violent blow. He suffered a fracture of both bones below the right knee, puncture wounds requiring stitches in the arm, and several bruises. First aid was rendered at the Brierbush Hospital where he remained for a day or more, and then was taken to Toronto.

CLAREMONT WINS HIGH

At the Stratford horse show last week, Nelson Wagg of Claremont won every class in the Clydesdale stallion exhibits, as well as the grand championship with Strath Ore Guard, newly imported last fall. Female grand champion was won by Premier Hepburn's Torrs Smiling Queen, which was also imported by Nelson Wagg last fall.

Matrimony Reason for Six Break-ins

Houses Looted of Money and Jewelry in Broad Daylight, Magistrate Is Told, Sentence Deferred.

Pleading guilty to six charges of breaking and entering houses in Markham and Aurora and stealing money and jewelry from each, Earl Quinn, 23, of Gerrard street east Toronto, remanded a week for sentence when he appeared before magistrate Keith on Friday.

Chief Daniels, Markham, said he had arrested Quinn on April 14, in Markham, and that subsequently he had been charged with four break-ins in Markham and two in Aurora.

In only one case were the stolen goods recovered. He said he had thrown the rest away in the snow immediately after stealing them.

Quinn said he wanted to get married but was without funds, couldn't get a job or get into the army, so he decided he'd have to steal to get money. The Crown said he had a record dating back to 1934.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Doreen Nelda Betz, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Betz, Stouffville, to Ronald Gibbons, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibbons, Lemonville. The marriage will take place quietly Thursday, April 25th.

DEATHS

Fisher, Arthur W.—On Tuesday, April 23, 1940, at Toronto General Hospital, Arthur W. Fisher, beloved husband of Mary Hotham of 95 Seventh Street, New Toronto.

Resting at the funeral home of A. E. Cook Limited, 721 Bloor Street West, for service Thursday at 2 p.m. Interment Stouffville Cemetery.

PROPOSE TO ORGANIZE GIRLS CLUB HERE

A meeting of girls from Stouffville and vicinity is to be held at 8.15 p.m., on Wednesday, May 1st, in the Municipal Hall, Stouffville. This meeting will discuss the advisability of forming a Girls' Club in Stouffville, to carry on the various projects provided by the Women's Institute Branch of the Dept. of Agriculture. Miss Helen Abell, of Ringwood, is local organizer and Miss Betty Wallace of Toronto will be a guest. If you are interested in learning a better way of living in your community you are asked to come to the Council Chambers Wednesday, May 1.

Martin Family Bereaved Since Sale

Everybody was grieved to learn of the death of Jean Martin, 28-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, who moved from Victoria Square district last month following their farm stock sale, to reside in Newmarket. Suffering a nervous break-down, Jean died quite suddenly at their new home in Newmarket. Surviving are her parents, two brothers, Roy and Stewart in Newmarket and a sister, Mrs. Stewart, Toronto.

The Martin sale on the 4th of Markham where they farmed was first called for March 20, but owing to impassable roads, was postponed until March 30, when a very successful auction took place. Their fine herd of cattle attracted buyers from long distances.

PRETTY BRIDE IS WED IN BAPTIST PARSONAGE

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Baptist Church Parsonage, Stouffville, on Saturday, when Muriel Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davis was united in marriage to Jack B. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson, by Rev. Duncan Macgregor.

Miss Ruth Davis was her sister's bridesmaid, while Mr. J. B. Davis supported the groom.

After a short honeymoon to Buffalo and other points the young couple will live on the Ninth Line, Markham.