

## Skunk Spoils Holiday for Seven When Car Overturms on 8th Con.

A Toronto family starting out on their holidays came to great grief on Saturday evening, when the car in which they sped along in, heading for Wagner's Lake north of Uxbridge town, crashed into the ditch on the 8th concession of Markham just below Dickson Hill.

Mrs. Majury and her husband were the most seriously injured, but their five passengers all escaped with a few bruises. The mother suffered a terrible scalp wound, which fairly laid open one side of her head. She was rushed to the Brierbush hospital and is making a good bid for recovery. Her husband, less seriously hurt was able to leave the hospital on Sunday.

The Majurys who live on Chisholme Avenue, had their car loaded with supplies, which with members of the family, filled it to capacity. The eldest son, in military uniform, was driving, and according to his explanation, he saw a little black and white object on the road which he believed to be a skunk, and probably having in mind all the goody-goodies they had to eat, plus excitement to reach the camping ground without too much delay, he made a heroic effort to circle the little animal. In so doing he landed into a deep ditch in front of the old Holden farm now owned by the estate of the late Edwin Hoover. The car nosed into the bank and made a complete turn over. The wheels were in the air and the top was crushed in, so that one wondered how anyone could have gotten out of the wreckage even half alive.

The hospital ambulance was

rushed to the scene and took away the injured woman. A second trip gathered up the father, but the other occupants were not injured much.

The affair is described as a solo accident, for no other car was near or approaching. All in all it is one more danger signal for all motorists. Keep down your speed, you may meet a skunk on the highway, be he a little furry one, or just the road-hog type behind a wheel. Drive slowly, and enjoy your holiday.

## 500 Dogs Licensed in Whitchurch Twp.

The dog population in the Township of Whitchurch is in the neighborhood of five hundred, and the dog tax collected for the canines totalled \$1,241, as against \$1,178 last year. There are still a few who have not met the tax, but before many days now they will be haled into court, unless in the meantime they procure the necessary tag or tags.

Last year Whitchurch council inaugurated a new system for the township, whereby the assessor collected the dog tax in the spring, as is done in other municipalities. It worked out well, and was continued this year, so that Assessor Fred Cummings has turned in the sum of money mentioned herein, and the township bank loan will be just that much less to pay interest on.

## STONE CRUSHER BROKEN

The new stone crusher placed in the gravel pit of Chapman & Storry at Gravel Hill north of Stouffville broke down and held up delivery of gravel on the road job north of Vandorf most of last week. With repairs completed everything is humming, now, and gravel is being hauled across Whitchurch at a lively speed. About 10,000 yards was required, we are informed.

## DRAW IN FORTY-THREE LOADS IN ONE DAY

Nine men, one tractor, and three teams of horses, put 43 loads of hay from the fields to the mow in one day on the farm of Wm. Harper, south end of O'Brien Avenue a few days ago. They were good big loads too, one of the men said, and so the undertaking was something of a record for speed. It was a case of "making hay while the sun shines."

## Township Gets Fur Bearing Industry

The Hollywood Fur Farm operating at Islington, is changing its location to the township of Whitchurch where the concern has just purchased five acres of land near Lemonville at lot 5, on con. 7, from Robert Ratcliff, owner of the property known as the Taylor farm.

The swampy condition and chemical makeup of the water area is found to be ideal for beaver, and this firm intend to put in some sixty or more of the South American breed to start with. Considerable construction work will start immediately, on a dwelling and other buildings, such as breeding houses and pens.

There is hope of expanding the industry as an option on 20 additional acres has been secured, Mr. Ratcliff admits.

## RELIEF TO BE CUT OFF

All municipal councils have been advised by the unemployment Relief Branch that on and after July 22, the Dept. will not contribute toward the support of fully employable male heads of families with one dependent. In view of the general demand for workers on the farms and elsewhere, the decision to discontinue this relief is arrived at.

## Death Comes as Distinct Shock

One of our most highly respected women, Mrs. John Turner died about 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, very suddenly. She had been out in the garden during the morning, and had been playing the piano only a short time before she was suddenly seized with illness.

Born 75 years ago in Scott Township, Mrs. Turner was a daughter of the late Jas. Hamilton. Her mother died four months ago at the remarkable age of 100. Mrs. Turner, after her marriage, resided on the farm south of Stouffville, until 12 years ago when with her husband they retired in town, taking up residence on Main street east.

Besides the aged husband who is in ill health, Mrs. Turner is survived by five of a family, namely, Roy of Chicago, Lloyd of Stouffville, Melville in Toronto, Rhea, Mrs. Wright on the old homestead on the 10th of Markham, and Olive, Mrs. Taylor of Toronto.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon from the late home at 2 p.m., to Stouffville cemetery.



## Whitchurch Finds Road Budget Dwindling with Year Only Half Gone

Road expenditures came in for serious consideration at the July meeting of Whitchurch Council last Saturday, when the superintendent Henry Widdifield disclosed that only about \$3,000 to \$4,000 of the \$16,000 road appropriation for this year remained to be spent. If the council spends more than the appropriation, then they do not receive the 50 per cent rebate from the department on the amount over expended.

"We must hold it down," was the sentiment expressed in words by Reeve Toole, who pointed to the fact that it had been an unusual year, with both the York County Roads Commission and the Department urging the building of the 4th concession, thus putting the township to the expense of purchasing necessary extra land as their part of the deal. This was not a heavy undertaking, but the wear and tear on township roads during months the 4th is being built, serious enough. One road after another was destroyed by the trucks hauling gravel from the pits. However, it was hoped that shortly the work is completed and the roads once more put in good shape, ratepayers will forget the inconveniences.

Council went on record as determined to spend no money on roads that the Department will not subsidize in the usual way.

The York County tax to be raised in Whitchurch this year will be \$20,171.49, it was announced (continued on page 8)

## COUPLE BUSY THOUGH NEARLY 90 YEARS OLD

Mrs. George Wagg, north of town has just returned from an enjoyable visit to the homes of her daughters, but Mr. Wagg is busy on the farm, so does not go running around making social calls like his good wife. He's on the farm doing things ever day. On Wednesday of this week Mrs. Wagg reached her 88th birthday, and on July 21 Mr. Wagg will celebrate his 89th. In view of the fact that the 21st is a Sunday, it will be more convenient for the family to gather at the home acres north of Island Lake.

## LAKE RESIDENT DIES IN LOCAL HOSPITAL

Mrs. Martha S. Harding of Hamilton died on Saturday at the Brierbush in Stouffville, after a couple of weeks' illness. With her husband and only daughter they had come to Musselman's Lake for a short holiday, when she was seized with a stroke the first evening at the cottage.

A well-known radio character for her role in "The Old Choirmaster," Mrs. Harding was a teacher of violin and was associated with the Hamilton Conservatory of Music. She had suffered from her ailment since childhood. Her husband Percy Harding was constantly with her during this final illness. Ten years ago he was superintendent for Dominion Stores in this district.

## Receives Compensation For Molested Milker

Isaac Pike, veteran farmer at Bethesda received compensation to the extent of \$75 for the loss of a cow dead as a result of being chased by a dog or dogs. Restitution was voted Mr. Pike on Saturday by Whitchurch Township Council in session at Vandorf.

The Sheep and Dog Act provides for compensation to owners of cattle as well as sheep should these animals be killed or damaged by dogs.

It was reported that the dog which chased Mr. Pike's cow near unto death, was identified later and Constable Williamson performed its execution with a shot from his gun.

Sheep in the same neighborhood had also been ravaged lately as Clare Bolender was awarded \$10 for one killed, and one injured. In another section Dr. Devin's place was visited by dogs, leaving one sheep killed, for which council paid \$8. All these payments were on the award of the valuator.

## CUT BARLEY TUESDAY IS FIRST IN DISTRICT.

Probably the first farmer in Markham or Whitchurch to cut barley this season is Mr. Wm. Brodie of Ringwood, who on Tuesday cut a piece containing two acres, which promises to give an excellent yield. This field was grown from seed procured from Poland, and is an early ripening variety, which looks very heavy. Like the lake captain who received a plug hat for bringing the first boat into harbor when the season opens, our Ringwood farmer is entitled to the prize for first grain cutting of the season in the neighboring townships.

## FARM GROUPS FUSE

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture which claims 300,000 farm members, organized in York county at Newmarket on Monday. Seventy delegates attended, when speakers outlined immediate steps to be taken on such things as price control, stabilization of market, and schemes for federal legislation. The federation is a fusion of all farm groups. H.H. Hannan, secretary of the U.F.O. told the gathering that more than half the farmers of Canada were now in the organization or would be within a year.

County officers elected included Jas. Rennie, President; Mrs. Ralph Willis, Gormley, secretary-treasurer.

Twenty rinks were entered in the annual mens' bowling tournament here for the Stouffville Old Boys' Trophy.

## United Church Scene of Edythe Grubin Wedding

On Saturday afternoon Stouffville United Church was the scene of the wedding of Edythe Isobel Grubin, daughter of Mrs. Grubin and the late Alex. Grubin of Stouffville, to James Earle Thom of Markham High School staff, and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thom of Carleton Place. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mitchell performed the ceremony, and Miss Ann Lehman presided at the organ. Miss Margarita Grubin, sister of the bride, sang "Because."

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Earl Grubin, wore a gown of white marquisette with lace insets over satin, which was fashioned with long full sleeves and full skirt. She wore a lace trimmed coronet with finger-length veil and carried a bouquet of Sweetheart roses and bouvardia. Mrs. Sven Young, Toronto, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Miss Enid Morris was bridesmaid. Franklin Thom was his brother's best man, and Winston Bates and Fred Armstrong were ushers.

The reception was held at the home of the bride, with her mother receiving in a navy sheer afternoon dress, matching accessories and a corsage of red roses. The groom's mother received in rose sheer with gray accessories. On their wedding trip to eastern Canada, the bride travelled in a rose print dress under a light wool rose coat with matching turban and white accessories. The couple will reside in Markham.

Miss Myrtle Crossen has returned home after recently undergoing an operation in Toronto General Hospital.

## MARKHAM MOTHER TAKEN BY SURPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Raymer of Mount Joy have promised for some time to spend a day in town at the home of his daughter Mrs. Ambrose Stover, and on Tuesday they fulfilled that promise. It happened to be Mrs. Stover's

## Farmers and Merchants Must Pay Defense Tax

birthday too, and was she surprised when the capable young daughters in the home stealthily prepared a birthday meal of which she never dreamed!

A lot of business men in Stouffville, and farmers in the neighborhood may be affected by the new National Defense Tax, for which forms are available at the post office, although how the public is to find this out we do not know, and Ottawa has not taken the trouble to broadcast the fact as yet.

Persons with an income taxable under the National Defense Tax but which is not derived in the way of wages or salary will, it is understood, pay the new levy direct to the income tax authorities at the end of the fiscal year.

This group includes persons with a small business of their own such as a retail merchant, professional men like doctors or lawyers and farmers. In all cases, of course, the exemptions of \$600 for a single man and \$1,200 for a married man will apply.

Farmers who have employees such as farm manager or hired men or women, retail merchants who have clerks, doctors who have chauffeurs, etc., will deduct the 2 p.c. from the wages paid and remit them monthly to the authorities.

In calculating the wages of hired help it is pointed out, that in cases where board and room form part of the remuneration, the employer will have to reckon on the value of the accommodation so furnished. This will then be added to the regular monthly wage to determine whether the total wages paid bring the employee into the tax paying group.

Employees must obtain forms and fill them out. Employers must see that this is done, otherwise they will be held responsible for the payment of the tax for the men they employed.

## Theatre War Effort Well Supported

There was an unprecedented rush for war revenue stamps in town on Monday evening when the Stanley Theatre gave a free show to all who purchased two 5c stamps from the theatre. As a result the Dominion revenue gathered in \$268, a mighty fine showing for a village theatre to put forth. The Junior Band added to the interest of the undertaking by rendering several selections outside the theatre on the occasion of the complimentary showing.

## Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Wideman



Mr. and Mrs. Lorne M. Wideman, bride and groom of last week, have a peculiar interest in the school teaching profession. Both have been teaching school, the bride at Keswick four years, and then six years at Hartman. It is interesting to note that both Mrs. Wideman's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Foote of Whitchurch taught school at one time, also her uncle the late David Young was Principal at Guelph for over 50 years.