

Wins Speed-Boat Race at Orillia

Mr. Norman O'Boyle one of our local butchers piloted a speed-boat to victory in the regatta held at Orillia over the holiday. Norm is owner of a high-powered motor which clipped off the four and a half mile course in 6 mins. and 14 secs., breaking down the last lap at over fifty miles an hour.

Markham Tax Rate Shows No Change

Despite the fact that the Ontario Gov't are contributing a half mill less toward the general tax rate, Markham Council will not increase taxes this year. It was found possible on Monday to absorb the half mill which the government had cut off, and the tax bylaw was passed accordingly.

Markham Township's building expansion for the past month totalled \$6,925.00 according to a report given the press by Building Inspector Walter Craig, when the Township council met in regular session on Tuesday.

This amount was made up of three houses valued at \$6,600 and a garage and shed at \$325. Percy Stiver is erecting a house at lots 31 and 32, 6th concession to cost \$4,000.

The new building by-law which is really only a more detailed revision of the previous by-law was placed before council for its final reading.

The Yonge Street railway showed a slight profit for the last quarter and Markham's share totalled \$42.97.

Road accounts for the month were passed totalling \$4,534.07. Of this amount \$930.79 went for labour and repairs and one cheque for \$2,894.68 went to Hoover & Roberts for gravel.

A request was received from the North York Plowmen's

Beauty and Fun at Musselman's Lake on the Holiday



The crowd at Musselman's Lake on Civic Holiday was variously estimated at from 5,000 to 9,000, but to those who were there, they realized it was a veritable jam. Never was the lake more popular at the annual Sports Day at Cedar Beach. Climax of the all-day program was the beauty contest in which Miss Gwen Tranmer was the popular local entrant, and a runner-up for the honors. In the picture to the left Miss Frances

Oxtoby, who won the title of Miss Toronto at the police games is seen posing with Miss Carolyn Musgrove (14) the winner and Miss Violet Lines (13) second. Both girls are from Toronto.

The picture to the right shows

what the announcer said was the first kid's hot dog contest in Canada. It provided no end of interest. Herman Kidd, Whitchurch councillor, seen in the background is not a competitor, but an interested and amused onlooker.

Army Openings for More Veterans

Among the Canadian defence units now being organized is the 20th Inf. Res. Coy., Veterans Home Guard, which is attached to the York County regiment, The Queen's York Rangers (1st Amer. Regt.) (M.G.). Recruits for this non-permanent active militia company, which parades two evenings each week at Fort York Armoury, Fleet Street, Toronto, are still being interviewed there each Tuesday and Thursday evening. The requirements are that members must be veterans of the Great War, 1914-18, not be over 50 years of age and in good physical condition.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leeger of Chesley announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Gladys Irene, to Mr. James Dean Hall of Toronto, son of Mr. Daniel W. Hall of Stouffville, the marriage to take place in Geneva Presbyterian Church, Chesley, on Saturday, August 17.

TO PLAN FLOWER SHOW

A horticultural meeting is called for this Thursday evening, August 8th, at 8.15 p.m. in the Municipal Hall. All members interested in holding the annual flower show are urged to attend.

HOME PILLAGED WHILE OWNER AT DEATH BED

Called to the death bed of her aunt Mr. and Mrs. Mack Patterson, 7th concession, Pickering, returned to find that thieves had ransacked their home and stole considerable goods of value. A gold watch was taken, a ring, linen articles, and even sausage from the cellar. The Patterson farm is owned by Frank Rowbotham of Stouffville, and is about six miles from town.

Association for a grant for this year's match. The request was presented by Deputy Reeve Jess Cook of Whitchurch but was laid over for consideration.

Anti Tank Unit Commander is a Local Native

The new anti-tank battery of the Royal Canadian Artillery, C.A.S.F., now recruiting to strength at University Avenue Armouries has a "nice" new sign or placard that probably can be bought cheap. It read, "Enlist Here." — and it has never been used. The battery, first artillery unit to be mobilized in Toronto for overseas since last September, had one sign, giving only name of the unit, placed on the south wall of the Armouries when the swarm of applicants for enlistment appeared at the door. Nobody connected with the battery has had time to put up the "Enlist Here" sign. However, the popular anti-tank unit, commanded by Major Eric D. Nighswander, has some vacancies for tradesmen, including qualified motor mechanics and machinists.

Major Nighswander, is a native of Stouffville, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nighswander of Toronto, former residents of this town. Major Nighswander lived in Stouffville until he was a lad of sixteen years.

FALLS FROM CAR AS DOOR FLYS OPEN

Travelling along the 4th concession of Markham, the door on the automobile of Herb Moorby flew open, and allowed the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Moorby to fall out. The little fellow suffered severe bruises and cuts, and was rushed to Richmond-Hill for medical attention. He will recover without lasting injuries, it is believed.

Local Veterans Oppose Exemptions

The following resolution handed to the press was passed by a unanimous vote of the Stouffville War Veterans on Monday evening:

"We, the War Veterans of Stouffville are strongly opposed to the exemption of certain religious sects from military service for home defence. If the country is not worth defending, they should not be allowed to enjoy the privileges of a free country."

We suppose that military units have always been opposed to exemptions, and any protest of

this nature while not new, should be directed to the proper authorities at Ottawa rather than to the press.

Broker Farmer Takes a New Kind of Loss

Lightning caused the death of a horse on the farm of M. T. Malone, just east of Stouffville last week, when the animal was struck down in the stall with the harness on. Harry Mantle, an employee on the farm of this popular Toronto stock broker, had brought the team in, a fine matched pair of blacks, and was cleaning out the stables, when the bolt struck the top of the building and came down with telling effect to the horse stables. The animals dropped, but was not killed outright. However, it was found on examination by the veterinary that it would be advisable to dispose of the gelding.

Elmer Fockler, farm manager for Mr. Malone, said Mr. Mantle was working behind a horse in the next stall to the one that was struck, but was not affected in any way by the closeness of the blow. It is not expected that the horse will be replaced, as a new tractor has just recently been added to the equipment, and a young team raised on the farm will be ready for the harness next spring.

No doubt Mr. Malone is familiar with market flashes spelling loss of more or less severity, but the kind that came his way on the farm he is remodelling on the Whitchurch-Uxbridge town-line, although "new to him," is akin to all the rest in that the loss was not so bad but that it might not have been worse, and therein he may take comfort. In this instance the loss is partly covered by insurance.

12 Miles Pickering Roadside Sprayed

Spraying operations by the County Weed Sprayer and covering some twelve miles of Pickering Township roads was completed this week. The job is expected to cost the Township in the neighborhood of \$300, it was disclosed at the regular council meeting held on Tuesday.

It was also decided to use up some three tons of calcium left over after the roads had received their first application of dust-layer. Several spots in the

WAS 80 ON SATURDAY

We extend congratulations to a once very familiar figure on our Main street and on the bowling green, Mr. Sylvanus Baker, who on Saturday reached his 80th birthday at his farm home at Baker Hill. Although not enjoying the best of health, Mr. Baker is still able to be about the farm which is operated by a tenant. Always a congenial individual, Mr. Baker enjoys a wide circle of friends in town and country which will join with us in extending our best wishes.



Dorothy Shepherd well-known figure in the entertainment world was Mistress of Ceremonies before some five thousand people during the evening events at the big Cedar Beach holiday show at Musselman's Lake.

BIRTHS

Thompson — At Victoria Road, Ontario, on August 5, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. Thompson (Elizabeth Lehman) the gift of a son, John Frederick.

Cooper — At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Monday, August 5th, 1940 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cooper, Waterford, Ontario, (nee Grace Tomlinson, Claremont) a son.

Degeer — At Brougham, on July 31, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Degeer, a daughter.

Brown — To Mr. and Mrs. Percy Brown, Glasgow, on July 31, 1940, the gift of a son.

Sandy Jones Sells After 36 Years Farming

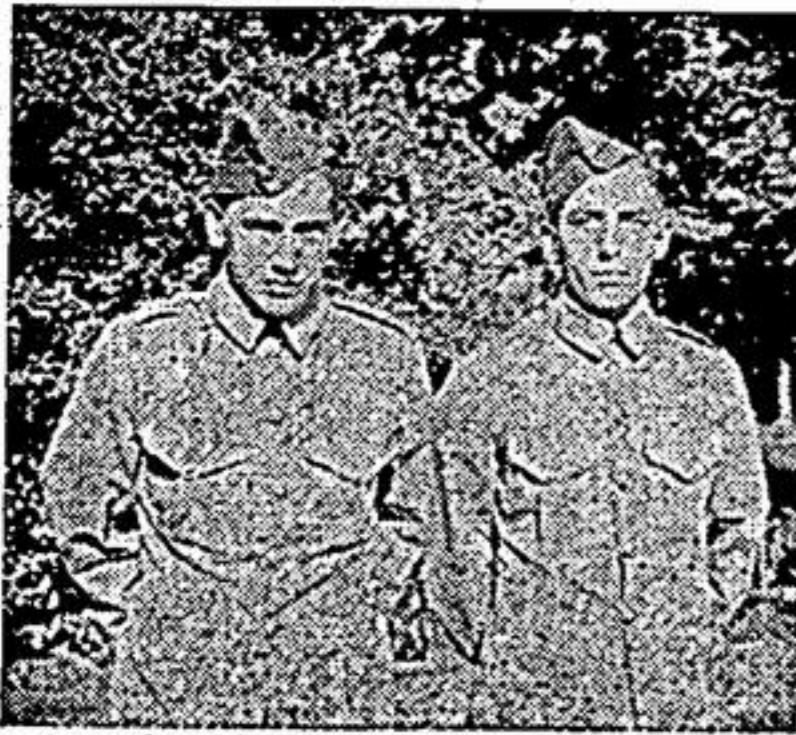
Farming in Stouffville for 36 years, Mr. Sandy Jones has decided to give up the activity this fall, and will thereafter spend a retired life in the community. May he live long to enjoy the rest.

Last week Mr. Jones sold his 38 acres with house fronting on Main street near the Presbyterian church to Mr. Earl Keith who for some time has been working for Jim Barry in the production of vegetables on a large scale.

Sandy informs the Scribe that he purchased this farm in 1904 from Mrs. Frances Rae of Oshawa. While the property has a frontage on the Main street, the lands stretch from Church street to Baker avenue. "I have given up the idea of building a new home for myself," said Mr. Jones who explains that he will just take rooms and eliminate the need for doing his own house work. A hard working farmer, it is not with any great joy that Sandy looks forward to a life of ease, for he really likes work but "Father Time" tells him he must take it easier. For over half a century he has acted as pound keeper, a not very onerous job in the village, but there have been times when live stock found on the streets was brought to him to impound. Of recent years, however, there has been less and less, until the job scarcely means anything today.

The sale price obtained for the house, barns and farm acreage is reported to be \$4,400. The land is mostly all productive and some of it is valuable for building lots, should a building boom ever strike the village.

NOW IN TRAINING



Bruce Lintner (right), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lintner, and Fred Castle, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Castle both of Stouffville, now in training with the Royal Regiment

GIDEONS TO TAKE CHURCH SERVICE HERE

The Gideons, the organization for Christian Business men, will be in charge of the services on Sunday at the Christian church. These men have a great story to tell of power of the word of God as it has been placed in hotels, hospitals, jails and schools. The placing of the Bible in the schools of the country is the latest great work that has been undertaken. The Gideons have made the offer to place a Bible upon the desk of every student in the public schools upon the request from the school boards and have placed Bibles in large numbers already throughout all the provinces. You are invited to hear how God has blessed in this great work.

Amuse Neighbors with Stories of Canada as Air-Raid Sirens Shriek in the Night

(This letter was received just ten days after writing which is exceptionally good time.)

The Stephens write: (Rev. Mr. Stephens is a former Claremont pastor)

"We are in the great city of London which resembles a vast military camp and one would hardly recognize it as the same place of three years ago.

The war clouds have gathered here thick and fast but no damage has been done to London so far by bombs, though we look daily for invasion. However, everyone is well prepared for their own defence. People are cheerful and that means a lot.

We had our last air-raid warning at 1.20 a.m. in the morning and as we groped around in the dark, some neighbours, a mother and daughter came knocking and ringing at our door. We let them in and all sat in the dining room where we have a perfect black-out. We had tea and chatted about everything and anything just to

keep their minds occupied. In fact we told them some funny stories about Canada and had them laughing. They carried a case containing their valuables in case their house was hit. Two hours later the all-clear signal sounded and they went home.

We know you have news of the evacuation of children. We applied to go as escorts and were standing by on 48 hours notice with our trunks packed. Then this bomb shell regarding the necessary ships was thrown in.

Ralph (who went to school in Stouffville) was home for a night recently. He is in the air every day.

The other day I saw some lemons in a store and as they are very scarce I enquired the price. They were about 7c each, and oranges are about the same — We are rationed per person for tea, 2 ozs. a week, butter, 4 ozs., Margarine 2 ozs. We are asked not to buy canned goods as they will be needed for the winter.