

## Vandorf Church Condemns Skier's Sunday Specials

The annual congregational meeting of the Wesley United Church, at Vandorf, was held last Thursday evening. Reports were heard from the different secretaries and treasurers and everything was found to be in very good shape. The old officers were returned for another year with very few changes.

For the first time there was appointed two ladies to the session, Mrs. James Oliver and Mrs. B. Dike. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of congratulations to the Rt. Hon. Sir William Mulock on approaching his ninety-seventh birthday, he having assisted with opening services of the church sixty years ago and again in 1931 at the fiftieth anniversary.

The meeting also discussed the action the government is taking in allowing the running of special trains on Sunday to accommodate skiers, also the movement which is underway to have the Sabbath thrown open for professional ball and theatres. One has only to look at the present European catastrophe, which is just the natural out come of the Sabbath being neglected. "God's law is being ignored and principals set forth in Christ's teaching being renounced by the aggressor countries," said a spokesman in moving the resolution.

## M.O.H. Advises the Council to Engage a Milk Inspector

At the first meeting of the village council for this year, Dr. H. B. Freel on Monday evening strongly urged council to consider the advisability of engaging an inspector on a yearly basis to inspect the cattle herds and stables of the farmers who are engaged in supplying milk for consumption in Stouffville. He pointed out that Toronto milk consumers have their inspectors through here and stables not up to a certain standard of cleanliness, were promptly forbidden from shipping milk to Toronto, but Stouffville people have no protection of this kind.

He said the Board of Health had engaged Dr. Bodendistel to carry out preliminary investigation of the farms selling to Stouffville and it revealed that there was a wide need of improvement in some places. He demanded that this improvement must be brought about. He said the local dairy would co-operate in this effort.

At another point in his report Dr. Freel said there were too many pigs in town last summer, and as a result there were many complaints. Next summer he promised the law would be more rigidly enforced respecting the housing of porkers.

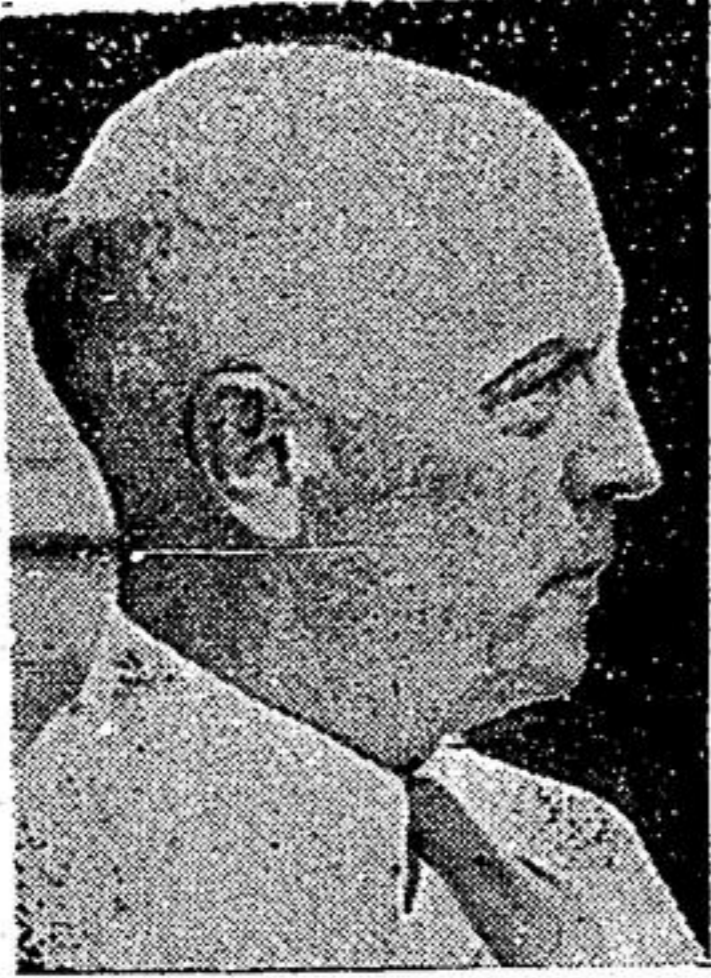
He made a splendid report on the water supply in that no adverse laboratory tests had been received in two years.

## Births Outshine the Deaths in Past Year

For the past number of years it seemed a problem for the stork to keep even a jump ahead of the hearse in the vital statistics report for Stouffville, but in 1940, the stork took a definite lead, and bids fair to hold it.

For the year just closed there were 49 births in Stouffville, 29 marriages, and 32 deaths. The figures are greatly enhanced (birth and death, because of the presence of a hospital in town, but they prove interesting data to ponder over.

PROF. FRANK UNDERHILL



who because of his philosophy is now in the limelight, is a nephew of Sophia Monkhouse, who died in Stouffville on Tuesday.

## BOY FATALLY INJURED IN FALL FROM CAR

A twelve-year-old boy, who in some unaccountable manner fell out of a car that was taking him to the hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, died early last Thursday in the Toronto East General Hospital. The boy, Frank Schofield, failed to recover from the injuries he received on Tuesday afternoon. The accident was reported to North York police who are to probe the circumstances. Coroner Dr. Christie is also conducting an investigation.

Schofield was the ward of Mrs. Clendenning, of Buttonville, and was on his way to have his tonsils removed when the accident occurred.

## RED CROSS ANNUAL

The annual meeting of the Stouffville Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be held in the Council Chambers upstairs, on Friday, January 24th, 1941, at 8 p.m. Election of officers and the executive committee for the ensuing year will take place at this meeting. All persons who donated \$1.00 or more to the recent canvas of the Society are members of this branch and are both privileged and requested to attend the said meeting.

## Find Shooting of Farmer Accidental

A coroner's jury investigating the death of Harold Cottrelle, found shot in a barn on the farm where he was employed a week before Christmas, returned a verdict of accidental death at Unionville.

No blame was attached to Murray Walton, companion of Cottrelle's who admitted that he held the gun and fired the shot that entered Cottrelle's body and caused almost instant death.

Walton, in the witness box stated that he and Cottrelle were playing in the barn on the farm of A. D. Newson, on the fourth concession of Markham Township. Cottrelle started to climb a ladder and then turned and started to come down again, when I saw a gun standing near a box containing some rabbits," said Walton.

"I picked up the gun and put it to my shoulder. I didn't cock the gun, it already had been done, and then I fired. Cottrelle slumped to the floor and asked me to take him to the house."

Walton then said that he took a wheelbarrow and pushed the lad to the Newson home, but he was dead before medical aid could be reached. The bullet had entered his left side and pierced his lungs.

The inquest was held under the direction of Coroner Dr. Ball, of Stouffville.

## JANUARY WOODCHUCK TASTES LIKE CHICKEN

We are indebted to Mrs. George Oscar Neal of Wellandport R.R.2 for an interesting bit of news, which she was inspired to send to this paper after reading in our Gormley news about a groundhog seen sunning himself one day recently.

Mrs. Neal says: "Well, we can go one better than the Gormley writer when it comes to seeing ground hogs out in the sun in mid-winter. Just a few days ago a ground hog was caught in one of our traps on the farm, and the old fellow weighed 7½ pounds. We served it dressed like rabbit. Ground hogs are only good to eat in the late fall and early spring, a little advice we pass on to the editor for fear he may start out next summer and pick one off for supper too."

Mrs. Neal is the daughter of Mrs. Elijah Lager of Church street, Stouffville, and Mr. Neal is a son of Mr. William Neal of Claremont.

## Chas. Lee Resigns as Road Supt.

Charlie Lee of Goodwood has stepped out of public office after twenty years of service, first as a councilman, then deputy Reeve and Reeve, then eleven years ago he took over the office of road superintendent. For his services in this latter position and for use of his car he received \$650, according to Mr. Lee's statement.

His resignation was received and accepted by the council at the opening of 1941 meeting last Monday of the Uxbridge council at Goodwood.

Arthur Brown was appointed to succeed Mr. Lee.

Other appointments included Fred Johnston and Russel Feasby as auditors, Ernest Morganson a member of the Board of Health, W. G. Cassie as weed inspector. Members of the Community Park Board of Goodwood are R. E. Ashenhurst, John M. Rae, John Ashenhurst, J. F. Reid, Dr. R. E. Darling, J. E. Kidd, and Mrs. H. U. Harper; school

## WEEK OF PRAYER GIVES WAR VICTIMS \$108

Up to Wednesday this week \$108 had come in to Secretary Rev. D. Macgregor for the week of prayer fund which is to be turned over at end of this week to the Telegram War Victims' Fund. During the meetings last week the collection totalled \$80 less some small expenses, and this has now grown to the above amount. If you wish to add to the amount for this worthy cause, make your donation at once to your minister, or leave at the office of this paper for Mr. Macgregor will not remit the total until the end of the week, in anticipation of more receipts.

## CURLING CLUB HAS RECORD MEMBERSHIP

Stouffville Curling Club has an active membership this season of about fifty players. The first local bonspiel was completed this week, with A. C. Burkholder's rink finishing in top position. Twelve rinks participated. On Monday evening M. E. Watts and F. L. Button were delegated as Tankard skips for this year while Thos. Birkett and Harry Brillinger will head the local rinks playing in the District Cup competition.

## ENGAGEMENT

Jos. Norton, Claremont, announces the engagement of their young daughter, Ethel Edna to Kenneth Roy Dopking, Toronto; youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Dopking, Claremont. Marriage to take place on January 18th, 1941.

attendance officer, Cecil Wallace.

The standing committees for the year are: roads and bridges, Reeve Ashenhurst, and all members of council; finance, Johnson, Beach and Rae; relief, Johnson, Ball, contingent, H. Ball, Beach and Rae; printing, Beach, Johnson, and Ball.

The road appropriation bylaw was passed setting the estimated expenditure for this year at \$9,200.

Robert Ashenhurst, reeve, presided all members present being Deputy Reeve Johnson, Councillor Rae, Councillor Beach, and Councillor Stewart Ball.

## Markham Men Display Only Fox Bagged During Big Shoot



William Bartlett and Thomas Wright, pictured above, both Markham Township farmers, combined to kill the sole fox bagged during the session of a five-hour fox-hunting expedition staged in the township one day last week.

This small red fox and 20 Jack-rabbits were the bag of nearly fifty sportsmen who participated in the shoot. Either the foxes lived up to their reputation for cunning or reports of their prevalence were greatly exaggerated, huntsmen said. At any rate, the large party trekked through pasture land, bush land and plowed land without catching sight of more than three foxes. The less astute (or more plentiful) Jack-rabbits were bowled over with comparative ease, some of the hunters securing two of the animals.

The hunt, first of its kind in Markham township, was organized by the Ontario department of game and fisheries after township officials complained of the number of foxes in their municipality. They wanted to fix a bounty on the animals which have been killing pheasants, Jack-rabbits and raiding the occasional hen-house.

Hunters said the day was perfect for the sport of catching foxes on foot. It was bright and clear and a light covering of hard-packed snow was on the fields. The classical picture of fox-hunters riding horses and garbed in pink coats was lacking. Windbreakers, hunting breeks and old wraps were the attire of the men who were on foot (Continued on page 8)

## George Storey is Appointed Town Clerk and Treasurer



At the inaugural meeting of Stouffville Council on Monday, Mr. George Storey was appointed clerk and treasurer (pro tem) in succession to Mr. J. S. Dougherty who was relieved of his duties owing to a break-down in his health. Mr. Dougherty succeeded the late John Urquhart who resigned in 1925 because of his great age and precarious health at that time.

Mr. Dougherty took very ill at Christmas just after he finished getting out his copy for the annual financial statement. Since then he has been confined to bed, but is somewhat better than he was.

The importance of his work necessitated the securing of someone to carry on without delay, and council has chosen wisely in securing Mr. Storey, town assessor, whose ability for the work seems to be beyond question.

Mr. Storey was duly installed in office with the approval and presence of Reeve Weldon and all the members. He is expected to establish a new system of bookkeeping for town accounts which is now being demanded by the Dept. of municipal affairs at Queen's Park.

## Oldest Mennonite in Canada Marks 90th Birthday Here

Rev. Henry Goudie who is living with one of his daughter's, Mrs. Arthur Clendenning at Cedar Grove, will observe his 90th birthday this Thursday enjoying very good health, and able to go to church at least once every Sunday. However, last Sunday when he did not feel quite equal to the journey to Mount Joy his regular place of worship, he visited the old Mennonite church near where he lives.

Mr. Goudie is one of the two oldest preachers of this denomination in Canada. For many years he served in Western Canada as a presiding elder, as well as being pastor on numerous appointments in Ontario. Twice married his both wives have passed on. Seven of a family, two sons and five daughters were born to this veteran preacher, and servant.

To commemorate his birthday friends united to tender him a birthday shower.

## Markham Sunday School Workers 72nd Convention

The 72nd annual convention of the Markham Township Religious Educational Council will open its doors to the teachers and officers of the Sunday Schools within the municipality on Thursday, Jan. 23, in the Victoria Square United Church. Sessions will continue throughout the day with the various committee reports and election of officers during the forenoon. Feature of the afternoon will be an address by Rev. R. Vickers, "Christian Youth and Worship," while in the evening Rev. A. E. Owen will speak to the gathering on "Christian Youth at Service."

Entertainment for the out-of-town delegates at dinner and tea will be provided by the ladies of Victoria Square.

## JUNIOR BAND AT THE ARENA NEXT WEEK

On Wednesday evening, January 22nd, the Junior Band will furnish a full program of music at the Arena. The numbers specially suited for skating are being prepared under the leadership of Bandmaster Ridley of Toronto. Keep this skating night open. Also remember the coming concert by the band on February 6, in Ratcliff's Hall.

## Capt. Roy Brown Talks to Lions on Aircraft Progress

Capt. Roy Brown who a year ago acquired the Fred March property at Bethesda, and is fast developing it into a model country estate, addressed the Stouffville Lions Club on Monday evening at the Village Inn during the monthly supper meeting. He traversed the pioneer days in airplane flying, when war planes were of a primitive type and young fliers were sent into battle as soon as they learned to steer a machine at all. In an interesting manner the Captain traversed the steady improvement in these machines to the present highly efficient fighter and pilot. Many questions were pled at the speaker at the conclusion of the address, which brought forth further interesting and instructive information.

The speaker was introduced by President M. E. Watts who extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the village who were proud to have Capt. Brown locating in our outskirts. Carl Bowdway, one of the Lions, sang, and a donation was made to the War Victims' Fund and Sick Children's Hospital.

## Daughter of Pioneer Family Dead

Miss Sophia Monkhouse Taught School Many Years Before Retiring in Town.

Miss Sophia Monkhouse, who was housekeeper for her brother Mr. John Monkhouse in Stouffville, passed away early Monday morning after being in declining health for a considerable time. Born at Altona Miss Monkhouse as a young lady entered the teaching profession and taught at Maple and Honeywood and other places before she came to keep house for her brother.

She was a daughter of the late Thomas and Isabell Monkhouse who kept store at Altona prior to 1886. The family also occupied the O'Boyle farm just east of Stouffville for a long time.

Of the family of brothers and sisters John, local tailor here and Mrs. R. Underhill survive.

The funeral for Miss Monkhouse takes place this Thursday afternoon from the late home on Church street to Stouffville cemetery. Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner will conduct the service.