

Oshawa Barrister Sues Pickering Township on Two Counts

An interesting court case is scheduled for hearing at Division Court in Brougham next week, when Mr. H.A. Newman, K.C., is suing the Township of Pickering for damages totalling \$46,27.

Newman owns a farm in the township, and on item No. 1 he alleges the municipality felled two trees in front of his property without his permission or consent. For this he asks \$15 damages.

Item No. 2 on the list is a charge of \$31 which Mr. Newman is asking from the council for allegedly having assessed his farm this amount as arrears on Hydro Power supplied his cottage. In rural sections arrears are liable to be assessed against the property and collected in the same manner as general taxes. This, it is reported was done, but Mr. Newman claims it was not in regular manner, and thus the matter will be threshed out before the division court judge.

Egg-Grading Station To be Established

Ratcliff & Co., one of the first firms to apply for a license under the new egg grading standards to be invoked next month, advises the press that they intend to be ready with a fully equipped department in the Ratcliff block to handle eggs under the government standard.

This calls for a separate room kept at a stated coolness at all times. Said room must have its entrance from the outside and not form part of any other business.

In order to comply with these requirements, Ratcliff's will equip their egg station in the basement of the building, with an entrance off Mill street.

BACK ON THE JOB

Mr. James Ridout is assisting in the kitchens at the big munitions plant at Nobel, northern Ontario. Although one of our retired citizens, Jim couldn't sit around when he knew there was work to be done and a scarcity of the right kind of help to do it. Thousands of meals are prepared daily at the Nobel works.

Mr. Ridout was at this kind of work during the last war, but, of course, he has been an experienced man in the culinary department for many many years.

More Petty Thieving at Gormley

Several cases of theft in a small way has been reported from Gormley over a period of years, the latest occurrence being early last Saturday morning when a thief entered the general store of S. N. Doner around 2 o'clock and got away with \$9.00 in money, and possibly a few small articles.

Entrance was gained through the coal chute, then by the removal of a glass to get into the main cellar after which a door was forced to get into the store.

When the cat locked in the cellar was freed by the robber it made directly up to the living quarters and aroused a member of the family, who while never suspecting anything wrong, probably frightened the thief off when getting up to put room must have its entrance from the outside and not form part of any other business.

Investigators tracked the "lone agent" but not quite to his lair.

This is one of several pilfering acts around Gormley over a period of years. On more than one occasion, small change has been stolen from the M.B.C. church.

BACK IN STOUFFVILLE AFTER 25 YEARS

Although born in Stouffville and raised in this district, Oscar Yake never returned to his native abode for 25 years until he arrived in town on Sunday and went direct to the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Yake, east of town. Oscar has been living in the Mather district of Manitoba where he is farming.

Mr. Yake married Mable Gould, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gould of Ringwood and now retired in Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Yake have a family of eight or nine children, one son Murray, now being in the army and stationed in Toronto. Naturally they both couldn't leave home at the one time.

During his few weeks' visit at the old home with his parents, sisters and brother, Oscar Yake hopes to meet scores of old friends.

FREE WAR STAMPS

Carswell's store in Stouffville is helping to promote the sale of war stamps through an idea to be carried out in the big store during the month of March. With every purchase of 5c or over the customer will be given a coupon, and for every \$5 in coupons a war saving stamp will be given absolutely free. You are invited to read the display adv. in this issue put out by the Carswell firm.

COUNCILLOR'S WIFE IS RECOVERING

Mrs. Herman Kidd, wife of a Whitchurch Township Councillor is convalescing following an operation in a Toronto Hospital. Since leaving the hospital Mrs. Kidd is staying at the home of her son Edgar in Richmond Hill prior to returning to her home north of Ballantrae.

C.W.T.S. Members in Manoeuvre on Markham Hills

Young women of the Canadian Women's Transport Service invaded the snow-covered hills of Markham Township Friday to test their theoretical knowledge of map-reading in a practical way.

The girls who drive for the Red Cross were dressed for the "army manoeuvres" in ski outfits and were equipped with compasses, maps and protractors. Thus "armed," they set out to spot imaginary enemy machine gun nests, caches of ammunition and enemy forces. They went about their work with all the enthusiasm of a fighting army.

They divided into two groups with Ellen Cope, instructor in map-reading, in charge of one, and Lance-Corporal F. McDermott in charge of the other. The girls have been taking lectures on map-reading for several weeks past but this was the first time they had an opportunity to put their knowledge to a practical test.

Some of the young ladies were on skis, prepared to utilize them as stretchers should the emergency arise. By proper use of their compasses they were able to determine a position to which they were ordered to advance.

Honor Long-Service Secretary

In recognition of her many years of service as secretary of the Woman's Association of the United Church, Mrs. D. H. Cook was presented with an address and presentation at the home of Mrs. W. H. Shaw on Tuesday evening. Mrs. H. W. Sanders, made the presentation on behalf of the gathering, conveying to Mrs. Cook the appreciation of her long service, and the esteem in which she is held. The gift was a lovely table lamp.

Mrs. Cook was visibly taken by surprise and said she could scarcely find words to express her feelings under such circumstances. She said that while her term as secretary had ended (she being succeeded by Mrs. Ted Cadieux) she hoped to always continue to work as heretofore for the advancement of the W. A.

Former Pastor and His Wife Celebrate Golden Wedding at Their Home in Toronto



Rev. and Mrs. Robert Barbour who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, at their home, 14 Blythwood Road, Toronto, on Feb. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Barbour are widely known throughout Ontario. Mr. Barbour came from Ardrossan, Ayrshire, Scotland, at the age of twelve and entirely by his own work and energy he carved his career. His mother died the first year after coming to Canada. Mrs. Barbour is a native of Huron County her parents had two pioneer experiences, first as children when her grandfather was given a grant of land in Peterborough County, in 1832, by the crown for military service done in the "Old Land," and second when as young people they went to the "Huron Bush" in 1855. Mrs. Barbour is very proud of this background, which developed ingenuity, independence and solidity of character. Fifty years ago nearly all schools were manned by men, who for the most part made school-teaching a stepping stone to other vocations, when they earned and saved the money for further study. Mr. Barbour taught school in Bruce, Grey and Haldimand Counties before taking the principalship of Petrolia public schools. After six years there he left for Knox College. His first pastoral charge was at Stouffville, where he laboured eight years. He then took charge of Meaford Presbyterian church, where they spent ten years. Then followed pastorates at Gore's Landing and in Eastern Ontario. Mr. Barbour was especially successful in inspiring and developing struggling boys. No labour was too great for him. He was in the active ministry until he reached the age of seventy three, and has spent the last eight years of his life in Toronto.

Mrs. Barbour was active in all branches of church and neighborhood work, especially the missionary and young peoples societies. She was president of Owen Sound W.M.S. Presbyterial, but resigned when she was elected Vice-President of the Ontario Provincial W.M.S. which office she held for ten years. This office took her to all the cities and most of the towns in Ontario where her platform and organizing ability was in demand. She was vice president of Bay of Quinte Conference Branch after Union.

Neighbors Rally to Restore Village Smithy Shop

The ring of the blacksmith's anvil may be heard once more around the hamlet of Gormley, following the disastrous fire which destroyed the shop and contents of George Fisher's—Sensing the terrific loss of a man's life-time accumulation, the neighbors gathered at the charred site of the old smithy shop and within five days restored the premises so that an even better shop than heretofore stands as a memorial to the fine class of people who live in the neighborhood. Norman Brown was overseas and the twenty or more willing workers toiled faithfully under his direction.

Since the shop is put back in new form Mr. Fisher is gathering a kit of new tools for everything was almost a total loss and the fire insurance was pitifully small.

This week as a result of this pioneer help and his own endeavour the old shop is going full steam, and patrons may expect the old time service from the village smithy at the corner of Gormley and third concession of Whitchurch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are deeply grateful for the wonderful help extended to them, and have asked this paper to make their appreciation known to the friends in the district.

Markham Farmer Wins Carnival Calf

A pair of wooden skates over 100 years old, and the draw for a Jersey calf and a Holstein calf, featured the big carnival in Markham village last Friday night, for which event over 1,000 tickets were sold. Profits were all devoted to the Telegram War Victims Fund.

The live stock was donated for lucky draws in which every ticket holder had a stake. The lucky winners were Jim Maynard, 7th concession, Markham, whose tickets took the Jersey, while Allen Winder of Weston drew the Holstein. Being a town man and therefore not knowing the difference between a Holstein and a Black Minorca, the lad from Weston elected to take \$5 in lieu of the calf.

High Costs Cutting into Baking Profits

Increase in Processing Tax Would Mean Higher Bread Prices

Increase in the wheat processing tax at the present session of Parliament, reported in prospect, would inevitably bring a rise of at least one cent a loaf in bread prices throughout Canada is the opinion of the Financial Post.

Proposals now before the Government at Ottawa contemplate a further 35-cent increase in the processing tax. There is also the prospect that the base wheat price will rise to 85 cents.

The bakers point out that since the original 15 cent processing tax was imposed, the price of wheat has risen approximately 8 cents a bushel. Addition of a further 7-cent increase in wheat prices plus a further 35 cents processing tax means 50 cents a bushel over and above the level at the time the original processing tax was introduced.

In terms of a barrel of flour this means an increase of approximately \$2.30 per barrel. Since standard practice nets about 190 loaves from each barrel, a price increase of more than 1 cent per loaf would be justified.

Mr. Ambrose Stover, proprietor of Stouffville Bakery, has for many months realized the steady encroachments of increased costs on the fractional profit per loaf. He has told the press that very soon the increase of one cent per loaf would be inevitable. The margin of profit, he says, is gone.

In the case of a large baking establishment such as Canada Bread, figures presented last year by President C. H. Carlisle, showed that at that time actual profit on a loaf of bread was approximately one quarter of a cent a loaf. This profit has now been more than wiped out, it

Ballantrae and Reach Qualify For Finals

Reach hockey team having defeated Uxbridge in a whirlwind game of the inter-county league at Uxbridge on Tuesday night by a score of 7 to 8, will now meet Ballantrae in the finals, best three out of five. First game this Friday night at Uxbridge rink.

Ballantrae look for fast hockey and recognize their opponents are travelling full speed. On Tuesday the score that won Reach the right to meet Ballantrae, was 4-4, 7-6, and 8-7 at the end of each stanza.

BIRTHS

Paxton — At Hamilton, on February 23, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Paxton, a son.

Bunker — At Goodwood, on Thursday, February 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Bunker (nee Verna Meye) a daughter.

McCullough — At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Sunday, February 23rd, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCullough, R.R.3, Claremont, a baby sister for Frances and Jimmy.

There was a long list of prizes offered by the merchants of Markham village for winners in the various entries in costume, for which Mrs. Cumen of Markham, Miss Margo Wilson of Green River, and Mr. A. V. Nolan of Stouffville acted as judges. Reeve O. B. Hisey officiated as announcer.

Mr. J. W. Warriner was awarded the prize for the oldest man skating. He wore a pair of old "rockers" made by his father long years ago and used by him in his day. The steel runners were made from two common files. Both the man and the skates drew the interest of the crowd.

Mr. Jim Hunter, your talking reporter, reached the scene of the carnival about 10 o'clock and took up a few minutes before the microphone in behalf of the War Victims' Fund.

SOLDIERS COMFORT FUND

Have you secured your ticket on now on show in the window of Carswell's Store? Tickets 10c each, or 3 for 25c. All money raised for this quilt goes to provide comforts for local boys on Active Service, and is sponsored by Stouffville War Veterans.

WORLDS DAY OF PRAYER

The annual World's Day of Prayer to be observed this Friday (Feb. 28) should have a real meaning this year with the great titanic struggle at its furry. In Stouffville the women will convene in the United Church at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. DeCourcy Rayner, and Mrs. Claude Brillinger will render special solo numbers.

Dorset Horn sheep were recently shipped by Jos. Betz, of Clover Leaf farm, Mongolia, to buyers in far away Saskatchewan, and to a buyer at Desbarates, in the Lake Superior district.

WITH THE NAVY



Dave Jack of Stouffville, son of Mrs. Maude Jack who is now in training with the Royal Canadian Navy.

DITCHED ON 8th CON.

Mr. "Andy" Forsyth who with his mother moved from his place of residence on the 10th concession recently escaped with only a good shaking up when his light roadster left the 8th concession of Markham on Wednesday night and landed up against the east fence. The accident occurred just opposite Harvey Moyer's gate where a big snow drift had partially blocked the road and apparently threw "Andy's" car out of control. The Forsyths were returning to the city after an evening's skating in town.

Two below zero with a high wind made Tuesday morning one of the severest of the winter.