

School Entertainment Has Capacity Crowd at Each Performance

Fifteen Graduation Diplomas and Sixteen Athletic Trophies are Presented to Students

The annual Stouffville Continuation School Commencement again proved itself the biggest entertainment feature of the year as nearly six hundred people filled Ratcliff's Hall for this popular event on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Despite depleted ranks caused by sickness, the students went through their various numbers in fine style. Each evening's program was opened with a grand chorus by the senior choir, "Fair Land of Freedom" and "Softly Fall the Shades of Evening."

Bud Sanderson, president of this year's Literary Society introduced the balance of the program with a few remarks and words of welcome for the audience.

Songs, drills and dances by Grade 9 and 10 groups and a skit entitled, "Safety Razors First" by Gordon Baker and Bud Sanderson were all warmly received.

One of the feature attractions of Thursday night's performance was the presentation of field day trophies by Dr. H. Freel, chairman of the local school board. Sixteen cups were presented in the following classification: Juvenile, Christine Mulholland, Frances Clarkson, Kenneth Schell, Bill Kellington; Junior, Gladys Stover, Ruth Gooding, Jim Miller, Stanley Ball; intermediate, Lucille Howsam, Mary Williams, Douglas Aldred, Ken Klinck; senior, Beth Kellington, Joan Baxter, Cameron Aldred, Ted Cadieux. The new trophy for the cross-country run event, won by Cameron Aldred, was presented by its donor, Mr. Jos. Borinsky while Mr. Ralph Haist, member of the staff presented the Inter-Form Pennant to Grade 11, for the highest number of points by any grade in the cross-country run.

Mr. Ralph Haist, who guides the athletic endeavors of the school put the boys, both junior and senior through some daring pyramid building and tumbling acts while Clifford Hollidge did a bit of clowning for the amusement of the large crowd. This number reached a climax at its conclusion when both junior and Senior groups formed one giant tower, and a huge S.C.S. pennant made up of many small Union Jacks was broken out in front of the stage.

The concluding number, a short play, "Campbell of Kilmohr" introduced by Joyce Ball, dealt with the hectic days of Bonnie Prince Charlie in Scotland 1745, and was excellently portrayed, Betty Sanderson and Russel Prouse, carrying the Scotch dialect to a point, where, as one member in the audience put it, you could nearly smell the heather. These two leading characters were most ably supported by Beth Kellington, Arnold Schell, Jim Abell, Eric Cutler, Elgin Hastings and Fred Williams.

On Friday evening, Phyllis Winn, a graduate of last year, and now attending MacDonal Institute Guelph College gave the valedictory address and Dr. H. B. Freel presented the fifteen graduation diplomas. Those in the graduating class are: Robert Abell, Irvin Borinsky, Eric Cutler, Mary Davis, Leona Forsythe, Dorothy Fuller, Mr. guerite Jack, Muriel Jones, Olive Johnson, Jean Pipher, Irvin Raxlin, Donald Rowbotham, Robert Sanderson, Gwen Tranmer, Kathleen Turner.

The entire school staff shared equally in the congratulations on the success of the evening, Miss Wilson and Miss Miller for training in the dancing and drills, Mr. Bailey as director of the Play, Mr. Ralph Haist for coaching the athletics and Principal L. C. Murphy who led the various vocal numbers, and general arrangement of the program.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Paisley wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Luella Edith to Mr. Allan Edward Arthur Johnson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle C. Johnson of Brampton R.R., the wedding to take place quietly in April.

CELEBRATE 35 YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE

On Friday, March 7 Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Blizzard, 5th concession of Markham, reached their 35th wedding anniversary, and marked the event by having their two sons and their families at home, together with a number of other friends. Married at Mount Albert the couple commenced farming in East Gwillimbury, later coming to Whitchurch, and finally to Markham. Their family consists of two sons, Stewart in Toronto, and Thomas in Markham. They have three grandchildren. Mrs. Blizzard's maiden name was Mary Gibney, and to her and Mr. Blizzard hearty congratulations are being extended at this time for the audience.

Local Curling Club In Line to Win the District Trophy

Tied With Unionville for First Place in East York League

Two sets of Stouffville curlers have won their last two league games in the East York schedule, to place the local club in a tie for first place with Unionville, each having won six games and lost two.

On Saturday evening, the visitors here were from Locust Hill, their two rinks going down 31-12 on the round. The local sweepers were: Henry Slack, Orval Drewery, Ira Aldred, Harry Brillinger, skip; Win Timbers, L. C. Murphy, Walter Brillinger, Wm. Armstrong, skip. Monday night Stouffville paid the return visit to Locust Hill, winning this round 32-13. The home club sweepers who made this trip were: J. K. Agnew, Robert Snowball, Sam Armstrong, F. L. Button, skip; Wes. Boardway, Charles Nolan, Walter Brillinger, Fred Marshall, skip.

No information is at hand yet, as to how the winner will be decided between the top clubs. The decision will either be reached by sudden-death game on neutral ice, or the club standing highest in points will take the cup.

The East York Trophy which has been held by Stouffville for the last two years has been competed for for thirty years and was donated at that time by the clubs which then comprised the league.

FAREWELL TO COUPLE ON ROWBOTHAM FARM

Friends numbering over 90 gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Patterson on the 7th concession of Pickering, near Brougham, to bid them farewell as they leave the Frank Rowbotham farm there where they have spent so many years. They are moving down to the highway.

With John Scott of Claremont as chairman, who also read the presentation address, the Pattersons were given an Aladdin lamp and a card table. Fred Riddle and Floyd White assisted in making the presentation.

UXBRIDGE MOTHER PASSES, AGE FIFTY

A native of Palmerston, Mrs. Victor Smith, aged 50 years, passed away on Thursday at the Toronto General Hospital. The funeral to Goodwood cemetery on Sunday was from the late home on the 3rd concession of Uxbridge, south of Goodwood.

The family had lived on the third for 12 years, coming over from Glasgow, and prior to this they lived in Toronto. Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband who has been working in Toronto this winter, and by four sons, Edward, Ross, William and Gordon, a daughter Greta and four brothers. Mrs. Smith's maiden name was Florence Evelyn Stevens.

FIVE HUNDRED BUSHELS BUYS A BINDER TODAY

The first hip-roofed barn of large dimensions (62x112) ever built in Whitchurch was erected at lot 13, concession 2, over 50 years ago. Mr. Elton Armstrong told the members of Vandorf Home Makers (girls) and the Junior Farmers groups at their meeting held at the home of Mr. Herb. Wells last Thursday evening.

The structure was built by Armstrong's father, and the lumber cost \$8.00 per thousand as against \$40.00 today, the speaker revealed in comparing prices then and now. Mr. Armstrong said it took 60 bushels of wheat to buy a binder 50 years ago, today it takes 500. He gave interesting advice to the boys on buying seed grain and its proper selection.

Officers were elected for both groups, the Junior Farmer president being C. Rowe and president of the Girls-Home Makers being E. Wells.

ATTEND CONVENTION

In attendance at the annual meeting of the Canadian Horticultural Societies held in Toronto last week were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Win. Timbers, and Miss Marjorie Mertens from this district.

FREE SEEDS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Owing to the discontinuance of the school fairs the Horticultural Society are coming forward with a plan to keep up the interest of the children with the growing of flowers. Four rooms in the public school and nine of the surrounding rural schools are being offered seeds. The pupils are to cultivate and exhibit flowers at the local flower show in August. The society are hopeful that a large number of children will avail themselves of this educational program.

Bed Patient Two Years Aids Lions

Lions Club Takes up Challenge of Elwood Fisher to Sell his Gloves in Aid of British War Victims' Fund.

For two long years Elwood Fisher of Gormley has been a bed patient at the San. Gravenhurst, but the ordeal hasn't lessened his loyalty to his country and his desire to do his part.

Accordingly, he has donated a pair of beautiful doeskin gloves, hand made, to be sold for the Telegram British War Victims' Fund. He entrusted the job and the details to the editor of The Tribune, who secured the help of the Stouffville Lions Club.

Each of some 15 members will sell ten tickets at 10c each, this week and the draw will be made at the Lions supper on March 24.

If any Gormley folk wish a ticket contact The Tribune, M.E. Watts, at Silver Bros., or Hugh Bannerman, Stouffville Five to a Dollar Store.

No one will begrudge this fund, 10c, and who is there that does not admire the spirit of that Gormley boy, who though incapacitated to such an extent, has endeavoured to do his part. Your 10c will enable him to realize his full goal.

Cost of the tickets are donated for the sale, every cent counts for the fund, and someone is going to get a \$3.50 pair of hand-made gloves for 10c. Call for a ticket today.

LEAVES FOR HOME

Dr. L. S. Klinck of Vancouver, B.C., left for home on Wednesday evening, via the T.C.A. after spending about ten days in Eastern Canada. Mr. and Mrs. M. Clark of Peterborough and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Klinck of Victoria Square together with the local members of the family enjoyed a happy weekend with their 87-year-old mother on O'Brien Ave.

Dr. Thos. Mitchell will address the congregation at Baker Hill Baptist Church Sunday, March 16th, at 10.30 o'clock.

Jr. Institute meeting on Thursday, March 20, at 2:30 p.m., at home of Mrs. H. Klinck, Mrs. W. Morris and M. Mertens in charge of the program.

She married Victor Smith in 1910, and enjoyed many warm friends to whom she endeared herself.

Make a Drive for Manufactures Urges Gold Fish Co. Head

"What Stouffville needs is a strong energetic committee of business men to place before the proper authorities or industrialists the advantages of this community, in a real effort to attract some industry to our town," thus spoke Mr. George Asten, proprietor of the Stouffville Gold Fish Plant, the only industry of its kind in all of Canada. Mr. Asten was addressing the Lions Club at the Village Inn on Monday evening. He stressed the desire and advantage of making some effort in these days of industrial development to get something for this town. Mr. Asten warned to "strike while the iron is hot." Manufacture of small arms, he pointed out is being spread to the smaller factories, and his own building could accommodate something of the sort, which he said could be arranged without financial benefit to himself. Several thousand feet of floor space is unoccupied at present.

Since the Gold Fish plant was established in this town back in 1929 the firm have spent some \$72,000 in Stouffville. We have had taxes regularly from the plant and hundreds of dollars in arrears when the firm took over here.

Lion M. E. Watts welcomed the speaker and was given the assurance that the business men of the club would give his address serious thought, and consideration. A committee is being named to act in conjunction with Mr. Asten as a "lookout committee."

TURKEY DINNER MARKS ANNIVERSARY

Turkey dinners may be a rarity at this season and something to be had at high-class hotels only, but for some people that is not the experience. Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Win Timbers and Mr. and Mrs. John Timbers enjoyed one of these repasts at the latter's home on the 6th concession of Markham, in honor of a dual wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Win Timbers were celebrating their 25th, and Mr. and Mrs. John Timbers their 19th wedding day.

Highly regarded by a wide circle of friends, now the cat is out of the bag, there'll be plenty of congratulations.

NEWSCASTER TO SPEAK AT UNIONVILLE

The annual banquet of the York County Holstein Club is being held at Agincourt this year, on St. Patrick's night, Monday, March 17th, and according to the directors, there promises to be a record crowd. President Roy Barker of Woodbridge advises us that the committee has secured a guest speaker, the popular radio commentator and newscaster, John Collingwood Reade, who will speak on "Democracy at War."

Entertainment will be provided by a popular comedian of Toronto, playing to this group for the first time, and North York's own, Marie Draper Lyons.

As the speaker must be back to the studio well in advance of his

Stouffville Christian Church Enters 100th Year of Service

To the Congregationalists belong the honor of forming the first church organization in the village, a fact brought to our attention because this present March the church, now the Congregational-Christian body, completes its 99th year, hence a year from now it will be entitled to celebrate 100 years of organized church work.

It was on March 4, 99 years ago that Rev. Ludwig Kribbs, first graduate of the Congregational College of British North America, gathered his people together at the home of Claus Mertens, west of the village. The eight persons who were the constituent members were Rev. Ludwig Kribbs, Hagar Kribbs,

WHITCHURCH YIELDS SIX RED FOXES

While not out definitely gunning for fox, Oliver Yakely of Island Lake district at Church Hill, has shot six foxes this winter and would like to have come across more for the pelts are bringing a little revenue when cash is rather hard to raise in sufficient amount.

Mr. Yakely has joined in many a rabbit hunt in past months, chasing those big fellows which yield a full pot of stew, although he says the meat is a little strong as compared to the cotton tail. "It can best be eaten in rabbit pie," says Oliver who wear a big hunting badge on his hat to show that he is in full possession of a license to carry on.

Most of the fox were taken in the home district in Whitchurch and on the border of Uxbridge township, just a few miles north of Stouffville.

Fire Insurance on School Learned Inadequate

Principal C. E. Watson told members of the School Board on Monday evening that he was convinced this school did not obtain all the grants due us as a school last year, and suggested that a check-up be made. He referred to manual training and household science in particular. Chairman Dr. Freel promises a swift investigation of the matter.

The question of fire insurance again came in for a long discussion by members of the Board. Several improvements have been pointed out by the Underwriters that would enable the board to obtain lower rates, such as having the electric wiring inspected. A. V. Nolan moved that the H.E.P.C. be asked to make the necessary inspection at once. We ought to have it inspected even if we did not receive any insurance benefits, observed the mover.

Later, additional insurance may be added. It is felt by many people that the school is far under-insured. There is \$40,000 on the building and contents that could not be replaced short of double this amount at the lowest estimate.

Salary of the clerk and treasurer was set at \$125, payable in ten payments. Trustee MacLeod favored a salary of \$100, but the larger amount was favored by Trustees Aldred, Turner, Stover and Nolan. They held that Mr. Dougherty was paid \$125 last year, \$100 salary and \$25 honorarium, and if Mr. Dougherty ever returns he would be paid according to the motion now submitted. He has been on the sick list since January 1st, with W. E. Smalley doing the work under Village Clerk George Storey.

"good-night everybody" broadcast, the banquet is called for 6.15 standard or 7.15 daylight time in Heather Hall, Agincourt.

AGED SQUASH MAKES A GOOD PIE

Mr. S. H. Fretz told us something about a Russian squash that most farmers would not credit as being possible. After being in the house for two winters now, one of these "ornamental" squashes was cut up and found to make good pie last week. "It was juicy and perfectly good," said Mr. Fretz who admitted that he never thought it would be fit to eat. The body of the Russian squash is yellow like our pumpkin, but it produces a colorful crown that make it quite a fancy looking vegetable. This particular squash lay under the kitchen lounge for a whole year, and was up on a shelf the year before that, yet it is considered that a squash normally is no use after the first winter.

New Pastor Called from Little Britain

The Christian Church congregations of what is known as the centre field, have extended a call to Rev. Gibson Brown of Little Britain to become pastor of the Ringwood, Bloomington and Altona churches.

The call has been accepted and Mr. Brown will enter on his new duties on April 1st, ending a 4-year-pastorate at Little Britain. During the interval Mr. McLaughlin of Toronto will supply until Mr. Brown's arrival.

Rev. Mr. Brown, a married man, is not an entire stranger to his new congregations, having preached in all three churches on some occasion.

The pastorate has been without a minister since the resignation of Mr. Cockburn last fall.

MRS. ALLEN CLOSSON LAID TO REST HERE

After a long period of trying sickness Mrs. Allen Closson passed from her sufferings on Monday of this week, and was laid to rest this Wednesday afternoon in Stouffville cemetery. Public service was held later at the Christian church where the deceased had long been a member.

Going to Miami this winter proved to be of no benefit to Mrs. Closson and when it was realized that she could not survive her illness, Mr. and Mrs. Closson returned home only a few weeks ago in their motor trailer. She was in her 53rd year, and was a daughter of Robert Winterstein. Besides her husband and only son Donald, two brothers Ross and Joseph Winterstein and her parents survive her.

Mrs. Closson was born in Scott township near Zephyr and was held as a very dear friend in a wide circle of acquaintances.

Township's County Taxes Slightly Down

Whitchurch Township's county taxes for 1941 are down about \$1,000. Reeve Toole pointed out at the monthly meeting on Saturday, when the county tax bill was received. This tax bill is issued much earlier in the year, than the municipalities issue theirs to the taxpayer so that they may know amount to levy for county purposes. As usual the Whitchurch bill showed school taxes looming high. High and Continuation School costs alone run \$7,681, of the total taxes to be paid the county of \$19,157. When public school taxes are added to the secondary school tax it would appear that almost half the taxes paid by farmers are for school purposes. The secondary school tax of \$7,681 is based on the number of pupils from the township taking High School work. The township's share of the county patriotic grant is only \$465.

When the question of renewing the road insurance guarding the township against court action for damages, it was decided to make a change. For some time the A. E. Wilson Co held the insurance, but this year it was turned over to the Norwich Union at a saving of \$32. The premium is \$160. Members pointed out that the company of past years seemed to be a little small in their treatment of minor claims, and refused some compensation that the Continued on page 8