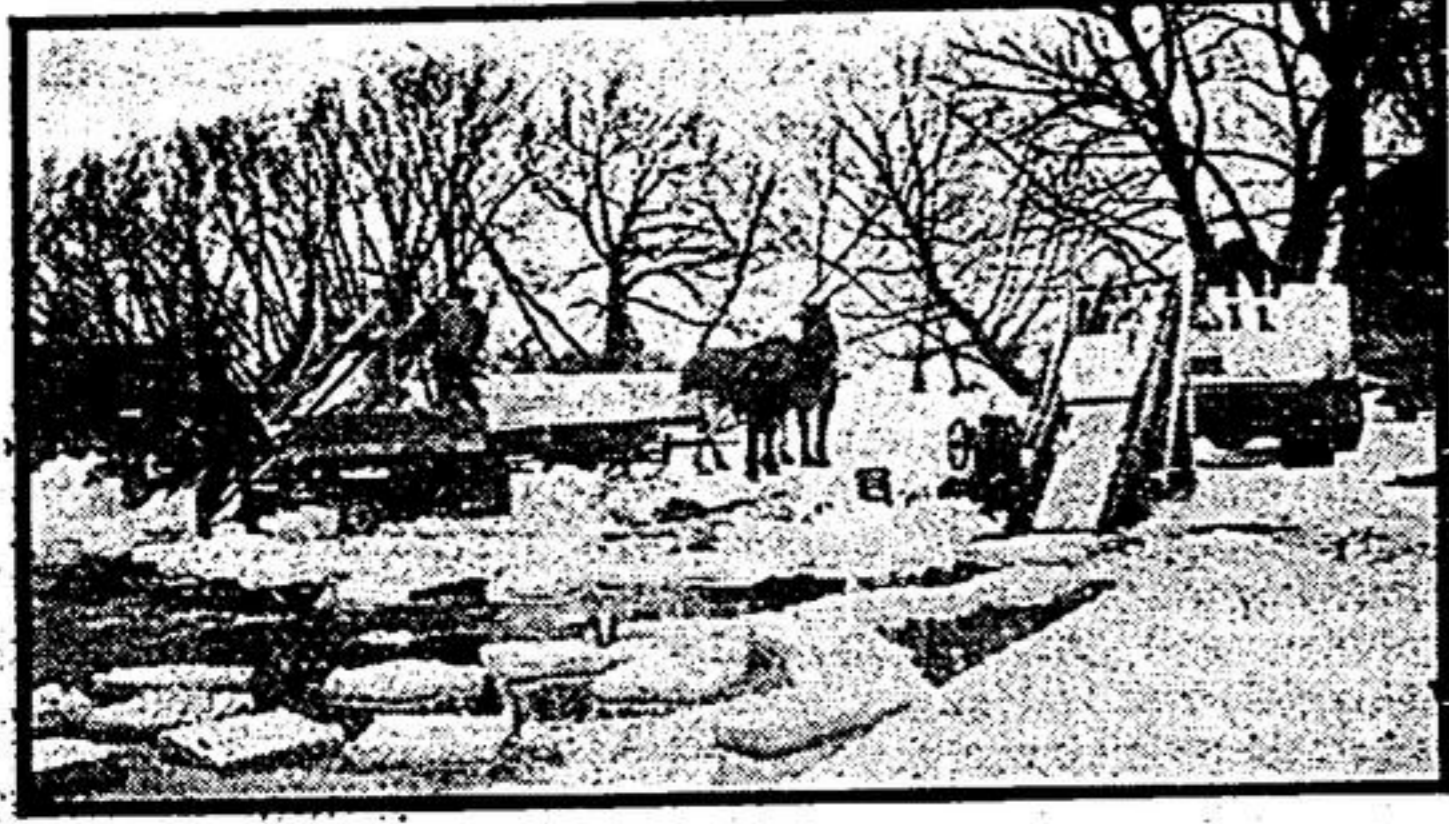


## Local Ice Harvesters Have Big Year at Almira Pond, 1200 Blocks Daily



Markham farmers in the north part of the Township find their chief ice supply at Lehman's pond, Almira. This winter the ice is from 18 to 20 inches thick, cut 18 inches square by a power saw, which is quite a contrast to the old method of hand cutting done only a few years ago. The saw cuts a row of ice, consisting of 70 blocks in two minutes. In the neighborhood of 1200 blocks are

loaded daily, and some of the ice goes as far south as Wexford. Mr. George Hoover of Markham, delivered 6,000 blocks in Markham village, but with the coming of mechanical refrigeration in the larger centres, ice is chiefly used by the dairy farmers.

Picture shows the blocks of ice floating in the water, and the two loaders at work hauling the ice from the pond into waiting trucks.

## Dance Fails to Prove Popular

The Firemen's Ball held last Friday night in Ratcliff's Hall couldn't be termed a roaring success financially, whereas it took one-third of the proceeds to pay hall rent, and still another for the orchestra and incidental expenses, leaving only a slender sum for the Brigade to hand over to the British War Victims' Fund. It seems that when the battle cry of the fire siren sounds, every member of the brigade, if need be, is expected to rally to the call in an all-out effort to lick the fire demon, but when the brigade issued a call to the folks at home for financial help, there is something lacking. When the tables are turned the shoe pinches, to be frank. Probably it wasn't the kind of entertainment you like, and just here the brigade is a little to blame for not offering tickets and a draw. So many people who wouldn't attend a dance under any consideration would have been glad to subscribe a shilling or two to the boys in their effort to raise funds for so laudable a cause, had the right opportunity presented itself. A few people went out of their way to donate their admission fee by calling at the hall, but it was not to be expected that many would do this. Smith's orchestra rendered plenty of music, and many who do not dance were entertained at cards. After all, the great fund to which the proceeds are aimed to help is being made up of small donations and the fire fighters are to be congratulated on their sincere effort to do something toward licking Hitler.

## THIS IS JOHN'S DAY

Our citizen John Gower may be excused for swaggering about the town today, March 27th, in something of a festive mood. He is celebrating his 75th birthday, and feels pretty good about it. Member of a large English family most of whom came to Canada, John was born in Kent County, England. One sister still lives in the homeland, while another is located at Akron, Mich. She married a brother of the late Amos Lehman. Five brothers in Canada are all living excepting William who died in Stouffville in 1932. There survives John of Stouffville, George at Ringwood, Bert and Ernest in Toronto.

## Geo. Davies Suffers Second Serious Accident

Journeying from his home on the ninth concession north of Musselman's Lake to reach the highway over on the 8th concession Mr. George Davies was in a car that was stuck coming around the lake district. He got out to assist his companions, and in some manner received a broken leg. Mr. Davies is still using a crutch from the serious accident he suffered a year ago when he was badly injured in a motor accident. The same leg is broken now that was so badly injured in the first accident. He was rushed to Toronto hospital for treatment.

Sacred Band Concert Sunday night.

## Business Men and Lions Club Urge Support for a Home Re-Union

Stouffville Lions Club at a meeting held Monday evening pledged support to the promotion of a York County Re-union next June 28 to July 6, as a means of helping to maintain the tourist trade for the country, and incidentally aid our war effort by attracting American dollars. The decision was made after Mr. A. H. Wilford, publicity counselor from Toronto, outlined the advantages and the importance of maintaining U.S. exchange at this time. Our tourist trade dropped over two hundred million dollars last year, and we must do our part to regain this. Every tourist is a rolling industry, said Mr. Wilford, and it is a pure business proposition to get every dollar back we can. An Old Boys' Re-union is a thing that attracts. It is not to be trimmed up with calthumpian parades, and all manner of foolery. There is no time for that sort of thing, said the speaker. Frankly, only an honest effort would be made to induce our U. S. friends to visit here this summer and as far as possible to have them come during the week mentioned. We have selected the best imple-

ment to till the soil for this home coming event, he continued, and that is the weekly newspapers of Canada. We have organized now from Collingwood to Picton, from Oakwood to Norwood. Merchants will be asked to buy space in the local paper to promote the scheme and that's all there is to it. A group of business men will pay for a full page ad, one week, another group will look after some other week. These ads will be full of appeal to our cousins across the line. The names of the sponsors will appear on every advertisement. The idea went over like magic, and Reeve Weldon came to his feet supporting the proposal. Wholeheartedly then other councillors said, "It was good." Business men subscribed their support, and a strong committee was named to cooperate with Mr. Wilford in completing the job of lining up every business man and private citizen too who would support the effort. The committee includes: Reeve Weldon, Blake Sanders, F. L. Button, K. C. West, Boardway and Ira Rusnell, all of whom were present and promised to help.

## MAIL RUNS SMOOTHLY AGAIN

Although the dust has been flying along the highway between Stouffville and Toronto for a whole week, with never a shovelful of snow to pass over, things were quite different on some of the sideroads over which our rural mail couriers must operate. Rural route No. 2 out of Stouffville into Whitchurch was not served for a whole week, from Monday March 17 to March 24. Likewise, rural route No. 1 which operates down the 10th of Markham and up the 9th concession, was unable to make the rounds from Monday to Saturday last week. However, with the all-clear signal flying on Monday, farmers are expected from this time forward to receive their letters and papers daily without further interruption.

## RETIRING IN TOWN

The David Rusnell residence on Rupert avenue was sold this week to Mr. Truman Grove of Ringwood who is retiring from the farm at Ringwood immediately after their farm stock sale on April 2. The fine brick residence will make an ideal home for Mr. and Mrs. Grove, equipped as it is with all conveniences, and well located. The two building lots adjoining the residence are still for sale, and interested buyers seeking lots should get in touch with Mr. Ira Rusnell.

## BIG DAY'S WORK FOR AUCTIONEER

Saturday afternoon went fast for Auctioneer Alvin Farmer, when he disposed of two auction sales between two o'clock and 5 o'clock. He disposed of the brick clad house in town on Main St. east having been built two years ago by F. Betz on the west part of the Baptist church lot for \$1800. Mrs. F. W. Silverthorn was the purchaser.

At 2.15 he opened an auction sale on the farm of Anthony Nigh at Gormley and rattled off \$1600 in cash obtaining good prices throughout. The milk cooler realized \$226, Harold Harper of Unionville, being the buyer. The binder went at \$67.50 for the best sale in implements. Orla Hisey took the top priced cow at \$90, while the young bull sold for \$69.

## LOOSE WASTE PAPER

Since it has been impossible to secure the necessary assistance for the collection of paper and preparation for disposal of loose waste paper, this work is being given up. Paper placed in the M.B.C. sheds has been disposed of, and the public are asked to leave no more there. Household-ers and others are urged, however, to save and tie into bundles old newspapers and books. Have them ready for the next collection in Stouffville, notice of which will be duly announced.

## Funeral of Jesse Cook Attended By Many County Dignitaries

Probably the largest funeral ever held in Stouffville within a decade was accorded the late Jesse Cook here on Tuesday afternoon. Large representation of York County Council and county officials attended in a body, while friends came from all over the surrounding district to fill the United Church beyond its seating capacity. Rev. L. E. Atkinson preached the funeral sermon using the familiar text, "In my Father's House are Many Mansions." The speaker referred to the intimacy which he had enjoyed with deceased for more than forty years.

The news of Mr. Cook's death fairly stunned his friends when it became generally known on Sunday that he had passed away Saturday evening, March 22. He has been confined to his home in town for weeks and had had pneumonia, but was considered well on the way to recovery. In fact the day of his death was one of his best. He sat up much of the time, and in the evening had been sitting up listening to a hockey broadcast when a strange illness passed over him. He was assisted from the chair to his bed, when he lapsed into unconsciousness and died within a few moments. Immediate cause of death was a thrombosis.

Born in Scarborough Township 58 years ago, a son of the late John Cook, he lived in Whitchurch Township for more than 40 years. He had served on the Whitchurch Township council for seven years and was in his fifth year as deputy reeve. He took a prominent part in the life of the community and was a member of the I.O.O.F., Richardson Masonic Lodge, and the Stouffville Lion Club. He was also a director of the Markham Fair Board, and of Stouffville Brier Bush Hospital board, and was a member of the sub-committee of the Agriculture and Reforestation of York County Council.

Mr. Cook was a member of the United Church. He was married twice, his first wife being Esther Stouffer, a member of one of the pioneer families of Whitchurch. He is survived by his widow, formerly Marjorie Stewart, to whom she was married one year ago on Monday and one sister, Mrs. E. Gayman, of Stouffville.

## SACRED BAND CONCERT

The Junior Brass Band will render a sacred concert next Sunday evening, March 30, at 8:30 p.m. in the Stanley Theatre. There will be community singing and all are invited to attend. Silver collection, in aid of band funds now in need of help.



The Late Jesse Cook

## \$20 For Telegram War Victims' Fund

When a man who has been in the hospital on his back for two long years can start something that raises \$20.00 for the Telegram War Victims' Fund, what might a man in good health and on his feet be able to do? Well, you figure it out, but here's what Elwood Fisher, patient in the Gravenhurst San. did.

He had been taught the art of glove making long before the war broke out, and recently forwarded a pair to the editor of this paper requesting that we make some effort to sell them, and pass the money over to the Telegram, or any fund we thought worthy.

The newspaper approached the Stouffville Lions Club, who were glad to help and sold tickets for a draw, thus on Monday night \$20.00 was turned over to the editor to be forwarded to the Telegram.

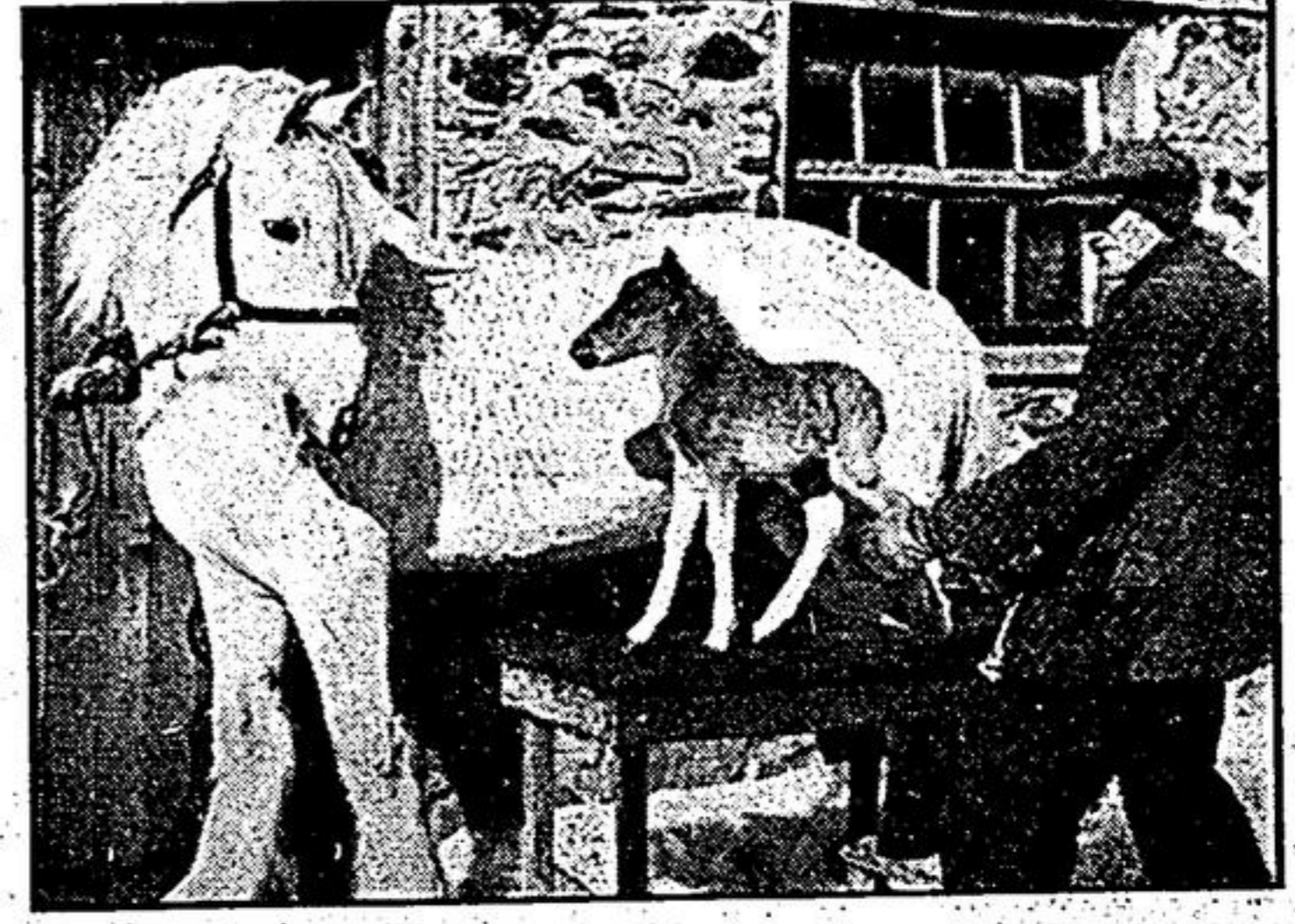
Mrs. Blake Sanders held the lucky ticket, and as the gloves are for a lady, she may treasure them as a tailor-made pair from genuine doekskin.

The sale of tickets realized \$16.00, and business men chipped in a little to raise the sum to an even twenty. Elwood Fisher, son of the village smithy at Gormley, has our sincere thanks for his thoughtful effort.

## WAR BRANCH NOTES

Mrs. George Saunders, Mrs. G. Kellington, Mrs. E. J. Davey, attended the Directors' Meeting of the Women's Institute, held at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, on Wednesday.

## "Mike" the Big Gray Shows Unusual Interest in His Young Stable Mate



Out at the Morris farm on the townline just east of town, there may be seen this colt reputed to be the smallest thing of its kind in all Ontario. The pony weighed only 26 pounds at one day old when The Tribune snapped this picture, but that is ten days ago, and it now weighs 29 pounds.

The wee colt shown here fills the big farm gelding with mingled curiosity, as Mr. Morris lifted the new arrival onto the table to have its picture taken. The pony frisks about like any other horse or colt, has feet

and hoofs resembling a sheep in size and slenderness.

The mother is a registered Shetland, Real Delight of Linwood, while sire is Midnight of Pittsford.

The mother is blind and spends her time in a box stall. The morning the colt arrived Bill Morris fed her, and didn't see the young offspring, which went unnoticed for a couple of hours until Mr. Morris' father happened to make his morning call looking over the stock, and there stood the little fellow on all fours, wobbly, but determined. Today it is smart on foot.

## A \$5,500 AUCTION

Farm stock sales have been more numerous this spring than for some seasons past. One of the largest sold by A. S. Farmer was held last Friday on the Crichton farm in the south end of Scarborough on Eglinton avenue. The crowd was enormous and the sales amounted to a total of \$5,500. The farm is being dismantled by army workman for factory use. Horses improved in price over many other sales, when a gelding sold for \$135, and his mate \$105; a black horse, 11 years for \$100, and a bay gelding for \$92.50. The high priced cow demanded \$108, while the average for the fine herd of Holsteins was \$81. The tractor was knocked down at \$305. Bell & Sons of Scarborough, bought the milking machine for \$220. Hay, baled, brought \$10.50 a ton and straw \$6, oats 36 1/2 c. bus., barley 57. The sale opened at 12.15 and the last sale was made at 5.15.

## VETERAN MENNONITE PASTOR DEAD, AGED 87

An active clergyman of Mennonite Brethren in Christ church for approximately 40 years prior to his retirement 13 years ago, Rev. Peter Cober, 87, died Sunday at his home in Kitchener.

His last surviving sister, Mrs. Abram Witmer, died a few hours earlier at her home in Victoria, B.C. Rev. Mr. Cober entered the ministry in 1881 and was ordained in 1884. His early years as a clergyman were spent in Michigan and Indiana. In addition he served several churches in Ontario. Prior to his retirement, Rev. Mr. Cober was presiding elder of the M.B.C. church for ten years.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Cober, deceased was born on May 7, 1853, in Pustishin township. In 1876 he married Martha Steinbacher, who predeceased him in 1935. Rev. Mr.

## Markham Prepares to Enter Junior Finals

Set Back by Parry Sound 7-5, But Win Round 12-10, Await the Winner of Thorold-Bolton Series

Packing all their power into a rally which carried them into a 7-5 victory over Markham in the Junior "C" semi-finals, Parry Sound still fell two short of winning the round, and overcoming the 7-3 triumph Markham had chalked up in their initial game.

Parry Sound opened up the first period with an assault which netted them two goals, Napp and Horeck scoring. Laurie and Rowe tied the score for Markham in the second, but then the Sound threw their heaviest punch, raising their total to five with two by Waldrif and one by Napp, and emerged from the second round in full command.

Seeing victory within almost their grasp, Parry Sound threw caution to the wind but while they attempted to keep up a concerted barrage on Harper in the Markham net, Laurie and Rowe, sped away to raise their count by two once more, making the score 5-4. However the northerners would not be held off and Napp and Russell found the mark twice more, while Bangay finished the scoring for Markham.

Cober was noted in the ministry for his cheerful disposition.

Surviving are three sons, Vernon L. of Kitchener, Wilfred A. of Buffalo, N.Y., and Milton S. of Kitchener, three daughters, Mrs. Allen Good, Conestogo, Mrs. Harvey Stauffer of Kitchener and Mrs. William G. Waldron of Brantford.

## May be an Election in Whitchurch Township to Fill Deputy's Post

The death of Deputy Reeve Jesse Cook leaves a vacancy in Whitchurch township council which will have to be filled in the usual way as that followed for January elections. At the proper time Clerk John Crawford will issue a proclamation calling for a nomination meeting, (without the customary public meeting that follows nominations.) If more than the necessary candidate to fill the office is nominated, and stands there, will be a contest for the vacancy. If one person can be decided on, then an acclamation would be in order. It is rather noteworthy that this council has sat continuously since January 1937 without a break in the personnel, until now when the Grim Reaper has taken his toll.

In January 1937 Reeve Toole was elected and he had with him George Leary, Herman Kidd, Herb. Wells, and Deputy Reeve Cook. In 1938, 1939, and 1940, they received acclamations. The council received a further acclamation in 1941, when Reeve Toole had a contest which returned him with the biggest majority recorded in many years. Speculation is now going on as to what move will be made by the ratepayers to fill the vacancy which death alone has caused. Will one of the present councillors step forward to the deputy reeveship leaving a vacancy on the council for a new face, or will the members elect to remain where they are and permit a new man to step in for deputy reeve?