

# The Stouffville Tribune

Leading Weekly for Whitchurch, Markham, Pickering and Uxbridge Twps.

EIGHT PAGES

VOL. 51, No. 15.

The Tribune, Stouffville, Ontario, Thursday, July 17, 1941.

## Appeal to Farmers to Solve Weed Problem Due to Labor Shortage

Grappling with the weed question and the scarcity of help to cut them, Whitchurch council on Saturday issued an appeal to all farmers who are in a position to cut the weeds on the road side abutting their properties to immediately get in touch with the road foreman on the beat, who would authorize them to cut the weeds, for which the township would be willing to pay. Farmers must consult their road foreman first, or the road superintendent.

If farmers can find time to handle their individual situation, a serious weed menace may be abated, was the opinion of Reeve Toole who said the problem due to shortage of help was really bad.

The question was introduced by Councillor Ed. Logan who declared that weeds were growing higher than the fences, and that farms once clean were being overrun. "We have a weed inspector, but in my own division where we once had no weeds, today chickory overruns some fields," declared Mr. Logan.

He thought it was only a waste of time to run the mower along cutting a swath on either side the road, and the rest is let go until it is a disgrace.

"It is up to the road foremen," said Councillor Wells. Then Reeve Toole explained that road foremen, and weed inspector were anxious to have the weeds cut but they cannot get the help. "It is purely a labor problem, and I suggest that we enlist the help of every farmer where weeds are bad surrounding or fronting his property," said Mr. Toole.

Council gave some consideration to the tax rate that will be struck at a special meeting later in the month. There is a reduction of half a mill, or about \$1300 in county taxation this year, which members all expressed their hope to pass on to the tax payers by way of a half mill reduction in the rate. This is not assured yet, as the budget is not ready, but it is a hope and the aim of the members.

"I think it would be a fine thing and a credit to the council, if we can give this small reduction in the face of increased costs all along the line," said Reeve Toole.

The meeting was one of the lightest of the year. The clerk was instructed to notify the assessor to assess the lake areas before the end of August.

Councillor Wells renewed the suggestion that taxes be collected in two instalments, allowing a discount for early tax payments. This would reduce bank interest, and turn the saving over to the farmers for early tax payments.

Reeve Toole who is quite favorable to the idea, said he doubted if the clerical work that would be involved could be readily handled at this time.

Council urged the road superintendent to make all haste in finishing the oiling and dust layer. Mr. Widdifield said they had been held up for material, but it would be completed promptly. 1200 gallons of oil and 25 tons of calcium is required for the township.

In addition to a list of road accounts ordered paid the following general bills were passed:

J. Crawford, postage	\$9.00
J. Williamson estate	32.75
Dr. McPherson, services	25.00
Mrs. Graves, nursing	10.00
Newmarket Era, Adv.	62
Aurora, for fighting fire	40.00
R. Andres, fighting fire	40.00
Hospitalization	214.42

## BUYS GROCERY BUSINESS IN BRADFORD

Mr. Bert Carpenter has purchased a grocery business in the village of Bradford. Recently Bert has been employed at Connor's bakery, Clarendon, and before that was clerk in Ratcliff's store. His accommodating manner and genial disposition is sure to win him success. Ultimately it will mean the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and Marie from our town, and this we will all regret.

## BIRTHS

Grove—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Monday, July 14th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grove, Dickson Hill, a daughter.

James—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Friday, July 11, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar James, R.R.1., Pickering, a daughter.

## COMPLETES BRILLIANT YEAR



Congratulations to Miss Lois Kester who obtained first class honors at McMaster University. She has just completed her first year in Honor Mathematics and Physics.

## CLIFF. WOODCOCK WEDS BUTTONTVILLE GIRL

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the United Church Manse, Markham, on Wednesday, July 9th, when Aleatha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Thompson became the bride of Harry Clifford Woodcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodcock of Markham and formerly of Stouffville. Rev. B. E. Newnham performed the ceremony.

The bride wore powder blue with white accessories and was attended by her cousin Miss Grace Bell of Stouffville. Mr. Gordon Craig of Markham acted as best man. After a reception at the home of the bride at Buttonville, the happy couple left on a trip to Prince Edward Island and Kingston. On their return they will live in Markham.

## "Bug" Five Acres in Sixty Minutes up on Ballantrae Farm

Seven acres of late potatoes on the farm of Thos. Simpson, Ballantrae, were treated to the powder for killing bugs and insects on the crop in a shorter time than anything ever seen in the district before. Mr. Simpson engaged Gordon Rynard of Zephyr to do the work with his new powder duster, at a cost to Mr. Simpson of 50c per acre.

Mr. Rynard's powder duster is used on the tractor. This is a very efficient machine that will dust 6 rows at a time. This means about five acres an hour where rows are a fair length.

Dusting is done at night when the dew is on and when there is little or no wind. The first material used is a composition similar to Bordeaux plus poison. The Bordeaux controls blight and is a repellant against leaf hoppers while the poison controls the potato beetle.

Unless the potato crop is sufficiently covered with bordeaux throughout the season the yield is cut considerably from loss by blight and other diseases and hence the percentage of marketable potatoes is decreased. It cannot be emphasized too much that quality is very important to bring Ontario potatoes in equal competition with Maritime potatoes.

## SCHOOL TO CLOSE WITH PUBLIC SERVICE

The annual Bible School at Glasgow opened on Monday last week will continue at the church until July 18. Daily session from 9 to 11 are held. There will be a public program on Friday, July 18, beginning at 7:45 when the work accomplished will be displayed. This special evening is for all the parents and friends, and Mr. Gordon Schrag, director, promises a profitable and interesting evening. The enrolment at the school has been slightly below that of other years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Shaffer of Bethesda spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Spence, Baker Avenue.

## Cement Contractor Resented Comment on Our Sidewalks

The outburst in this paper last week against the manner in which sidewalks have been laid in this town over recent years, was deeply resented by one of our cement men. Mr. Harry Burgess, the man employed on many of the walks constructed, who naturally had a deep interest in what was printed.

He considered our criticism detrimental to his work, and of such a nature as to leave the impression that the cement man was to blame for the faulty walks in town.

Mr. Burgess pointed out that he had been in town now 29 years, and had always paid his way, and is entitled to better treatment. He pointed out that the bad walks while put down by him were not due to faulty construction on his part at all. In the case of shelling off the new cement in front of Harry Paisley's Mr. Burgess says the calcium washed off the road and eat into the new cement.

The bad walks on Church street next to O'Neill's furniture store was put down when George Dowswell was in the council and in charge of walks. Mr. Burgess made the walk, but the two men who mixed the cement were absent minded and even mixed water and gravel forgetting the cement on one or two mixes. Time was when councils have not paid a fair enough price to obtain first class work, and prided themselves in the cheap walk they were able to lay. We know now it was a mistake for some councillor to lay claim that he laid the walks at the cheapest price per foot ever put down here. He may have been entitled to his boast but he probably was laying the poorest walks in town too.

However, in fairness to Harry Burgess and to the sitting council, there is a new walk just completed on south Church street which Mr. Burgess put down, and there has been no haggling about price, the cement man having full sway. Mr. Burgess says there will be no trouble with that walk and until someone can prove otherwise we are going to give him credit for a first class job.

It would be a good thing, perhaps, if council would let a sizeable contract for pavement, successful tenderer to put up reasonable guarantee for one season after the walk is down, that the work will stand. We may pay a little more, but if Mr. Burgess is correct, we should pay more for we must have some guarantee that these walks will be serviceable for a number of years. If they do not crumble the first two seasons, then they will wear for 25 years.

## LOCAL LAD OVERSEAS BEST MAN AT WEDDING

An event of interest to a number of our farming community will take place in a small Kentish town in England this month when Fred Crittle who was formerly employed in this district will wed an English girl from his home village. As best man for the occasion he will have Pte. Bruce Lintner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Lintner, of Stouffville, who arrived overseas a few months ago. Fred was employed for quite a number of years on farms close to town, including Cliff. Lemon, and Watson Fairlies.

## Son of Former Bank Manager Wed

In the Church of Christ, Selkirk, an interesting wedding took place on Wednesday evening, July 2nd, when Madelyn Edith, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Madill Hoover, Selkirk, and Mr. William Elmer Still, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer M. Still of Orangeville were united in marriage by Rev. Lloyd Hustler.

The church was decorated with roses and delphinium. The bride wore a sheer blue wool doucne, with shoulder bouquet of Briercliffe roses, and large white hat.

Miss Doris Gee was bridesmaid, and wore sheer crepe, with corsage bouquet of Briercliffe roses and white hat.

Mr. Ross Hoover, brother of the bride, was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony. The bride's mother received in white with white hat. The groom's mother also wore white and white hat.

After a short honeymoon, the couple will reside in Toronto.

## Ringwood Brothers in Uniform



From left to right they are Pte. George Abell, an English comrade, and brother, Corp. Robert Abell. The Abell brothers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Abell of Ringwood. George is attached to the Ordinance Corps and has been in England now for some time, where the above photo was taken. As a part-time transport driver he tells us of several narrow escapes he had during the heavy air-raids of the early spring. On one occasion a heavy bomb struck quite near, as he was guiding his transport loaded with troops, through the darkness. The explosion overturned the truck, killing several of the men. George escaped without a scratch. In another instance, he describes having every window in his barracks blown out, and to this he says, "We just boarded them up and went on as usual." He tells us that England's facilities for handling the great system of transport which they have is amazing. One repair shop alone, where he was first stationed had capacity for 5,000 vehicles. Bob Abell who not long ago was raised to the rank of Corporal, is with the Dental Corps and is stationed at Newmarket.

## Madill Reunion Still Popular Event

Fifth Reunion at Stouffville Attracts Descendants from New Brunswick

One hundred and twenty-five members of the Madill clan met in Stouffville Memorial Park for their fifth annual reunion last week. Coming the greatest distance for the event were Mr. and Mrs. P. Madill, of Omaha, N. B. Others present were from Detroit, Charlton, Barrie, Cookstown, Alton, Port Credit, Malton, Clarendon, Tottenham, Toronto, Mount Albert and Sandford.

Mrs. Theo. Madill, of Stouffville, won the prize for the oldest woman present, and Wixon Madill, of Altona, the oldest man. Baby Robinson, of Cookstown, was the youngest child. F. C. Madill, Toronto, former school teacher and editor in Stouffville was re-elected president. Other officers are John Madill, Stouffville, and E. Madill, Port Credit, hon. presidents; Mrs. G. Smith, Sandford, secretary treasurer.

## Found Unconscious Goodwood Citizen Passed Away

Seen by friends in the village of Goodwood around five o'clock on Wednesday night last week, Newton Brignall was found in an unconscious condition on the floor of the United Church at six o'clock by his daughter Mrs. Walter Bryan. She had gone to summons him to his tea. Help was quickly summoned and he was taken home, never to regain consciousness. He passed away the next day, death being due to a stroke.

A resident of Uxbridge and Pickering all his life, he was born near Brougham in 1869, and at the age of 35 years married Frances Smith, a Toronto girl. They farmed in Pickering, and for a good many years in the Siloam district of Uxbridge. Twelve years ago at the time of his wife's death, he came to Goodwood. He was caretaker of the church, and was regarded as a quiet, likeable man, highly esteemed by everybody.

Two sons born to this union are both dead, but there survives a daughter (Edna) Mrs. Bryan, who cared for the father during his declining years. Two brothers living are Benjamin and John Brignall, and two sisters are Mrs. R. Brown and Mrs. Nelson Ledgett, both of Toronto.

The funeral last Saturday took place from the late home to the United Church for service, thence proceeded to Hartman cemetery for interment. The service was taken by Rev. J. Ostrum of Georgetown, assisted by Mr. R. Williams, mission pastor at Goodwood. Many old friends assembled to pay their farewell respects to an old friend, and floral pieces further attributed to the friendships he enjoyed. Pall bearers were Messrs. Fred Robinson, George Stewart, Jos. Crawford, Bert Staley, Ernie Morganson, F. A. Forsyth,

## No Protection for Rabbits or Goats in Sheep and Dog Act

Clark Bunker and his young son raise quite an output of rabbits at their small farm on the 10th concession of Markham, and a few nights ago a stray dog, or perhaps a canine owned right in the neighborhood, got into the pens and destroyed five big fellows, and injured three or four others. The rabbits are raised for meat, for which there is a ready market, and in these times a great deal more of this kind of meat could be made use of, when there is such a cry to conserve beef and pork for export.

Hugh Boyd, township sheep valuer, was appealed to to ascertain if compensation could be obtained for this "live stock" destroyed by dogs. However, the Sheep and Dog Act only provides compensation for sheep and cattle and their young. The Act might well be enlarged to cover goats and rabbits raised for market purposes and properly confined in pens. There are some valuable goat herds in this locality, and one of these days a dog may cause serious loss, although a goat is not so docile as sheep, and will drive the average dog to cover.

No one could hardly blame the law makers for overlooking protection for rabbits for after all who could blame a dog for chasing a rabbit, when he has been taught to do it since time immemorial, and who ever thought of compensation for the rabbit. Raising bunnies in pens for marketable meat rather alters the situation.

## ON THE BOWLING GREENS

First and second prize winners for the men's doubles tournament on the local bowling greens on Tuesday evening were won by local rinks. Other prize winners were Newmarket and Toronto. W. R. Sanders and James H. Ratcliff took first prize and M. E. Watts and Fred Caruthers second. Nine of sixteen rinks entered had local players.

## TUESDAY EVENING SHOWER

A host of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Button on Tuesday evening to tender their daughter, Miss Janet Button, a shower on the eve of her approaching marriage.

## NEW SERVICE TRUCK

O'Neill's funeral establishment has just purchased a natty gray service van or truck for their funeral work, to be used in conjunction with the up-to-date hearse now being used at all funerals. The body is finished in the new gray shade, which is becoming as popular as black.

## ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Frances Beatrice, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mustard, Unionville, to Frederick George Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bartlett, Markham Township. The marriage will take place July 26th, at her home.

## "Miss Cedar Beach" to be Crowned Aug. 4th

Net Proceeds to Go to Red Cross Bomb Victims' Fund

The crowning of "Miss Cedar Beach" for 1941 will be the feature of a grand program to be staged at Cedar Beach, Musselman's Lake on Civic Holiday, August 4th. Fifty dollars will go to the lucky lady while those placing second and third will receive, \$15 and \$10. Already a considerable number of entries have been received from the ranks of the girls already entered in the Toronto Police Contests to pick, "Miss Toronto," to be held this Saturday. To be eligible for the Musselman's Lake show girls must be 16 or over and single. Any entries in the city contest are eligible except this year's winner.

In addition to the bevy of beautiful damsels to be seen at the Beach on the holiday there will be an amateur show open to all, with the option of a rehearsal prior to the big day. Novelty events will also be provided for the entertainment of the thousands expected to gather at Stouffville's resort.

The entire net proceeds for the affair will go to the Canadian Red Cross Bomb Victims Fund. Entries should be sent to R. Armstrong, 10 Avion Street, Toronto.

## WORST STORM IN YEARS

The worst electrical rain storm in years passed over Stouffville Wednesday afternoon, destroyed a transformer on Montreal street and put the hydro out of service for a short time as a result. The deluge of rain was accompanied by hail, which might do crop damage in the outlying district. It was so dark for an hour that without lights household duties could not be carried on.

## Pair Remanded on Serious Charge

Appearing in Newmarket police court two Toronto men, Harry Muir and Thomas Wright, were remanded until August 12 to answer a charge of manslaughter.

The charge is that they "by wilful misconduct while driving an automobile on the ninth concession of Whitchurch did unlawfully cause the death of James Thomas, of Toronto" Constable Robert Windsor investigated the accident, which happened on July 7, at Church Hill.