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## Another Robbery is Narrowly Averted as Shouts Frighten Thieves

Frightened Before Merchant Got His Gun Out.

About four-thirty a.m. on Friday morning Roy Curtis who lives over his gents' furnishing store on Main street almost directly opposite the fire hall and clock tower, was awakened by a strange noise, which he quickly realized was caused by someone attempting to force the store door beneath his rooms. Mr. Curtis called, and the would-be robbers made a quick get away in a car parked at the curb. However, Mr. Curtis got a fair glimpse of two forms running for the car and pulling away quickly in a light colored car.

The milk men making their rounds just at this time and a short time earlier noticed the light colored car standing at the curb farther west, and while taking special note of it, presumed it belonged to a local garage man, and so failed to take down the license number.

The door on Curtis' store showed seventeen marks made by the "jimmy" used in the effort to force an entrance, but stout locks and a substantially built door would not have stood them off had not Mr. Curtis frightened them away. More than one merchant has equipped himself with a rifle, including Mr. Curtis, but in the excitement he neglected to arm himself before giving any alarm.

County police expressed the opinion that the same gang that stole several thousand dollars worth of cloth from John Monkhouse's recently may be implicated, despite the fact that some of the party suspected of this robbery are now in jail on another charge.

## STATIONED AT FINGAL



Leland Fairies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fairies who reside on the townline, just east of Stouffville is in training at the No. 4 bombing and gunnery school, of the R.C.A.F. at Fingal, Ontario.

## MARKHAM FARM SOLD TO CHIEF CORONER

The William Heise farm on the 4th concession of Markham just north of Victoria Square has just been sold by the owner to Dr. Smirlie Lawson intends to remodel and for Ontario. A beautiful location in a choice section of the province Dr. Lawson intends to remodel and beautify the place in a marked way. Since purchasing the farm two or three years ago Mr. Heise has worked it in conjunction with his home acres just west of the Square.

## Council Dealt With Various Problems on Monday

The hydro man, N. E. Byer took exception before village council on Monday evening to a recent resolution passed which instructed him to make all purchases for the hydro, through the municipal office, instead of placing orders direct. Mr. Byer said he had a free hand for 16 years, and rather resented the change imposed. Reeve Weldon said he was not present when the resolution was passed some months ago, and was not in a position to debate the issue. Acting reeve Brown thought the idea behind the change of having the town clerk place all orders for material was that he might check the incoming material and be in a position to know something about the bills council is called upon to pay for hydro equipment.

Mr. Byer maintained he often wanted material in a great hurry and to bother ordering through the clerk would cause a loss of time. It was agreed that all orders placed by Mr. Byer direct would be made in duplicate, one for the clerk. This would appear to nullify the resolution Mr. Byer objected to, but nothing was done to cancel the original motion.

A grant of \$200 was made to the Athletic Park Committee, this being the annual amount given for this purpose.

Residents on south Church street will be notified that drain pipes from roofs of houses must not be emptied on the cement sidewalk or in such a manner at the base of the walks as to cause damage to the cement recently put down.

The new walk on Mill street running the depth of the Shaw block cost the ratepayers \$200, and the account was ordered paid on the understanding that open joints would be corked with tar or some other similar substance.

Hydro for the month of August ran \$980.78, an account which is paid monthly without the necessity of a resolution from the council.

## Pied Piper Needed to Lead Rats from Headford Dump

Reeve Rennie of Markham vainly longed for a Pied Piper on Monday afternoon as he presided over the monthly meeting of Markham township council, who were told of hoards of rats overrunning the dumping ground at Headford on the 3rd concession. A petition signed by residents of the district implored council to take some action to remedy the condition. It is alleged that people dump rotten fruit, dead chickens, dogs and cats there, while Clerk Charles Hoover stated that he had visited the place only a month ago, and saw rotten peaches.

"We can't tolerate it," said Reeve Rennie, and Deputy Reeve Charles Hooper suggested that signs be put up. Councillor W. L. Clark declared that immediate action must be taken to clean up the situation. "The first thing is to erect signs forbidding the dumping of all vegetable" (Continued on page eight)

## Markham Fair is Big Event Despite Poor Weather Throughout

### Noted Artist Dead, Uncle of Local Lady

John W. Beatty, R.C.A., head of the department of drawing and painting at the Ontario College of Art for many years, and uncle of Mrs. C. E. MacLeod of Stouffville, died last Friday. A noted artist, he



had at least one pupil from this town in Miss Edna Hoover, who took lessons for some time from him.

Mr. Beatty, who was one of the most beloved members of the O.C.A. staff, and a gifted and devoted artist, was one of Canada's official painters in the last Great War, being relieved temporarily of his O.C.A. duties to engage upon this commission. He was also a veteran of the Riel Rebellion of 1885, having fought as a boy in the engagements of Cut Knife Creek and Batoche.

Born in Toronto in 1869, he began his art studies under the late J. W. L. Forster, and under J. C. Reid, at the Central Ontario School of Art and Industrial Design while he was in the Fire Department.

After his return to Toronto he joined the staff of the Central Ontario School of Art, and since 1912 had been associated with the O.C.A., continuing there actively until a week before the closing of the spring term.

Although in frail health he directed, from his bed for the most part the classes at the summer school in Port Hope, in the direction of which he had been a constantly moving spirit.

### OUTSTANDING VIOLINIST AND EVANGELIST AT SECOND MARKHAM CHURCH

Revival services will be held in the Second Markham Baptist Church from Sunday October 12 to Sunday October 26. Evangelist Arthur Smith of Toronto, will preach on Sunday at 11 a.m. and at 7 p.m. Week night services at 7 p.m., excepting Saturdays. Mr. Smith is a noted violinist of exceptional ability.

## These Boys Depend On You for Xmas

The appeal for funds from the Veterans' Comfort Fund has been meeting with very gratifying response, but even more is needed if every boy from Stouffville now in England is to receive a parcel of Christmas cheer. Surely the letters received from these boys, and published from time to time is sufficient persuasion to contribute to this appeal. Each week come new letters and cards of gratefulness from these lads of ours. Their Christmas depends on you, won't you make it a little brighter by helping to send them a small treat from home.

Imagine yourself in their place and just think what a joy it would be to know that the folks back home were thinking about you. Time is short, as these parcels must be away within the next couple of weeks.

Below we publish a list of those to whom these parcels will be sent:

B94695, Pte. Fred G. Madill, No. 2 Army Field Workshop, R.C.O.C., Canadian Army Overseas.

B.73095, Sgt. Morley E. Pugh, 4th Canadian Recce. Br., P.L.D.G., "A" Sqd. 7th Tp., Canadian Army Overseas.

B97162, Pte. W.H. Lewis, Holding Unit H.Q.A.D., R.C.O.C., Canadian Army Overseas.

B67852, Pte. Bruce Lintner, c/o Hdqts. 'A' Group, Holding Unit, R.R. of C. Canadian Army Overseas.

B28315, Spr. W. G. Lehman, 1st Corps Field Park Co., Royal Canadian Engineers, Canadian Army Overseas.

B94419, Pte. Geo. Abell, No. 2 Army Field Workshop, R.C.O.C., Canadian Army Overseas.

B67835, Pte. Fred Castle, Royal Regt. of Canada, No.1 Co. Holding Unit, Canadian Army Overseas.

R.63960, a/c S. M. Sinclair, 401 Squadron, R.C.A.F.; C.A.S.F., Canadian Airforce Overseas.

B32739, Pte. O. Larkin, Sec. D., 1st Cdn. Troop Carrying Co., R.C.A.S.C., Canadian Army Overseas.

B32322, Spr. A. Maskell, No. 1 Holding Unit, Royal Canadian Engineers, Canadian Army Overseas.

B63879, Rfn. J. R. Smith, 1st Batt., Queen's Own Rifles, Canadian Army Overseas.

B34736, Pte. L. P. Pugh, No. 1 Holding Unit, No. 2 Coy. R.C.A.S.C., Canadian Army Overseas.

B34777, Pte. G. B. Draper, No. 1 Holding Unit, R.C.A.S.C., Canadian

### FRACTURED ANKLE ON STAIRS

In the home of her sister Mrs. Clare Bolender, Miss Elizabeth Wideman fell on the stairs and received a fracture of both bones of the ankle last Friday. Daughter of a pioneer family of the late Martin Wideman, the unfortunate lady will have the sympathy of her wide circle of friends. She is being nursed at the Brierbush hospital in town.

### Regular Baptists Hold Convention

The Rural District Association of Regular Baptist churches met in Stouffville for their annual fall convention on Wednesday last week. The moderator, Rev. J. Fullard, Evangelist John Raymond Hand, Bible teacher and author of Philadelphia, was guest speaker at both afternoon and evening sessions. Mrs. J. Byers, Orillia, was soloist. Rev. Duncan McGregor, of Stouffville, gave the address of welcome and Rev. John Byers, Orillia, and Rev. Roy Hisey, Fenelon Falls, assisted in the services. Delegates were present from Bobcaygeon, Lindsay, Scotch Line, Orillia, Cannington, Sunderland, Fenelon Falls, Baker Hill and 1st Markham. An invitation to hold the spring convention in Fenelon Falls was accepted.

### ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William Eckardt of Stouffville wish to announce the engagement of his daughter Elsie Ruth to Leonard Maxwell, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Adams of Belleville. The marriage to take place the latter part of October at the home of her parents.

Army Overseas.

B. 73405, Sgt. P. Pipher, No. 7 Coy., Canadian Corps, Canadian Army Overseas.

Capt. N. C. Smith, 2nd. Light Field Amb., 1st Can. Tank Brigade, Canadian Army Overseas.

B96941, Pte. D. Edwards, "2 Divisional Section, No. 1 Reception No. 1 Reception Camp, Canadian Army Overseas.

Sergt-Pilot Alfred Thomas, Canadian Airforce Overseas.

## Farm Team Wreck Passing Car

Grant Morley escaped serious injury the other evening when a couple of horses crashed into the Morley automobile on the 6th concession and badly damaged the body of the car.

Grant, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morley, was driving just opposite the gateway on the Almour Clarke farm, when several horses came racing out the lane, apparently being pursued by the dog endeavouring to head them off. Two of them plunged right into the windshield, completely wrecking the front part of the car, and it injured one horse, while the other animal appeared only stunned. The driver made a marvelous escape from serious injury. Car damage will run into a few hundred dollars it is estimated.

Rev. W. E. Smalley was called to Chatsworth, near Owen Sound, today, (Thursday) to conduct the funeral of Robert Howey, Warden of Grey County eighteen years ago.

## What Have You Done About It?

The Stouffville Red Cross branch embracing the territory of north Markham and South Whitchurch as well as all the village of Stouffville, is calling for a shower for the Christmas boxes to be shipped overseas right away. A lot of people have done their part, but the great majority have not responded in sufficient numbers as to make the task easy for the Society.

What is needed for these boxes is chewing gum, tooth paste, shaving cream, razor blades, coffee, chocolate bars, Borden's condensed milk, tea bags, sardines, or cigarettes. Just drop in to your merchant today and buy one or more of these small articles and deposit it in the receptacles at Grove's store, Ringwood, Lehman's store in town, Tribune office, or take your donation to the Red Cross rooms, Thursday, Oct. 9, and if you cannot get down to attend to the matter, just phone your merchant to make delivery for you. The appeal is urgent, the opportunity is great. For further information telephone 15302.

## Esteemed Westend Resident Stricken

Friends were shocked to learn this week that Mr. John Hodgins had been stricken with a stroke while at the Hodgins grocery store on Saturday afternoon. His one side was quite seriously affected, but reports indicate that he is making a fair recovery.

John R. Hodgins retired C.N.R. agent, is one of our energetic citizens who is ever anxious to have his town maintain its public services in the very highest condition, and he is also an indefatigable worker in any promotional job of a public nature for the advancement of Stouffville.

## Dickson Hill School Exhibit for Markham Fair



Special displays by schools of the district were a feature at the Markham Fair last week. Box Grove won first prize, Markham village school

second prize, and Unionville third. Dickson Hill was one of the entrants and while not in the running for one of the prizes had an interesting

exhibit. Merlin and Walter Grove cousins, attending Dickson Hill school, are here shown arranging their safety display.

The heavy rains last Friday and Saturday were most untimely in so far as the Markham fair was concerned. Friday's events had to be almost completely cancelled while the races on Saturday were anything but successful owing to the heavy condition of the clay track that gummed both the horses feet and the racing carts.

Aside from the races, however, the exhibition carried on much as in other years despite wet grounds, and threatening weather when it was not actually raining.

The black and white show Friday under direction of the York County Holstein Breeders Association brought out an entry of 148 animals. Due to lack of stabling, the cattle were taken home at night to make way for other breeds to show on Saturday. As the track and ground conditions made it impossible for a grand parade of prize winning animals, many of the herds did not return at all.

As usual the main building was crammed with spectators all Saturday afternoon, and there was much to be seen. Much of the fancy work, quilts, bed spreads, and such like shown annually (the same articles) was not to be seen, but other exhibits were in their place and the hall was really filled.

Children of schools competed for a trophy donated by George Padget, one-time reeve of Markham township, to the school with the best display. Box Grove, Markham village, Unionville, and Dickson Hill schools entered, and finished in the order named.

Another interesting exhibit occupying all the east end of the big hall was Unionville Junior Farmers display. Granted 10 feet of floor space ten years ago, the display has grown until now it is by far the largest thing in the building. The club has a membership of 125 boys and 75 girls. The grain display by the Club proved both instructive and entertaining. Domestic science and school exhibits occupied the centre of the display.

Thirteen entries in the horse-shoeing contest all went to Toronto smithies with one exception, 5th prize winner George Reid, Orillia.

Markham Band rendered excellent music during the afternoon, playing in the main building instead of over in the grand stand which was deserted due to the wet.

Markham Fair is famous for its fine showing of heavy horses, and this fair was no exception. Instead of two or three outstanding prize teams decked in their mighty sets of brass harness, there were seven or eight, with an increase in all heavy horse classes from the brood mare class to the carriage horses. Great crowds admired them in the show ring.

President James Rennie and other officers expressed great satisfaction at the manner in which the big crowd continued to roll in on Saturday afternoon despite the threatening weather and the realization that it would be bad underfoot after the downpour of Friday. Saturday's crowd was estimated at 5,000.

## 500 Licenses Sold in Markham Twp.

Markham Township has sold out of licenses for non-residents for the coming pheasant hunt on October 24 and 25. Because of the unprecedented demand this summer Markham council increased the number of licenses to be issued from 400 to 500, and the extra issue quickly went out. Resident licenses however, are available for the local people in reasonable number and are not likely to run out.

The township has been stocked with something approaching a thousand extra birds, which together with the ever increasing number roaming the countryside, should make good shooting.

Licenses are still available in both Pickering and Whitchurch townships which have been well stocked with pheasants the past two years from government owned birds.

**BIRTHS**  
Herbison — On Sunday, October 5, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Herbison (nee Agnes Klinek) Vancouver, a baby girl, eight pounds, eleven ounces.