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Back from W. Africa Have Quiet Crossing

Rev. Earl & Mrs. Honsberger Reach Stouffville at the end of 4,000 mile trip, but sighted no submarines in crossing the Atlantic. Missionaries accorded Navy Protection Through Dangerous Waters.

Arriving back in Stouffville last week direct from New York at which port they disembarked from the steamer that brought them from West Africa Rev. Earl and Mrs. Honsberger are enjoying a real rest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barkey.

It was just four years ago Tuesday last week that Mr. and Mrs. Honsberger sailed down the St. Lawrence River on their outward journey to the missionary field at Nigeria, West Africa, and said Mr. Honsberger to the reporter, "how well we remember the eagerness of our anticipation to see that far-away land unto which God had called us to labor for Him." Testifying to the need of answering that call as they did, Mr. Honsberger declared that they certainly were not disappointed because God called them to sojourn among so needy a people. "Of course," he continued, "we were very ignorant of the land on our outward journey, as only those who have lived on the West coast of Africa can have a clear understanding of it, and its great christian needs."

Mr. and Mrs. Honsberger were missionaries under the United Mission Board of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, and during their stay in a foreign land they received a copy of The Tribune regularly. Indeed, a copy of this home paper was espied in their compound one day by a young chap attached to the Agricultural Dept. who had been employed in Markham township by Mr. Rennie, and the paper led to a meeting with the Honsbergers. A friendship was made that still keeps the parties in touch with each other.

"We spent a little over a year at Salka," explained Mr. Honsberger, "which is an interior town some 82 miles from the railway. Then we were moved to another town farther inland by the name of Yelwa. It is located on the Niger river 140 miles from Jebba. The people there speak the Hausa language, the tongue of Northern Nigeria, plus many other tongues."

Explaining their preparation for a return to Canada after four years, Mr. Honsberger said that on Sept. 25 last they received a telegram advising them to prepare to return overseas on furlough. He said they made immediate preparations for this long journey. They bid their African friends goodbye, and boarded the native canoe that would take them to Jebba, the rail head. The canoes, explained Mr. Honsberger are merely hollowed-out logs shaped at front and back for easier handling, and the native, he says, is most skilful in handling his canoe and one need have no fear even when making the "shoots" or great rapids of the lordly Niger. Once at Jebba Mr. and Mrs. Honsberger were joined by two other lady missionaries, much to their delight. They travelled to the ocean port of Lagos, Nigeria, by narrow gauge railway. Here they had to wait for five and a half days before they finally boarded the S. S. Acadia, bound for America. "However," continued Mr. Honsberger, "this did not mean that we were to leave immediately for we waited three days more in port ere we commenced the first leg of the journey home. Sunday afternoon we pulled up anchor and started on our way escorted by a British corvette. We called at Takar Gold Coast, Montrovia Liberia, Free Town, and Sierra Leone. In all these ports passengers were taken on board. Many hearts were gladdened by the ship's call as they had been waiting months for just such an opportunity. Many missionary societies were represented. In all there were 74 adults and 34 children, all missionaries aboard the S.S. Acadia. It is rather needless to say that we had a great time together.

At Freetown we were escorted by a destroyer for 24 hours, when our escort returned to its base. This escort was especially appreciated as the waters in and around Freetown are dangerous, for Freetown is a great harbour, where at one time alone we counted 65 ocean going vessels. Many ships have been torpedoed off that coast.

Therefore, our hearts were made

WITH THE ARTILLERY



Gnr. Charles Cadieux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Cadieux of Stouffville who is a member of an artillery unit stationed at Fort Connaught, Halifax.

Committed for Trial Bail Fixed at \$6,000

John Castle of Stouffville was committed for trial on a motor manslaughter charge after preliminary hearing in police court at Whitchurch last week. The old saying that trouble never comes single handed seems to particularly apply in this case for Mr. and Mrs. John Castle only a few weeks ago lost their second eldest son when the American line boat Bold Venture was torpedoed in the north Atlantic. Their eldest son is serving in England with the Canadian forces. Castle's car was in collision with an automobile owned by Robert Gray of London and driven by a chap named Ernest Young.

Provincial Traffic Officer Gilbert Robertson told the court that the accident occurred one mile west of Dunbarton on No. 2 Highway last August 30th.

"Investigation revealed that a car going west pulled out of the line of traffic onto the wrong side of the road and struck an eastbound car, driven by Ernest Young. Both cars went into the ditch side by side and Gray, riding in the front seat, died in Toronto East General Hospital four days later as a result of injuries he received," Officer Robertson testified.

Young stated that "Castle pulled out of the westbound traffic lane about two hundred feet away from us and couldn't get back in."

Dr. George Laughlin, Toronto, told the court that Gray died as the result of considerable internal hemorrhage and fracture of the pelvic bones.

P.T.O. Robertson quoted Castle as telling him "Young was on the wrong side."

"When I showed Young the skidmarks he said he must have had a blow-out in the rear tire which went flat sometime after the accident. However, when I checked up I found there had been no blowout," the officer said. Magistrate F. S. Ebbs

Pickering Twp. Loses Assessment Appeal

PLANS GIFT FOR SOME CUSTOMER

Mr. Elmore Daniels at the Central Feed Store has planned a treat for somebody whose name will be made known on Christmas eve. Everybody making any kind of purchase whatever, large or small, may drop their name in the slot at store, and from this a ticket will be drawn Christmas eve, the fortunate one to receive a big package of goods out of the store. Keep an eye on next week's announcement and on the window at Central Feed Store.

An order for copper wire for the Stouffville Hydro Dept. has been rejected by the manufacturers who are unable to fill such an order at this time.

glad when we cleared what was considered dangerous water. On the 7th day out of Freetown land was sighted again, the Port of Spain, Trinidad, off the coast of

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SELLS IN OLD ENGLAND BAGS 2 WITHOUT A SHOT

Ken Prentice of Markham village who is now overseas with the 5th Canadian Armoured Division has written his "home folk" to say what a swell place he finds "Old England" to be. Having spent most of his days among the farmers he lost no time in getting into the rural districts over there, and he sent along a small hand bill of an auction sale to show that they hold such things too.

Ken attended a concert one evening with other soldiers and having discovered he was an auctioneer they called him to the platform to auction the pretty boxes in aid of the British Red Cross. Believe it or not that must have been a thrilling experience for the former "How Much am I Offered Man" of this country.

So far Ken has seen no enemy action, but they anticipate encounters of some nature before long.

STIVER'S CATTLE WIN AT STOCK YARDS

Frank Stiver's cattle met with signal success last week at the Union Stock Yards show in Toronto, when the local feed man's pen of butcher cattle stood in sixth place in a competition of 15 pens. The five pens ahead of Mr. Stiver's were all owned by the Canada Packers, feeding animals gathered from all the great shows throughout Canada over recent months. Mr. Stiver's win was the first for cattle owned by a farmer who fed and raised his showing in the normal way. It was a great win for it took faultless cattle to stand up to those pens selected as they were by the big packing company.

ABOUT CHRISTMAS MAIL
Buy your Christmas stamps early, says Postmaster Leavens, who also suggests that persons mailing any quantity of cards would facilitate handling work in the post office if they would drop them in a tied bundle with the addresses all placed one way.

MEMBER FOR NORTH YORK "SHOWED"

One evening last week a party of 30 or 40 friends moved from Whitchurch township over to the new home of Morgan Baker, M.P.P. in King township to sort of turn the tables on Mr. and Mrs. Baker who were generous to this group when they called on a previous occasion to serenade them on their marriage. The donation made by Mr. Baker which was intended to be spent on a "treat" for the serenaders, was used to purchase the newly wedded couple a lovely gift in the form of a handsome desk lamp. Mrs. Cliff Lemon read the accompanying address and Mr. G. Crowder made the presentation on behalf of the "gang," and the rest of the evening was given over to games and a jolly time. We did not hear what Mr. Baker said in reply to the friendly attitude of Whitchurch people, but we imagine he spoke about "casting your bread upon the water," etc., etc. His money gift had been translated into goods; added to, and then returned to him.

Councillor Hugh Boyd is serving on jury in Toronto this week.

ruled that there was sufficient evidence to warrant committing Castle for trial. Bail of \$6,000 was renewed

Fletcher Goudie, master mechanic at the Pickering war plant, rather hunted the way to local local rabbit hunters a few nights ago when he bagged two nine pound bunnies without so much as having a gun. Mr. Goudie was returning to Pickering from town around midnight, when opposite the farm of Fred Pugh on the townline the two big hares loomed up suddenly on the road. They must have been dazed by the headlights of the car, for neither of them got off the road and both were killed instantly, one showing an injury to its ribs, and the other having no marks on it to indicate where the car struck. Fletcher turned around, despite the late hour, and delivered the meat at the farm of Mr. Joseph Mertens where his family is staying temporarily.

FAIR PRIZE LIST NEXT WEEK

Stouffville Market Fair prize list will be published in this paper next week. It will not be known until that time whether the horse committee intend to offer prizes this year or not. They are expected to meet this week and decide the matter. However, the poultry and other prizes will be well up to those offered in former years.

Former Locust Hill Creameryman Dead

Born in Markham Township in 1869 R. C. Duncan died on Wednesday at his home in Toronto. He was a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural



College at Guelph, and in 1898 entered the creamery business at Locust Hill. Later he joined the T. Eaton Company, being employed in the creamery department until his retirement in 1935.

Mr. Duncan was a member of Grenville Masonic Lodge and the I.O.F. He is survived by two sons, Harold, of Trenton, and Harvey of Oakville; a sister, Mrs. Belle Hagerman, of Toronto; and a brother, Thomas, of Hagerman's Corners.

MARKHAM WINS S.P.A. HOCKEY GAME 10-2

Markham Juniors had little difficulty in subduing Etobicoke Indians in their opening S.P.A. game at Maple Leaf Gardens, on Tuesday night. Bob Bangay was the top scorer for the Markhamites, counting three of his team's ten goals. Junkin, a newcomer and Baker were the other scorers. Ike Harper, massive defenseman was a standout in the rearguard, as was A. Boadway in the Markham net.

Etobicoke showed lack of condition and were no match for the fast-stepping southerners.

No Increase in Salary For Village Constable

CABLES THANKS FROM ENGLAND

A cable was received this week from Dr. Nell Smith now in England, acknowledging the receipt of goods shipped from Stouffville, and offering his thanks to the local Red Cross. The Stouffville Veterans for smokes sent the boys overseas, and to the Lions Club. It will be a source of satisfaction to the many well wishers to know that their most recent efforts have been crowned with the safe arrival of their gifts overseas.

Brodie Wins at Chicago Again

Newspaper headlines have been declaring the fame of Stouffville sheep at the Chicago Live Stock Show. W. J. Brodie who for several years has carried off the top prize for best car of lambs of the Southdown breed, again repeated the performance this year in a heavily contested field.

Mr. Brodie also won major honors when his Southdown lamb entry was adjudged reserve grand champion at the show.

Two second prizes went to F. H. Deacon & Sons, in Shorthorn cattle classes with senior breeding bull and yearling bull.

BALLANTRAE COW IN GOLD SEAL CLASS

The fifty-third cow to make a Gold Seal rating is Lijssenthoek Rosebud -140016-bred and owned by J. H. Wallwork & Son, Ballantrae, Ont. This cow produced 106,825 lbs. milk, 4,045 lbs. fat, in 9 lactations or 3,105 milking days.

This cow is a grand-daughter on the sire's side of Springbank King Peter and of Rosebank Grace 2nd, the latter a paternal half-sister to the former noted producer Rosebank Pride.

This record ranks as the twenty-eighth highest butterfat record made in the Gold Seal Class.

Toronto Man Buys Markham Estate

The well known Courtney Proctor farm at Unionville has been sold to a prominent citizen whose name the press has not yet learned. The place has been on the market for some time, and was priced at \$20,000, but this amount may not have been realized. The new owner will use the place as a country estate.

Located just north of the village of Unionville on the main street, the property consists of 84 acres of workable land with about 14 acres of good bushland. A stream winds through the bush and continues on through the farm. On the property is a frame house with eight rooms, a new hot water heating system, hydro installed, and two baths. There is also a frame house for the farm manager, a hip roof bank barn, 60 by 40 feet.

Former Residents Fifty Years Wed



Mr. and Mrs. George Anthony of Whitevale who farmed at one time in both Ringwood and Atha districts celebrated their 50th wedding day surrounded by their family of seven sons and daughters. They have thirty-four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mr. Anthony is a native of Whitevale and Mrs. Anthony was born in Scarborough.

Told that 90 per cent of the People Against Paying More for What they Think is Being Done—Last Month of Year no time to Grant Increases, is Another Reason for Rejecting the Request of Town Officer.

On Monday evening the village council refused to grant the request of Constable Al. Greenwood for an increase in pay of \$100 a year, pleading that the dying month of the year was no time to grant increases, and further that 90 per cent of the people would oppose any increase. Mr. Greenwood inferred that he had other considerations at this time, and he wanted to know whether to accept or not. If there is no more pay, he might decide to take up other occupation. "That's your privilege," said Reeve Weldon.

The matter got under discussion before the constable arrived at the council chambers, and somebody asked about a speed trap costing around \$50.00 but only two convictions were registered as a result of buying it. "It hasn't been worked," said Councillor Boyd. Different councillors expressed dissatisfaction with speeding they see on Main street.

"I think this matter should be laid over for the new council," continued Mr. Boyd, anyway the constable is hired until spring, I understand."

At this point the constable arrived when Reeve Weldon told him that 90 per cent of the people think that there is little work done by the police. If a proper report was submitted to council at regular intervals both council and the public could see what the cop is paid for. It would be better to stand at present, he suggested, and after these reports begin to arrive the pay might be different.

"I'm willing to put in reports," said Mr. Greenwood. "I'm hired by the year and paid by the month. I don't know as that has anything to do with it," he said. This council should decide.

Councillor Brown said that he had quite frequently engaged the constable to work for him, and was surprised at the number of calls he got that took him away. Said Mr. Brown, "Don't you think you are more competent now than when you started?" to which Mr. Greenwood said one is learning all the time.

Mr. Brown however, agreed that it was better to have reports submitted, and asked the cop to reconsider and put himself in their shoes inferring that council must be guided by public opinion. He realized public opinion was against more pay.

Councillor Russell wanted to know how council could put it over to the people if they went ahead and paid more money with the existing dissatisfaction that is evident. Earlier in the evening he asked for information which disclosed that the cop would receive \$100 extra this year for attending court. In 1940 nothing extra was paid, and 1939 \$31.00 was expended.

Councillor Silverthorn did not make any statement; but voiced no opposition against the decision arrived at.

LEMONVILLE FARM SOLD

Alger Maye of Goodwood, son of John Maye of that place has purchased the well known Macklem Cook farm at Lemonville from Mrs. E. C. Pennock of Stouffville, only surviving member of the family. The property has been in the family over fifty years consists of 115 acres of excellent land, and has several flowing wells, with water at the barns and house. The site of the Lemonville school is right on the property. Mr. Maye gets possession next year.

A \$10 FINE IMPOSED

Lorne Heise was assessed \$10 and costs in police court on Monday as a result of the recent accident in which his truck struck Fred Chessman and sent him to the hospital. Mr. Heise said he never saw Chessman as he was filling gas into his parked truck on Main street west, and had he realized he was dragging him under his car he could have stopped sooner. He had been blinded by the lights of another car and the night was very bad.