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SANTA CLAUS WILL ARRIVE HERE MONDAY

Whitchurch Council Settles Snow Plow Issue

The big township grader in Whitchurch will do the bulk of the plowing to be done this winter on the east side of the township, it was decided by the council on Monday. Last year the plow did most of its work on the west side, and dissatisfaction was strongly expressed in the centre of the township and east about the service from the other township plow.

At the same time council gave a contract to Percy Pattenden to use the spare township plow on his big truck for which he will receive \$2.50 per hour, the amount of his tender. Only one other tender was received besides the successful one, and it came from Floyd Preston. Pattenden plowed last winter for Markham where Hoover and Roberts have the contract for this year.

Markham Twp. Population Up

Latest Statistics reveal that Whitchurch Declined Slightly in Ten Years.

A general increase in population throughout the county of York is the trend according to latest figures based in the 1941 census, as compared with the census of 1931. The township of Markham, for instance shows an increase of 723, although Whitchurch records a decrease of 124. The figures for Markham include the village of Unionville, and the figures for Whitchurch do not take any recognition of a big summer population of two or three thousand. These people are recorded in their city homes or wherever their more permanent abode is. Stouffville shows an upward jump of just 38 in the ten years, while Markham village gained 139.

The figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics indicate that in the county of York including Toronto, the total population reported is close to the million mark, 935,215 against 896,955 ten years ago.

All towns and villages in York county showed gains. The 1941 census population, with increases since 1931 shown in brackets or comparison, are Aurora, 2,709 (122); Leaside, 6,061 (5,123); Mimico, 7,987 (1,187); Newmarket, 3,952 (204); New Toronto, 9,469 (2,323); Weston, 4,723 (920); Forest Hill Village, 11,369 (6,162); Holland Landing, 326 (41); Long Branch, 5,147 (1,185); Markham, 1,197 (189); Richmond Hill, 1,325 (30); Stouffville, 1,243 (88); Sutton, 1,055 (267); Swansea, 6,848 (1,817); and Woodbridge, 1,054 (242).

Nine York county townships showed increases while three reported declining population. Individual figures follow: Etobicoke, 15,334 (5,065 gain); Georgina, 1,445 (81 loss); East Gwillimbury, 3,221 (86 loss); North Gwillimbury, 2,051 (gain); King, 5,290 (279 gain); Markham township, 7,059 (728 gain); Scarborough, 22,590 (1,908 gain); Vaughan, 5,807 (339 gain); Whitechurch, 3,283 (124 loss); York township, 30,191 (10,598 gain); East York, 40,306 (4,226 gain); North York, 22,702 (9,492 gain). On Indian reserves in York county there was a population of 121, compared with 80 at the 1931 census.

PLENTY OF SKUNKS AT 25c EACH

The good marksmanship of Markham Township hunters in their drives for skunks and foxes is proving interesting, and while not a serious drain on the township treasury in paying the bounties the number of animals shot is proving an eye-opener to the reve and council. Nobody ever dreamed there were so many "dirty skunks" in the municipality.

The bounties instituted several months ago by the township council to safeguard the pheasants and poultry raisers who were suffering losses, calls for 25c for each skunk killed and \$2 for each fox killed. Hunters have now exterminated 17 foxes and 113 skunks.

WITH THE ARTILLERY



Pte Charles Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Davis of Stouffville who is in training with a Canadian army artillery unit stationed at Toronto.

CORRESPONDENTS AND ADVERTISERS

The next issue of the Tribune will be on Tuesday, December 23. Correspondents copy must be in our hands not later than Monday night to be in time for publication. Likewise advertisers who will want to take advantage of this last issue before Christmas must turn in their copy not later than Saturday.

TWO TONS MORE SALVAGE BY SCHOOL

The collection of salvage in Stouffville continues to be a profitable undertaking. The recent collection brought out over two tons of waste. Paper, rags, metals, bones—not a shred should be wasted. They are becoming increasingly valuable.

Mr. Walter and Harry Brillinger volunteered the use of their transport for the occasion and the net proceeds of the collection brought \$31.73 which is being forwarded to Jim Hunter's B.W.V. Fund.

Husband and Wife Died Within Four Days

Residents of north Church street, Mr. and Mrs. George Gunn have received two shocking intimations just recently concerning the death of Mrs. Gunn's sister, and four days later the death of her brother-in-law, both the husband and wife having passed away without scarcely any forewarning of illness.

Mrs. Benj. Fieldhouse of Woodbridge district was about the duties of her home in the accustomed manner, retired to bed that evening about seven o'clock only to pass away in less than two hours' time from a heart attack.

Mr. Fieldhouse, the husband, sustained the shock, and was about the house four days later, but while sitting down reading the evening paper in the presence of others in the home, he was seen to slump over, and he expired immediately.

The couple are survived by six of a family. Mrs. Gunn is an only sister of the deceased lady. The passing of this couple under such sudden circumstances, is a great shock to the people of the Woodbridge district where they are so widely known.

ROAD CLEANING JOB HERE PAYS WELL

Mr. W. E. Smalley said that the rate of pay for cleaning the town pavement last summer was ample at \$25.00 per month. In a statement made to council on Monday evening. This is the sum paid last summer and the number of hours of actual work were recorded and found to work out at 52c per hour.

In view of the fact that the road was kept as clean last summer as on any previous year, the council now know that they are paying a fair return for this work on a monthly basis. In addition to the cost of \$25.00 per month for sweeping, additional pay of \$10 per month was made for drawing off the accumulation of dirt.

BIG CHRISTMAS FAIR FRIDAY

With anything like fair weather the crowd that will be seen at the Stouffville Christmas Fair on Friday of this week, promises to surpass all previous records. The prizes are liberal for fowl, and the horse show winners are going to get a big day's pay.

It will be noted that there is prizes of \$15, \$10, \$5, and \$2 for horses 1600 and under, and for horses 1600 and over.

John Madill is giving \$5.00 for the best 10 pound turkey hen on display in the hall. Pull one from your flock and get this \$5.00 from our townsman, an item omitted from the list of special prizes published last week.

Good accommodation for prize fowl will be found in Ratcliff's Hall and in case you stay in town all day there are plenty of good places to have a meal.

COUNCILLOR'S AUCTION A BIG SUCCESS

The farm stock and implements belonging to Councillor Herb. Wells while not attracting a large crowd due to the heavy storm on Saturday afternoon, sold at good figures, and the total sale realized around \$1500. Mr. Wells who has been a member of Whitchurch council for five years has taken a position at the Ontario Hospital, Toronto, and is accordingly leaving the municipality.

The heavy farm team sold for \$100 with Alvin Farmer on the auction block, but cows soared until the high animals realized \$105, and second high was \$102, both going to an Aurora buyer. A colt rising 3 years sold at \$60, while hay went for \$12 a ton, and oats at 45 1/2c per bushel.

LOWEST HE CAN RECALL

"The smallest amount of tax arrears I can recall," were the words used by Reeve James Rennie in reference to the amount of unpaid taxes in the Township of Markham at this time.

Mr. Rennie said it reflected the better times enjoyed by the farmers as well as diligent work on the part of the treasurer in keeping after the arrears. Unpaid at this date is \$15,000, a very small percentage of the total taxes gathered in one year. It is not long since there was double this amount outstanding.

WAR SAVINGS OBJECTIVE WILL BE REACHED

War Savings recorded in Stouffville for the month of November totalled \$976, and even this surprising good figure will be shot far ahead in December for the actual drive was not carried out until Dec. Our objective for Stouffville of \$1209, two machine guns per month would appear to be well in sight, says the chairman, J. Borinsky.

MARRIED IN THE U.S.A.

Relatives inform us that one of our townsmen, Mr. Allan Clossen and a former Stouffville lady Mrs. Alma Winterstein of Royal Oaks, Michigan, were quietly married over in the U.S.A. just recently, and are now spending the winter months in Miami. We expect the couple will take up residence in Stouffville next spring.

Band to Present Festival of Carols

The Stouffville Junior Band is inviting the folks of Stouffville to a festival of carols and Christmas music to be heard in the Theatre, Sunday night, immediately after 8.30 p.m. The words for the carols will be shown on the screen in order that every one can enjoy singing these grand old tunes.

The girls of the C.G.I.T. will wear their uniforms and assist in the concert by singing several favorite carols.

Mr. Carl Boadway will also assist and sing a famous Christmas song.

This will also prove an opportunity for the townsfolk to hear three of the bands soloists, Earl Lehman, Wilbur Smalley and George Wilkinson. There will be a silver collection. Everybody is welcome.

SPECIAL PRIZE

The Horse Show Committee in connection with the Christmas Fair to be held Friday this week, have just voted a special in this section. For the best mare or gelding on the grounds there is a first prize of \$10.00 added, second prize \$5.00, and a third of 100 pounds of Master Chick Starter.

Add this to the other horse prizes already announced, and horsemen will see that they have an unusual offering of good prizes. The list of donors to the horse show will appear Dec. 24.

Since the printed prize list was issued specials have arrived for the baking class, which added to a long list of poultry prizes is attractive. Ratcliff's hall will display the prize poultry, while other market-fowl will be sold on the street or in the market building.

CALLER UP BY U.S. ARMY

This week Wallace Nicholson, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholson of this town, received orders to report for duty in January in the United States Army. "Walley" as the lads all know him was born in the States and had never been made a naturalized Canadian. With the call to arms across the border, he was caught up in the order.

Wallie intends to sign up for duty, but it will be with the Canadian Army, and that will be O.K. with Uncle Sam, according to regulations. He will be enlisted shortly after the new year. At present he has been employed in the war plant at Pickering and before that was at Norman O'Boyle's butcher shop.

Lieut. Baker Reports From the Navy

Sub. Lieut. Alan A. Baker, son of Morgan Baker, M.P.P. has written a splendid letter to F. L. Button, K.C., chairman of the Stouffville Red Cross in which he expresses some fine sentiments and thoughts. Lieut. Baker is serving somewhere out on the Atlantic ocean, and here is what he writes to Mr. Button:



"Dear Mr. Button:

I wish to thank you and the members of the Stouffville Red Cross Society for your kindness in sending me the parcel of good things. I received several days ago. I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness. When one is away from home, such as this it is just a real treat to be remembered by the folks back there.

The Red Cross and other social services are indispensable to the happiness and well-being of the troops. We have had plenty evidence of that aboard the Annapolis, especially in the line of warm winter clothing which has become so necessary now that cold weather is approaching. I think that those who have been giving to these services will be glad to know that their contributions are being well-spent and that those of us who have benefited from their kindness do appreciate a great deal.

We are all in this war and one phase of our effort is just as essential as the other, whether it be on active service, in the production of supplies or in the adding of comforts to those in the front lines. When we all push together the load on each individual is just that much lighter and the road to victory that much shorter.

I wish to thank you again and to wish you all the compliments of the season."

AT FORT CHIPPAWA



Pte. Earl "Bud" McNair, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McNair of Altona, who is a member of the Irish Regiment now stationed at Fort Chippawa, North Bay.

TAKES POSITION IN TORONTO

Murray Nendick, grandson of the late F. W. Silversides, has secured a position with the Trull Funeral Homes, Toronto, and has entered upon his new duties. Having been with Mr. L. E. O'Neill in town for a considerable time, the embalming business and funeral work is not new to him.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM HAWAII

This week Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Nolan received Christmas Greetings from Miss Elizabeth Percy who is located at Honolulu, Hawaii, the place where the eyes of the world are now focussed since the declaration of war between the United States and Japan. Miss Percy's greetings were posted at Honolulu on the first day of December, hence reached our desk just 15 days later.

Miss Percy will have some most interesting experiences these weeks, which we trust she may translate to our readers in some future communication, from her Kealohani Ave address. She has spent the past three years on the Pacific coast and in the Hawaii Islands.

MARKHAM PUTS PARIS TO ROUT

Markham Junior O.H.A. team are making a record for themselves early in the season. At the Maple Leaf Gardens on Monday they drubbed the Paris Juniors to the limit for a 9-0 victory. Bob Bangay and Ron Rower for Markham scored three goals each and lead most of the attack. Just before the game opened Allan Boadway received a broken finger and was out of the game. He hopes to be in the fray again before long, and he has been doing good work.

Wm. Geo. Lewis Died Suddenly

Suffering from a mild attack of the flu, and not considered at all in a serious condition, William George Lewis suddenly passed away at his home just west of town on the townline Tuesday night, December 16. Deceased was a member of a well-known family of the district. He was in his 76th year.

Born in the Stouffville district, Mr. Lewis as a young man learned the carriage painting and woodworking business with the late W. H. Todd. He later worked in Toronto and spent a few years in Texas. He was a noted dog fancier, and about the turn of the century owned at least one American champion, of the Boston type.

Mr. Lewis married Polly Allin, daughter of the late William Allin of Gravel Hill. They had no children. Besides Mrs. Lewis there survives three brothers, Joan, Arthur and Edward Lewis, and two sisters Mrs. Baun at Crosswell, Mich., and Mrs. John Pearson of Stouffville.

VISITING SCOTLAND

Sergt. Pilot Bruce Boyd recently arrived in England, and his home folk now have word that this local lad is enjoying the scenery in the Scottish Hills.

Stores open every evening next week until Christmas, and of course there will be no Wednesday half-holiday on Dec. 24.

Home of Insurance Man is Bereaved

The death of Mrs. Thomas Birkett on Tuesday at the late home on Main street west concludes an illness of quite long duration, and from which it was apparent for a long time there was no hopeful recovery. The funeral on Thursday afternoon will be private, and will proceed to the Claremont Union Cemetery for interment.

A resident of Beaverton, the former Ida Jean Bell came to Stouffville as teller in the Canadian Bank of Commerce. In 1929 she married Thos. Birkett and the couple have lived in town ever since. Mrs. Birkett's widowed mother moved here from Beaverton and resides on Blake street. Other members of her family are three sisters and three brothers, one of whom is in the army.

Mrs. Birkett enjoyed many intimate friends, and was always ready to do her part in any promotional work for the betterment of the community. Her illness extended to the days before the war started, hence she was denied the place in this work that she would liked to have done.

WEDS WOODBRIDGE GIRL

At the home of the bride's parents at Pine Grove, near Woodbridge, on Tuesday evening, December 2nd, Doris Isobel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Blanchard of Pine Grove, became the bride of Pte-Victor S. Holden, of the Picton Highlanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Holden, Markham.

The ceremony was performed by J. H. Kidd, Rector of the Anglican Church, under an arch of palms and ferns.

The house was beautifully decorated with mums, bells and pink and white streamers. The bride given in marriage by her father, was gowned in deep blue martinez velvet with finger tip tulle veil and carried a bouquet of butterfly roses, white carnations and bouvardia.

Mrs. Frederick V. Warwick, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and was wearing a pink moire taffeta gown with shoulder length veil and carrying a bouquet of deep pink premier roses, pink carnations and bouvardia. Mr. Frederick Warwick was best man.

After a buffet luncheon the couple left amid showers of confetti.

Boxing Day Will be Observed Here

For the first time Boxing Day, an English holiday to wind up the Christmas festivities, will be observed by the merchants of Stouffville, as Reeve Weldon has issued a proclamation, calling for a public holiday on Dec. 26.

This holiday is becoming quite popular over Canada, as very little if any inconvenience is caused by stores remaining closed the day after Christmas.

WHITCHURCH FARM SOLD

Oscar Buckle of Aurora has purchased the 75 acre farm at lot 27, on the 3rd concession of Whitchurch from Henry Ostley. The farm is midway between Newmarket and Aurora.

KIDDIES TO GREET SANTA MONDAY AT 2.30

The Lions Club have arranged with Santa Claus to pay his annual Christmas visit to the Children of Stouffville and the district surrounding on Monday, Dec. 22nd, at 2.30, in the afternoon.

All the kiddies should be on hand to greet the white whiskered old man from Nome. He will have a gift for each and every child, so, bring along the youngsters, all of them on Monday afternoon next. The meeting stand will be in front of the municipal hall.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Job. Oldham of Mount Albert will be at home to their friends on Tuesday, Dec. 23, from 2 to 4 in the afternoon, and from 7 to 9 in the evening, it being the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.