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RECRUITS CALLED FOR AIR CADET UNIT NO. 94

Stouffville Squadron No. 94 Officially Organized

A meeting for the purpose of signing up volunteers for the Air Cadet Training Course will be held in the Municipal Hall this Friday evening at 8 p.m. The local unit has been granted the authority by the R.C.A.F. and Department of National Defense to organize, and is known as Stouffville Squadron No. 94.

It is not necessary to wait until the meeting this week to join the unit, and boys wishing to do so, or seeking information on the course, should see Commanding Officer G. Spence at his office between the hours of 12-12:30 (noon), or from 3-5 p.m.

The course will commence immediately after a sufficient number have been signed up, and the work of lectures, drill, aircraft work, etc. will be taken by the following: J. G. Spence, Les Wilson, Mervin Watts, Reg Button, Carl Boadway, R. L. Barker, L. C. Murphy, and J. C. Porter. Some of these men will be attending a brief course in R.C.A.F. Initial Training School, Toronto, this week and are fully qualified to teach the various subjects required.

In addition to the routine work carried on in the time allotted to each subject, as the unit progresses the boys will be taken to some of the air-training centres in this area where they can see first-hand how the pilots of the R.C.A.F. are trained.

Eli Ramer Passes in Prime of Life

Funeral for the late Eli Ramer who died at his farm home on the 9th concession of Whitchurch—just north of Stouffville on Monday of this week, proceeded to the Mennonite church for public service at 2:45 this Wednesday afternoon. The service was in charge of Rev. H. Shantz, while Rev. S. Goudie preached the sermon. The quartette sang a favorite hymn of the deceased. Interment was made at Wideman cemetery, pall bearers being Messrs. Levi Forsyth, Harry Stouffer, Fletcher Goudie, Clarence Pipher, Paul Boadway, Jake Reesor.

Eli Ramer was born in Markham Township 46 years ago, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ramer. Seventeen years ago he married Lena Baker, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker of Stouffville, who survives together with a daughter Ruth and a son Douglas. One sister Mrs. Les. Wideman, Stouffville, and one brother Ore Ramer of Markham as well as the parents also survive. Eli suffered from heart trouble for years, but the past months his trouble rapidly became serious.

Mrs. R. L. Stiver Dies in Toronto

Mrs. Reuben L. Stiver of Fairview Farm, fifth concession, Markham, died at the Lockwood Clinic, Toronto, on Wednesday, February 11, in her 61st year.

Born at German Mills, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Duncan, she spent her life in Markham Township. She took an active part in the Red Cross and War Relief work, and was president of the Unionville Women's Institute and also the Horticultural Society for several years. She was a member of Brown's Corners United Church.

She is survived by her husband, who is widely known over the township, one sister, Mrs. Ada Hood, of Unionville, and one brother, Alex Duncan of Sudbury.

Rev. Morrison Sellers former minister at Brown's Corners, Rev. R. W. Rumley, Agincourt, and Rev. A. E. Owen, of Unionville United Church took part in the funeral service and a great many lovely floral tributes gave silent evidence of the esteem in which Mrs. Stiver was held. The pall-bearers were all members of Brown's Corners Church, Norman Reid, John Brown, Douglas Hood, Fred Tennyson, Walter Craig and W. Rodick.

BIRTHS

DONER—At Gormley, on Feb'y 18, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Doner, (nee Jean Bond), a daughter.

Son of United Church Pastor Pays The Supreme Sacrifice

Friends in town were shocked with distress on Friday afternoon when it was learned that a cable had reached the United Church parsonage apprising Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Davis that their son Sergt. Pilot George Davis had been killed on active service with the RCAF in England. Notwithstanding the fact that the young pilot was scarcely acquainted in town, as his father was called to the local pastorate only last July, the incumbents of the parsonage have so endeared them-



SGT. PILOT DAVIS

selves to their people that all seemed to share the sorrow and the terrific blow as one family.

On Sunday morning when the wound was but a few hours old, Rev. Mr. Davis took his place behind the sacred desk, and delivered a message to his congregation in an atmosphere of mutual sorrow. It is safe to say that every eye in the church shed tears, and certainly every heart throbbled in sympathy for the pastor and the members of the family who so bravely presented themselves at the service. The scene was electric. Behind a great Union Jack that covered the pulpit and cradled a large photo of the lad who had made the supreme sacrifice, pastor and father delivered his morning sermon.

George Alvin Davis was born at Birchcliff Heights, Nov. 12, 1920

He attended public school at Smooth Rock Falls and King City and matriculated at Aurora High School. George possessed a pleasant personality and was popular among his fellow students. He was described as "a good sport," excellent in basketball and on the King hockey team.

After school he was employed in the executive offices of the T. Eaton Co., also Swift Canadian. In Nov. 1940 George enlisted in the RCAF training at Toronto, Picton, Camp Borden, and other places. He graduated from Dunnville as a pilot and received his wings October 7. He reached Bournemouth, England, on Nov. 7, and a few weeks later was transferred to the RAF. Details of how the end came are not available as yet. The funeral was held at the RAF Station, Aston Downs, Gloucestershire, on February 16, 1942.

To the folks who knew George Davis and to those who did not know him, his spirit is expressed in the lines of John G. Magee which read: "Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth, and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings; Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung High in the sunlit silence. Hovering there, I've chased the shouting wind along and flung My eager craft through footless halls of air, Up, up the long delirious burning blue I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace, Where never lark, or even eagle flew; And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod The high untrespassed sanctity of space, Put out my hand, and touched the face of God."

CHARGED WITH LAKE ROBBERY SKIPS \$5,000 BAIL

Arrested by Toronto police and allowed out on \$5,000 bail a Toronto man was charged on several counts of stealing last week. Constable Robt. Windsor identified in the loot the articles stolen from a cottage at Musselman's Lake including valuable pictures and dishes. The suspect later jumped his bail, and the man is still at large.

Constable Windsor has been working on the case for some time, or since the break-in at the lake about three weeks ago. When communicated with by the city force, he soon sorted out the material that he was looking for, and it will be restored to the rightful owner.

Markham Lad Is Killed in Action

Markham village is plunged into mourning over the loss of one of her sons, Sergt. Pilot Fred Roffey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Roffey of Mt. Joy. Fred attended public and high school in Markham, and later was employed in the village.

Fred received his wings in the R.C.A.F. on October 7 last, arrived in England on November 7. He was killed on February 12, near the Dover coast, information from overseas reveals.

Harold Cook Takes Uxbridge Bride

Recently in St. Paul's chapel, Toronto, the marriage took place of Hazel Marguerite Yake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Yake of Uxbridge, to Harold Baker Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cook of Lemonville, Ontario. Rev. Carl Swan officiated at the service with Mr. Farmer at the organ. Miss Minnie Brooks sang. The bride, given by her father, wore a gown of heavy white sheer with curved waistline, and a fingertip veil with orange blossoms. She had on a pearl clip, gift of the groom and carried crimson roses. Ruby Yake, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the bridesmaid was Mary Latham—one wearing turquoise net and the other shell pink, made over taffeta, and headresses of matching flowers. Herb Hood was groomsman and the ushers, Lloyd and Elmer Yake, brothers of the bride. Following a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Latham, the newlyweds left for a trip to Niagara Falls, the bride travelling in a blue wool dress with black topcoat, black hat and red fox furs.

WEIR-YAKE

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Yake at Lemonville on Saturday when Velma Myrtle Yake was united in marriage to Charles Allen Weir, of Pefferlaw. The attendants were Evelyn Yake, sister of the bride, and William Laviolito friend of the groom. Rev. Douglas Davis of Stouffville officiated.

Markham 'B' Team Stands Undefeated

"Ike" Harper Tallies in the Second Period

Markham Intermediates finished their schedule with Newmarket, undefeated on Thursday night, when they trounced this team for the sixth successive time, 6-2. The Lawrie brothers provided a big portion of the punch to the Markhamites featuring in three goals and two assists.

Newmarket opened the game with a goal by Callahan from Webster at 14 minutes, but the Markies came back very strong in the mid-session to take five in a row. Each team scored once during the last period.

Markham Line-up: Goal, Jack Harper; defense, G. Scott and "Ike" Harper; centre, E. Lawrie; wings, B. Lawrie and A. Baker; alternates, R. Parkinson, H. Lawrie, F. Scott, V. Meherg.

Markham were scheduled to meet the Army boys in the first of home and home play-offs on Tuesday, but the tilt was postponed due to soft ice. These play-offs will be a two-game, goals to count, round.

Fear Small Egg Grader Will Be Crowded Out

DEER SEEN IN WHITCHURCH TOWNSHIP

Returning home to Ballantrae from Newmarket one evening last week F. G. Cummings sighted a deer on the highway in front of the farm of Warden Earl Toole. When he first saw the animal he thought it was a large dog, but as he drew closer in his car he saw it was a young deer, which ambled off into some bushes at the side of the road.

A number of deer have been sighted in the district around Mount Albert, but so far as we can learn none have been roaming around the estate of York County's warden.

Former Townsman Buried Here

The funeral for the late Walter McCarty who died in Toronto on Wednesday last week, was held from the Funeral Home of Mr. Morley Bedford on Friday for interment at Stouffville. Rev. R. Young conducted the service at the graveside, and the pall bearers were Messrs. W. R. Sanders, H. W. Sanders, Sam Armstrong, A. C. Burkholder, Frank Rae, and Dr. E. S. Barker.

Walter McCarty was born in Uxbridge Township, but the parents moved to Stouffville, the old McCarty home being on the school site on Main street. The house was later moved farther east, and is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pugh. Walter McCarty is survived by a brother William in Toronto, and by a sister Miss Ada McCarty of Toronto. For the funeral both Wm. and Miss Ada McCarty were here with other relatives and friends. Walter will be remembered by many as a law clerk. He took an active interest in sport and town activities, but left the home town probably 30 years ago.

The national plebiscite on conscription will be held in May, it is authoritatively indicated from Ottawa.

Rural Stations Granted a License a Year Ago Now Ordered to Make Changes by Way of Improvement—Owners Alarmed

Merchants who have gone to big expense to equip egg grading stations are frankly worried about the attitude of inspectors under the Canada Egg Grading Act. Recently the Department is alleged to be dealing harshly with the smaller stations, until farmers as well as station owners are protesting against what appears to them an attempt to put their stations out of business, and thus place the grading of eggs solely in the hands of the big packing plants. Stations in this district are operating at Stouffville, Gormley, Altona, Green River, Cedar Grove, Locust Hill, and other centres. In these places hundreds of dollars have been laid out, to equip grading plants and each centre has been fitted up under government supervision, and granted a licence.

Now it appears most of them have been told that their premises do not meet the requirements, in respect to the premises being accessible from the mercantile stores of the merchants who operate the plants. Other faults are found as well. Licences expire on the last day of March, and unless additional improvement is made the licences are likely to be cancelled.

The fact that these are strenuous days and every cent is needed for other purposes does not appear to carry any weight. It is ignored, as is the fact that merchants fitted up their premises under supervision of the inspectors, and license granted.

Applications for a renewal of permits must be made 31 days in advance, hence grading stations have this obstacle confronting them too. We are assured that producers, farmers, are rallying behind the rural station owners, and as public disapproval grows very strong measures of protest are in the offing.

Probably the Federation of Agricultural and other farm organizations will lend a hand in this important matter.

Horticulturalists Hold 18th Annual Meeting

Mr. Andy Williams was returned as president of Stouffville Horticultural Society at the annual meeting held last week. Messrs. Gordon Spence and Win Timbers are new vice presidents and Mr. J. C. Porter is the new treasurer.

The meeting was not well attended, but real enthusiasm prevailed, and it was felt that while folks fail to turn out they would all be keenly disappointed if the society failed to function.

Mr. Gordon Spence presided in the absence of the president who is ill. It was pointed out that Stouffville had a reputation to uphold as a place with a real society functioning.

The directors for 1942-3 are Mrs. Barrie, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Sanderson, Miss Myrtle Watson, Miss Edna Hoover. Those appointed for 1942 who are still in office are Mrs. G. Lee, Miss Anne Lehman, T. B. Rae, Mrs. W. Timbers, Mrs. G. Storey. Vice President Spence was appointed delegate to the convention in Toronto.

The secretary Miss Margery Mertens who was returned to office gave a splendid report which read in part: "Stouffville Horticultural Society has been functioning for the past 17 years, during which time many changes have been made in the appearance of the town and the homes of many of the members and their neighbours."

We are pleased to note an increase in this past year's membership, it being 89 where the year previous it was 68.

During the year there were six directors meetings held, also the annual meeting and a special one in connection with the Children's Flower Show.

250 pkts. of flower seeds were given out to the four rooms of the public school and nine rural schools. The children were to plant and care for their own flowers and exhibit them. We had a special show for them on Sept. 11th. There were 19 exhibitors with 24 entries. Mr. Leon VanCleave of the University of Toronto was

L.P. EVANS DOMINION AYRSHIRE DIRECTOR

Mr. L. P. Evans, newly elected member of the Whitchurch Township Council last January, has just been elected a director of the Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association. Five Ontario men are on the directorate, hence Mr. Evans has been appointed to a highly important post.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. Howard Story is recovering from a sinus operation which she underwent a week ago. The Storys are now living in Toronto, and their many friends will be glad to hear of Mrs. Story's speedy recovery from this ordeal.

the judge and speaker for the evening.

Mr. John Hodgins was given authority to purchase twenty trees to be planted on the town streets, the council to do the planting of them. We were pleased to see eight nice elms planted along the Town-line from the 9th west, but sorry to say only two showed any signs of growth.

On May 14, Mr. Williams took a few of the members over to the District Officers' Rally at Thornhill. Problems relating to the work of the Society were discussed.

At a meeting on July 22, it was decided to send the members a questionnaire to see how much support we could expect if we decided to hold our Flower Show at the next meeting. Out of the 78 cards that had been sent out only 14 were returned other five either hadn't any flowers or didn't think we should hold a show. We exhibited a lovely basket at the C.N.E., but didn't win a prize.

As usual, the petunia bed at the west entrance to town was planted, also the perennial bed taken care of. Each member joining the Society was given a premium voucher valued at 40c to be used at either greenhouse."