

Flight-Sergt. Robson is Reported Missing

Employed on Winterstein Farm Before Enlisting—Recently Promoted to Flight Sergeant.

Late Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Winterstein received word that Flight-Sergeant, Melvin Robson, of the R.C.A.F. in England was reported missing.

Sergeant Robson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Robson of Vernonville, Ontario, was living at Ross



Winterstein's, when he enlisted in June, 1940. He trained in Toronto, Montreal, Fingal and Rockcliff.

Just when he was about to leave for overseas early in 1941, he was stricken with appendicitis and had to remain behind for several months.

A few weeks ago Sergt. Robson along with several other air men was pictured in the Toronto evening papers. These Canadian airmen took part in devastating raids over Germany, France, and Norway.

Only a few weeks ago, Sergt. Robson had a narrow escape. He along with the other members of the crew, were just entering a new Wellington Bomber, to take it up for a test, when someone called there was a message for Robson at the Mess. He ran back and the rest of the crew decided to go up without him. What happened the Censor did not permit to be known, but at once Sergt. Robson was granted leave and in a subsequent letter, stated that he had been linked up with a new crew.

Toronto papers reported that a Pilot Officer LeFurgey and Sergt. Allan Robertson had been killed. Recent news despatches before this mentioned that Pilot Officer LeFurgey, Sergt. Robertson and Sergt. Melvin Robson had been together in numerous successful raids over Germany and Norway.

In the account of the battle over the Straits of Dover in the Globe and Mail of Saturday, February 14th, Sergt. Robson's name was again mentioned as being one of the crew, in Fenwick-Wilson's Squadron—the first squadron to go into action—to attempt to prevent the Nazi ships from reaching their Heligoland base. Because of the clouds and terrific rain, they were unable to break through and were forced to return to their base.

No details were given, as to what happened Sergt. Robson, other than that he was reported missing on February 28th. He was a radio gunner, and had recently been promoted to the rank of Flight-Sergeant.

Funeral for Mrs. A. D. Bruce Today

Following a long period of delicate health Mrs. Alexander D. Bruce died at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Tuesday of this week in her 83rd year. She had been removed from her home on the 6th concession of Markham only a day or two before the end came.

Owing to uncertain road conditions the body will remain at O'Neill's Funeral Parlors, Stouffville, until Thursday morning. The funeral will take place from the residence of Rev. Robert Young, Church street Thursday afternoon at 1.45, and proceed to Melville United Church for service at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Melville cemetery.

Mrs. A. D. Bruce was a prominent member of the nursing profession for many years. Her maiden name was Louise Eastwood, and she graduated from Toronto General Hospital in 1888. She was one time assistant superintendent in that institution, and superintendent of training schools for nurses, Guelph General Hospital, and Nicholls Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.

Since her marriage to Mr. A. D. Bruce, prominent citizen of Markham township, Mrs. Bruce was an earnest worker in the Melville church and her fine Christian life was an inspiration to everyone who came in contact with her. She is survived by her husband and a sister-in-law Miss Nettie Bruce.

\$3,000 OF TOWN FUNDS INVESTED IN WAR LOAN

At the monthly council meeting Monday evening it was decided to invest \$3,000 of municipal funds in the present Victory Loan. The treasurer was authorized to invest \$2,000 of cash assets in the water works in the present loan, and \$1,000 of accumulated hydro funds. When this purchase is completed the water works will have bonds totalling \$5,000, as the system now has \$4,000 in Dominion of Canada bonds. The Hydro System already has \$13,000 in bonds, and neither utility has any indebtedness whatever.

HER 80th BIRTHDAY

On Tuesday evening this week a dozen or more neighbors combined to call on Mrs. James Mowat to remind her that Tuesday was her 80th birthday, and to spend a social evening with her. Scores of cards and letters have been received by Mrs. Mowat, indicating the many warm friends that are hers both in town and other communities.

Farmer's Wife Succumbs to Stroke

Following a second stroke suffered a few weeks ago Mrs. Bert Hopkins passed away at her home at lot 30, concession 10, on Thursday, February 26, in her 68th year. She had put up a valiant fight for life, following a stroke suffered a year or more ago, and had made good progress until a second seizure very recently left little or no hope.

Born in Markham township Mrs. Hopkins was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Miller of the 6th concession, at Almira. There survives three sisters and six brothers, namely, Mrs. F. Gregory (Bella); Mrs. R. Long, (Louisa); Mrs. P. Drake, (Rose), also Samuel Miller of Ringwood, Isaac of Mazeta, Sask., Daniel, Bert, Job and Russel of Toronto.

The funeral on Saturday afternoon proceeded to Stouffville United Church, thence to Stouffville cemetery. Rev. Douglas Davis conducted a private service at the home and later the public service in the church. Pall bearers were four brothers and two brother-in-laws. There were many beautiful floral pieces indicating the sympathy of many friends and relatives.

One Hundred Years And Now Under Same Roof

One hundred years ago Wednesday night of this week, March 4, 1842, a little band of eight people formally met at the home of Mr. Claus Mertens just west of town and formed themselves, as the written records say, "into a church of Jesus Christ, of the Congregational Order." On Wednesday night this week, March 4, one hundred years later to a day, another little band of people still met under the identical roof at the Mertens home just west of town and held a meeting of the Ten Talent Club of the Congregational-Christian church.

It was an historic occasion, and is the first of what perhaps will be a series of events this year to mark the centenary of this first Christian Congregation of any kind in Stouffville.

MARKHAM SEXTET OUSTS NEWMARKET

Newmarket Military Camp dropped out of the O.H.A. Intermediate B picture Tuesday night when they dropped a 10-5 decision to Markham. Markham captured the two-game series 17 to 8 on the round. Three straight goals by Callahan featured a four-goal upsurge in the second for Newmarket, but the rally was short-lived. They were held scoreless in the final session, while Markham rattled home five goals.

Commissioned



PILOT OFFICER P. E. CRAPPER, Son of Mrs. Wm. Crapper of Stouffville, recently received his wings and commission at No. 16 Service Flying Training School, Hagersville. Pilot Crapper was born at Goodwood. He is now taking an instructor's course at Trenton, Ontario.

Work by Cop Draws Councillor's Complaint

"I want the ratepayers to know that I am not a party to paying a constable not doing the work we want done," declared Councillor Ira Russell on Monday evening before all members of the council and Reeve Weldon in regular session. Mr. Russell said the constable was employed at the Pickering war plant, and while he may attend some calls he certainly isn't to be seen when the traffic is congested early Saturday nights.

"This council wriggle and twist long enough over whether some fellow getting 35c an hour is charging them for ten minutes too much, but a monthly cheque is handed out to the constable without any question whatever," continued Mr. Russell who said there is plenty of complaint about the situation. He was prepared to ask for the resignation of the Cop. "How are you going to better yourself, and who can we get to take the job," countered Reeve Weldon who said further that he was willing to do anything possible to improve the situation.

Councillor Brown thought the cop did a good deal that the public is unaware of, while Councillor Hugh Boyd suggested the matter be left over a month so that members could look around.

The clerk announced that the hydro peak again struck for the second time just a few minutes before six o'clock in the evening, drawing a load of 258 horsepower. Councillor Russell telephoned N. W. Byer to see why the street lamps were burning at this time when it was daylight and arranged to have them held off a short time to avoid adding to the peak.

RECRUITS STILL WANTED

While over fifteen boys have already filled out forms for the Stouffville Air Cadet Squadron, more are wanted. The local unit has received word of its affiliation with the Oshawa R.C.A.F. Station, and an open night is being arranged for parents and boys, with the assistance of the Air Force.

Former Factory Manager Dead

One-time Toronto representative of the Tetley Tea Company, John M. B. Paterson, of 20 Gormley avenue, died on Sunday at the Toronto General Hospital. An accountant, he had been associated with several well-known Toronto firms.

Mr. Paterson was a native of Scotland, and spent his early business life in London, Eng. He came to Toronto at the turn of the century as representative of the Tetley Tea Co. For some years he was manager of the Standard Vinegar Works at Stouffville, and occupied the Beebe residence where Mr. L. C. Murphy now lives. During his latter years in business he was with the George Coles Ltd., caterers, and later the Remington Rand Limited.

A past master of North Gate Masonic Lodge, he had been a member since its institution in 1921. Following the death of his wife, Harriet Reeve Paterson, in 1931, he retired from active business. There are no immediate survivors.

Born Here Eighty Years Ago Thos. Brownlee Dead

Had Been in Ill Health For Two Years—Was Noted—Horse Fancier

Born in Stouffville 80 years ago, Thomas Brownlee, died at his home in Ottawa on Wednesday last, following an illness of two years duration. As a young man here he was a companion of the late Rev. James Daley, although Mr. Brownlee was the elder of the two men. When still in his teen age Mr. Brownlee went to Mount Vernon, Ontario, and there took employment in a flour mill. He followed the milling business at Shawville, Que., and Quyon, Quebec here he met and married Henrietta Tapley who predeceased him 20 years. Mr. Brownlee was a member of the United Church.

Forty years ago the family located in Ottawa where they had lived ever since. Mr. Brownlee purchased a transfer business and owned many horses. In fact he was a horse fancier, and delighted in the racers.

He owned many famous racers, and was an authority on this line. It was Brownlee who owned the famous Grand Opera, Billy B., Golden Rex, Miss Brownlee, and others of high racing record in Canada and the U.S.A.

In recent years The Tribune has published letters contributed by the late Mr. Brownlee who always wrote in a happy reminiscent vein, recalling old timers who were associates of his in town 65 years ago. To any of these who are still living, his death will be learned with regret. An only son Roy Brownlee of 654 Gilmour st., Ottawa, survives.

Funeral service was held in Ottawa to Pinecrest cemetery, conducted by Rev. Norman Dowd.

Markham Favors One Weed Inspector

Wilmot Warriner Appointed to Control Whole Municipality—Council in Session on Monday.

Markham Township will have only one weed inspector for this year instead of two previously employed. Mr. Wilmot Warriner was the unanimous choice of the council in session on Monday afternoon, after there was a division in Committee on the question of appointing only one man. In committee stage Deputy Reeve Hooper and Councillor Harry Barber voted to make only one appointment and Reeve Rennie and Councillor Clark favored continuing the policy of having two inspectors. Councillor Albert Reesor gave the casting vote for making it a one-man job.

Inspector Warriner was then appointed. He receives \$200 for his services. Mr. Warriner said the pay was too low for man, car and gasoline.

Constable B. Gayman was instructed to attend the Police Training School in Toronto beginning Feb. 25, the township to pay \$25 expenses in connection therewith. Special training, first aid, etc., will be instilled into the Cops to enable them to be more efficient.

The Federation of Agriculture was granted \$10 to help along their work on behalf of the farmer.

A representative of the A. E. Wilson Insurance Co. announced a reduction in rates, making a saving of \$30 in premium due or near due. Markham's non-accident record enabled the new low rate to be effected. Council authorized renewal of road liability insurance on workmen costing \$231.72. This premium is based on the pay roll of employees on road work. In case they are hurt in any way the municipality is protected from damage claims.

Fox bounties were paid to Peter Connor, Wm. Calvert, and Walter Byer, the latter killing two foxes.

The road accounts presented for payment consisted of 90 separate items for which cheques will have to be issued, for varying sums as small as a dollar. Snow shovelling accounts totalled nearly \$400, while snow plowing by Hoover & Roberts totalled \$660 for 220 hours operation. Relief amounted to only \$123.78.

There was no hospitalization account, which constituted a record. Clerk Chas. Hoover said \$200 had recently been recovered on hospitalization paid by the township. Richmond Hill council presented a bill for \$210, charges for answering five fire calls. Council authorized payment of the account if found correct, and made formal request for a bill immediately following each fire in future.

\$150,000 is District's War Loan So Far

OVERSEAS NEARLY TWO YEARS



Robert Sibley (right), and Lloyd Sibley, are Whitchurch boys, sons of Mr. Jerry Sibley, who have been overseas with the Royal Regiment a year and a half. The brothers went to Iceland from Canada in July 1940 and returned to England in November. They are both married, both the Mrs. Sibleys living in Toronto. Lloyd is father of three children.

Stouffville and Whitchurch Well on Way to Objective of \$175,000—Canada Reaches \$600,000 Objective.

The village of Stouffville and the Township of Whitchurch combined into one area for purposes of the present Victory Loan campaign have well passed the three-quarter mark in their objective, but the showing in other immediate territory is not so good.

The village of Stouffville and Township of Whitchurch combined have an objective of \$175,000 and have subscribed the sum of \$131,000.

Markham village with an objective of \$60,000 has subscribed \$36,000 or \$6,400 more than half.

Markham Township's objective is set at \$200,000, and has reached the amount of \$94,000, falling short of the half way mark.

There was a week to go when these figures were compiled, and it can be seen that there must be some fine work done if this part of the North York district is to maintain traditional good standing in all its war efforts.

The district of Northern York county has a total objective of \$1,600,000, and up to Monday night had reported subscriptions of \$1,120,500.

The original objective for all Canada of six hundred millions was reached on Tuesday but a new objective of nine hundred million has since been announced.

BIRTHS

BROWN—On Saturday, February 21, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Brown Orillia, the gift of a daughter.

DAVIS—At the Albany Hospital, Toronto, on March 4, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, a daughter.

STOUFFER—Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Stouffer (nee Mary Lewis) Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of a son, (David Abraham) at the Brierbush Hospital, on Tuesday, March 3rd, 1942.

CURLING WINNERS

Fred Marshall's rink of W. Wadell, Frank Rowbotham and Walter Brillinger carried off first prize (nifty white shirts) in the local curling tournament here on Wednesday, winning their three 12-end games against rinks skipped by H. W. Sanders, Thos. Birkett and M. E. Watts. The second place spot was taken by M. E. Watts' rink of Gordon Lemon, Winn Timbers and Chris Armstrong. The prize was a pair of fine-lined gloves. Harry Brillinger's foursome of Harvey Moyer, Everton Smith and Bill Slack took third (neckties), defeating Thos. Birkett in the consolation round by the score of 10-3.

Miss Dorothy Wells of London, Ont., and Mrs. E. Wells of Agincourt were visiting Tuesday with their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Tarr.

Reformatory Terms for Dangerous Driving

RINGWOOD AIRMAN TAKES A BRIDE

At a quiet ceremony on Saturday, February 28th Loreen Doris Elliott, daughter of Mr. James A. Elliott and the late Mrs. Gladys Elliott became the bride of Albert George Edward Myland, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Myland, Ringwood, Ontario. The marriage was solemnized by Dr. Hardy Anderson at the home of the bride's aunt. The bride wore a blue crepe dress with wine accessories and a corsage of red roses. Miss Bernice Elliott, sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid wearing wine crepe with matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. The groom was attended by Gladstone Myland. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's aunt.

In a verdict brought in by an 8 size court jury last week Harry Muir and Thomas Wright were both found guilty of dangerous driving. The jury found the two not guilty of the charge of manslaughter under which they were tried. The jurors deliberated five hours.

Tom Wright who is a shipyard worker and who was driver of the car in which Jim Thomas was killed rounding the corner at Church Hill enroute to Musselman's Lake from Ballantrae, was sentenced to six months in the Ontario Reformatory. Harry Miller, companion, and who is employed by an auto dealer, was given a term of three months. Commenting on the finding, His Lordship said: "I'm glad you did not find the accused guilty of manslaughter. I don't very well see how you could have done other than you have."

On July 5 at about 8.15 p.m. the two accused, with Mrs. Muir, Miss Adelaide Palmer and James Thomas left Toronto in Muir's automobile for the purpose of spending a week-end at the Muir's cottage at Musselman's Lake. Shortly after midnight as they were close to the turn from the Aurora road to the Musselman's Lake road the car left the paved way, crossed a ditch, smashed through a fence and turned over on its side.

Thomas, an elderly man, referred to by members of the party as "Uncle Jim," was crushed under the car. He died shortly after.

At the time of the accident Wright was driving the car. He was charged with manslaughter and Muir was included in the charge on the ground that, being in the car at the time and having legal control of the vehicle, he should not have allowed Wright to drive if he was not in a fit condition to do so.

Dr. S. S. Ball, who examined Wright after the accident, said he was under the influence of liquor and not in a fit condition to drive. York County Constable Fleury, said that both Muir and Wright were under the influence of liquor.

Both accused denied the liquor evidence presented by the Crown and, while admitting that they had drunk some beer before leaving the city, claimed they were not affected by it.

OFF FOR SUNNY SOUTH



Earl Cook, local baseball product, left this week for Lakeland, Florida, for spring training with his home team, now the Detroit Tigers. Earl has completed about ten years with the "Big Time" league, becoming the property of the Tigers last season in a deal from Cincinnati.