

# The Stouffville Tribune

Leading Weekly for Whitchurch, Markham, Pickering and Uxbridge Twps.

VOL. 42, No. 49.

STOUFFVILLE, ONT., THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1942

EIGHT PAGES

## Patents New Device For Ford Tractors

D. F. Holden & Sons have perfected and placed on the market a depth regulator, straightening, evener and side hitch control for Ford tractors, that is said to eliminate the plowmen's problems in keeping an even width furrow and depth that is often perplexing on rough or hilly land, or in stony formation.

The new device will control these things entirely automatic. It is a simple addition attached to the tractor, and Ford experts are thrilled with the way it works. It is something their engineers have been working on by way of Ford improvement, but never just accomplished it.

A machine room at the rear of the Holden plant in the old Mansion House is modernly equipped with all necessary machinery to do their own manufacturing, with lathe, drill, forge, etc. installed.

Orders have been accepted locally for thirty "automatics" and production will only be limited to the manufacturers' ability to obtain iron. When local demand is filled, the mechanism will be available to Ford agents in Ontario.

A patent has been applied for.

## MARRIED IN ST. CLAIR CHURCH, TORONTO

St. Clair Avenue United Church, Toronto, was the scene of a pretty wedding Saturday afternoon, March 14, at 4 p.m., when Edna Lillian Stotts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stotts of Toronto, became the bride of Charles McDonald, of Stouffville, son of Mrs. McDonald and the late Charles McDonald, of Edinburgh, Scotland. Rev. J. Todd officiated. The bride looked smart in a powder blue suit with matching hat, and black accessories. Her corsage was of pink roses and forget-me-nots. Miss Lois Hoover of Atha was bridesmaid, and was attired in a light brown ensemble with matching hat and wore a corsage of contrasting roses. The groom was supported by Mr. Kenneth Walter of Toronto. Following the wedding the evening was spent at a dinner dance at the Hollywood Dance Gardens, the Kingsway. The young couple will make their home in Stouffville.

## Markham to Meet Belleville at Oshawa in Two Game Series

Move to Oshawa Arena for First Game Thursday Night

Markham Intermediate, O.H.A. contenders will clash with Belleville Flyers in their first of home and home games at Oshawa Arena on Thursday night at 9 p.m. Markham's home game will be played in the Motor City on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

The Markham squad are at full strength following their series with Omenece. Fred Scott, flashy forward of the green and white, expects to be in shape again following his recent injury, while Rowe and the Bangay brothers will also be on hand. Allen Broadway of Stouffville will be carried as sub-goalie.

Belleville have recently received some high class replacements, and will present no walkover for the southern boys.

## Air Cadets to Begin Training Friday Night

Stouffville Air Cadet Squadron No. 94 which will receive its first orders within a week from Adjutant Reg. Button and C. O. Gordon Spence, is one of 110 units across Canada. Every province in the Dominion is represented.

Members of the Stouffville Squadron who now number over twenty are asked to be at the school at 7.30 (sharp) this Friday night, March 20th, when the first instruction in the new course will be given. While the definite time-table is not yet arranged, we understand that signals and drill will be part of the work for the opening night. The squadron's M.O. Dr. S. S. Ball will also be on hand, so that arrangements can be made for the cadets to take their medical examination. Last week Air Minister C. G. Pow-

er announced that the R.C.A.F. will assume direct administration of the cadets of Canada who number 12,000. Designed to attain maximum uniformity and efficiency in training, the new policy recognizes the ever-increasing importance of air cadet squadron of the air force. "In addition to the existing annual capitation grant of \$1 per qualified senior cadet, provision is made for the payment of a uniform maintenance allowance of \$1.25 per annum and a band grant of \$2 per instrument," the minister stated. "Uniforms will be supplied directly to units by the R.C.A.F. on a regular basis. Provision is also being made to provide all necessary equipment including rifles and ammunition; signalling training equipment; aircraft recognition charts and (Continued on page six)

## Half Brothers on Active Service



William Ripley and Charlie Piper are both sons of Mrs. Wesley Hill of Stouffville. William is serving in the R.C.A.S.C. while the younger son, Charlie is in the Royal Canadian Artillery. Their mother is a resident of the west end of Stouffville. Located here a number of years ago, as Mrs. Piper, she married Wesley Hill.

## BRIDGE PROCEEDS FOR RED CROSS

A successful bridge was held on Tuesday, March 10, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Storey, when the sum of \$41.35 was realized. The said amount has been turned over to the Stouffville Branch of the Red Cross. The members of Jubilee Chapter of the Eastern Star thank all those who attended the event and those who sent their donations. On Tuesday evening, March 24th there will be a progressive euchre held in the Eastern Star Chapter rooms from which the entire proceeds will go to the local War Branch of the Women's Institute.

## Reservoir Damage Made Water Cloudy

Not for some years has the town water supply given any trouble from surface contamination until last week, when it was so cloudy that householders were fearful of drinking it without boiling. Samples have been forwarded to the Provincial Department of Health.

Investigation of the trouble is believed to be caused from the north wall of the new or larger reservoir having rotted away, allowing clay substance to wash in with every rain, and discolor the water.

The council immediately took steps to have the large reservoir cleaned out, and this will probably have been done before this item appears in print. When the ground is suitable a new end will have to be built, and probably other improvements made to the grading that will lessen the possibility of surface water getting into the reservoir.

The troublesome reservoir was built in 1920, but the sides never gave complete satisfaction. Fortunately the original reservoir, much smaller in size, appears to be doing its work all right, and is capable of supplying the demand at this season while cleaning operations are going on.

## BRIDE AND GROOM HERE ON HONEYMOON

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thompson are honeymooning in Stouffville at his mother's home for a few days, after the solemnizing of the wedding ceremony and reception, Saturday, March 14, at the bride's home, in Fort Erie, Ontario.

## MAY BE NO LOCAL SYRUP THIS SPRING

The largest maple syrup makers in the Stouffville district are fearful lest weather conditions make it impossible to obtain sap this spring for maple syrup. Not a tree has been tapped so far, and according to Atkinson brothers at Bethesda, there is grave danger of none being tapped. Mr. Atkinson pointed out that all the summer birds are in their bush, and the complete absence of frosty nights add to the unlikelihood of any run at all. "There will have to be a complete change of weather," said he.

Another big producer, Mr. Samuel Fretz at Altona, expressed much the same fear. Mrs. Fretz told The Tribune they believe the sap is now active in the trees but the heavy rains, complete lack of frosty nights, is serious, and she was not prepared to say they would hang out any pails this year. Certainly not under present conditions, but if there is a change they are ready for operations.

## ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Rowbotham announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen May, to George Brock De Witt of Newmarket, Ont., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. De Witt of Toronto, the marriage to take place quietly on March twenty-first.

## CRACK TRAINS SEEN

Since Monday night's big flood storm many main line C.N.R. crack express trains have been routed through Stouffville, due to washouts on the regular line of travel.

## POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED LAST WEEK

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the United Church parsonage, Stouffville, on Thursday afternoon, March 12th, when Edra Jean Burkitt, daughter of Mr. Altum Burkitt of Oakville became the bride of Mr. Jack Macklem Pennock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Pennock of Stouffville. Rev. Douglas Davis officiated. The bride was attractively attired in a street length printed silk jersey dress, red hat, dark shoes and gloves. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Nolan. Following a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Pennock will make their home in Stouffville.

## Council Urged to Reforest Waste Land

Ex-reeve Albert James and other land owners of Uxbridge township appeared before the Uxbridge Township Council on Saturday asking council to buy up waste land and reforest it. Such lands the committee pointed out would be fenced by the farmer and the seedlings planted, protected and cared for in the regular way. Although expressing favor with the idea, no action was taken at this time by the council, other than to turn it over to the county reforestation committee of which Walter Beach is a member.

The auditors report was presented and the usual number of copies ordered printed for public use. The treasurer made a cheerful announcement when he stated that the township was free of bank debt, with a credit balance of \$550 on hand. There is no bank loan whatever, yet unpaid 1941 taxes amount to \$3,400 which will further enhance the township's financial standing. The clerk was instructed to repudiate the claim for hospital care of Miss Lillian Smith on grounds she is a non-resident. Road accounts passed for payment totalled \$270, and general accounts amounted to \$392.

## Council Cannot Reinvest Clergy Reserve Funds

Perhaps the most voluminous auditor's report ever presented in Whitchurch was laid before the council on Saturday by Auditor R. W. Andrew. It dealt at length with every phase of the township finances, and with the changes in the law respecting the conduct of municipal business.

The Auditor in a certificate, declared that he had received all necessary aid in preparing his statement from the treasurer, and in his opinion good work is being done by that officer.

The auditor dwelt at some length on the ruling which forbids the municipality to reinvest any funds be-

## County Taxes Point Down in Whitchurch

### SALVAGE COLLECTIONS GOING OVER THE TOP

One of the school's largest salvage collections came in on Friday and Saturday. Huge bundles that reminded one of moving days rolled out from town and country homes. The big truck of T. H. Paisley followed by that of A. B. Lehman piled to capacity ambled off to Toronto with over six and a half tons leaving half a load which was collected late Saturday and stored for a future occasion.

Piles of books and magazines which are in demand for men on active service were assorted from salvage and sent to the I.O.D.E. distributing centre in Toronto. Paper, rubber, metal, glass, rags and bones are still needed. The proceeds are for Russian Hospital Supplies. Another load will be completed by Easter. Rural contributions are welcomed and if left in front of the school they will be promptly stored and gratefully acknowledged.

"We must pass on the saving to the tax payers if at all possible," said Warden Toole, presiding at the March meeting of Whitchurch council when the clerk reported nearly \$1,000 drop in county taxes. The township will pay into county coffers this year \$9,415.92.

The council was in session on Saturday, when the clerk produced the county tax rates for each municipality. Whitchurch contributes \$450 in the levy as the township's share of Red Cross county grant.

Councillor Evans, Deputy Reeve Leary, also the reeve and clerk were delegated to meet the Aurora Fire Brigade with the view of settling the fire area charges. The Brigade are asking an increase for serving a stated area in the township.

Constable Windsor's account for \$50, was turned back for details. It was agreed that while the amount was all right, the bill lacked information concerning what the various items were about.

On motion of Councillor Evans and Logan, 10,000 feet of snow fence was ordered with necessary posts in readiness for another winter, and in accordance with the idea of stocking up in this item.

Ratepayers in S.S. No. 1 (King & Whitchurch) will be assessed \$800 extra this year, alleged under levies in rates not collected in recent years. The extra taxes plus the current rate, will still be under that collected in peak years for school purposes in S.S. No. 1.

The council is required this year to adopt a budget on their expenses for all purposes under a recent ruling, and to keep within that budget. It will be submitted by the treasurer at a special meeting on April 2. Township tax rate will be struck in April, the earliest on record.

The payroll for snow and other work totalled \$1,100, with repair parts for overhauling the power grader costing \$326 additional. The operator, Floyd Preston, did the work, thus saving costly mechanical help and valuable time in sending the grader to the factory. The clerk on motion of Councillors Logan and Evans introduced a resolution appointing the Deputy Game Wardens as follows:

Jno. Crawford, Vandorf; James Jones, Gormley No. 1; Chancey Connor, No. 1; Harold Dewsbury No. 1; Percy Pattenden, Stouffville 1; Ern. Davis, Stouffville No. 2; Audrey Bartholomew, Stouffville No. 2; Wilf. Lundy, Newmarket No. 3; Parker Smith, Aurora 2; Leslie Preston, Newmarket No. 3; Reuben Ireland, Newmarket No. 3; Herbert Pegg, Cedar Valley 1; Delmer Kidd, Cedar Valley 1; Robert Windsor, Ballantyne; Austin Yake, Stouffville No. 2; J. H. Widdell, Newmarket No. 3.

## Couple Seriously Injured in Motor Crash at Brooklin

As the result of a head-on motor collision in which they were involved on Monday morning, Mr and Mrs. Murray Slack suffered serious injury, and Mrs. Slack was removed to the Oshawa General Hospital. A Wednesday morning report stated that her condition was favorable.

Mr. Slack has been employed by the Gale Lumber Co., since moving from this locality to the Motor City, and he and Mrs. Slack were returning to their home, and were about a mile and a half north of Brooklin, when the crash occurred.

No actual cause for the collision with a north-bound machine has been given, although it has been suggested by those involved that the driver in the other car may have dosed for a moment at the wheel, and his sudden action in trying to avoid hitting the Slacks caused him to swerve still farther over.

Mr. Slack is suffering from facial cuts, and several broken fingers. His wife sustained a fractured jaw, cuts, bruises, and a broken leg. The single occupant of the other car escaped almost unharmed. The Slack car was insured.

Mr. Nathan Forsyth has been quite ill the past week, but is said to be improving we are glad to report.

## York County Regiment Mobilized for Service

### WIRELESS GRADUATE



Glenn Gibbons, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gibbons of Lemonville, who graduated last week from the R.C.A.F. Wireless School at Guelph.

### BIRTHS

ELSON — At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Monday, Mar. 16th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Elson, Markham Township, a daughter.

STOLTZ — At Graco Hospital, Toronto, on March 9, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Eldon H. Stoltz (Lillian Phillips) a son.

Queen's York Rangers Ordered to Mobilize for Active Service — Organized nearly Two Centuries Ago, Later Joining British Colonial Forces.

The Queen's York Rangers, the oldest Regiment in Canada's history until a few days ago — one of the reserve infantry regiments included in the newly formed brigade group in Military District No. 2, has been ordered to mobilize for active service.

The Queen's York Rangers was organized nearly 200 years ago to protect settlers in New Hampshire against the Indians. The group of men was then known as Roger's Rangers, and they joined the British colonial forces as scouts some time later, and were designated the Queen's Rangers. During the Seven Years' War the Rangers fought at Ticonderoga and Louisburg, and at Quebec with Wolfe. In 1763 they fought against the Indian Chief Pontiac at Detroit and in 1776, when the American Revolutionary War broke out the Rangers were once more in the service of Britain.

The Queen's York Rangers carry also the title 1st American Regiment, and they are ranked in seniority 12th among the militia regiments of Canada. This is due to the irregularity of their history for they were many times disbanded and allowed to remain inactive for several long periods.

Helped Britain The Rangers played an important part in Britain's fight to retain the (Continued on four)