

Overseas Mail

Feb. 8, 1942

Stouffville Comfort Fund:

Dear Sir, Received cigarettes and parcel okay. I am very thankful to you for remembering me.

Jack Schell.

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Stouffville Comfort Fund

Dear Bert, Smokes were a godsend. I don't know how I can ever thank the Fund enough for the gifts I have received. The only thing we can do is keep the standard you fellows set before us. I think we will all try and do that.

Sincerely yours, Gordon Lehman.

February 17, 1942

Dear Comfort Fund,

Cigarettes received today O.K., and welcome. Thanks a million, also for gift sent me for Christmas. Very quiet over here, fairly steady cold weather since the New Year. Very little snow though. Will close, saying thanks again and best wishes to all the folks over there.

Yours, Fred Madill.

Dear Sir,

A few lines to thank you for the cigarettes you sent me. How are things now in the old town since the Japs are out in China and Japan have been going on. Not many fellows left I don't suppose. We are doing more training over here now for the Jap war.

Well that is all for now. Will close wishing you the best.

Oliver Larkin.

To Whom It May Concern

A card was also received by the Comfort Fund, addressed to Margaret May and Eleanor (no last name) from "Daddy." This card has been sent by some local chap having two daughters with names mentioned above. If the girls see this notice, they may have their mail by applying to Mr. Bert Lickorish, Stouffville.

Councillor Ross Brown was knocked out of action for a few days last week. The big vegetable shipper can scarcely get time for a holiday, and only takes one when he gets sent to bed.

War Branch Report

Last week the Stouffville Branch packed 59 quilts, 217 articles of clothing, also 204 pairs of socks, 35 sweaters, 6 scarves and 5 pairs of mitts. During the week there was received and is hereby acknowledged a cash gift of \$2 from the Happy Helpers Band at Altona, quilts from Bloomington unit, 5 from Ballantyne unit, baby blanket from Mrs. Forsyth, and clothing from Mrs. Wm. Crapper.

Mrs. Davey, sec'y.

Neighbors may have thought that sap was boiling at furious rate over in the bush on the farm of Mr. Chas. Atkinson last Wednesday night when a real flare lighted up the sky. Investigation showed that the boiler house was afire and before aid could arrive it completely burned down, destroying part of the utensils for boiling sap.

FLIER GOES TO COAST



Leading Aircraftsman Donald L. Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harper, 6th Concession of Whitechurch, has been transferred from Rockcliff to Vancouver and left Wednesday for his new location.

So far no news has been received concerning his brother Allen with the Royal Rifles when taken captive at Hong Kong, after leaving home in October last year.

Dine out for your Good Friday breakfast, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Watts. Help the war effort

Despise Harlem and Glamour Local Visitor to New York Flows a Straight Furrow

If we told you that one of our Stouffville citizens boarded a big plane at the Malton airport one night last week, and in two hours just reached his destination in New York (400 miles) yet despite the size of the plane it couldn't be seen from above and the big boat had to speed on through space to Philadelphia before making a landing, and that after once being in New York our local visitor, despite glamour girls and bright lights, actually plowed a garden, you would say, "incredible." Well, it actually happened.

Mr. Walter Brillinger boarded the big ship at Malton and made almost 200 miles an hour on the trip South where he visited his brother Dr. Fred Brillinger for a few days. The trip was made under poor visibility, and when the New York Pan American airport was reached the big ship just zoomed right on its course to Philadelphia. Folks on the ground could hear her going over, but they could not see a thing. At Philadelphia conditions were favorable for landing, and New York passengers had to take the train back. Mr. Brillinger found that spring had actually arrived ahead of him, and folks were preparing their gardens, at least those who had space enough to claim a garden. At Peekskill there is more room than down in the city, and here at the home of the doctor, Walter actually discovered a man on the street with an idle tractor. Borrowing a plow from a nearby agency for farm implements, he demonstrated to his city friends how to get farm work done in a hurry, and managed to manoeuvre the tractor and plow in the limited space to turn over the garden in a few minutes. Of course he visited the sights down town before returning to Stouffville red-eyed and tired from a journey that would have normally taken two or three weeks only a few short years ago.

Local & Personal News

If Miss Audrey Roberts, Stouffville R.R.2 will call at the office of this paper or at the post office in Stouffville, she will be able to claim a quantity of mail waiting for her.

Councillor Ira Rusnell was called to Weston last weekend to his son Arthur who is employed by the Moffat Stove Co. there, and who developed a case of appendicitis. He was taken to the General Hospital in Toronto and underwent an immediate operation. Latest reports indicate he is recovering nicely. Youth and a healthy body are a great asset to a quick recovery in these cases.

Removed to Hospital Last week our veteran citizen Mr. George Dowswell entered the Toronto General Hospital intending to undergo an operation for a chronic obstruction. Since that time he developed a light case of pneumonia. Although he is 83 years of age Mr. Dowswell always seemed like a man of not more than 70. As evidence of his smartness for such an age, he went to Toronto by bus and walked into the hospital unaided.

One of the sure signs of spring, says the Neymarket Era is the annual cleaning of the main street. Aurora's veteran Barney Robinson started work last week too. In Stouffville a few men were engaged to clean up the winter accumulation from the pavement so that the one-man cleaner may keep it in good condition the remainder of the year. Until this was done every store was clouded with dust.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bone attended one of those big quiz radio programs last week, and came back one dollar richer. Bob tells us that he isn't superstitious, but his lucky number, according to birth, is seven. Last Wednesday, March 25, totals seven, and believe it or not, the number he was handed when he reached the Toronto studio was seven.

Groceries Gets More Floor Space The Groceries owned and operated by Mr. Henry Hisey has been enlarged and improved by the removal of the hallway from the west side of the building which stands one door east of the public library. The change gives several feet addition to the width of the store and makes a decided improvement to the appearance and to the accommodation offered.

Guest Speaker for Easter Thank Offering

Miss Ada McKenzie, travelling secretary for the Dominion Board of the Women's Missionary Society, will be the guest speaker at the Easter Thank Offering meeting of the United church W. M. S. on Thursday afternoon at 2.45, in the church. A number of outside auxiliaries are expected to be present.

Visiting Cut Down

Sunday visiting up at the farm is likely to be cut down this year. Sunday was always a bright and interesting day to the farmer's wife after she had a grown-up family. The morning was taken up with church and chores, and there were always anything from two to 22 visitors from the city for Sunday afternoon. Most of them came from a distance and found it convenient to stay for dinner and supper, too. This wasn't any great inconvenience to the farmer's wife, because she could put the dinner on before going to church and while she was washing the dishes in the afternoon the city visitors employed themselves by filling their car with whatever was in season—apples, sweet corn—even wood from the pile that had been cut back in the bush and hauled up to the farm house.

Then usually, because it was some considerable distance back to the city the visitors left before the supper dishes were done. But now with gas and tires being conserved the Sunday afternoons on the farm will not be so full. Less often will there be that line-up of cars in the orchard. The women on the farm will not have so many meals to prepare or dishes to wash—and the funny part of it is they will probably long for the old days back again, when the folks can come and see them of a Sunday afternoon.

To morrow (Friday) being Good Friday is a public holiday and all places of business will be closed.

Drink to the health of Stouffville! Town water supply is reported by the Department of Health to be A1, pure and sparkling.

Sure Spring is Here Walking down street on Saturday morning we observed several large fish worms on the sidewalk. This is clear evidence that the frost is well out and spring is at hand.

Mr. and Mrs. William Payne, Mildred and Harold of Markham Village, and Mr. William Peters of Pickering, spent Sunday with Mrs. George Brownsberger.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Steckley, Toronto, who were in town over Sunday, enjoyed a trip to Montreal last week where they visited their son Howard, a Royal Bank clerk in the Royal city.

A weight for a new set of scales was picked up on the road by Mr. Earl Keith last week. The owner may reclaim property by applying to him on the former Sandy Jones place.

Mrs. Harding, wife of the Fenelon Falls barber, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Harding on Monday. The Falls lady attended the funeral of an uncle at Unionville while here.

Guests in town last week at the home of Rev. C. E. and Mrs. MacLeod were Mrs. J. W. Beatty, and Mrs. R. J. Williams, Toronto, also Mrs. R. E. Williams whose husband is in British Guiana.

Mr. Pete Clendening motored down from the mining district of Sudbury for a few days visiting his father, Mr. Harve Clendening, and other friends. For five years Pete has been digging ore from the bowels of the earth, and says that now he is not adverse to taking employment where he can get a little more sun tan.

Mr. John Quibel has rented the Wm. Vanzant house in the west end and will move in right away. The place has been vacant since the Vanzant family moved to Toronto. It was being held for sale and many offers for rental were turned down. The house on Baker avenue occupied by the Quibells will be taken by Mrs. Eli Ramer. The property belongs to her father Mr. Frank Baker.

When the mortuary was recently being redecorated, and the undertaking establishment of L. E. O'Neill, the room was equipped with the new Fluorescent lighting, which with half the number of kilowatts installed, gives a light that is equal to natural daylight, and absolutely free of shadows. Fluorescent lighting is very expensive to install but is much cheaper than any other kind of bulb in the consumption of current, and will pay the difference over a period of time, plus the improved lighting.

The name Burkholder like Stouffer and a few more always carry one's thoughts back to the early history of Stouffville for the two are inseparable. There are still members of these early families living today who were here 60 years ago when the village was incorporated, and one we have in mind is Dr. J. F. Burkholder. Last week The Tribune received one of his interesting letters which we are taking the liberty to pass on to our readers, because it will be read with interest by residents: "Inclosed you will find a money order for another two years subscription of your valuable paper; as a Stouffville old boy of eighty winters, I should be very lonesome without The Tribune. It is newsy and well edited, and trust it has a long life of usefulness ahead. I particularly enjoyed the little ripple in The Tribune a few weeks ago on the subject of Evolution, and wish to compliment the student of your continuation school who wrote the first student's letter; from a non-resident's point of view, it was well done. I am one of those terrible people who believes in the law of evolution, as I believe in the law of gravity and the law of the survival of the fittest."

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STIVER BROS.

WILLIAM LITCHFIELD IS RETURNING OFFICER

William Litchfield of Utterson has been named Returning Officer for Muskoka-Ontario in the forthcoming Plebiscite campaign. It is understood that the government has ordered the simplest form of procedure for the vote, which will be taken in April at that it will cost a couple of million dollars.

Rev. C. E. and Mrs. MacLeod were among the guests in attendance at the wedding on Saturday evening in Toronto for Donna Vanzant, daughter of Mrs. Vanzant and the late Len. Vanzant to Mr. F. Gardiner.

Has Victory Eggs

Mr. Charles Preston of the 7th Concession of Whitechurch has an egg with a perfect V displayed on one end. This extraordinary sample of hen fruit was the product of a Rock pullet on Mr. Preston's farm.

Good Morning

A Good Friday morning breakfast (April 3) will be served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Watts, sponsored by a group of ladies of the west end. Breakfast served from 8 to 11. Proceeds for local war branch and Red Cross.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flath, former residents of the 9th concession of Whitechurch, and for some years now of Pontiac, Mich., will be interested to learn that this couple are to enjoy a well-earned rest, and will spend an entire year travelling in the southern States. While away they intend spending some time with their daughter Vesta, in California. Since going to the States from the Musselman's Lake district Mr. Flath has been employed in the Ford plant at Pontiac.

Stiff Prices feature Furniture Sale

The big auction sale of household furniture belonging to Mrs. Jess Cook drew a tremendous crowd to town on Saturday despite the unfavorable weather of drizzling rain. Many articles of furniture sold for more than new goods, and an electric refrigerator, retailing at \$255, sold for \$220, but it was comparatively new. The home is now vacant, and the house is still offered for sale, together with five acres of garden land. The premises are in excellent condition and should attract a wide-awake buyer. We understand that Mrs. Cook who has taken rooms at M. Tat's for the present intends to return to the nursing profession.

Former Markhamite Mangled by Circular Saw

Mr. Gordon Reesor of Port Perry was badly mangled by a circular saw while engaged in cutting wood in the yard of his Scougog business place. Gordon was assisting in feeding the machine at the time when the pile slipped and threw him upon the whirling blade. He was slashed up the arm and across the chest. The injured man was rushed to the hospital, but latest reports tell of no bones broken. Mr. Reesor was employed in Markham's Marmill plant for some years, and was the popular young superintendent of the United Church Sunday School in that town. He moved to Port Perry some time ago where his father operates a coal and wood business.

Teacher Saves Three Pupils, Fourth Drowns



Feverishly breaking ice to wade through frigid chin-deep water Miss Mary Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delos Graham, Ringwood, teacher at Bloomington, is recovering from shock and will resume her teaching duties after Easter holidays. Shown above from left is Miss Graham, next to whom is Donald Jordan who was drowned, and in the centre is Rita Rae, 9. To the right is Bruce Jordan and Norma Cowie two other pupils who rushed in before the arrival of the teacher in an effort to save their chums, and who themselves had to be saved by the teacher.

Betty Beauty Salon

Get in the Beauty Line at the Easter Parade with a Nestle Permanent Wave designed to your individual personality.

Please make your appointment early.

Stouffville Phone 3206

The regular meeting of the village council next Monday evening should be full of interest. With the police issue and reservoir improvements probably on the agenda, members should be prepared with ideas and a will for action.

Sergt.-Pilot Roffey Son of Markham Buried in England

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Roffey, north Markham whose son Sgt. Pilot Fred Roffey paid the supreme sacrifice in England in February, are in receipt of a most interesting letter from George and Harold Jones, which they pass on to The Tribune for publication.

England, Feb. 1942.

"We were dreadfully shocked when your cable came. One can scarcely say anything that would ease the pain and sorrow at this time. We always looked on Fred as a brother, and we were expecting to go over to see him at the end of our training. It is a little too far to go on weekends. I phoned as soon as I received your cable and went to London as quickly as possible. They sent a car for the minister and myself from the R.A.F."

They gave Fred a beautiful burial. His casket was of oak with bronze plate bearing inscription. It was covered with a large Union Jack, banked with daffodils and wreaths. Pall bearers were Sergeant Pilots including Canadians, New Zealanders and Polish; and one Englishman. He was conveyed on a long-wagon behind which came the guard of twelve, also forty or so airmen. There was a brass band of considerable size. Immediately behind the casket was myself, the R.A.F. padre, and Rev. Oakley, and Fred's squadron leader. The flag at the air-port was at half mast and we moved along at funeral pace. On both sides of the road, officers, airmen saluted the casket as we passed by.

I cannot recall the words spoken at the graveside service. The guards fell in on both sides of the grave and presented arms with fixed bayonets. They fired three volleys over the grave, then one airman sounded the last post. Everyone came up to the foot of the grave, saluted singly and passed by. I saluted him last, and nothing ever hurt me more in all my life. I guess I wasn't very soldierly at that moment.

Four airforce girls, ones whom Fred knew, were there, and brought a beautiful wreath of daffodils. Just as soon as they placed Fred's cross, I shall engage Fred's chums to take some pictures for you, and later we hope to have a few rose bushes put on the grave.

I had the pleasure after the funeral of being with Fred's squadron leader. He was awfully nice, and spoke so highly of Fred. Apparently he was killed instantly when he was diving out of a low cloud he came in contact with a tree which caused the crash.

I had tea at the Sergeant's Mess, and everyone spoke so highly of him, and how the fellows went to him if they needed money, or their pants pressed in a hurry. Fred never drank and very seldom smoked, and was always so amiable with the other boys that he was very popular, and because of this he has left a great number of friends.

I wish we could be with you in this sad hour, we are so helpless, so far apart.

Love to all, George and Harold.

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