

First in Uniform



Miss Grace Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bell of Stouffville was the first girl to enlist with the Canadian Womens' Army Corps from this town. Up until the time of her enlistment Grace had been assisting her father in his implement business. Vol. Bell is stationed in Toronto.

Rev. Arthur Greer to Resign Presidency of Conference

Impaired Health Forces Decision to Seek Entire Change of Climate

Pastor of Newmarket Congregational-Christian church, and president of the conference, Rev. Arthur Greer is planning to leave Newmarket and to retire from the conference, the news of which will come with profound regret to the congregation in the Yonge street town and to the scores of friends here on the centre field of his conference.

Former pastor of the church at Stouffville and Church Hill, Mr. Greer has arrived at his decision to retire from the conference because of his health. It has been no secret to his most intimate friends that his condition physically, has not been the best, and to gain any improvement he has been advised to seek a dry climate such as might be found in Texas or the prairies in Western Canada.

With this situation on his mind Mr. Greer, we understand, has offered himself or rather his services to the United Church of Canada to do mission work on the prairies any place they may designate where the need is greatest.

A very young man in the ministry Arthur Greer's ability may be best judged by the fact that he has risen to the presidency of the conference of the present church to which he ministers. His great capacity for leadership and technical understanding of young peoples' needs marked him as a man of great value to the Christian cause in any denomination. His removal will be a loss to Ontario and will leave a distinct vacancy among the Congregational-Christian people that will not be readily filled. Soon the church at Newmarket like the church in Stouffville at present, will be seeking a new minister.

The Passing of the Beef Ring

The once popular beef ring is fast becoming a thing of the past. One or two older established rings have failed to resume operations this spring, and note that the Bloomington ring went out of business a year ago. The custom that prevailed to form a ring was for a dozen or more farmers to band together, each contributing a critter in turn. Each farmer in the ring obtained an equal amount of the beef, and the various cuts were taken in turn, so that you got your share of the so-called poorer cuts as well as the porterhouse and sirloin, liver and heart.

Now all this is changed since the coming of the locker system, whereby a farmer may place in storage around 300 pounds of beef if he wishes to, at not very great annual cost for locker space.

One of the few remaining rings in this locality that will operate again this season was started 50 years ago by the late Truman Holden. For some years Mr. Lud Hoover has been the butcher, and is still in charge of this work, but many of the original members have long since passed on. Always new ones were available to take their place, and so we have at least a remnant of a meat service at cost highly popular in the rural districts up to only a few years ago.

There was something about the beef ring meat that savored of the very best juicy steak one could sit

Council Asked to Aid In a \$3000 Red Cross Drive in Stouffville Area

SOLD 50 ACRES TO HIS TENANT

Mr. Bruce Morton who is in town from Ottawa this week sold his farm on Wednesday to his tenant, Mr. Ben. Talbot. The property consists of 50 acres located just north of town on the 9th concession. It is equipped with a fair barn and house, and was bought by Mr. Morton in 1930 from Fred Chamberlain. Two years ago Mr. Morton took a position at Ottawa and gave up farming. The reported sale price this week is between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Two More Teachers Resign Staff

Plenty of Applications to Fill Vacancies.

Members of the Stouffville school staffs for several years, Miss Ruth Miller whose home is in Hagersville, Ontario, and Miss Anna Lindsay of Bolton R.R., have resigned their positions here. Miss Miller has been on the high school staff for four years, and Miss Lindsay for a similar period on the public school staff. She had taken singing throughout the public school since she was engaged for the position.

Both teachers have proven themselves painstaking and sincere in their efforts, and co-operation in community work outside the school. Their resignations will make three from the staff this mid-summer, since Miss Bunker previously resigned. Ample applications have been received from which to choose teachers for the public school staff, but advertising is only being done now for the vacancy on the continuation staff.

Funeral Rites for Mrs. D. McNair

Funeral services for Mrs. Sara Scott MacCallum MacNair, Wright Ave., widow of Donald B. MacNair, who died suddenly Thursday following a heart attack, were held Saturday with Rev. F. G. Vesey officiating. Interment was in Stouffville, her birthplace.

Daughter of the late George and Jane Sangster MacCallum, Stouffville, who were among the earliest pioneer settlers in this part of Ontario, her family contributed many outstanding members of the medical profession. Three of her deceased brothers were all physicians, namely, Dr. George A. MacCallum, Dr. J. S. and Dr. Charles E. MacCallum. A nephew of the deceased is Dr. W. G. MacCallum of the Johns-Hopkins, Baltimore.

Survivors are a son George Bruce MacNair, two daughters Jean Olive and Mrs. D. A. McKenzie, all of Toronto. Two surviving sisters are Mrs. J. S. Teskey of Westmount, Quebec, and Miss Jane MacCallum who still occupies the old family home in Stouffville.

AGED LADY PASSES

Resident in Stouffville for fifteen years, Annie Disher widow of the late Merriett Disher of Ridgeway, died at the home of Mrs. Alf. Hoover on Church street on Sunday, in her 82nd year. Deceased had only been ill for a week, and prior to taking rooms with Mrs. Hoover had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Lud Lowndsbrough. Mrs. Disher was a daughter of the late Comley Widdifield, bailiff of the division court at Uxbridge town, and a sister of Mrs. Frank Sangster of Stouffville. The late Judge Widdifield was a brother. She was born in Uxbridge, and is survived by a step-daughter in Toronto, and step-son in Ridgeway, to which town the funeral proceeded on Tuesday from the funeral parlors of L. E. O'Neill.

CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY

Cemetery Memorial Service this year at Peaches' Cemetery will be held on Sunday, June 14th. Further information will be made later following this advance notice of the date.

down to, many farmers took real pride in the feeding of his beast, and the man who failed to "deliver the bacon, or rather the prime beef" was dropped from the ring next year.

President Asks Council To Make Public Appeal On Behalf of Big Drive

Stouffville and south Whitchurch are being asked to raise \$3,000 in the forthcoming drive across Canada to raise \$9,000,000 for the Canadian Red Cross. Mr. F. L. Button, K.C., told Reeve Weldon and members of the village council on Monday evening, when he appealed to the council to make some sort of public appeal in support of the drive. "I realize, said Mr. Button, that you cannot make a direct grant out of public or patriotic purposes, but by your good will and collective appeal to the people, you can help a great deal." Mr. Button said that lady canvassers would cover the individual homes, but that the business men would be canvassed by a committee and he invited council to help in this way too.

The president of the Red Cross said that the sum of nine million was an advance of four millions over what was attempted in the last drive. It is necessary for meeting the increased demands. Forty thousand boxes weekly are now being packed by the Red Cross and sent weekly to prisoners of war in Germany. Owing to food shortage in England and other causes, the British government has appealed to have this number raised to eighty thousands. The cost is around \$2 per box, hence the need is very great. Mr. Button declared, that the co-operation of the council is necessary to its success.

The drive opens on May 11.

Brierbush Hospital To Have Addition

The Brierbush Hospital is making a further extension this spring in an effort to cope with the ever increasing demand for accommodation in this institution. A small wing is being added to the rear west part of the building that will give enlarged kitchen space, and a private dining room for the nurses, as well as added quarters on the second floor.

The hospital now accommodates about 25 patients, but there is constantly a waiting list, all of which is a highly gratifying situation, and marks a record of expansion. For the past few years substantial additions have been added, which had made a marked improvement, which the public have been quick to realize and to take advantage of in time of illness.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spang of Markham announce the engagement of their daughter Margaret Evelyn to Stephen George Sale, son of Mrs. Sale and the late A. G. Sale, Scarborough Junction. The wedding to take place the latter part of May.

Wounded Serving with the British Indian Army

PICKERING GRANTS \$30 TO AIR CADET UNIT

Pickering Township Council on Monday made a grant of \$30.00 in aid of the Stouffville Air Cadets, an organization which at last drill mustered over 40 boys at the local school. Several of the lads are from Pickering and the cadets are growing in numbers with membership from the surrounding townships. A grant from Pickering follows other grants made by Markham and Whitchurch in aid of this training scheme for the youth

JUPP'S MAY BUILD SIDEWALKS

The Jupp Construction Co. has made the town an offer for laying a few thousand feet of cement sidewalk, to replace some of the poorer walks in town. It is expected that at least \$1,000 or more will be spent on sidewalks this season. It was revealed at a meeting of the Stouffville council on Monday evening.

In the Navy



Harold Good, son of Mr. E. R. Good of Stouffville who has enlisted with the Royal Canadian Navy. Harold is at present in Toronto where he is taking a wireless course.

Bachelor Farmer Buried Saturday

Born 85 years ago within five miles of the farm on which he died, Albert Lister, life-long resident of Markham Township, died on Thursday, April 30, at Lot 27, Con. 7, where he had resided for more than 25 years. He was a bachelor farmer and was born in the original house on the Robert Ratcliff farm which had long since given way to the more modern dwellings. He spent his entire life within five miles of where he was born. Albert is the last of the family which was of English origin, his father coming from Somersetshire about a century ago. His only brother and one sister predeceased him years ago.

The family lived under the Baptist faith, and Albert was an office bearer for many years in the Markham Second Baptist church, but due to his great age and growing infirmities he was unable to attend of recent years.

He had no near relatives, although it is interesting to note that two cousins, Joe White of Oshawa is 90 years old, and Dr. Browning of Exeter is 98, so that the three had a combined age of 278 years.

The funeral from his late residence on Saturday proceeded to Markham Second Baptist cemetery for interment. Pastor Rowan conducted the service, the pall bearers being Messrs. Robert and Ernest Ratcliff, George Barkey, Ezra Clubine, Henry Miller and Allan Lewis. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Hosking resided with the late Mr. Lister and ministered to his needs through his final years of feeble health.

TIN CAN DAY

Since sending out a reminder printed on our inside local page, we have been informed that Mr. Ab. Lehman will collect the town cans and material for the dump on Tuesday, May 12. Place out your consignment in a convenient place. Usual small charges will be made. This is your chance to rid the town of unsightly old cans, and other rubbishage other than vegetable matter.

BIRTHS

GAYMAN—At Markham, on May 1, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gayman, a daughter.

MASKELL—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Monday, May 4th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. George Maskell, a son.

Councillor Rusnell Is Likely Choice For Constable Position

TOWN PUMP SMASHED - VILLAGERS HUNT FOR WATER

When a Stouffville truck bumped into the "Village Pump" in the hamlet of Brougham last week, there was a general rush for new sources of refreshment by those householders who had patronized the popular water spout for nigh onto 75 years.

Time was when many Ontario villages were most proud of the record of the village pump that raised water from some spring to supply half the householders around. Young boys soaked their heads in hot weather, the town animals found refreshment and everybody said it was "worth its weight in gold." Brougham prized the village pump and cared for it this day, and if not repaired will be missed for its faithful service and a landmark.

Major Wees Owns Farm Near Siloam

The Directorate of Personnel Selection, set up last autumn for the Canadian Army, has a member who is a property-owner in the Goodwood district. This is Major Wilfred R. Wees, now chief Army Examiner for Ontario, in charge of the Personnel Selection for zone one. He has recently been transferred from the Pacific Coast, where he assumed



command of this work last November, when he joined the Canadian Army.

Major Wees and his wife, Frances Shelley Wees, the novelist, bought the property of Mr. Charles Collins, a mile south of Siloam, in the fall of 1938. They rebuilt the house and lived in it during the summer and on week-ends. Major Wees in civil life was general manager of the W. J. Gage publishing company, and one of Canada's leading young educators. As Dr. Wees he is known everywhere in the Dominion.

Major and Mrs. Wees, now in Toronto, hope to make use of their summer home as frequently as possible for the duration of the war and to live there at least half of each year when the war is over. They have one daughter, Margarita, who is through her father's line an eighth-generation Canadian.

Industry Stepping Up at Local Plants

Twenty Hands Employed in the Gold Fish Factory

Between 18 and 20 hands are steadily employed at the present time between the Gold Fish Supply Co., and Ross Incorporated, occupying a portion of the same building in Stouffville. It's a long time since so many employees, if ever, were engaged under the roof of the old vinegar plant, or better known to some old-timers as the pork packing plant. Ross Incorporated is very busy on a war order as reported in these columns a few weeks ago. Mostly female help is required; but there are plenty of applicants on file for immediate and future requirements, we understand.

Stouffville should reap the benefit of this pay roll, which is something hitherto unknown here where the chief support of the village comes from purely farm customers and retired villagers.

A Nomination Meeting Will Be Necessary To Fill Council Vacancy

At the regular council meeting on Monday evening Councillor Rusnell told his colleagues that if they would give him the backing in office as constable, he would like to take on the job. "I am willing for you to try it out," said Reeve Weldon and all the members acquiesced.

"I wouldn't want to take the job unless you backed me up in the work," said Mr. Rusnell, who declared he had a sort of idea that he would like the work, and while admitting there is a lot to learn, felt he could handle it.

The matter was left for definite decision until Mr. Rusnell could be assured of obtaining necessary gasoline for his car while on police duty.

If the appointment goes through as it is expected the new appointee will set aside his caption as "Councillor" for that of "Town Cop," and while both of them are deserving a good deal of honor, the latter will carry a pay of \$300 a year.

"Constable" Rusnell may be on duty next Saturday evening if all goes as is expected. He will hand in his resignation as a member of the council when he is appointed constable. A nomination will be held to fill the vacancy, and if more than one person is mindful of contesting the seat, an election will be held.

May Weddings

On Saturday, May 2nd, William Dyck, of Pickering Township and Annie Ruth Wilson, of Markham Township, were united in marriage at the M.B.C. parsonage, Mount Joy, by Rev. P. G. Lehman. Miss Molly Dyck was bride's maid, while Mr. Deward Wilson acted as best man. The community wishes the newlyweds a long and happy married life.

LEHMAN-KOEPKE

On Saturday, April 11, 1942, a pretty wedding was solemnized in Olivet Evangelical Church, Kitchener, Ontario, when Frederick Elmer Lehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Lehman, and June Marion Koepke a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Koepke were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. G. Lehman, of Markham, cousin of the groom, and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Cornwall, pastor of the church. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where a large gathering of relatives and friends showered congratulations on the happy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Lehman left by motor for Hamilton and Toronto for a short honeymoon. Upon their return they took up residence in Kitchener. The groom is a grandson of Rev. F. J. Lehman, well-known locally, and is also a nephew of John Lehman of this village.

Dies on Homestead In 82nd Year

Thomas Edward Hastings died on Saturday at his farm home at lot 30, concession 7, Markham, just west of Stouffville, on the very farm and in the same house where he was born 82 years ago. It is recorded that his father was born there too, so that the present occupant of the farm, an only son, is the third generation to operate the place. When the first Hastings came from Ireland to settle at lot 30, only 10 or 20 acres of the land was cleared, and a great part of Markham was in bush land.

The late Edward Hastings who died on Saturday was a quiet, unassuming man, members of Peaches' United church, but he took no public office in church or municipal life. As a young man he married Helen Pool who predeceased him. Surviving is a son Thomas on the homestead, and one daughter Miss Annie Hastings R.N.

The funeral on Tuesday from the late home proceeded to Dickson Hill cemetery for interment. The service at the home and graveside was conducted by the pastor Rev. A. J. Orr, and the pall bearers were Messrs. Henry Miller, George Hoover, Harry Warriner, Telfer Wagg, Stanley Hastings, Garnet Francis. Many life-long friends and family associates were present to pay their last respect to a fine old citizen of the district.