

# The Stouffville Tribune

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## Sugar for Threshing is Farm Wives' Worry

Farm wives' worries about sugar for the extra hands at harvest time have been answered by a ruling of the sugar ration division of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Special provision has been made to enable farmers' wives to obtain extra sugar.

Farmers' wives must provide pies, cakes and other sugar-containing foods in large quantities for threshing gangs and other harvest workers. Most farmers' wives know from experience how many men will come in the threshing gang and how long they will stay, therefore they know how much extra sugar will be needed.

To obtain this extra sugar the farmer's wife should apply in good time to the nearest sugar ration officer for a special purchase permit to obtain the sugar she requires. In her application she should state:

1. How many men she expects.
2. How long they will remain.
3. How many meals she expects to provide.
4. What quantity of sugar she expects to use.

The request will be scrutinized by the ration officer and, if it is found in order, he will issue a special purchase permit for a stated amount of sugar. The farmer's wife will present this purchase permit to her grocer or other supplier and it will be his authority to sell the exact amount indicated for the specific purpose stated.

Location and names of the ration officer for York and Ontario counties is Laurie Lewis, 330 Bay Street, Toronto.

## Great War Veteran Dies at Bloomington

Resident of Bloomington for the past twenty years Richard English died at his summer home there on Wednesday last week in his 56th year. Deceased was a veteran of the last war, and the family credit his life in the country to having prolonged his days to the present time. Death is believed to be due to his injuries.

Born in Scotland Dick English as he was known to his intimate friends was very popular about Bloomington where he came each summer to work a small acreage largely to gain the benefits of the outdoor life.

Surviving are his wife whose maiden name was Sarah Croft, and by one step-son Corp. Jos. Gallagher of Brampton, and three daughters Mrs. C. Abbey, Mrs. H. Clewchy, and Mrs. R. Purdy.

The funeral on Friday was from the late home at No. 9 Bristol ave., Toronto, to Prospect cemetery.

## ANOTHER BUSINESS MAN CALLED

Mr. Jake Smith, town jeweller, has been ordered to report for medical examination by the military, thus making one more of the business men receiving similar instructions.

This is the fourth or fifth business head to be called from this town in the last few weeks, for medical examination.

## FIRM'S STAFF IS GOOD AT WEED ERADICATING

There are plenty of stiff backs and blistered hands this week, but the forty or so rods of soya beans on the farm of L. K. Flaska, Unionville, are now devoid of mustard weed.

Mr. Flaska invited 50 to 75 members of the staff of the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association, of which he is vice-president to his farm for a "mustard festival" on Saturday. Refreshments were served on the terrace of the farm house after the work was completed.

## BIRTHS

CLARK—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark are happy to announce the birth of a son, at Uxbridge, Ontario, R.R.2, on Sunday, July 19th, 1942, a baby brother for Lorne.

REESOR—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on July 20, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Millard Reesor, (nee Dorothy Pointon) a son (stillborn).

## WINGED AT CAMP BORDEN



M. L. Fairles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fairles who reside just east of town, was one of nineteen Ontario men to receive his wings at Camp Borden on Friday. Presentation of the wings was made by Air Vice-Marshal J. A. Sully of Ottawa.

## Air Cadets Back From a Week of Intensive Training

Stouffville Air Cadets of Squadron No. 94 returned on Saturday evening from a week of intensive training at the R.C.A.F. station at Kingston.

Here, along with squadrons from Port Hope, Kingston and Cobourg, they covered classes in air-force subjects such as armament, airframes, airc engines, etc., and were drilled and directed in air-force manoeuvres by R.C.A.F. officers. Use was made of the link trainers and the many other facilities available at this air-training station and on one occasion the cadets were privileged to witness actual bombing practise which is held on a small river inlet outside of Kingston.

Only cadets 15 years and over were allowed to go to camp and with the exception of a couple of our boys who were unable to attend at the last minute, this included approximately half the local Unit.

The boys were accompanied by Commanding Officer G. Spence and the squadron was made up as follows: Sergt. S. Ball, S. G. Brillinger, K. V. Card, F. Couperthwaite, N. Couperthwaite, J. Davis, J. Drewery, D. A. Fockler, J. Harding, K. Jennings, W. Kellington, F. Mantle, J. Miller, G. Nokes, G. Preston, L. Raxlin, H. Schell, H. Steckley, J. Tranmer, E. A. Wallace, Corp. L. Weldon, G. A. Wilkinson, F. Williams.

There were approximately 100 cadets at the Kingston camp.

## WIN SECOND ROUND IN KING'S TROPHY GAMES

Stouffville bowlers advanced another step in the King's Trophy competition by defeating Uxbridge on Monday evening by the score of 73 to 62. Richmond Hill are awaiting the winner of Aurora and Newmarket and these three along with Stouffville comprise the remaining field.

The individual scores in Monday's round were as follows:

F. L. Button 18	Jos Kennedy 16
Dawson Davis 15	M. Munsire 17
W. R. Sanders 19	Jas. Kennedy 13
F. Marshall 21	B. Lott 16

## THE TRIBUNE ALWAYS GETS A BUYER

"Somebody said I was a darn fool when I paid \$75 for that there cow seven years ago," Jack Norton, Claremont told Tribune, referring to an animal he sold from an advertisement in this paper. The first buyer came from Almira and offered me \$90.00, but I didn't sell. Then a 10th concession Markham farmer stepped in later and bid \$95, and we made a deal right there. Although 11 years old the cow had delivered Mr. Norton eight quarts of milk twice every day, a good record.

## BABIES GALORE

Dr. Dafoe still holds the world's record for conducting five little girls into the world all in one evening, but the Brierbush Hospital sets a standard that will at least bear reporting. In three days last week five little cherubs arrived there for five different mothers, and three of these new comers arrived within a space of twelve hours. Two were born on a Sunday, and believe it or not, despite the shortage of man power, four of the five babies are girls.

## Mrs. Nelson Wagg Buried Monday

One who pioneered in Uxbridge Township, Mrs. Nelson Wagg, died at the home of her son J. E. (Ted) Wagg at lot 20, concession 2, Uxbridge, on Friday, July 17, 1942, in her 89th year.

Born near Newmarket, her maiden name was Francis Elizabeth Hill and she came to Uxbridge township as a bride about 65 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Wagg settled on the very farm where she died, and they helped to clear the Wagg settlement that is still held by the descendants of the first pioneers.

Nelson Wagg died the year the last war closed in 1918. There survives the pioneer parents two sons, J. E. Wagg and J. H. (Ted) Wagg—one daughter who was Mrs. Ernest Morganson and one son died.

The funeral for Mrs. Wagg was held on Monday afternoon from the home of J. E. Wagg, proceeding to Goodwood cemetery for interment. Rev. H. Twiss, Anglican rector at Uxbridge, conducted the service. The pall bearers were four grandsons Herbert, Dean, Laurie and Norman Wagg, and two nephews, Harry and Frank Hill.

## War Stamp Comm. Formed on Monday

A War Stamp Committee was formed in town on Monday night in the municipal hall. Organizer Trapp and Mr. J. Green from Richmond Hill were present and aided in the work.

There will be no canvass to sell stamps, but every effort will be made to sell them through the medium of the stores in town and country, and through school organizations in the fall season.

The committee formed to stimulate the sale is composed of Jee Borinsky, T. B. Rae, A. E. Weldon, Gordon Bailey, N. M. MacLean, Hugh Bannerman, J. K. Agnew, A. V. Nolan.

One new avenue of sale is to provide a speaker for garden parties, socials and other functions to give a short stimulating talk. During the last sales effort in Stouffville a year ago, stamps were going out at the rate of \$1,000 a week.

Miss Winnie Silvester of Toronto was a visitor here on Monday with Misses Jessie and Mary Lemon.

Mrs. William Taylor of Toronto, is visiting with her aunt Miss Mary Daley.

## Former Resident Now Semi Invalid Makes Quilts for War Victims

Mrs. Isaac A. Parkinson, 718 Pape avenue, Toronto and former resident of Stouffville, is a semi-invalid, but she was determined to aid the war effort in some manner.

So she made a handsome quilt with a "V for victory" design and chose The Evening Telegram British War Victims Fund as the agent through which to aid the people of Great Britain.

Someone was needed to help Mrs. Parkinson by conducting a draw for the quilt. The Toronto and District Business Men's Council volunteered to accept the responsibility.

July 29 has been set as the date for the draw and tickets are now available through members of the various Toronto and District Business Men's Associations.

Mrs. Parkinson, herself, is sparing no effort to make the draw a success and to date has sold \$16 worth of tickets. The Parkinson's owned and occupied the residence

## IS. LAKE FARM SOLD

On Monday this week, Oliver Yakely purchased the Joseph Ogden farm at lot 25, concession 1, Uxbridge, on the Whitchurch townline. Mr. Ogden bought the farm 30 years ago from Mr. Malcolm Paisley and has worked it ever since. Recently he went to live with his sons at Ingersol and this year the place was not cropped. As the property of 100 acres lies along Mr. Yakely's present farm, he will find it conveniently located for him to work.

Next Monday Mr. Ogden will be 75, and we understand, that he works daily on cement jobs with his sons at Ingersol.

## Magistrate's Court Fines Motorist \$100 and Cancels License

Luther Wilson, Brooklin, was fined \$100 and costs and had his license cancelled, as a result of decision handed down a few days ago by Magistrate Ebbs at Oshawa, in the Slack motor car case.

Evidence was all heard two weeks ago, but judgment was reserved. The case arose out of a car crash in which Mrs. Murray Slack, Stouffville, was so seriously injured that she was taken to Oshawa hospital, and was only able to leave that institution last Saturday. Her condition is still not good. The accident occurred on March 9th.

It is understood that the Wilson car was fully insured, and it is possible that civil damages may be obtained without recourse to the courts.

## 80-YEAR OLD UXBRIDGE TWP. NATIVE TAKES HER RATION CARD TO PARTY

Mrs. Anice McDowell Burridge, of Aurora, who celebrated her 80th birthday on Saturday, takes a keen interest in events of the day and realizes the problems that wartime restrictions provide for the modern householder. Guest of honor at a party held at the home of her son, Milton McDowell, she brought along her sugar ration card.

"I was married at 18," Mrs. Burridge declared, "and certainly I'm not opposed to folk being married young if you get the right person. I was never sorry I did that."

"I worked hard when I was young," she said, "and last year I pieced 19 quilts for the Red Cross, but I haven't been able to do so much lately."

Two lifelong friends of Mrs. Burridge also attended the party, Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. Charles Stiver, both of Unionville. Mrs. Burridge attended school at Boggartown with Mrs. Miller.

Born on the Fourth Line of Uxbridge, Mrs. Burridge has resided in Newmarket, Whitchurch and Markham all her life. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lunau.

Attending the celebration was her daughter, Mrs. Robert Stiver, of Unionville. Her sister, Mrs. Margaret Winterstein, of Des Moines, Iowa, and her brother, Rev. Austin Lunau, of Toronto, were not able to be present.

## Lightning Strikes As Thirteen Sit at Supper

### SENT TO NEWFOUNDLAND



Pte. Donald Rowbotham of the R.C.A. and son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rowbotham of Stouffville has, according to word received by his parents this week been transferred to Newfoundland for further training.

## SUNDAY THIEF QUICKLY APPREHENDED

Lewis' Garage, Stouffville, was entered on Sunday evening when the thief raided the booth for chocolate bars and cigarettes. Later he hung around Sinclair's store at Ringwood probably with the idea of committing another theft. However Mr. Sinclair didn't like his actions and when he moved on, the storekeeper notified Constable Ben Gayman who picked up the gent at Markham Village and found the stolen goods on him. He confessed to the crime and was placed under arrest.

### NOW A CAPTAIN



Lt. J. B. Butterill who will be recalled as a popular Mathematics and Science teacher in Markham High School a few years ago, has been promoted this week to the rank of Captain. Capt. Butterill is with the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps overseas.

## Lightning Downs Cows in Their Stalls

During the late storm on Friday afternoon lightning struck at the farm of Mr. Douglas Booth, south of town, performing some peculiar pranks. It put every cow in the milking line on their knees when a heavy bolt struck, while one animal on which Walter Booth was in the act of attaching the milking machine was knocked over. Since that time the herd has dropped about a can of milk per day from their normal production.

The same afternoon lightning struck the home of Bunker Bros. in a neighboring section of Markham and demolished the radio, splintered the floor and filling the room with smoke.

"I had just gone from the room into the kitchen," said Miss Florence Bunker, "when the lightning struck, splinters flew about from the floor, and the smoke smelled like coal gas." Miss Bunker feared the lightning had started a fire in the coal down in the basement. The cows were in for milking and every animal was struck to its knees. Switches at the house and barns were burned out on the electric wiring.

One of two comments were made on Sunday evening when 13 friends sat down to supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Barkey, west end, Stouffville, but the sponsors were chided and the matter dropped. Not long after, lightning struck the house, burst the water pipes and showered the cellar, while the streak went skipping all through the house. With so many friends in the house, Mr. and Mrs. Barkey are very grateful that no one was hurt, and that there were no fatalities. However, those who said they "took no stock" in No. 13 are revising their opinion.

Besides the family there were guests from Toronto, Uxbridge, and from the village. Supper had been served and a few had departed for home. About 7.15 the bolt of lightning struck a wooden spire or pointer on the roof, came through the attic, and filled it with smoke. The lightning seemed to spread all over the place. In the cellar it burst the water pipes when out flooded a great shower of water, which could only be stopped when the service was cut off entering the house.

"Five of us were sitting in the room," explained Mr. Barkey, "when a thunderous noise exploded and a ball of fire flared right before us. Mrs. Nelson Chapman of Uxbridge a guest in the home, was fairly stunned and could scarcely hear for some time. She is still feeling the shock, he said. Those in the room besides myself and Mrs. Chapman, were Mrs. Jos. Grove; Mrs. I. Barkey, and Ed. Barkey.

An electric light bulb was shattered in another part of the long residence a good distance from where the chief damage was done. The radio was struck.

A fire alarm was sent in and the firemen quickly responded, but it was not necessary for the fighters to go into action. The firemen made an inspection of the premises and satisfied themselves that there was no smoldering fire anywhere where they retired from the scene.

## Village Lighting Reduced to Candle Light Saturday Night

Just when business was reaching its height in town on Saturday night, the whole village was plunged into darkness by the failure of the hydro which was dislocated somewhere in the Yonge street area, due to an electric storm which later broke over Stouffville with torrential rains.

When the lights failed to come on again after a reasonable delay merchants scurried everywhere to dig up candles, old lamps, lanterns, and flash lights. By their aid they continued to wait on the crowds of customers.

However, in half an hour with still no electricity, the rain and lightning came over the town. The scene in the business section was one of wild excitement. In the darkness, families could not gather, and anxious parents had only one thought in mind, namely, to rush for home. That storm was wicked looking and might spread destruction in any direction it was so widespread. Some visioned a catastrophe at home.

The problem of gathering together wasn't easy, and some young folks were left behind to get home as they could, and looking for a lift around 11.30 was the task of quite a few.

Constable Rusnell was doing his best to keep order and smooth out the traffic tangles all evening, and its a miracle there were no accidents. During the height of the storm one of the worst to pass over the section this year, anxious farmers blocked the street scrambling to get their cars started and rush for home. No one could blame them.

Thus what promised to be a top notch business night of the year was turned into a fiasco by the storm that beat down many a fine field of grain over York and Ontario counties. The hydro which failed around 8.30 did not come on until 11 o'clock.