

ON LEAVE FROM ALASKA



Harry Brown of the Royal Canadian Navy dropped into town over the weekend all the way from Alaska to visit his mother Mrs. Nels. Byers. The visit was a surprise, and a most happy one indeed for all the family.

"We find a lot of news of interest to us from around Stouffville," writes R. C. Meabry of Dunrae, Man., in renewing his subscription. Mr. and Mrs. Meabry left Stouffville only a few years ago, and their old friends will be glad to hear even this brief news of them.

PICNIC TRUCK BAN GIVES DOBBIN A BREAK

"Remember! It was in the summer of 1941 that we all piled into the truck to drive over to the picnic grounds. Those were the days."

Soon remarks like that will be on the lips of the many Canadians for the days are past when trucks can be used for such frivolous activities as picnics, visits to fairs or community concerts. For pleasure driving—get a horse.

Trucks must be made to last as long as possible so government wartime regulations demand that they be used only for essential purposes. Farm trucks should be used only for transporting produce but the farmer can still take his wife to market because he is allowed to have two people drive in the cab with him.

Local & Personal News

Mrs. L. E. O'Neill, Joy and Fay, returned to town last weekend from a week's vacation in the Halliburton district, just north of Minden.

Miss Marjorie Hoover of Toronto is enjoying ten days' holiday here with her mother, Mrs. Alf. Hoover, Church St.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Swift and family, also Sgt. Arthur Swift, all of Toronto, were visitors in Stouffville over the weekend.

LAC Leland Fairles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fairles, Stouffville, who received his wings at Camp Borden last week, is now Sgt. Fairless will be transferred to No. 1 Depot at Halifax following a week's leave.

Ralph Stephens, a pilot with the R.A.F. and son of the former Claremont Baptist pastor, and resident of Stouffville, has according to communications with friends here been transferred from England to West Africa. The R.A.F. has based some air force personnel in this part of the continent since the taking over of Madagascar.

Two Weeks Holidays!

More than ever this year, it seems, weekly papers are taking a holiday, and mind you for two weeks. The Flesherton Advance and the Sherbourne Economist are both suspending publication for two weeks and the Dundak Herald, in the same district, is taking one week off. Indeed, many more papers have adopted the custom this year as the only means of giving their employees a holiday.

Riding the Handle Bars

Two lads up in Walkerton went to the hospital last week when a bicycle they were riding collapsed as they descended a hill at a rapid rate of speed. The boys were both thrown heavily to the gravel road when the frame broke. We make mention of the fact because we see so many riding the handle bars, and sometimes they are not mere youngsters either. It is dangerous to overload a bicycle and then do a bit of speeding at the same time.

Civic Holiday will be observed in Stouffville on Monday next, August 3. The proclamation calling for this day off by the merchants has been issued by the reeve and appears elsewhere in this paper.

Pte. Lorne Kester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Kester just east of town, was home for a few days last weekend from his camp at Peterborough. Lorne is on Active Service with the Pay Corps.

Mrs. Johnston and little daughter Heather of Toronto are holidaying for a month or two with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Jennings. Mrs. Johnston is a niece of Mrs. Jennings, and the wife of Lieut. Johnston who has been overseas for some time.

War Branch Notes.

We wish to acknowledge the following with thanks: Mrs. W. Timbers, \$2.00; Mrs. W. Watson, quilt top; Mrs. Farthing, quilt top; Ballantyne group, quilt; Eva Hoover, dress; Alma Raymer, clothing and quilt patches.—M. Davey, secretary.

Baby Your Lawn Mower

A lawn mower is supposed to last a lifetime and, under wartime regulations, those who are lucky enough to have them will have to get along with their same machine for the duration. There won't be any more. To keep your lawn mower in working order, keep it well oiled. Keep it under cover to prevent rusting and be careful not to let it drop on the pavement as parts are cast and will break. Blades may be adjusted to cut low or high and care should be taken not to blunt them on hard objects.

A Sunday School Holiday.

Because the attendance at Sunday School was so small the church at Myrtle Station has closed the Sabbath School for the next month. In rural places years ago when they had to depend on horse and buggy, such a thing was not necessary, and would have been unthinkable. What's wrong? Are we growing less interested in things spiritual, or could it be that our parents have lost control, or are themselves not interested in the S.S.

Rev. Gordon Duncan and Annie Duncan were in town for a few hours on Monday from their home in Drayton.

Sigm. G. Armstrong, R.C.C.S., Kingston, visited his cousin in town, Mrs. Earl McMullen over the weekend.

Mr. Gordon Bailey moved this week to the house on Mill street just vacated by Mrs. Taylor who is moving in with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Meyer, west end.

Council Hear's of Legacy.

Since the corporation of Stouffville ranks as one of the major legatees of Thos. Williamson estate, Solicitor F.L. Button, on Friday evening addressed a special session of council and acquainted them with the contents of the will which is now filed for probate, but is being delayed by a caveat filed by Mrs. Edith Cook through her solicitor. Mr. Button said that in event the will is challenged in the courts it would be advisable for the corporation to secure legal counsel to look after the town's interest.

Mr. Earl Storry from Vancouver, B.C., was in town for a couple of days on the weekend. He was wearing the King's Uniform, indicating he is in the army. Earl is a son of Mr. Leslie Storry who went from here to the coast a good many years ago, and who is conducting a tailoring establishment there. The writer had the pleasure of visiting his place of business a few years ago, when Mr. Storry showed an intense interest in all his old friends and recalled the boyhood days around Bloomington and Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Rutland are spending the summer at Russell Johnson's Cottage, Lake Shore Dr., Musselman's Lake. Lately they were joined by Mrs. Alfred Furniss and her daughter Joan, also Mrs. Thomas and son Robert, all of Toronto. Incidentally Mrs. Rutland has been appointed organist at the new Anglican Mission details of which appeared in this paper a couple of weeks ago.

Goes on Holidays

For the next four Sundays the pulpit in the United Church will be occupied by a visiting minister while Rev. Douglas Davis takes a holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Davis and family will spend their vacation on the shores of Lake Simcoe. During the month church service will be held in the morning at 11 o'clock while evening services will be withdrawn.

Double Dips Not Taxable

Ice cream cones are froze in more ways than one which will be good news to kiddies and adults alike. It has been announced at the regional headquarters of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board that ice cream cones are exempt from the new taxation. There have been some complaints that merchants have been adding an extra cent to the price of ice cream cones which is contrary to the regulations. Merchants who served double dip cones during the basic period must give the same portion at the present time. Stouffville Groceria is in this class.

Boys are credited with making themselves a nuisance about the station premises, and protests have come in to the office of this paper. One evening this week the faithful old gray horse that hauls the express was frightened by their antics, and ran away. He barely missed being hit by an incoming train in his wild dash, and it was all caused by lads shooting papers at the horse. Probably it will be necessary to forbid boys on the station premises, unless they are strictly on business, if better conduct is not noted from this date.

Our friend in North Dakota suggests that we should step out, lift our hat to the first dog we meet and say to him humbly, "I beg your pardon, sir" (or madam, as the case may be). We shall certainly attend to this matter the very next rainy day when we are wearing a hat. Meanwhile, we think that we should clarify our position before we are sent to the dog-house by other irritated dog lovers. We repeat, we have nothing against dogs. We prefer cats, but dogs are all right. What we do not like is dog-worship. And we do not believe that a dog is man's best friend; man's best friend (and worst enemy) is man. Dash it all, we humans have got to stick together if we are not to go to the dogs completely.

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Boadway's Service Station

Miss Ruth Curtis is spending a few days in town. Miss Curtis has been residing for some time in Toronto, but she may return to the Pacific coast again ere another winter comes around.

Rev. and Mrs. D. MacGregor and Master Donald, expect to enjoy a few holidays at Cameron Lake, for which point they leave this week. Rev. W. W. Fleischer former Baptist pastor, will have charge of the services in the local church for the next three Sundays, during Mr. MacGregor's absence.

Stouffville Red Cross Notes We gratefully acknowledge the following work and donations: Bloomington Unit, 1 quilt; Bethesda Unit, 2 quilts, baby's garments. Our faithful knitters continue their fine work, as is evidenced by the fact that since Jan. 1st, 315 prs. of socks have been shipped from Stouffville work-room, in addition to the sweaters, caps, gloves and other knitted comforts.—Mrs. Roy Grove.

Bring Your Own Tea

Instructions issued to picnickers to bring their own dishes is a common intimation, but when it includes a further request, "bring your own tea and sugar," it is really making news. It's making history too. As far back as most of us could remember tea was always provided for picnics by the organization, but all that is out of order today. It is just a reminder that a great war is on, and there are certain commodities that we were accustomed to get so easily that are now cut off through enemy interference, that we should not murmur.

Mr. Orlando Forsyth is in town for a short holiday. This former son of Stouffville is now located at Parry Sound and shortly his wife who is a daughter of Mrs. Nelson Mowder will arrive to join her husband here. When Mr. Forsyth was a boy here, like every other lad, he had a nick name and the lads called him "Joker." But that's a long time ago for Mr. Forsyth is now a granddad.

Obey or Pay.

Motoring at a greater speed than 30 miles per hour through the village of Stouffville makes the motorist subject to a fine not less than fifteen dollars and costs. Constable Ruskell has been instructed to enforce the law, and if you don't want to part with \$15 dollars and more for which you will get nothing but remorse, take a tip from this notice. Outside town the limit is 40 miles, yet while everybody is aware of this fact, two hundred speeders paid into court at Newmarket just recently. Seems foolish, doesn't it to waste money in this way.

It is not often that young men call at the door and ask for a meal these days, but one of these young fellows came along last week, and made several calls in the west end. He had his registration card and everything seemed to be quite in order, although one wonders why able bodied fellows should be on the road in these busy times. The young man in question was a French Canadian, and down around Hamilton these Quebecers are congregating in numbers, and are all said by Hamilton police to be draft dodgers. There was a suspicion that the visitor to town may have been one of these chaps too, but he was allowed to go on his way without interference.

niece of the bride, and little Frankie making this week a smile week. Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols. After the gifts were opened Miss Bertie Forster stepped forward and are giving an excellent return to the growers. The frequent rains have been very beneficial.

Miss Ruth Miller, R.C.A.F. Jarvis street Depot, was the guest of the Misses Hoover on O'Brien avenue, over Sunday. She was a former member of the local school staff.

Do not overlook the public auction sale to-day, Thursday, at the home of Mr. Eli Raymer. Furniture and valuable tools, etc. Main street west, at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Delbert Holden was forced to bed for a few days, because of a severe attack of asthma or some type of influenza. It seems doubly hard to be forced to bed in the good old summer time.

Mrs. Hainer, wife of Rev. F. Hainer and Mrs. Mercer, wife of Rev. Alfred T. Mercer, are in town from East Orange, N.J., visiting their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoover, Church street. Former girls who are now the wives of Baptist Church pastors across the line, they have been enjoying a visit among scenes for former days.

About Starlings and Skunks.

We have always claimed that Stouffville was one of the finest places in Canada to live, and even the birds and animals know it. The village is being pestered with thousands of starlings coming here to spend the nights, and making their tidal in Dr. Freely's grove on Main street. Then up on Church street the section is being overrun with something even worse than starlings, being that native little American animal of the weasel family called skunk. So far we have not heard of the little fellows which dance about on the lawns in the moonlight having emitted any of their fetid fluid that would drive the residents from their homes, but folks live in constant fear that a blitz may be started any time, particularly if someone offends the squirrel-like visitors. The starlings were effectively dealt with this week when three or four gunmen were brought into play against them, and fairly bombed them from the grove. This offensive proved effective last year, and it is hoped that it will do the trick again this summer. Why the starlings should come here in thousands every evening is a mystery not solved. A oneman offensive has started against the skunks on the other hand, for we hear that George Gunn felled three of them this week by gun fire. Robt. Bone threatens to do something about the skunks too, for he is mindful that they may play hob about the Parker-Bone chicken ranch, and anyhow, who wants skunks dancing about every evening, always in danger of making life unbearable out of doors on some hot night.

Let's Face the Facts!



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-Reduced Production
-Factory Facilities devoted to war work

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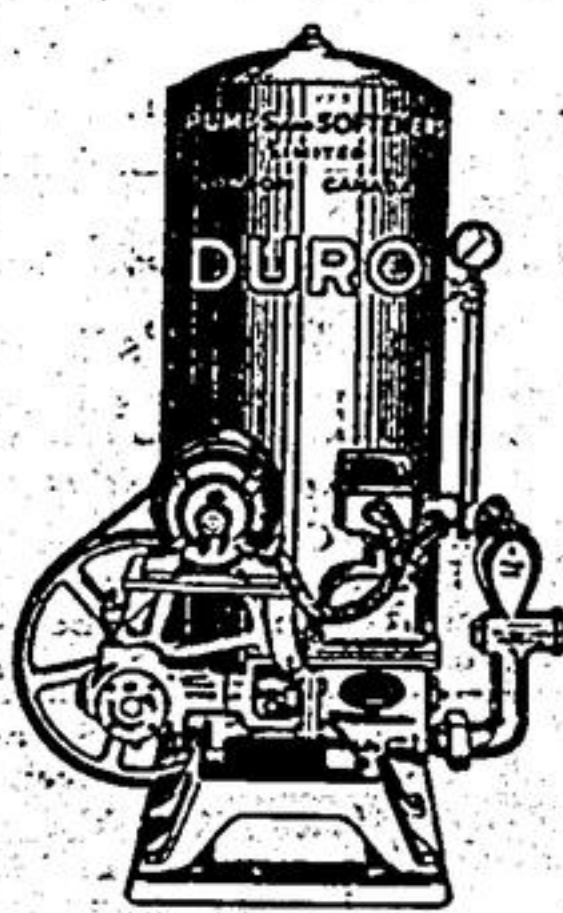
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