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Rural Mail Couriers to Launch Rubber Drive

Country Residents Urged to Leave Any Scrap Rubber They Have With the Mail Courier — Should Raise Nearly Ton and a Half on Four Stouffville Routes.

For a two-week period commencing Monday, August 24, rural areas of Ontario and Quebec will respond to shouts of "Any old rubber today?" as country dwellers and summer residents of these provinces are asked to hand over the scrap rubber on their premises to local mail couriers who will act as rubber salvage collectors for the special rural campaign despite the inadequacy of their vehicles in most cases, to carry junk.

It is fairly estimated that at the rate of 5 pounds of scrap per box holder, about a ton and a half could be hauled in from the four routes out of Stouffville. Some routes however may show a far better percentage than others.

From August 24 to September 8, rural mail couriers of both these provinces will pick up and bring in to central salvage depots all scrap rubber articles left at rural mailboxes by boxholders. The drive is timed to include Labor Day and the end of the summer season so vacationing residents can easily dispose of old rubber articles which closing of camps and cottages will bring to light. Farm dwellers are also expected to roll out a good supply of rubber scrap in these rural areas which up to now have not been conveniently reached by regular salvage committees.

Seriousness of the rubber situation in Canada and the need of rubber scrap for reclaiming purposes means that every scrap rubber article is needed, say salvage officials. No matter how old may be the discarded rubber bathing caps, swimming tubes, hot water bottles and fly-swatters, every scrap rubber boost is a knock—at Hitler. Old tires and tubes from cars, tractors and motorcycles, though, are the biggest source of reclaimed rubber. Particular emphasis is laid on contributing old tire casings usually used on summer docks as boat buffers. These are wanted, and officials stress their usefulness as scrap, no matter how long submerged.

A four-page printed card is being mailed to boxholders and residents, giving the details of the scrap drive as it applies to them. The card carries a list of questions and answers on the drive, a list of every day articles that can be salvaged for rubber collection plus a list of the vital needs for which scrap rubber may be used.

City residents receiving mail by letter carrier are specially excluded from the rural post-office pick-up service as city collections would add too much to the task of the post office department in one drive.

BUSINESS MEN OUT TO HELP WITH THE HARVEST

Col. Laurie and four other members of the civic staff in the city of Toronto were helping with the harvest in the Atha district and with threshing in that locality last week. Col. Laurie is a brother of Mrs. D.J. Tran of the Atha district. The "City Slickers" did good work, and their efforts were more than appreciated by the farmers, one of the farm owners told The Tribune. The spirit of co-operation is a splendid thing, and goes a long way to cementing the ties between rural and urban residents. Col. Laurie and his friends would be welcome any time if they see fit to return for another day of threshing.

Youth Freed on Break-in Charge

The young Toronto man who broke into Lewis' Garage at Stouffville several weeks ago and who was apprehended by Constable Gayman of Unionville, came up before Magistrate Keith in court last Monday, and was given his freedom. It was decided that the prisoner was not mentally bright, and was given another chance, after a stern warning from the bench.

The youth entered the garage by breaking his way in when no one was about, and made off with a supply of chocolate bars. Hanging around Ringwood later in the evening Mr. E. Sinclair didn't like his actions, and after the lad struck south, Mr. Sinclair notified the Constable who picked up the fellow at Markham village, and found him loaded with chocolate bars and candies. He confessed to the theft.

BRIDE OF LOCAL DENTIST



The former Mary Pauline McFarland who became the bride of Capt. Neil Carmichael Smith, C.D.C., in Birmingham, England. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lazier McFarland, Roxborough Drive. The groom is the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Donald C. Smith, Stouffville. After the wedding trip the bride will resume her work in England, in connection with a new training centre for British nursery school teachers. She went overseas last May. Congratulations are here extended on behalf of the many friends of Dr. Smith, who closed his dental practice here to join the C.D.C.

PRESIDING ELDER HONORED AT STAYNER CAMP

An interesting incident occurred at the closing sessions of the M.B.C. camp at Stayner on Sunday, when Rev. M. Bricker was presented with a useful travelling bag. It was the occasion of the 66th birthday for the presiding elder, who was born near New Dundee in 1876.

Elder Bricker was taken by complete surprise when called forward by Rev. C. N. Good who read a complimentary address, and Rev. W. B. Moyer, former presiding elder made the presentation on behalf of the City Mission Workers and the ministers of the district.

RICHMOND HILL WIN KING TROPHY

Richmond Hill carried home the King Bowling Trophy on Tuesday evening after playing off the final game with Stouffville on the local greens. There are seven clubs in the competition, all of whom have been eliminated, with Richmond Hill emerging as the victors, so that the silverware will lodge again in the Yonge street village.

Markham Village Dismisses M.O.H. Dept. Approves

Dr. A. L. Hore, medical officer of health for the village of Markham, has been removed from his position. His dismissal was passed by the village council recently, and the Department of Health has acquiesced in the matter (No M.O.H. can be dismissed without Departmental approval).

Dr. Hore recently submitted to the county judge the question of salary being paid him, asking for a ruling on the proper amount. This may have irked members of the council, The Tribune is told, but no confirmation could be obtained from Dr. Hore.

All that the retired officer would admit was that he held several letters from prominent citizens which testified to his capabilities. One of these is from the chairman of the public school board, and it reads in part in reference to Dr. Hore, "Very satisfactory in handling scarlet fever and head lice in our village."

Dr. Hore has been Medical Officer of Health in the southern village for 20 years, and started on a salary of \$40 per year. This is now \$60 per year, and the doctor moved to have it increased for 1942. "The approval of the Department as to the dismissal of the M.O.H. has been obtained by us, and this closes the whole matter," said one responsible citizen to The Tribune. On the other hand Dr. Hore intends to appeal against the decision in the hopes of having it reversed.

SIX PERSONS PAID FINES ON MONDAY

Out of seven persons summoned to court on Monday for driving over 30 miles per hour in Stouffville, six were convicted and paid fines. Still another list will appear in court next week, and so on until motorists decide to obey the law, and drive their cars at not more than 30 miles in towns and 40 miles in the country.

Enormous Order Filled for Onions

During the height of the onion season this summer an order came to town one evening from a big chain store for eight hundred dozens and there was just one day to make delivery, says Mr. Allen Clossen, Stouffville's "strong man" in the onion business.

This was a task that fairly turned the hair gray for Mr. Allen Clossen but his co-partner in the business, L. C. Murphy, whom Mr. Clossen says just doesn't understand the term, "It can't be done," was determined to make delivery, and with the aid of about 12 or 15 washers and bunchers, the onions were ready and delivered to the city on time. The consignment filled the truck and a car as well.

The onions all had to be taken from the field, washed, and bunched of equal number to a bunch, and was said to be the biggest order ever filled by a local grower in so short a time.

This record incident is not to be construed to mean that the onion business is booming this year, for that is not correct. The fact is, says Mr. Clossen, that the market has flattened, and the sales are coming to an abrupt ending. Something has struck the onions too, so that they are not maturing in a way that leaves them marketable.

Former Residents 50 Years Married

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davey were in Toronto on Monday for the Golden Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Gray, residents of the city for 47 years. Mrs. Gray is Mrs. Davey's elder sister, and was raised in this town, for their parents the late Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Woodgate were residents here at that time. Mr. Woodgate was the first municipal clerk when Stouffville was incorporated.

The golden anniversary event for Mr. and Mrs. Gray was observed at the home of their daughter at 2065 Gerrard street east. Married at Stouffville, Mr. and Mrs. Gray lived here for three years and then moved to Toronto, and have lived there ever since.

Mr. Gray was born in Scarborough township, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray, who were early settlers in the district. He learned the flour and milling business as a youth and followed it all his life.

Both are members of the Salvation Army, and have been engaged in the Army's work in the city for more than 30 years. Mr. Gray holds the position of "Envoy." He has been associated with S. A. groups in the Central and Eastern sections of the city, as well as being a member of the Danforth-Beaches Conservative Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray have eight children living in or near Toronto, and 14 grandchildren.

Miss Bernice Heslin of Livingston, N.J. has been in Stouffville this week visiting with the Crossen family.

To Wed in Hart House Chapel



Miss Jessie Delores Walls, Reg. N., and Flight Lieutenant Rev. T. H. Bussell Somers, R.C.A.F., whose engagement has been announced, the marriage to take place on August 22, in Hart House chapel. The bride-to-be is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Walls, of Stouffville. Her fiancé, only son of T. H. Somers and the late Mrs. Somers, Toronto, minister of The Kirk of St. James, Charlottetown, P.E.I. Rev. Mr. Somers is occupying a pulpit this month in Montreal.

Mailmen Boost Rubber Salvage



"Any old tires or tubes" will be the greeting of the Stouffville mail couriers beginning next Monday. Every salvage boost is a knock—at Hitler.

WHITCHURCH TAX RATE CONSIDERABLY DOWN

At a special meeting of Whitchurch council the tax rate was struck for 1942 at more than one and a half mills less than last year, it was announced yesterday morning by Clerk John Crawford.

There is a straight half mill saving in the county rate which was set at 7.2 mills as against 7.7 a year ago. In addition to this saving the township general rate is set at 4.9 mills as against six mills a year ago, a very substantial reduction.

In accordance with government wishes there is a very substantial reduction on expenditures on road work this year.

Capt. Neil Smith Married Overseas

A wedding of local interest was solemnized in the Wedly Hill village church, Birmingham, England, last Saturday afternoon, when Major Norman Coll, C.C.S., united in marriage Mary Pauline McFarland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lazier McFarland, Roxborough Drive, Toronto, and Capt. Neil Carmichael Smith, C.D.C., son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Donald C. Smith, Stouffville.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Dr. Wm. Blatz of the University of Toronto, wore a suit of marine blue with hat to match and corsage of white orchids. The maid of honor, Miss Anne Harris of Toronto, was attired in a blue suit with matching hat and corsage of pink roses. After a reception at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Shapiro of the University of Birmingham, the couple left for a honeymoon at Penzance.

The bride left Toronto last May with a group of Canadian psychology experts to open a new training centre for British nursery school teachers. She will resume her work on her return from the wedding trip.

Three Drownings at Wilcox Lake Sunday

Wilcox Lake claimed the lives of three Toronto bathers in two separate drowning accidents on Sunday.

The first drowning occurred shortly after mid-night, Saturday, when Stewart L. Armstrong, 43, of 78 Broadway Avenue, and Miss Theresa Lawlor, 35, of 23 Howland Avenue, Toronto, perished in forty feet of water—several hundred yards off the southern shore of the lake.

The other accident happened shortly after 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when 19-year-old Stephen Tymchuchayn, of 98 Markham St., Toronto, was the victim of a seizure and drowned in 15 feet of water, about 1,000 feet off shore. A fearless attempt to rescue him was made by 15-year-old Anita Haynes, of 314 Gainsborough Road, Toronto, who swam to the scene and almost lost her own life when the drowning youth dragged her down with him when he submerged for the third and last time.

Before aid could answer their cries for help, Mr. Armstrong and Miss Lawlor disappeared beneath their flat-bottomed rowboat from which they were diving, well out towards the middle of the lake. It is assumed that Armstrong lost his life in an attempt to have Miss Lawlor, who, according to police, had evidently suffered a seizure when she dived from the boat.

Cries for help were heard from the shore by numerous cottagers who attempted to reach them by boat. Charlie Crawford, who was rowing on the lake at the time, was the first one at the scene.

"I heard a man crying for help and I rowed as fast as I could to where the voice seemed to be coming from," said Crawford. "It was pitch-dark, but I observed a rowboat unoccupied floating a good distance off shore."

Percy Ash, well-known in Whitchurch Township and operator of a boat livery and owner of the boat used by the swimmers, arrived at the scene shortly after Crawford. "We waited for some time in case the bathers re-appeared, but our waiting was in vain," he said. "I then instructed Crawford to row to shore for a rope and anchor, to hold the boat at that very spot so as to act as a marker in our dragging operations."

Sgt. Sidney Barraclough, of York County police, who took charge of dragging operations, said that he and other members of his party dragged for several hours during the night without results. Dragging was resumed later at 8 a.m. Monday and the body of Armstrong was recovered shortly afterwards. The body of Miss Lawlor was recovered at 10.45 a.m., about 100 ft from where the body of her companion was brought out of the water.

Leslie Beazer, one-time member of the Toronto Lifesavers' Police Patrol, who took part in searching for the bodies, charted the course in the dragging operations. He expressed his sympathy for the families of the victims. (Continued on page 6)

BIRTHS
BROWN—To Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, Claremont (nee Edna Whitty) on August 13, 1942, the gift of a son (James William)

First Comfort Fund Shipment Lost in Over Two Years

About 7,500 Cigarettes Went to The Bottom in Lost Shipment — First Parcels Lost Out of a Total of Nearly 100,000 Sent to Local Boys Overseas.

Report has reached the secretary of the Soldiers' Comfort Fund here that one shipment of smokes sent to the boys overseas, has gone to the bottom through enemy action.

With the last shipment, nearly one hundred thousand cigarettes have been sent overseas by the Fund. In addition numbers of other parcels containing sweets etc have also been sent.

Some of the boys from Stouffville have now been in England over two years, and the monthly parcels from here go a long way to keeping them cheered up and free from homesickness.

Letters Just Received

July 1, 1942

Dear Bert,
Just a few more lines to thank you and all the rest of the boys for the cigarettes I am receiving very regularly. I sure appreciate these gifts.

We are still stationed on the south coast but expect to be moved to another camp about 30 miles from here. It is very nice here on the coast now and the weather has been ideal this summer. We get the odd air-raid but little damage has been done in this district.

I am receiving The Tribune regularly and I see by the last paper more boys from the Stouffville district have arrived here. I do hope we soon get our chance to help get this job over so we can return to Canada. Well news seems to be very scarce so I will say cheerio for now, hoping the time is not too far distant when victory will be ours and peace will come once again. Until then keep smiling.

Yours very sincerely,

Cpl. G. B. Draper

July 12, 1942

Dear Mr. Lickorish,

Another parcel of cigarettes arrived from the Comfort Fund yesterday. Thanks ever so much. I am in London for a few days, embarkation leave. Haven't the least idea where we are going but will get as much fun out of the trip as possible. I am the only Canadian in the draft. Rather regret leaving some of the boys that I joined up with but it seems that I'll never learn to stop volunteering. My address will be the same for the present. Thanking you again,

I remain,

Cpl. Murray Sinclair,

Attached R.A.F.

July 7th, 1942

Dear Bert,

I received cigarettes for which I am very grateful. They are always welcome. I saw Capt. Neil Smith last week. He is looking and feeling fine, and is located just a couple of miles from us. We are having nice weather, but we need rain, which is exceptional for England. Thanks again.

Dave Edwards

Dear Bert,

Just a few lines to thank you very much for the smokes I received. I have come to be really quite dependent on them. A lot of smokes were sunk by enemy action according to our bulletin board, and I see one of my bundles from you was among them. That is the first that has been lost to my knowledge. Guess things are busy at home these days. Is the old vinegar works in war work now, I heard a rumour of it. It would give some more people employment. Must close now.

Fred Castle.

August 9, 1942

Dear Bert,
Well Bert I guess you didn't get my last letter and I am sorry I did not write to you sooner. I received your parcel of cigarettes and I sure was real glad to get them. I have been in the hospital for three weeks with shingles and the M.O. said they were caused from my nerves. However I'm fine now but I wish I could get out of here. I saw Chuck Lintner about two weeks ago and he is fine. Will close for now.

Chuck Cadieux

July 10, 1942.

Dear Vets,

Just got back from Scotland where I was on leave with my brother Bob, and found you always (Continued on page 6)

Mrs. Kanagy, widow of the late S. M. Kanagy of Blair, Ontario, visited her cousins Mr. and Mrs. Ira Russell last week. Another guest at the Russell home is Ser. Fred Webber of Tolland, Alta., now in the Educational Dept. of R.C.A.F. at Manning Pool in Toronto.