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NOW IN ENGLAND WITH THE R.C.A.F.



Reesor Steckley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Steckley of Bethesda, who, according to a cable received by his parents last week, has arrived in England. Reesor enlisted with the R.C.A.F. in August 1941, and completed the radio course at Kingston on precision instruments in aircraft detection. He is a graduate of Toronto Normal School and was teaching at Maple Leaf school near Weston when he enlisted.

Gasoline Thieves Busy Here Again

Stouffville and Ballantrae Service Stations Victimized.

Thursday or Friday night last week the gasoline station of Lewis Bros., Stouffville, and the service pumps belonging to Gib. Wright at Ballantrae were broken into. Mr. Wright estimates that about eight gallons of gas were taken from his place, also the thieves carried off the pump handle and thereby caused additional inconvenience.

At the Lewis station west end, the lock was broken, but whether or not any gas was obtained is not certain. Both these places have been robbed on more than one occasion. "I've just forgotten how many times they have broken into my pumps," stated Mr. Wright whose bedroom is so close to the tanks that it is strange how thieves get away without being heard.

UNIONVILLE LADY DEAD

The passing of the Brierbush hospital, Stouffville, on Tuesday this week of Mary Brathwaite of Unionville, is announced. Deceased was over 80 years of age and had been a hospital patient for a few months. She was a well known resident of Unionville for many years.

COUPLE FETED ON 25th ANNIVERSARY

To Mr. and Mrs. Truman Baxter congratulations and good wishes were bestowed on Saturday evening, it being the 25th anniversary of their wedding day. The Baxter home in the west end was filled with friends when they presented the bride and groom of a quarter century with a lovely cut glass rose bowl with silver stand, and enjoyed a pleasant evening together. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter were married on Manitoulin Island where they made their home for three years; then moved to Toronto, where they remained for the next thirteen before moving to this district. Truman Baxter is one of the busiest carpenters in the locality, and just now is the contractor on two large houses in town being built by Wes. Schell and Milt. Storey. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter have two daughters, Mrs. Harold Murphy (Marion), and Miss Joan, on the Bank of Commerce staff.

One of Our Oldest Mothers Laid Away

The death of Mrs. David Latchford (Sophia Miller) briefly announced in our last issue, removed one of our very oldest residents and one who has lived here much longer than the average resident. Mrs. Latchford was in her 83rd year, was born at Ballantrae where her father conducted the Ballantrae Hotel, a well known and familiar stopping house for cross-country travellers between Aurora and Uxbridge. The family moved to Stouffville when the deceased was a girl of fourteen years. They located in the east end of Stouffville at the four corners.

Following her marriage to David W. Latchford the couple settled on Main street, west. Mr. Latchford was a carriage builder, and older residents remember his shop which stood on Main street on the corner where Wes. Schell's new residence is being built today. The Latchford home was built just west of the shop 40 years ago now.

Mrs. Latchford possessed the artist touch, and took painting lessons, one of her teachers being Mona O'Neill of Uxbridge who came here to give lessons 40 years ago. Numerous pieces of china are still in possession of the family and friends done by Mrs. Latchford. For many years she also gave her talent in church choirs and sang in two of the early church choirs of this town.

Twenty-six years ago Mr. Latchford died, also of her own family two sisters and three brothers predeceased Mrs. Latchford, and there survives but one brother James Miller in the U.S.A. Of a family of four born to Mrs. Latchford, the sole survivor is Mrs. Urquhart of Ayr who was with her mother when the end came.

The funeral on Friday afternoon from the late home, proceeded to Stouffville cemetery, the service being taken by Rev. D. Davis of the United Church, assisted by Rev. E. Morton. Pall bearers were Messrs. James Monk, Howard Hill, Levi Forsyth, D. L. Stouffer, Harry Brillinger and Walter Brillinger.

GARDEN RADISH 11½ POUNDS

Like a great turnip a white radish grown from Italian seed was on exhibition in The Tribune Office window last weekend and proved highly interesting for many people. Some said it was a mangold, others a turnip, but no one ever suspected it of being a radish until they read the card. It was grown by Mr. F. Williamson, resident in the east end of town, from seed he brought from Markham when he located in town. Sliced off like bread, it is mild eating and is relished by the children with bread and butter.

Victory Loan Objectives Set for North York

The Victory Loan objective for the village of Stouffville is set at \$55,000. This should be easily reached in view of the fact that this place subscribed in the last loan the sum of \$123,000.

An analysis of the figures for each municipality show that Markham village which raised about two-thirds as much money in the last loan, as did Stouffville, is asked for \$60,000 against our \$55,000.

The total objective for York North is set at the same figure as in the last campaign at which time it received a tremendous upward boost. York North is asked to raise 1,600,000, divided into municipalities as follows:

Municipality	Objectives
Aurora	\$150,000
Newmarket	250,000
Markham	60,000
Richmond Hill	75,000
Stouffville	55,000
Sutton	50,000
Woodbridge	65,000
Georgina Township	50,000
North Gwillimbury	50,000
East Gwillimbury	100,000
King Township	175,000
Markham Township	200,000
Vaughan Township	200,000
Whitchurch Township	120,000
Total	\$1,600,000

Nearly \$40 Monthly for Comfort Fund

Below are some of the most recent communications received by Mr. Bert Lichorish, secretary of the local Veterans' Comfort Fund, from the boys overseas who are monthly receiving smokes and other treats through the voluntary subscriptions to this fund.

The Comfort will not launch any special campaign for funds this Christmas, as the monthly financial obligation of the fund has grown so great, that any special yuletide parcels are being left for the Red Cross and other organizations. Sept. 15, 1942.

Dear Sirs,

I was very glad to receive a parcel of smokes from you this evening. It sure makes a difference to get a real smoke again, and you are the only people who send me smokes. It will soon be my fourth Christmas in England and I hope it will be my last, because I could sure go for a good old Canadian Christmas again. It doesn't seem right to have a green Christmas. Well my time is short tonight so I'll close now. Thanking you once again, I remain, as ever,

H. S. Cook
Sept. 12, 1942

Hello Bert,

Many thanks for the smokes. I guess I missed the parcel before and this one has been doing some travelling trying to find me. My address has changed. You fellows are sure doing a swell job, and I hope we can make it up to you.

George Abell
Sept. 21, 1942.

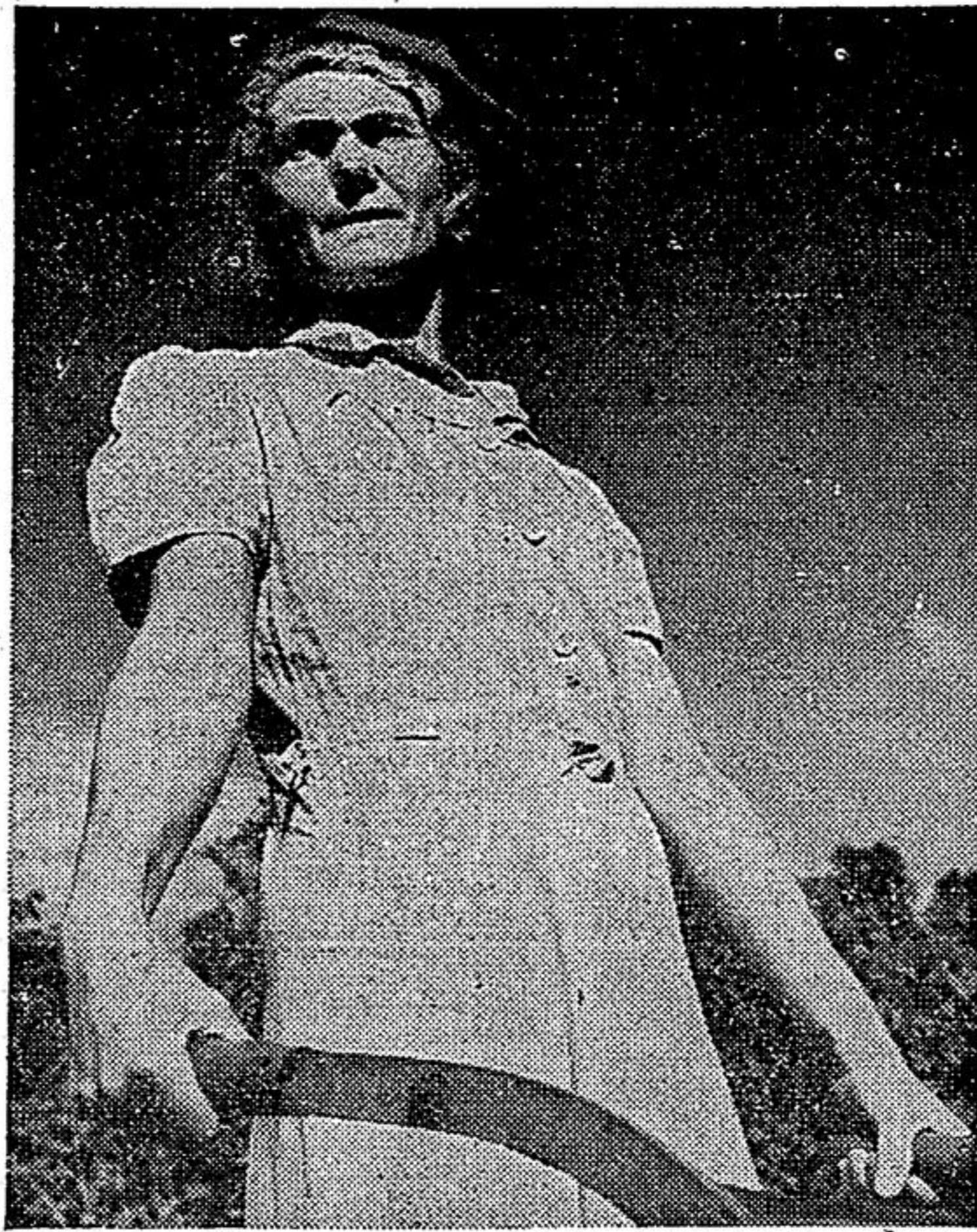
Hello Bert,

Just a few lines to thank you (Continued on page ten)

The firemen were called to the residence of Mr. Ira Aldred on Sunday about the tea hour, where it was found a can of varnish had been forgotten and ignited in the oven causing a tremendous smudge.

The splendid prizes to the lucky ticket holders who attend the Stouffville band concert this Thursday evening in Ratcliff's all are on display in the window of E. O'Neill's furniture store.

LIFT UP YOUR EYES



A vision of victory and an inspiration for all Canadians who have put their hands to the plow is found in this picture and story of Mrs. Wm. Dowdall whose farm is near Perth, Ont. Aided only by her 16-year old son, Albert, this Canadian woman works the farm, thereby releasing her husband for service in a war industry and her oldest son for active service with the Canadian Army overseas. With Albert's help, Mrs. Dowdall plows and cultivates her 100 acres and harvests the crop, milks eight cows and works in the bush with axe and saw. Not content with thus helping to produce Canada's food, she is putting part of the proceeds into Canada's war chest. She has already authorized a deduction of \$4.00 a

month from her milk cheque from a nearby cheese factory to buy War Savings Certificates and this month she is adding to her stake in freedom and security by subscribing to Victory Bonds. Meanwhile her husband is subscribing to 2 War Saving Certificates a month through the payroll deduction at the war factory where he works and is also subscribing to Victory Loan. Month by month the Dowdall family watch their savings grow. Today their labor and their money help win the war; when peace comes their savings will be used to purchase agricultural equipment for the farm. Theirs is the resolute spirit with which this nation's pioneers carved a Dominion from a wilderness.

MERCHANT BUYS FARM

Mr. Albert Carswell, proprietor of the former Shaw store in town, made the purchase last week of a fine 100 acre farm in Wellington County midway between Guelph and Arthur. The whole acreage is workable, and the fine barns and house are well known in the district where they are located. The dwelling is modernly equipped with all conveniences, and was recently used as a Manor house for travellers. No doubt the local dry goods man will find her a highly enjoyable place to spend weekends and any spare time he can get from his business obligation here. He will stock the place with cattle next spring and summer, and may then be classed as a rancher.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AT BLOOMINGTON

The 50th anniversary of the Bloomington Christian Church will be celebrated with special services on Sunday, Nov. 1st, both morning and evening, when Rev. C. E. Fockler of Maple, will be the special speaker. Former members of the choir will render special numbers.

Redshaw Auction Tuesday Sold High

While the crowd wasn't so large there was lively bidding at the Fred Redshaw sale west of Clarendon on Tuesday, when the gray team sold for \$235, and the top priced cow realized \$107.50. Feeders went for \$70 and \$80 a head and calves \$35. The manure spreader (not the one Premier Hepburn stood on, went at \$37.50 and the mower \$50. Pigs continue to sell well, chunks bringing \$13 while cows sold at \$70 and \$75. A mow of hay was knocked off by Auctioneer Farmer at \$157.50. Mr. Redshaw is giving up farming. A member of the R.C.A.F., manning Depot, Toronto, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ed. Gibson and daughter Mabel.

HAD EYE REMOVED

Mr. A. C. Burkholder recently underwent an operation for the removal of one eye. Not long ago the other eye was operated on, with some degree of success, but this latest catastrophe is very much to be regretted.

Mrs. W. J. Thompson Laid to Rest in Newmarket

The death of Mrs. William J. Thompson at the Toronto Western Hospital on Saturday is being keenly felt in this town, where she had spent so much of her life, and despite the fact that for probably 15 years the family had lived in Newmarket. Mrs. Thompson had been ill for some time, and although she fought valiantly for two years to regain her health and old-time buoyancy, it was all in vain.

Mrs. Thompson was a daughter of a prominent pioneer family in this village, her father being the late James O'Brien who came here in about the year 1855, and he didn't come very far either for he was born in Pickering township. His sons migrated to the U.S.A. and did well there: Surviving Mrs. Thompson are three of her brothers, Herbert of Newmarket, Oscar in Chicago, and Edmund of Cape Cod, also one sister Mrs. Brace, wife of Rev. A. J. Brace.

Laura O'Brien Thompson was born in Stouffville, second youngest child. She was nurtured in the home, and the Methodist Sunday School, and never a concert was held in church or day school but that her talent was called upon in choral work. She possessed a happy, winsome countenance, and her cheery disposition was an inspiration to many.

After her marriage to Wm. J. Thompson, town butcher, the couple continued to live here until over 15 years ago, when they moved to Newmarket. Besides her husband Mrs. Thompson is survived by her only daughter, Dorothy, and by two sons, Fred in the R.C.A.F., and Gordon with the Lorne Scots. A number of old friends went to Newmarket on Tuesday afternoon for the funeral. Interment was made in Newmarket cemetery.

Non-Resistant Group Givings Over the \$100,000 Mark

Most recent report issued by the Non-Resistant Organization of the Mennonite Churches in Canada, reveals the fact that the cash and goods given to the war burdened world to date has now topped the hundred thousand dollar mark. The great sum has all been represented in cash with the exception of 26,000 odd dollars which was in clothing.

The work has now been extended to India and a bi-monthly cheque for \$500 will be issued by the Mennonite Control Committee to be used for aiding the destitute in parts of that war torn area. Considering that there are but 10,000 people under the non-resistant organization in Canada, the amount of funds raised is a splendid commentary to their convictions.

TO REPORT TO R. C. A. F.

Fred Clubine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Egerton Clubine of Whitchurch Township has enlisted with the R.C.A.F. and will report to Manning Pool in November. Fred will train as a radio technician. He is one of the first nineteen year olds to be called up in the Stouffville district.

NO FIELD DAY HERE THIS YEAR

Due to the short term, and pressing school work, the annual field day competitions at the local Continuation School have been cancelled for this year. A number of the students did not begin classes this year until October and will possibly leave school to assist in farm work early in the spring, and this combined with the already heavy course of study resulted in the Athletic Director, Mr. R. Barker cancelling this year's meet.

Several other schools in the vicinity have also found it necessary to take this step, while the few who commenced classes at the regular time this fall have found time to hold a field day. This situation will possibly continue as long as there is a necessity for student farm labor.

BIRTHS

DUNKELD — At their home in Atha, on October 19th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Murray E. Dunkeld, the gift of a daughter.

MITCHELL — Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mitchell (nee Mary Cooper) of Stouffville, R.R.3, wish to announce the birth of a daughter, (Carol Gwendolyne) at Uxbridge, on Sunday, October 18, 1942. Mother and baby doing fine.

Big Army Show to Open Loan Drive

Thousands of people will line No. 7 highway from Brooklin to Langstaff next Saturday afternoon to watch the Victory Armoured Column pass by enroute from Oshawa to Newmarket. It will be about the middle of the afternoon when the great parade passes, as it is due in Newmarket at 5 p.m.

The composition will include nine Harvard bombers dropping leaflets, two Jeeps, two universal Bren gun carriers, one field artillery tractor with 20 pounder and naval gun and four other armoured vehicles. There will be a precision platoon of 45 men. If you cannot get down to No. 7 highway meet the column at Newmarket or along the Yonge street route somewhere.

"Mike" Harding continues to put up a good battle and is holding his own, reports from the hospital indicate this week. The west end barber will have to take a long rest when once he returns home here.

Mare from Morrissey Stable Was Fatally Injured on Highway at Lincolnville

Jimmy Monks of Lincolnville, is in mourning, and rightfully so. He has lost his promising 3-year old mare from the Morrissey stables. Jimmy frequently described the animal as a "loveable thing," and it was cherished as one of the family. The animal which was struck by a car on the highway, was valued at around \$500.

The parting is made all the more painful because the mare was a gift from Chas. Morrissey, an old friend and Mr. Monks had high hopes that she would some day prove herself great down there at the big tracks. The mare gave promise of becoming a great runner.

The accident happened when the animal apparently jumped the fence and got onto the roadway. Vic. Faxon of Hamilton, collided with her. She suffered a fracture of the shoulder and had to be shot.

CEDAR VALLEY MAN DIES SUDDENLY

The sudden death of Isaac Wilson, Whitchurch township, at Cedar Valley last week reveals the fact that the man had left his home on Friday evening and walked back over the field to a partly built shack, where his body was found the next day by a friend who had gone to the Wilson home for him.

Neighbors report that when the friend arrived on Saturday and asked Wilson's sister where he was she stated that she didn't know, but that he had gone back over the field the night before and didn't come home. "Come with me and we will try and find him," said the friend, and the two started off for the shack where Wilson was found dead on the floor. He had apparently suffered a heart attack.

About a year ago Wilson lost his wife who died suddenly, and his sister has since then kept house for him and his two small sons.

Lose Soccer Tilt to Markham 1-0

Stouffville dropped the opening fall soccer tilt with Markham High School team on Tuesday afternoon by the slim margin of 1-0. Playing on the southern gridiron, Markham forged ahead, in the first quarter, Sellers getting the counter, slipping the pigskin by Raxlin in the Stouffville goal.

The locals carried a large percentage of the play during the remaining portion of the game in an effort to get an equalizer, but the stout defensive tactics of Baker and Seavers with Pilkey between the posts were chiefly responsible for keeping Stouffville off the score sheet.

A return match will be played in Memorial Park here next Tuesday afternoon. Line-up was as follows: Markham, Pilkey, Baker, Seavers, Black, Fleming, Woods, Sellers, Maynard, D. Pilkey, S. Pilkey, and W. Annis. For Stouffville: Raxlin, Steckley, K. Schell, Klinec, Forfar, A. Schell, C. Aldred, Williams, and Kellington. Referee, Earl Thoms.