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## Town and Church Have Lost Staunch Friend and Worker

In the death of David John Williamson at his home on Church street last Thursday afternoon, the village of Stouffville and particularly the United Church has lost a staunch friend and worker. The end came with shocking suddenness, despite the fact that Mr. Williamson had a precarious heart condition, and could not do very much work. On the day of his death he went out to the garage in the morning, and there he must have suffered a heart attack, for he was seen lying on the ground by neighbors, who hastily summoned help, and he was carried to the house by Messrs. William Ratcliff, J. K. Agnew, and Wesley Boadway. While he rallied slightly, he passed away the same afternoon. He was in his 77th year.

The funeral on Saturday afternoon following a private service at the home and a public service in the United Church where he was one of the elders, proceeded to Peach's Cemetery for interment. Rev. Douglas Davis, pastor, conducted the service, and the pall bearers were Messrs. Lloyd Moyer, Clifford Pipher, Ormsby Lehman, Frank Rae, Isaac Barkey, and Clayton Stouffer. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," was the subject of the minister's address.

Born on the 8th concession of Markham on April 16, 1866, the late D. J. (Frank) Williamson was a son of pioneer farmers. His father was John Williamson and his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Hopper. Frank, as he was familiarly called, farmed as a young man in the Melville district on the 6th concession of Markham. Here he married Mary Ellen Haacke, and 23 years ago the family moved to Stouffville.

Surviving are the bereaved wife and two sons, Leslie Williamson of Toronto, and Norman with the Wartime Prices & Trade Board. There are two grandchildren Betty and Dorothy.

Also surviving are two half-brothers, Garnet Williamson of Markham, and Ormsby Williamson living in southern Saskatchewan. There are three half-sisters, namely Miss Elizabeth Williamson, also Mrs. C. Robinson (Ada), and Mrs. Arthur Reynolds (Minnie), all of Toronto.

Had the deceased been spared until the 7th of next month Mr. and Mrs. Williamson would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The late Frank Williamson was looked on in the community as a man of sterling character and unswerving christian principles. He was reared in a home where the word of God was cherished, and as a young man he became an ardent church worker. For many years he was a member of the Methodist church, and later the United Church. He was both teacher and servant, and at the time of his death an honorary elder. From his home usually came the prepared elements of the sacrament partaken of quarterly in the United Church. His quiet, unassuming manner, won for him respect and reverence of a wide acquaintance.

## THIRTY-FIVE DEER FOR LOCAL HUNT CLUBS

A total of 35 deer, two bears, a wolf and two foxes was the bag chalked up by the local deer hunters this year.

The Stouffville Hunt Club comprised of eleven, brought out nine deer, E. A. Button bagging a bear, and a fox and William Burkett getting a second fox. Mr. Button and Lorne Wagg fired volleys at the big bruhn' which got away after the first attack, but was located later dead as a door nail, bloated, and unfit for use.

The twelve man party forming the Markham club and with whom several local businessmen travelled north, carried out ten deer. A Bartholomew tumbled a 150 lb. bear, and Art Russell came home \$25.00 the richer for bagging a wolf.

L. E. O'Neill and Walter Holden each shot a deer in the four-man hunt club that also included Harry Holden and Bill Armstrong. The quartette spread out from Ardbeg into a district infested with lakes and rivers. One night during their stay a terrific storm blew over, and in the morning the boys said the bush was full of deer tracks. The lucky hunters got their game on the shores of Snake Skin Lake.

The Stouffville and Sutton Club of twelve members, had a deer each, two of them, big bucks, tipping the scales at 225 pounds. Ralph Flint was again dishing up "he-man" meals for this outfit whose members

## FRIDAY 13th, NO SALE

Mr. James Brodie's auction sale of wood lots at Gormley in Markham Township, has been postponed until Tuesday, November 24.

The sale had been announced for Friday, November 13, and Mr. Brodie said he was not at all superstitious. He still says so, yet the 13th was the stormiest day we have had in a long time. At the hour set for the sale only a dozen people gathered and it was so stormy you couldn't see twenty feet.

The wood lots are located back of the Summit Golf Club property, on the second concession just south of the townline, and consist of ten acres of soft wood.

## Four Acres of Wood and Two Properties Sold at Gravel Hill

Four acres of second growth wood together with 12 acres of land from which the wood will be cleared, also another parcel of land which was all the property of the Hamill estate at Lincolnville, was disposed of in short order by Auctioneer Farmer last Thursday afternoon. Buyers were hungry for wood and lots up to \$55 and which the trees were not too large. The wood lots are just north of Gravel Hill, and 12 acres of land there was knocked down to Ves Pollard for \$55. "He'll have to wait 55 years until there is anything again on the place worth cutting," said a bystander at the sale. But another farmer declared that there must be some mistake as the place is worth more than that.

After the wood sale the house at the corner of Lincolnville, together with 20 acres of land in the gore on which probably 35 big pine trees stand, was sold to Walter Talbot for \$1,900. Many things could be done with this corner which has prospects of a portion of it being needed to complete a proper turn on the highway to Uxbridge. This was a remarkable sale in that not only the wood lots were all sold, but every bit of land on which the lots are located plus another property that has been offered for sale for a long time. These are fortunes that make auctioneers smile.

## House at Capital Hard to Locate

Pastor Macgregor Returns to Local Church when Ottawa Folk Fail to Provide Accommodation

Owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the church officials in Westboro, Rev. D. Macgregor and his family found, on their arrival in Ottawa, that the house which was being held for them had been rented. After trying for a week to find a suitable place, and being unable to locate anything Mr. Macgregor and his family returned to this district. They are at present living on the 9th Line, Markham.

On his return the church officials here interviewed him, and Mr. Macgregor has agreed to continue to minister to the two churches, which he has served for the past five years, namely Stouffville and the 9th Line Baptist Churches.

## Garage Entered Twice in Month

It is believed that a robbery gang were highly active last Sunday night or early Monday morning. Break-ins were reported at Stouffville, Markham and Richmond Hill.

For the second time within a month the garage of Lewis Bros. at the extreme west end of Stouffville was broken into in this present foray, entrance being made by breaking a glass. Chocolate bars and a few supplies were missing.

At Markham village Hisey's grocery was robbed, and a garage at Richmond Hill was relieved of considerable booty in automobile tires and parts.

Constable Fleury and Constable Russell are working on the case. On Monday an abandoned car was reported at Wilcox Lake, but it is not known whether it was left by the thieves who were in town.

Pte. Clifford Morgason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Morgason, boarded the train here last Sunday evening on the long trek back to Port Albernie, B.C. a coastal industrial centre on the tip of Canada's Western shores.

have haunted the deer country each season for over a score of years.

## Ration Board Named for the Local District

Functions are Not Fully Defined Yet, Boundaries Probably Unsatisfactory

Under new plan of ration boards operating all over the country, instead of from a central office, there has now been named a board to cover Stouffville, Markham village and township, and Richmond Hill, with Reeve O.B. Helsey of Markham village as its chairman. Sugar and tea rations will be the chief things handled by the board, but just how it will function is something not yet worked out.

The district that includes the Markhams, Richmond Hill, and Stouffville will be administered by its chairman Reeve Helsey, and A. P. Graham, Markham, secretary; Charles Reesor, Markham; Reeve Weldon, and George Storey for Stouffville; Mrs. Harvey Moyer and Miss Ruby Reesor, Charlie Hoover, and Reeve James Rennie for Markham township and Unionville; Reeve Thomas Trench and Russell Lynett, Richmond Hill.

When the machinery is put in motion these gentlemen will be handling out the tea and sugar ration books, or at least they will be here and determine all appeals for special allowances, for lost books, etc. Their exact duties are not fully defined yet, but will be announced shortly. The claim of the Wartime Prices and Trades Board is that local committees would be more conversant with the conditions.

The south end of Whitchurch township, it is argued, should have been included in the area of Stouffville, the largest handler of sugar in the district. Unless there is some adjustment, a strenuous opposition should be registered against the present set-up. A farmer living a mile north of Stouffville, would not want to travel to Aurora or Newmarket for a ration book to buy sugar in Stouffville. He should be able to get his book if the district is properly defined.

## AGED CITIZEN STRICKEN WITH ILLNESS

Mr. Joseph Cadieux, one of our highly respected oldest citizens suffered a weak spell a few days ago, and is still in a rather precarious condition. Mr. Cadieux is in his 82nd year, but looks no more than a man of 70. He has been enjoying very good health for one of his great age. He is at the home of his daughter Mrs. Everton Smith, Queen's Court, where he has been living for some time.

## At Local Lad's Side at Dieppe

Tells How Bruce Lintner of Stouffville, Bound His Wounds in Dieppe Battle. Wilfred Chummed with Two Local Boys in Royal Regiment.

Hello Folks,

Well I'm still kicking which I guess you already know by now. This is my sixth day of capture although it doesn't seem it now. I didn't come off too badly. I am up and about. This is the first chance I have had to write a letter. They haven't got an address for me yet so I guess you won't be able to write back for a while. There does not seem much I can say. My parcels will have to come through the Red Cross now I guess. The cigarettes will also.

Maybe I won't be using them then. There are quite a few of the fellows who joined with me. Both the Stouffville fellows. Lintner fixed me up when I got hit. Castle travelled here with me in the train. It would have been better if I wrote to brother Les. in England. When he got it he could wire you saying I was okay. It would be quicker. I don't think there will be many letters written so I won't be able to write to everyone. You can do that for me. One is the girl in Scotland. She probably thinks I have forgotten her. Her address is on the back.

Well I will close for now. Don't worry I'm okay.

Cheerio,  
Will. Tunney

## ENGAGEMENT

The engagement has been announced in England, of Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everatt, "Manor House," Little Fenton, Yorkshire, to Warrant Officer Alfred E. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. W. Thomas, Stouffville. The wedding to take place December first.

## MONSTER CABBAGE

When Mrs. William Redshaw presented the office of this paper with a fourteen pound cabbage she started a contest that promises to grow, for we have since received a cabbage head from Merlin Baker that tipped the scales at 18½ pounds. When you realize that only a few over a hundred such heads would make a ton of cabbage, its proportions or weight is wonderful. So far as we can recall, the M.P.P. never produced such cabbage as the elder son has left with this paper, and if he were a more frequent visitor to this old home town, he would see something displayed in the office window that would fill him with pride.

## New Township Offices Will Soon Be Taking Form

The announcement recently made in this paper that the Township of Markham was likely to have new township offices in which to carry on its municipal business, has become a definite fact. The old Lunau brick residence in Unionville has now been acquired by the council, plans for a vault have been made, and Margison Babcock will incorporate these into the changes to be made to the building.

Reeve Rennie stated to The Tribune today that it was not intended to spend a lot of money on the building, which he said would serve the township's purpose, with but slight changes now.

The 1943 council, he believed, would occupy the new quarters very early in the new year. It will provide a clerk's office, council chambers, and offices for the road superintendent and the police department.

When the change is accomplished the danger of fire hazard to the township records will be completely removed.

Mrs. G.A.M. Davison at the post office has up to this time provided the township with comfortable quarters for a clerk's office, but in the new arrangements everything will be under one roof, and any record called for at a council meeting may be obtained by the clerk forthwith.

The step taken in buying a premises for municipal offices will eliminate the constant fear that the public hall in Unionville would be cut up for municipal chambers, as the hall is wanted for public functions, and there was always a possibility that the township might convert the lower part at least into a clerk's office, thus making it no longer available for public functions.

## SECOND SON ENLISTS

Ronald James, younger son of Mrs. Nettie James, Main street, who moved to Stouffville from Goodwood, reported for duty with the R.C.A.F. this week. Ronald's elder brother Wesley is a pilot officer, and so this makes the second son serving in the air force for Mrs. James.

reading at the December meeting of the council, and the constable will likely be asked to enforce it.

## IN AIRFORCE BLUE



Ted Cadieux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyriel Cadieux of Stouffville who is one of this town's latest sons to enlist in Canada's air-force. Ted is at present stationed at Manning Pool.

## Councillor Opposes Compulsory Sanding of Town Sidewalks

The council of Stouffville in session on Friday evening decided to defer until its next meeting the final enactment of a bylaw that would compel householders to not only clean snow and ice from walks abutting their premises, but to sand the walks should they become slippery.

Councillor Nolan said that if the clause compelling sanding was made law, it meant that householders would have to keep a sand box handy, and where are they to get the sand, he wanted to know. If sanding is to be introduced, council should do it he thought.

Councillor Boyd thought there was no use going half way with the bylaw. Let's show that we mean business, and compel them to sand the walks when it is necessary. If they know they must sand, they will keep the ice off better.

He noted that the bit of snow the other day was neglected until it became deep slush on many walks.

The bylaw has been held up all summer on this issue, and Reeve Weldon said it was up to council to decide, but he consented to postpone until the December meeting. That part of the bylaw compelling occupants of property to keep the walks free of ice and snow was generally approved, and will provide a penalty up to \$50 for failure to live up to the bylaw.

The bylaw will get its final

## NOW OVERSEAS



Sgt. Pilot Herbert Orr, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Orr, Melville who has just arrived overseas with another contingent of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Herbert entered the service last November and trained at Manning Pool, Jarvis, Oshawa and Belleville, and received his wings at Camp Borden.

## Whitchurch Twp. Declines Aurora Fire Fighting Agreement

Two items on which there will be shown substantial Savings in Whitchurch Township this year were revealed on Saturday at the regular monthly session of the council presided over by Warden Earl Toole. As neither of the items are controllable, the council is not taking any of the credit. Sheep claims have been exceedingly light, also hospitalization shows a sharp decline.

On Saturday Watson Fairies was compensated to the extent of \$18.00 being for one sheep killed, and flock damage by dogs. Only a few claims have been laid this year, and none were heavy.

Likewise, on Saturday hospital care for indigent patients for October, dropped to \$36.59, a record low month for the year.

Councillor Ed. Logan called attention to what he considered a dangerous situation at gravel hill on the Uxbridge townline. A dangerous deep gully paralyses the roadway by the old gravel pit caused by the removal of gravel. A motion was passed calling upon Uxbridge Township to investigate, as they are in charge of that section of the townline.

Complaint about the condition of a couple of needy folk in the Ballantyne section, was referred to the Relief Officer, Robert Windsor. Criticism was made because the needy people had not been attended to before. "We must not neglect such people," said Reeve Toole, after hearing a report from Councillor Logan who had taken two loads of kindling to one helpless man who was very cold and had nothing but green wood that would not start a fire, he said.

The reeve said this sort of person would be so much more comfortable in the Home on Yonge street, and strongly urged Councillor Logan to use his influence in this behalf.

Percy Pattenden was ordered paid \$10.00 for securing two convictions against Sunday shooting. Each deputy game warden was ordered paid \$5.00 for his services at the pheasant hunt.

The committee of council functioning with Aurora council over a rate for attending fires in a specified section of Whitchurch, was ordered to carry on under the old agreement rather than sign the agreement calling on Whitchurch to pay 30 per cent for a new engine, which not like ly could be bought, at present owing to war conditions. Councillor Lorne Evans and Deputy Reeve Leary represented the township in these negotiations.

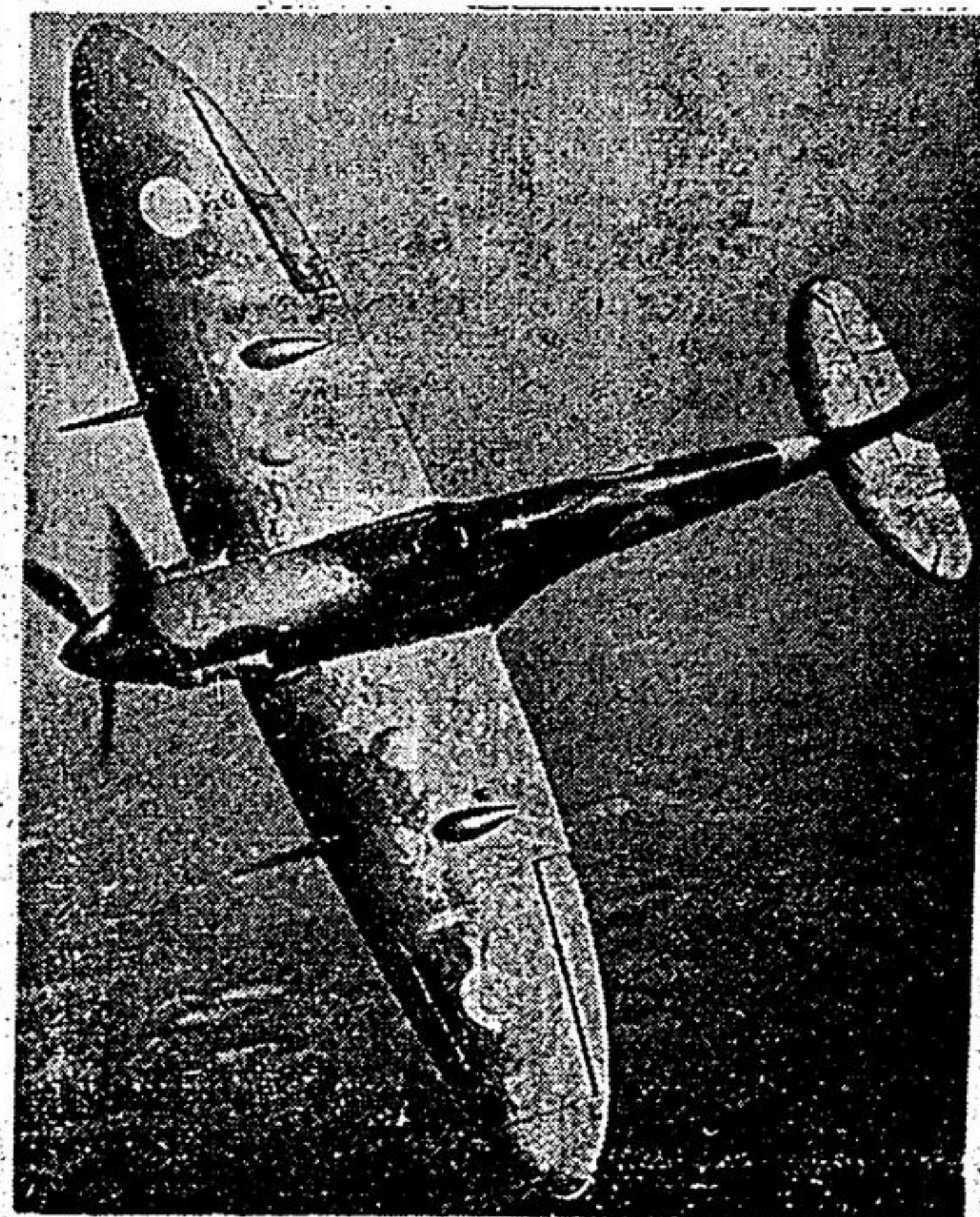
Councillor Eugene Baker piloted the annual bylaw providing for nomination and election day, polling places and officers; if such should be required at the end of the year.

The same polling places as have customarily been used were named in the bylaw, and the officers to handle the polls will be: (1st named is D.R.O., second Poll Clerk) Div. 1: Ben. Langley, Reg Woods; Div. 2: Maurice Pike, Jas. Gibson; Div. 3: Fred Timbers, Alex. Ratcliff; Div. 4: Art Storry, Dawson Burnett; Div. 5: Harry Hill, Roy Middlebrook; Div. 6: Chas. Hunt, Herb Oliver; Div. 7: Fred Reid, Charles Wright; Div. 8: Wm. Simpson, Percy Cutler.

A special meeting of Whitchurch Council will be held on Saturday, December 5, to clean up the business of the year as far as possible before December 15th.

Navy League Concert Friday night.

## Practice Makes Good Shooting



Practice, practice, that's Pilot Officer Buzz Beurling's advice to youngsters who are about to climb into Spitfires and fire their deadly guns, which can be seen in the picture. From a plane like this Beurling bagged 23 1-3 Nazis.