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## Biggest Christmas Mail Ever to Pass Through Local Office

The amount of mail handled at the local post office over the Christmas season is probably the largest ever recorded for this village. Dozens of bags of mail came in with every train, likewise it seemed that almost as much was being sent out.

As an indication of the impressive turnover at the Stouffville post office, we are able to report that 25,000 one cent stamps were sold in the month of December. This seems an incredible total, but we have the assurance of Postmaster Leavens that the figure is quite correct.

### TWO IN HOUSEHOLD GO TO THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Sylvanus Baker has again entered the Brierbush Hospital as a patient. Recently she had been living at her Baker Hill farm home with Mrs. Elizabeth Beelby of Claremont as housekeeper. This week both of them fell ill, and the ambulance had to be sent from the hospital to remove the two women to the institution where they are now being cared for.

### STRAY CATTLE TURN UP

Three cattle feared to have been stolen from the Schell slaughter house premises south of town, were found later on the farm of Peter Ferguson who came to the office of this paper to advertise the cattle. Owing to incessant rains the cattle could not be tracked very far from the slaughter house premises. Police and others had been searching for two days without results.

## Markham Council Maintains Popularity Gets an Acclamation

Markham Township Council has been returned by acclamation without any change in personnel. For a time after the nomination meeting on Monday there seemed great possibilities of a contest looming up, but it faded away later, and when the time of qualifying ended only the 1942 council had signed up and were accorded one more acclamation.

Little criticism was offered at the meeting against the work of the 1942 council. Unionville sources made it plain however, they were not satisfied with the purchase of the Lunau property, and to their recent newspaper criticism Reeve Rennie said the township made a good buy, and would not be thwarted in what was done. He considered the property good for the township needs and opposed the suggestion that township records be stored in Toronto.

Charles Hooper, deputy reeve, warmly contended that Unionville elects its own trustees and should not be so interested in this matter. They are not asked to put money into the hall, they get it free he claimed, and he pointed out it was imperative that township records be in one place available for use. There is no kick from outside Unionville. "Who is to run the township, the council or the village?" he asked.

Deputy Reeve Hooper said he had served ten years. Council had spread 50 tons of calcium over 19 miles of road last year, referred to the purchase of a snow plow, and pointed out that as much money had been spent on winter roads as on summer roads.

Councillor Harry Barber, and Albert Reesor, were both given attentive hearings as they spoke on township efforts put forward by the council.

John Brown, Ewart Stiver and George Padgot, nominated for various offices, spoke. The veteran Geo. Padgot, a spraying device for keeping down weeds, and Mr. Stiver advocated the abandonment of the recently purchased Lunau building for municipal offices. Mr. Brown also opposed the Lunau property buy, and favored putting offices in the front of the municipal hall, but other speakers said this had been condemned by the fire marshal. All argument and criticism was mild and without any apparent enmity.

Amid some confusion at the close of the meeting Mr. Stiver called for a vote on the action of council buying the Lunau place, and he declared it showed about two one against the Lunau place. About 40 ratepayers were left in the hall when the vote was called.

## Local Boys on Pacific Patrol Duty with the R.C.A.F.



Here is an interesting group snapped by the camera man away out at Vancouver Island where these boys are doing patrol duty. These smiling airmen, all from Ontario, are standing beside their "fighting shark" plane. One of them, at the right of the group, of four is E.A.C. Don Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harper of Whitchurch.

Fit. Sgt. Gordon Baker of Stouffville, is seen standing by his plane. This picture was snapped on Vancouver Island, but Gordon is home just now on a visit. He never dreamed the picture taken away out there would reach his home town paper.



## Acclamation for All Seats in Whitchurch

There will be no election in Whitchurch this coming January as the council have all been returned by acclamation. Geo. H. Leary is the new reeve, Lorne P. Evans is deputy reeve, and the three councillors are Eugene Baker, Edward Logan and Leslie J. Harper. Warden Toole retired this year so that the way was opened for Deputy Reeve Leary to advance to the reeveship, and Councillor Evans to advance to the Deputy Reeveship. Councillors Baker and Logan are returned to council and Les. Harper is the new man on the council.

Nomination meeting on Monday was void of any criticism, and only a moderate number of electors turned out. Warden Toole, due to the recent bereavement in his family, did not attend.

Mr. Leary paid high tribute to the efficiency of Warden Toole, not only on the council but in county affairs where he rose to the high affairs. It was, all most gratifying, said Mr. Leary.

He pointed out that bank loans were reduced this year, and while interest may seem to be an important sum on the financial statement, it is more than offset by tax penalties paid by those who are in arrears. He said there would be a tax sale in a few months. He referred to the clergy reserve fund being dispersed to the schools on order of the Dept. of Municipal Affairs, but the manner of payment to the schools is made by the school inspector, on the basis of 1941 attendance.

Concluding, Mr. Leary said, "our main object now is to win the war, and to do this we have to deny ourselves some things we would like to have, such as still better roads and more dust layer."

Mr. Evans called attention to the cut from around \$18,000 to \$10,000 on which the Dept. of Highways would pay the good subsidy of 50 per cent. He said council determined to stay within the budget set, rather than overrun it and pay the whole amount overspent out of township funds. He opened up the question of the Aurora fire area deal in which the township was asked to pay 30 per cent of cost of new engine and so much per hour while attending fires in the township. King township had refused to cooperate on the basis set out, and have been denied the service at the present time. He said Whitchurch continued to get service under the original agreement. Aurora serves from Yonge street, to west side of 5th concession, and the cost each year is borne by the section so served. Mr. Evans predicted a greater labor shortage in 1943 than we

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### GROCERY MANAGER TAKES A BRIDE

The manager of the Dominion Stores in Stouffville, is now a married man. George Kenneth Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Phillips took his lady friend, Miss Anne Margaret Lawin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert James Lewin, Toronto, to the home of Rev. E. Morton last Thursday evening, Christmas eve, where the couple entered into holy wedlock. The happy young couple after being away for a brief holiday returned to Stouffville, where they will make their home among a host of friends, who wish them many happy years together.

### HIS 60th YEAR



Donald Beaton, clerk of the Township of Pickering, and probably the oldest acting clerk in the Province, who on Monday opened the Pickering Nomination meeting for the 60th consecutive year. This is a record to be envied by anyone and one which brought this venerable gentleman the well deserved congratulations of a host of friends and municipal colleagues.

### CLAREMONT TRUSTEES CHANGE

After eight years in office as a village trustee for Claremont, Mr. Alf. Pretty refused to qualify for another term, following the nomination meeting Monday evening, and his place is being taken by David Pugh.

Those nominated were D. A. Pugh, Maintained Anderson, Walter Ward, James McCullough, Alfred Pretty. All retired leaving Messrs D. A. Pugh, and the two former members, M. Anderson and J. McCullough elected by acclamation.

### CONTEST IN MARKHAM VILLAGE

Reeve O. B. Heise has been returned by acclamation for Markham village, but there is a scramble for seats on the village council. Six are in the field with four to be elected. Those seeking office include a former Stouffville boy Mr. Frank Burkholder who was a member of council last year. The six contestants are: F. A. Burkholder, Dr. A. L. Hore, W. J. Payne, C. W. Reesor, Edward Reeve, John Torrance.

### FIRST JUNIOR HOCKEY GAME ENDS IN A DRAW

After setting a fast pace in the first period to lead, 5-0, Unionville Juniors had to come from behind on Tuesday night, to gain a 7-7 tie with Markham.

Billy White and Joe Moffatt each bagged three goals for Unionville, while Bob Bowcott earned a goal two assists. McGowan and Armstrong were the goal-getters for Markham.

Watson who has switched his allegiance to Markham drew the only penalty.

### Quietly Married in Aurora Parsonage

Gamble — Marshall High noon on December the 19th, at the parsonage of Rev. W. A. Westcott, Aurora, the marriage of Roxina Mary Marshall, daughter of William and the late Mrs. Marshall, Gormley, Ontario, to John Henry Gamble, son of Mrs. and the late Harry Gamble, Richmond Hill, was solemnized.

The bride wore sheer white, with winter white hat and veil, and carried pink rose-buds. Her bridesmaid, Miss Mary Jane Schelke wore

### All was Quiet in Uxbridge Township

Only about 60 people turned out to the municipal nominations at Goodwood on Monday when the issues of Uxbridge township were discussed by the old council. Interest was lacking, or perhaps it was because the ratepayers are perfectly satisfied with the work of council, which is quite possible. The old council was re-elected by acclamation. The veteran Hezekiah Roach, township clerk, acted as chairman. The council is Edgar Johnson, reeve; Walter Beach, deputy reeve; J. M. Rae, Stewart Ball and Harold Dickinson, councillors.

wine velvet. Mrs. George Boynton, the matron of honor was in beige crepe. Both wore corsages of roses. George Boynton was groomsmen.

The reception was at the home of Fred H. and Mrs. Schelke, Gormley. Those attending were the immediate families.

The happy couple left for an Eastern trip that had to be shortened owing to the death of the bride's aunt in Aurora, Mrs. Mary Ann Marshall Parker, widow of J. J. Parker.

## Mrs. Barkey Succumbs to Two Year Illness

A devoted couple were separated by death last week when Mrs. Isaac Barkey, aged 67 years, passed to the Great Beyond after an illness of about two years' duration, and despite all that loving care could do.

Mrs. Barkey died on Christmas Day, and was laid to rest in Stouffville cemetery on Sunday afternoon, following a public service in the United Church. Rev. Douglas Davis conducted the service, pall bearers being Messrs. F. L. Button, K.C., Frank E. Rae, D. Chadwick, Clayton Stouffer, Wilmot Stover and Morley Haines. The profusion of flowers bore silent testimony to the love and esteem felt for the deceased and for the bereaved family. Employees of the Stouffville Machine and Tool Works attended the service in a body as a mark of respect for Mr. Barkey.

Mrs. Barkey was born near Manchester in Reach township, her maiden name being Margaret Porteous, daughter of the late Simpson Porteous. She attended school at Manchester, and as a girl visiting her uncle, the late Benjamin Wagner, at Kinsale, she met a youth who had entered upon his apprenticeship with Mr. Wagner to learn the machine business. This meeting grew to friendship and finally to marriage, so that Mr. and Mrs. Barkey were united in wedlock in 1898. They spent a year or two in Toronto and Claremont, and then located in Stouffville about the turn of the

### RETIREES AFTER 40 YEARS SERVICE

How many farmers can equal the record of Mr. Herbert Pegg of Whitchurch who is year has asked to be relieved from the duty of road commissioner or overseer. Mr. Pegg has served the township continuously for 40 years. When he first took office it was under the old statute labor system which looks very crude and inefficient today as compared with the present step-up with government assistance to build country roads. Mr. Pegg is probably the oldest officer in the whole township in point of service.

Mrs. Peter Raymer, Mount Joy is reported as very ill, friends will regret to learn.

century to remain here to this day.

Mrs. Barkey was a member of various church organizations, first in the Methodist and later in the United Church. She was devoted to her home, and her kindly solicitous disposition made her a great favorite with those who knew her.

Besides her husband there survives two daughters, Miss Flossie at home, and Marjorie, Mrs. Leslie Williamson, Toronto, and one grandchild. Three sisters also survive, Mrs. Peter Raymer, Prince Albert, Mrs. Neva Lyle, Port Perry, and Mrs. Millie Hardman, New Westminster.

## Spent Most of Her Long Life in Town

Stouffville has lost one of its very true friends and the local United Church gives up one of its sincerest supporters, in the death of Mrs. Jacob A. Heise who passed away at her home on Banff Road in Toronto on Thursday of last week.

Born in Aurora, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Neal, she married the late Jacob A. Heise in 1885, and the couple took up residence in Stouffville where he operated the planing mill, and was one of the influential citizens of his day. Mr. Heise died in 1920. His life partner was a staunch supporter of the Methodist and later the United Church, and while she always shunned office, she got behind every good project with her material support.

For some years now Mrs. Heise had spent the winter season in Toronto, but three months ago she moved there to become a permanent resident, having sold the fine Heise home in Stouffville last spring to Mr. Percy Brillinger.

Surviving are two sons, Duncan M. Heise of Toronto, and Birmess W. Heise, supervisor of Children's Aid Societies in Ontario, with offices at Queen's Park, also one daughter Miss Enna Heise, with the Toronto Children's Aid Society.

Funeral service was held at the home of her son, Birmess at 33 Whitney avenue on Saturday afternoon, and interment was made in the family plot at Stouffville. Rev. Levi Atkinson of Uxbridge, her last pastor at Stouffville, conducted the service.

### AMONG GUESTS AT UNIONVILLE WEDDING

Mrs. James Turner and Miss Nettie Rae of Stouffville attended the Christmas Eve wedding on December 24th, of June Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kennedy of Unionville to George Rumble, son of Mrs. and the late J. C. Rumble. The ceremony which took place at the Guild of All Arts, was conducted by Rev. A. E. Owen, Unionville.

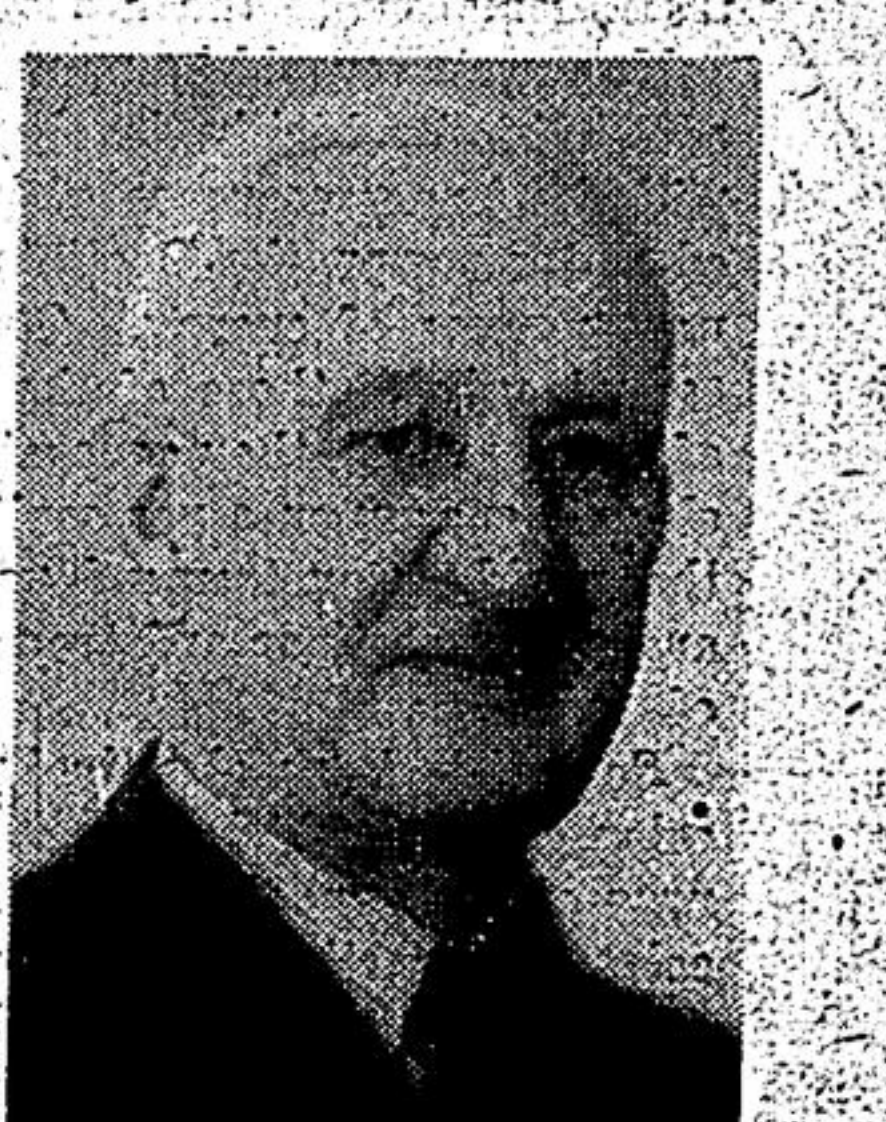
### MAIL CONTRACT SIGNED HIGHER PAY NOTED

Mr. Lloyd Moyer has been awarded a new contract for carrying the mail over rural route No. 2 from Stouffville through the Township of Whitchurch, a daily trip of 17½ miles. The new contract begins with the First of January, and carries an increase in pay of about 50 per cent of the former contract under which Mr. Moyer worked for the last four years.

Since this is the second mail contract awarded at Stouffville in the last year, and both with sharply increased allowance over the former contracts, it would appear that the Postmaster-General has determined to sharply increase the pay of this department of civil servants to a fairer basis.

Second Engineer Wes. Jack of the Merchants Marine is home for the holiday season. Wes had plied the great lakes for nine months without a holiday so is enjoying a rest with his wife and child at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Brown. He is also visiting his mother Mrs. Jack, on Main street.

### REEVE OF WHITCHURCH



Reeve George H. Leary Elected by acclamation in Whitchurch Township on Monday. Mr. Leary has served 14 years on Whitchurch council, five of which he was Deputy Reeve. He now succeeds Warden Earl Toole.