

Local and Personal Happenings

Stouffville Fire Brigade received a call about 8.30 Monday morning when an over-heated chimney at the home of Mr. George Gunn, Church St., caused an alarm. No damage resulted.

Allen Boardway the obliging young clerk at the Shell Oil Station operated by his father, has secured a position with the Dominion Bridge Co., and is now working at their Toronto plant.

The first local dance of the new year was held at the Continuation School on Friday evening under the sponsorship of the Literary Society. A score or more couples attending by invitation, along with many of the students, danced to the music of Bruce Gould's Recordings, and were treated to refreshments later in the evening.

The high snow banks piled along the sidewalks all over town present scenes that haven't been witnessed in many years. There are places where one can scarcely see who is passing on the opposite side of the street, and the customary thaw, should it arrive, will probably be welcome for its ability to settle the snow that we scarcely can find more room for if much more comes down.

Cpl. Allen McConnochie of Stouffville has been in the hospital for a few days at St. Thomas, where he is stationed with the Postal Corps.

Underwent Operation

Mrs. Thos. Jennings, Fair Street, was able to return home on Sunday since undergoing an operation in a Toronto hospital from which she is making satisfactory recovery, friends will be pleased to learn.

An old team-mate of Markham Juniors who has had three years junior experience turned out with the Toronto Birchcliff team last week to play an exhibition game against his former team. Teamed up with him on the same T.H.L. Club was Garl Junkin, a Lindsay boy who also saw service with Markham in the O.H.A.

George Watson Ill

One of the best known horsemen in these parts, George Watson, has been very ill the past week or two and his daughter Mrs. Lett (Bessie) is here from Toronto assisting her mother. "Geordie," as everybody calls Mr. Watson, seems to have suffered a breakdown that has left him in a very weakened condition. An early improvement in his condition is confidently hoped for by his physician.

Agincourt Retains District Curling Cup

Two rinks of Stouffville curlers failed to wrest the District Cup from Agincourt on Monday night and were "snowed under" by a considerable margin. Agincourt defeated Unionville in the first round, Stouffville having the bye, since Locust Hill failed to enter the competition. Agincourt also won the cup last year, when Stouffville failed to muster enough players to compete. The two local rinks were composed of, Win-Timbers, Wesley Boardway, Walter Brillinger, Cliff Pipher (s); Charles Nolan, L. C. Murphy, William Armstrong, Will Burkett (s).

Mail 23 Days Coming From Uxbridge

A local party last week received a post card carried through the mail that had been posted in the town of Uxbridge on December 13. As it conveyed only Christmas greetings, the delay did not cause any harm. In view of the fact that the card reached its destination on January 13, the date wasn't so unlucky after all. The envelope was postmarked December 22, at the time it was put in the mail at Uxbridge. Owing to extreme reticence mixed with Scotch blood, the party was most decided in having the name withheld from publication. In any event, its an unusual record wherein it traveled 23 days for mail to travel 15 miles between the two post offices mentioned.

Mr. J. K. Agnew has been re-appointed to the Stouffville Library Board as a representative for the School Board which body annually appoints a member to Library for a period of three years. Mr. Agnew was first appointed three years ago, and now commences a second term.

Subscriber in the West Goes Us One Better

Our recent story regarding the server cold snap here a couple of weeks ago has drawn comment from a subscriber, Mr. Archie T. Stewart of Isabella, Man. Mr. Stewart in renewing his subscription says that when the wave passed over his locality, it was so cold that a man froze his hands while milking a cow, with fur mitts on. Mr. Stewart goes on to say that crops in that district were generally good this year.

Up around the United Church sheds last Saturday it looked as though there had been a return to the Gay Nineties, when horses were in drivers seats so to speak when it came to the mode of travel. Twenty rigs were parked or tied in the sheds at one time when the count was made. No doubt the closed sheds at the Mennonite church were being similarly patronized. While main roads were opened to traffic many side roads were blocked and dozens of farmer's lanes were filled with snow.

Enjoying Florida Holiday

Dr. Thomas Mitchell and sister Miss Belle Mitchell are among the guests staying at Bates Hotel, St. Petersburg, Florida. They are finding the sunshine delightful, and the evenings and late afternoons on the cool side. Says Dr. Mitchell: "One needs as many blankets as would be required at home to keep warm." Probably before he returns in the spring, the cleric of Ringwood will treat our readers to a birdseye view on the gay life of Florida where folks have nothing to do but bask in the sunshine and bath in the refreshing waters of the Florida coast.

Mark Wedding Anniversaries

An interesting gathering assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Lee on Main street one day last week where they were all royally entertained. The event was in recognition of the wedding anniversary day of Mr. and Mrs. Lee who were celebrating their 44th, and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Madill, Mill street who are 43 years married. The two anniversaries actually were just one day apart. Guests entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Lee to commemorate the anniversary occasion were Mr. and Mrs. A. Manderson, Balsam; Mrs. E. Palmer, Miss V. Saddler, and Mrs. Ira Boyer of Claremont, also Mr. and Mrs. John Madill.

War Branch

Wishes to acknowledge with thanks the following donations: Mrs. F. Johnson, \$1.00; Eastern Star \$10.00; Miss B. Mitchell, Florida \$5.00; Mrs. G. Leggett, \$5.00; Mrs. Ridout, quilt lining; Mrs. John Barkey, clothing; 9th Line Workers, 2 large quilts, 2 small quilts, 1 afghan, 26 pairs of children's panties; 3 suits of pyjamas, babies clothing, other clothing; Mr. Crapper, quilt top; Mrs. Murison quilt top lining and bat. If you wish to contribute to the Russian Fund you may do so by purchasing a ticket on a quilt on display in Mr. Golden's window or by giving a donation. We will also accept clothing for the Russians this must be handed on at once as a shipment is being sent this week.

M. Davey, Sec'y.

MARKHAM STILL LEAGUE LEADERS

Markham Juniors scored a 5-2 win over Royce A. C. on Thursday night at Ravina Rink, in an O.H.A. Junior "B" tussle. The Markhams took over a 2-1 second period lead after a scoreless opening frame, and increased their lead in the final chapter. Watson and Szoldra with two goals each paced the winners. Armstrong netted the other marker. Chomyshn and Anthony scored the two goals for the city team.

TO THE SWITCH BOARD GIRLS

Here's to you and your thankless job, Placing calls for an impatient mob. Constant by connecting sellers and buyers. Your hands flying over a maze of wires You repeat "number please," time after time Striving to give everyone an "outside line. When some people are rude and start to yell You must feel like suggesting that they go to hell But instead you come back with a sweet reply, "Sorry," sir, I'll give them another try. They give medals for conduct on land and at sea, I think one should be awarded to the girls at the B. & S.C.

WROTE CHRISTMAS LETTER TO RELATIVE DEAD 4 MONTHS

When Miss Elsie Johnson of this town wrote a Christmas letter to a relative at Fleet, Alta., she little knew that her aunt Mrs. M. Troyer had passed away four months ago. The letter was returned with the postmaster's stamp on, and then it was that Miss Johnson received her first intimation of what had happened.

Mrs. Troyer died on the first day of September, 1942, from a stroke. She had been in a crippled condition for some time before she was fatally stricken. Mrs. Troyer was a daughter of the late Jacob and Betsy Heise who resided in the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Barkey, westend. Mrs. Troyer and her son Artis visited in town a few years ago.

She was a member of the Mennonite faith, and belonged to the first congregation under the pastorate of the Rev. H. Shantz of Stouffville when he commenced his ministry in Western Canada.

Surviving besides her husband are three sons and one daughter. The family all reside in Alberta.

Former Son was on Ill-Fated Train

A communication from Mrs. D. A. Galloway of Toronto and formerly of Stouffville, discloses that son Dave pictured below was riding in the Continental that collided with



a westbound troop train near the Manitoba border on December 29.

Dave, a popular local youth here some years ago, is Sergeant Instructor in full charge of the photo Section in the R.C.A.F. Flying School in Saskatoon. When the crash came he was thrown from his seat with such force that the seat in front of him was torn loose and he landed in the wreckage in the middle of the aisle. He was slightly bruised and suffered some from shock.

What bothered our native son most was the fact that he didn't have his camera equipment along, as there he was in the middle of one of the biggest news stories, unable to do a thing.

He arrived in Toronto exactly 31 1/2 hours late and because of this he received an extra 48 hours leave. The Winnipeg Free Press quoting Sgt. Galloway stated that, "every passenger on the Continental Ltd., was thrown from his seat by the force of the impact, when the two trains collided. But there was no panic. Hysterical outbursts were missing."

"Sergt. Galloway grinned as he recalled the inroads that army of \$00 passengers made on the little town near the scene of the crash, with its four stores and one restaurant, and a total population of only 300. Within 15 minutes we had bought everything in the place. But it wasn't all that way, as we had to sit in a coach for five hours with the temperature just 10 above zero, and 30 below outside."

Mrs. Galloway went on to say that brother Ed. is stationed at Vimy Barracks in Kingston.

FINALLY GOT A CHURN

Commenting on the fact that many farmers are buying up churns, to be sure they have a plentiful supply of butter for their own use, now that it is rationed, the Paisley Advocate has this story: "One farmer from Eiderslie, unable to secure a churn here, made up his mind that he was going to get one somehow, somewhere. He was driving to a point near Toronto last Wednesday, and after calling on hardware shops in almost every community between here and his destination, finally was rewarded by picking up one of those familiar old-style crock-and-dasher churns in a roadside store near Brampton. It looks as though the average rural resident is going to have the last laugh on his butter-rationed urban neighbors!"

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STIVER BROS.

VISITOR FROM NEW ZEALAND

An interesting visitor from New Zealand was in town on Monday in company with Mr. Jess Byer, 8th concession, Markham, Sergt Pilot E. V. Sage is a native of Hamilton, New Zealand, and is now stationed at Dauphin, Man., undergoing training at this camp. Enjoying a two-weeks holiday he journeyed to Ontario to make the acquaintance of Mr. Byer because his father in New Zealand, requested him to do so. "We have been greatly interested in Mr. Byer's articles appearing in an American bee journal, and father thought it would be nice for me to meet the author." The Sage family are in the bee keeping industry there in New Zealand in a very big way, and New Zealand honey is among the finest the world produces, that is of course their best brands.

Only two weeks ago Sergt. Pilot Page suffered a bereavement when his brother also a Sergt. Pilot, was killed over England. Our visitor admitted that things were in readiness in his country to receive the Japs had they attempted to raid his home

LANDED IN ENGLAND

Walter Tremaine landed in England on December 26, he is a Newmarket boy attached to the Army Medical Corps. He is known in Whitechurch, for Walter is a nephew of Mrs. Jonathan Hutchinson and Walter Topper. Mrs. Tre-

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maine was a member of the Topper family of Musselman's Lake, and with her husband Jas. A., the family reside in Newmarket. Another son who went overseas earlier in the war attached to the R.C.A.F. met death in a plane accident.

Sale of hats for Friday and Saturday of this week. Mrs. M. E. Watts, Westend.

Cited For Bravery



Even the rats stopped squeaking during one depth charge attack on the submarine Thrasher, but a crew member heard one rat's teeth chattering. Lieut. S. W. Roberts and Petty Officer Gould received the Victoria Cross for throwing a rope over two unexploded bombs which had landed on the deck during an attack by planes.

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