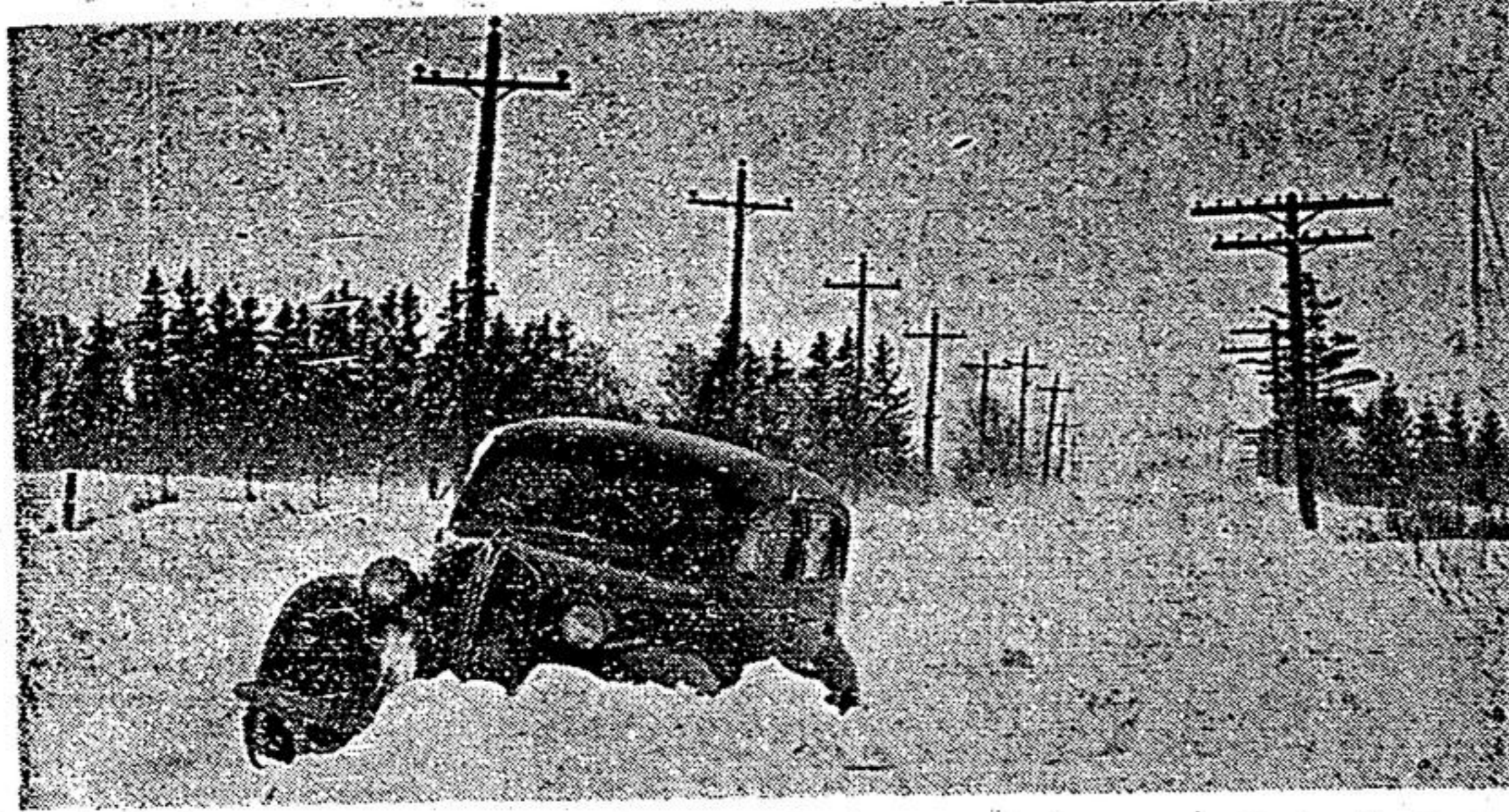


## HERE'S A TYPICAL SCENE NEAR STOUFFVILLE LAST WEEK



Last week's big snow storm blocked more roads than have been tied up in this district at one time for many years. Scenes like this were common in Markham, Whit-

church and enroute to Goodwood from Stouffville. A bulldozer piled these banks fifteen feet high as it left town for Goodwood, just before the big final storm. The snow was

piled back over the fence line, and enabled the snow to keep the road open. If you want to witness this scene just snowshoe up the teeth as far as Lincolnville.

## Exhausted Woman Spends Night in Service Station Enroute to Stouffville

Battling snow-blocked suburban roads to reach her sick mother, Mrs. Myrtle Crawford, young Toronto Negro, and sister of Victoria Hollingsworth, pupil of Stouffville Public School, told how she walked several miles through a raging blizzard. She stayed overnight at a highway service station to cover a part of the 35-mile journey from Toronto to Stouffville.

Starting out early Tuesday with a box of chocolates for her mother, Mrs. Crawford made the first lap of the journey from Toronto to Lansing by car. At Lansing the generator of the car burned out. Unable to get a bus or train for northern points she began the seven-mile walk from Lansing to Agincourt through a raging blizzard.

Half-stumbling and half-running at times through drifts from four to six feet high, she covered a five-mile stretch from Lansing to Sullivan's Corners before she became exhausted. She asked for shelter at a service station and stayed overnight.

"I got up early Wednesday to catch the early train to Stouffville from Agincourt," she said. "After walking to the station at Agincourt I found that the trains were cancelled. That was at 8:30 in the morning. I knew that there would be a train through sometime so I waited at the station all day until the 6 o'clock train came through that night."

Newton Joynt, station agent at Agincourt remarked on how much the young woman treasured the chocolates. "She vowed she would not touch one of them because she had bought them for her mother," he said.

"I arrived in Stouffville all right late Wednesday night only to find that the road to the farm on the ninth line, where my mother was staying was blocked. After coming that far, I wasn't going to balk at a two-mile walk over country roads. It took me about two hours to get through that stretch, but I was getting used to it then," she continued.

Mrs. Crawford, mother of three children was wearing only city clothes when she started on her two-day trip.

"The box of chocolates wasn't touched during the trip and it reached its destination in fairly good shape, in spite of what it had been through," Mrs. Crawford revealed.

"My mother is not so bad now, and I'm ready to go home to my family in Toronto any time, but I think I'll wait until the roads are cleared. I wouldn't care to go through that again, but I would do it if it were for the same cause," she said. Her mother is Mrs. Margaret Hollingsworth staying on the former Winterstein place at corner of sideroad and ninth concession just above Stouffville.

"The doctor was through on Sunday to see her, but all the roads from Stouffville are blocked now. My younger sister, Vikki, walked to Stouffville to get medicine for her," she said.

Mrs. Crawford had one of her legs slightly frostbitten and her fingers nipped. "I didn't bother with a doctor when I was in Agincourt, but I wish now that I had. The frost didn't do any serious damage, but it feels a bit painful."

### NOW IN ENGLAND

Pte. Robert Miller, son of Mrs. Peter H. Raymer, Mount Joy, has just arrived in England. It was announced this week. Pte. Miller was in training at Red Deer, Alberta, and it is a brother of Wilfred Miller, St. Catharines.

### OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Markham Township Sunday School Association will be held in the Unionville United Church on Thursday, February 4. Do not miss any of the sessions.

Dr. I. H. Erb, professor in Toronto University, and Rev. C. E. Craig, M.A., B.D., pastor of Grace United in Toronto, have been secured as special speakers.

Gar. Knudsen, English tenor, will sing in the afternoon and evening.

### C.G.I.T. ENTERTAIN

Mrs. F. L. Button opened her home on Tuesday for the Canadian Girls in Training to entertain their friends at tea. Mrs. Button received at the door accompanied by Jean Miller, C.G.I.T. president. While waiting for their tea, guests were entertained by splendid musical selections by Mrs. R. Barker and the girls. These included solos by Marguerite Grubin, duets by Helen Campbell and Jeanne Westlake, trios by Lillian Piper, Marion Weldon and Audrey Jennings, and Beatrice Lickorish, Carl Weldon and Norma Fairles. Betty Jean Freel and Olive Pipher gave very fine piano solos.

Mrs. G. Bailey showed the guests into the dining room. Pouring tea were Mrs. R. Button and Miss I. Foster, leaders. Girls in their C.G.I.T. uniforms prepared and served the tea. Proceeds were \$20.

### STOUFFVILLE DROPS FROM TANKARD COMPETITION

Stouffville dropped from this district's Curling Tankard on Tuesday night when they were decisively eliminated by Unionville in the Crosby Memorial Rink. Although reports indicated that Unionville were far from championship form themselves, the local boys just could not hit their stride at all. The local rinks were skipped by Harry Brillinger and M. E. Watt.

## Arrive at Wedding in Horse and Sleigh

Snowbanks seemingly unsurmountable failed to deter Dan Cupid on Saturday afternoon although the big plow from Uxbridge Township did everything possible to open the road to the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brown, 10th concession north of Stouffville for the wedding of their second daughter Lillian G. Brown to Trooper Arthur W. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson of Oshawa. The ceremony was solemnized on Saturday afternoon, the bride and groom and other guests having arrived at the home by horse drawn sleigh.

The bride was given in marriage by her father wearing a dusky pink street length dress. Her bridesmaid was her sister Zella Brown whose dress was of gold colored material. Mr. Jim Bryant of Oshawa was best man. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. E. Morton of Stouffville.

While the wedding tea was underway and during the felicitations following, the big plow passed the home, so the new road it made was used by the guests in their dash back to town, while the bride and groom left amidst best wishes for Toronto. Guests were present from Oshawa, Toronto, and from Stouffville were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, she being an aunt of the bride.

### WITH TANK CORPS

Pte. Harold Morden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Morden of Stouffville is the second son in this family to don kakhi. Harold enlisted several weeks ago and is with a tank unit training at Newmarket. George, an older brother is with the artillery at Petawawa.

## Vivian Farmer Dead Fell Off Doorstep

A quite well known figure in Whitchurch Township John B. Grose died in Newmarket hospital on Monday afternoon about two hours after being admitted. Death was due to an injured skull, believed to be the result of a fall.

Mr. Grose had been working about his farm east of Vivian as usual when shortly after dinner, he went out the rear door of his home. Shortly after Mrs. Grose had occasion to go to the door, and there lay the prostrate form of her husband. He had evidently slipped off the step and struck his head. Later examination also revealed a couple of broken ribs and a fractured arm.

Mrs. Grose had to run for help a mile and a quarter to the home of a cousin Ben Grose. Since the roads were impassable and a doctor could not be obtained, a farm sleigh was brought into action and Mr. Grose was taken as far as Vivian where the sleigh was met by a motor car. He never regained consciousness.

John B. Grose was born at Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Grose. As a young man he married Elizabeth Miller of Queensville who survives him. They had no family. One brother surviving is Mr. Joe Grose of Ringwood, and an only sister is Mrs. James Cunningham of Queensville.

The idea that death was due to a falling icicle, is not taken too seriously.

The funeral will be held today, (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 in the Mount Albert chapel. Interment at Newmarket cemetery.

### ABNER BAKER IS 85

There was a time when one of the best known personages passing along our Main street was Mr. Abner Baker of the 8th concession of Whitchurch. Mr. Baker was in town on Tuesday for the first time in two months. "I wouldn't be here today were it not for urgent business," said Mr. Baker. This citizen of the district who looks about 75 is actually 85 years of age, and he has spent all those many years right where he now lives at Baker Hill. Not exactly in the same house, for when Abner was a lad the present Harding farm house at Baker Hill was their home. Mr. Baker knew every citizen on the streets of Stouffville 50 years ago, but he confessed that the rapid changes today leaves him at a loss.

Even many faces that are familiar to him, he finds it hard to readily call them by name. Despite this bit of weakness that affects lots of people at 50, Abner Baker is a wonderfully well preserved man, and may he long be spared to enjoy the eventime of life.

### NOTICE

Owing to the shortage of fats, oils, and bones for the manufacture of explosives, all housewives are urged to save these, and take them to the butcher shops of Mr. Pitman or Mr. Scheil where they are picked up. This applies to both town and country and is URGENT. The collection is sponsored by the Stouffville Red Cross.

### COLLECTING DOG TAX

Constable Rusnell is carrying the dog book these days and is out collecting the dog license money. The town seems to be infested with dogs and so many useless looking critters are running the streets and not too well cared for. In lieu of paying the tax or license fee, owners have the option of destroying the dog which can be done in a human way by sending it to the Humane Society in Toronto. So many of them are not worth the amount of the tax that this would seem the best way out. On the other hand who can blame the owner of an intelligent dog for wanting to keep the animal. The town bylaw forbids dogs running at large and owners are required to keep them on a leash, but in the winter season the law is not enforced, unless the dog is complained about when the owner then must keep the animal under control. Just as soon as gardening comes around all dogs will have to be confined to their home premises.

## Former Bank Mgr. Died Suddenly

The death of Elmer M. Still, former manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Stouffville was received here last week with shocking suddenness. He died without the slightest warning at his home in Orangeville and was laid to rest in the cemetery there where so many of his forebearers were buried. Mr. Still would have reached his 62nd birthday this coming April.

The shocking suddenness of Mr. Still's death was related by his wife who said that Mr. Still had been working in Toronto for quite some time in the Income Tax Office, and had come home for a few days rest. On the evening of his death he had spent the day in a normal way. They had tea together, and while Mrs. Still was doing the dishes he lay on the couch. Mrs. Still suggested that they play a game of checkers, and Mr. Still readily agreed and sat at the table. They had just started to play when his head was seen to slump over. No word was spoken, for Mr. Still was dead.

In 1929 Elmer M. Still came to Stouffville as successor to A. C. Burkholder. He remained with us for eleven years, during which time both Mr. and Mrs. Still endeared themselves to the people of this community. He was a member of the Session of the United Church, and a willing worker in any department where his services were required. His financial support too was most impressive. Mr. Still was a member of the Masonic Order, and joined Richardson Lodge here. He was also a member of the Eastern Star and a past patron of the local chapter, also a charter member of the Stouffville Lions Club, and an enthusiastic bowler.

On his retirement from the bank here Mr. and Mrs. Still returned to Orangeville, his native town, where he had extensive real estate holdings. He was a son of William Still and Mary Ann Mayne, and was educated in Orangeville public and high school, and as a youth entered the banking business.

Surviving besides his good wife is a son William of Toronto.

The funeral to Forest Lawn Cemetery, Orangeville on Saturday took place from his late home there. Rev. R. O. Wilson conducted the service.

### LAKE MUSSELMAN ISOLATED

A farmer called The Tribune this Wednesday morning to say that there has not been a rural mail delivered around Lake Musselman since a week ago last Saturday. The service comes from Cedar Valley, and had only been able to reach Ballastra a few days ago, but in the meantime Postmaster Gib. Wright sent out a team to meet the mail man.

## WELL-KNOWN UXBRIDGE FARMER IS DEAD

The death of Andrew Wilson on Monday this week at his home a mile north of Clarendon, came with great surprise to many old friends. He was 73 years of age. The funeral will be held this Thursday afternoon with service in the 5th Line United Church, at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will follow at the Uxbridge cemetery.

Born at Ashburn a son of the late Hugh Wilson, Andrew spent all his life in the neighborhood of Clarendon and in Uxbridge Township. Twice married, his first wife was Annie Stephenson and following her death he married Miss Elizabeth Symes. Surviving are a step-son Morley Symes, and a daughter Mrs. Martin Gall.

## Calls \$900 Salary, Out of Pocket Expenses

Despite the fact that the members of the Toronto & York Road Commission offered their services free of charge, and Reeve Earl Toole resigned because he would not serve on that basis, now the special committee of York County Council will recommend to council that it pay all five members of the Toronto and York Roads Commission \$900 per year for their out-of-pocket expenses in administering county roads.

The committee obtained an opinion from R.M.W. Chitty, K.C., which said it was in the power of the council to pay their commissioners. The committee then wrote T. B. McQuesten, who in replying, declared that he was opposed to any remuneration to road commissioners and that he would not favor the passing of special legislation for that purpose.

"The amount of work which will be required of our road commissioners particularly in the preparation of a post-war construction programme makes it imperative that we pay them out-of-pocket expenses," Reeve F. G. Gardiner, of Forest Hill, declared.

"We must take care of our county roads and unless we seriously consider the question of the re-allocation of the suburban road system we will find that the plan outlined by the city of Toronto will be forced upon us or our Road Commission will evaporate and all the roads may be thrown back on the individual municipality," Mr. Gardiner warned. Reeve F. J. MacRae, of York Township, declared that he could not agree with the opinion given the committee by Mr. Chitty. "I must, as a matter of principle, oppose payment of the road commissioners," he said.

It was generally conceded that as soon as these men got into office some machinery would be set up to secure pay for them. The whole thing still looks bad, said a prominent man of the county. If a paid commission was to be set up, the men who were chosen would not have received the appointments—the Reeve of Whitchurch, for instance, would have been a commissioner. Since present commissioners wanted the job bad enough to take it without "out of pocket expenses" why not let them have a go at it. Then some time later if a definite salary is decided on the commission should be chosen without this camouflage. Anyhow ratepayers of York County would resent the sum of \$900 being called mere "out of pocket expenses." It's really a good salary for the work done.

### PROMOTED



Pilot Officer Elmer Winn who is stationed with the R.C.A.F. at Brandon, Manitoba, has been promoted to the rank of Flying Officer. Elmer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winn, 10th concession of Whitchurch.

### BIRTHS

GRAHAM — At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Saturday, January 28th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Graham, Whitchurch Township, the gift of a son.

HUCKERBY — At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Tuesday, January 26th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Huckerby, Whitchurch Township, the gift of a son.

COATES — At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Monday, January 25th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. David Coates, Brooklin, (nee Alma Redshaw) the gift of a son.

McMULLEN — At St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, on Friday, January 22, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McMullen the gift of a daughter.

Stouffville War Branch at a meeting on Tuesday decided to continue to accept donations and clothing for the Russian relief. Be sure and give them a lift.

### BELIEVED SAFE



### HARRY WORLING

The Tribune is reliably informed that official confirmation has been received to the effect that Harry Worling is a prisoner of war in the hands of the Japanese, and that he is safe. Missionary to India when the war broke out he is a former pastor of the Stouffville and Church Hill Christian Churches.

## Coal Truck Makes Record Run to Save Local Rose Crop

Now that the arctic storm is over and normal weather is back again some interesting stories continue to come out of the situation. That bid for coal to serve the Stouffville Floral plant was quite a thriller. During the height of the storm the big bins at the floral plant were almost exhausted of their supply. Ordered long ago when 40 tons were still in stock the supply failed to come in, and so the plant was at a dangerously low point just when the storm was at its worst. There was five feet of snow on the roadway between the greenhouses and the townline or Main street too. With less than a day's supply on hand of steam coal, Barclay's big transport started out from Toronto and wheeled the load of seven tons to Unionville then proceeded along No. 7 to Brougham, as the 8th of Markham was impassable. From Brougham the truck reached Clarendon, and then a snow plow went ahead of the truck from there to Stouffville, thus making the longest way round the surest way home. Ten or more men were digging out the high drifts from town to the plant so that the plow could finish off the job and let the coal through. Thus were thousands of dollars in rose crop saved by only a few hours from destruction by the frost. Next day Harry Ratcliff's big truck brought in another load. The plant is said to consume around five tons a day during the depth of winter.

## Thieves Steal Ration Books from Farmers

During the past few days thieves stole the ration book and keys from an automobile belonging to Arthur Baker, also the ration book from the car of Ross McMullen in the same neighborhood. In both cases the thefts were made as the cars were parked in the laneway to the farms on the Baker farm and on the farm of Jacob McMullen nearby on the 10th of Markham. Mrs. Harvey Baker, mother of Arthur, saw a man open the car door away down the lane toward the concession line as she looked out of the window just about dark, but she thought it was one of her own boys. Later she told Arthur that she saw someone looking into the car and he immediately made an investigation. The cushions were turned up, as if the thief had been looking for something of value. The ration book and car keys were gone. Ross McMullen's car was similarly rifled but only the car keys were missing. He had his ration book in his pocket. It is believed that the thieves in these cases is the work of a very local person.