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It stormed in our township last two weeks to beat the very old dickens. All the grandfathers sitting beside the stoves, puffed on their pipes and after squinting out through the frosted windows said that this is the worst winter they have seen. After a period they invariably say however, "There was one winter worse than this one. That was in the year so-and-so." The strange part of it all is that they never agree on the same winter.

Grandfather Jenkins told me on Monday that 1902 had the worst storm he could ever remember. One farmer lost part of his stock because it was storming so bad that he couldn't get out to the barn to feed them. Even the trees were smothered in the cold and he remembers that for four days the snow was up to the eaves of the house. They had to shovel their way down to the barn in the morning to do the chores. They used to take their lunch with them and stay all day in the stable and then shovel their way back to the house at supper-time.

Grandfather Higgins told me that the winter of 1906 was the worst one he ever remembered. It seems that he was on his way from town when the storm blew in over the township. He was driving the horse and cutter from Stouffville and he drove on and on for hours. Finally at four o'clock the next day the horse dropped dead from exhaustion and he found himself in the Main Street of Sutton thirty miles away. Of course he adds a few miles every time he tells the story.

Grandfather Smyth is one of the most interesting story tellers that you could possibly find. I was in to their place on Tuesday to give them their mail. The mailman couldn't get through Monday or Tuesday and I walked into Ballantrae and got the mail for neighbors and dropped it to the Smyth place with theirs. He let his stock out during January in 1910 to go to the water trough. One of the cows didn't come back in and the storm was so bad that they couldn't find her. They looked and looked and gave it up for a bad job. When the storm was over they found her frozen stiff. They put her on the stone boat and drew her into the driving shed. It got warm and two days later she thawed out and walked back into the stable and started eating. He tells the story so well that you can't help but wonder if it isn't true.

Grandfather Perdue is still certain that the winter of 1920 was the worst in the history of the country. It snowed so bad that the river was

**WOMEN VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

A call for volunteer women workers is here made to assist the local members of the Ration Board on Friday and Saturday and on Monday and Tuesday, February 19, 20, 22, 23, with the issuing of the new No. 2 ration books at Stouffville. All work is voluntary in this undertaking.

Those who would be willing to assist should send their names to Mr. George Storey, village clerk, (by telephone if you wish) right away. Only persons who write a good legible hand should offer their help, as the work is chiefly that of writing and only plain writing is desirable.

Next week at a time to be arranged Reeve Weldon will call a meeting of the volunteers when instructions will be issued, and arrangements made for dividing up the hours. The books will be issued at the municipal hall on the four days mentioned from 10 in the morning until 9 at night. It is hoped there will be plenty of volunteers so that the hours of each helper may not be unduly extended.

**JUNIOR FARMERS SKATING PARTY**

Instead of the usual skating carnival held by the York County Junior Farmers annually, the evening will take the form of a skating party to be held at formerly in the Richmond Hill Arena on Thursday, February 18th.

The programme will open with a thrilling game of Broom Ball which promises to create a great deal of club interest. During the intermission there will be an inter-club relay race and speed events for both the lads and lassies.

covered over entirely and the bridge was lost to sight. People drove over a path thinking that they were driving over the bridge. After a month or so the sun came out strong and melted all the snow away. People found out that they had been driving over the snow 100 feet away from the bridge.

And so it goes. Memory plays tricks on us. Ask anybody what they think of the winter and they will tell you that back in eighteen something or other or nineteen hundred and something or other they remember a winter that was far worse than the present one. It has become almost an indoor pastime for the grandfathers in our township to remember the bad winter of so and so and you know they are so good at it that it's fun to listen to them.

**TOWNSHIP of WHITCHURCH**

Information about where to procure your new

**RATION BOOK No. 2**

RINGWOOD, at Grove's Store  
 BALLANTRAE, at F. G. Cummings' house  
 VANDORF, at the Township Hall  
 BOGARTTOWN, at (place to be arranged for)  
 THIRD CONCESSION, at Chancy Connor's residence

A complete staff will be on hand at the above places  
 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. two days

**Saturdays, February 20 & 27, 1943**

Refer to Government advertisement on page five of this issue for full details about bringing along your present ration book. One member of a family may procure all the books for the family and those of his neighbors, provided he shows all the present books.

This notice is inserted by the Council of the Township of Whitchurch, in the interest of all the ratepayers.



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Steckley, of Bethesda, received a cable on Monday from their son LAC Reesor Steckley announcing a promotion. He is now stationed at the R.C.A.F. educational Dept. headquarters in Old London.

**Bloomington**

Mr. K. Steckley of Gormley, spent the weekend with J. K. Tranmer.

Mr. B. Boake spent a few days last week with his daughters at Unionville and Islington.

Everett McNelly whose picture appears on the front page of this issue is now stationed at Prince George, British Columbia.

Despite the extraordinary severe winter the attendance at Sunday School and Church has been very good.

Our pastor Rev. G. W. Brown walks from Stouffville if the Ninth is not passable for a car.

One lady on our line does her bit for war work whether at the meeting or not, by quilting one quilt and knitting one pair of socks per week.

Mrs. Ronald Gibbons and friend of Toronto were guests with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Betz over Sunday.

Andy Clarke, in his weekly review quoting some one having seen a blue jay has nothing over one of our up and coming youngsters who saw a blue-jay here in Bloomington last week.

**Lemonville**

Kenneth Hamm has been recently transferred to British Columbia.

Miss Ann Daynard was weekend guests at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. Daynard.

On Friday evening, the Young People were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Daynard. After the election of officers, the host and hostess supplied games and other entertainment.

The following is the executive for 1943:

Hon. Pres.—Mr. Daynard  
 President—Leland Emmerson  
 Vice Pres.—Ruby Emmerson  
 Sec'y.—Margaret Emmerson  
 Treasurer—Allen Wells.  
 Conveners: Harold Drewery, Arlene Harper, Florence Barkey, Jean Preston, Doreen Rae.  
 Pianist—Florence Barkey.  
 Recreation Committee: Margaret Emmerson, Ruby Clarke, Arnold Harper, Grant Wells.

**Bethesda**

Like many other schools in the rural district, Bethesda closed for two days this week due to the big storm leaving Miss Foskett stranded "somewhere." The children too were snow-bound, and altogether it was the worst tie-up of the winter.

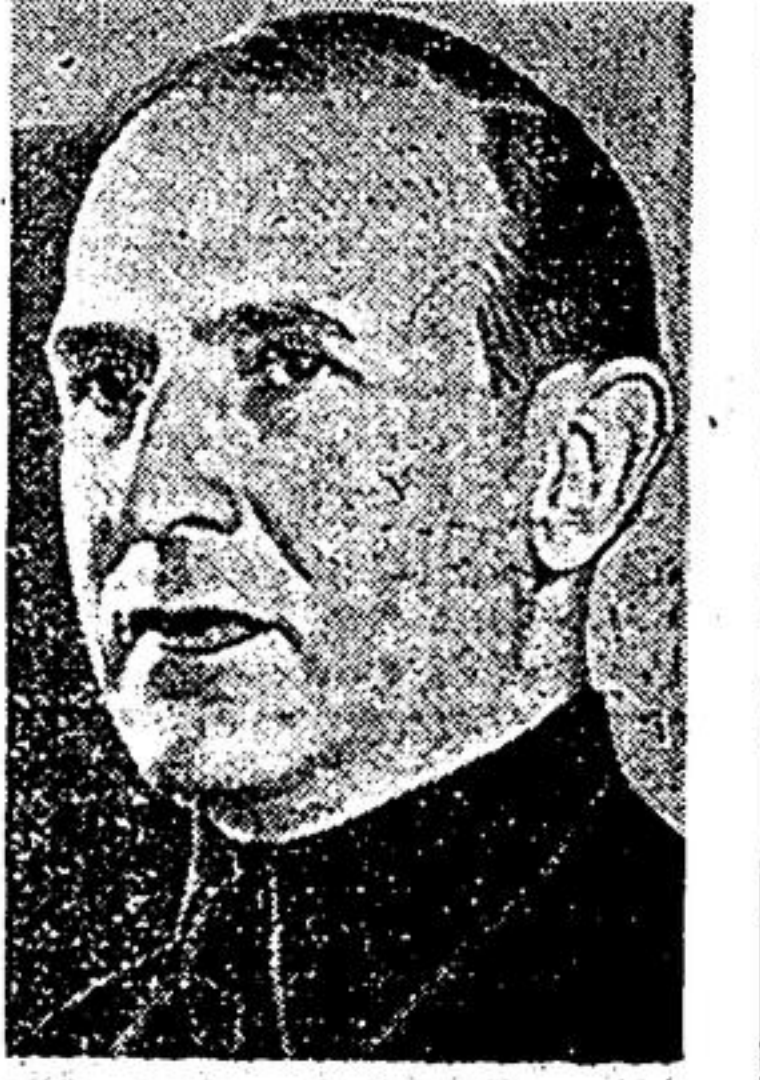
We understand the places in Whitchurch where the new ration books, also the dates to get them will be printed in this issue of The Tribune. Being one of the important centres of the township, a station should have been made at Bethesda. We hear there will be none for this hub of the universe. However, it will be a simple matter to pick up our rations elsewhere.

The W. I. will hold a croquignole party on Monday, February 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Barkey. Proceeds for War Work.

Miss Velma Gibson is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Graham and family at Ringwood.

After a bad tie-up again the Main street of Bethesda was opened for traffic on Tuesday when shovellers and plow forced a road open.

**DIPLOMAT HORSEWHIPPED**



Dino Alfieri 56, Italian ambassador to Germany, has been horsewhipped by a German officer who, returning wounded from the African front, found his wife with the Fascist envoy.

**Historical Facts About Baker Hill**

(By Seneca Baker)

One of the pioneer industries was the making of clothing at home.

The first step in this work was when the sheep were driven to the lake. There, someone would wash the sheep until they became as white as snow. Then they were turned into the pasture to dry. Later the wool was sheared off.

Perhaps half a dozen women would have a bee for picking the wool. After it was all pulled apart and any stray dirt had fallen out, there would be left a huge pile of the fleece. Often these ladies made it their business to talk about everyone and everything in the community.

After the wool was oiled to make it work better, it was taken to the carding mill. There the wool was made into rolls about one-half inch in diameter and three feet long.

When these rolls were brought home, a bunch of them were placed by the base of the spinning-wheel to be made into yarn. The women wove most of the cloth for the family from this yarn, on a loom. Up until 1870 there was a good deal of home-made cloth.

The loom had two sets of bamboo reeds which were operated by pedals. As one set of reeds was moved up by these pedals, the shuttle was thrown through the other set of reeds. Then the other pedal was moved so that the first set of reeds came down and a second set went up, when the shuttle was thrown back again through the strips of bamboo. A packer pressed the weave together every time the shuttle went through.

While there was some all wool material, most of it had a cotton warp and a wollen filling. Shirts were made from this cloth. Every woman had her own original design of weave and color. After her design was decided upon, the woman would thread the loom for this plan. When the cloth came from the loom, it was sent to a woollen mill to be pressed. Big iron plates the same width as the material were used to do the pressing.

Full cloth was taken to a fulling mill where the weave was jammed together until it was as stiff as a board. If a pair of trousers were made of this cloth, they might possibly have been stiff enough to stand up alone.

Besides feeding and clothing their large families, many of the pioneer women often found time to help their men rake the hay by hand, bind and pitch sheaves, and hoe the vegetables.

Note—Instead of stating last week that Manuel Baker was scalped by Indians, it should have said that it was his father who suffered this fate.

**Goodwood**

The W. I. will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 17 at Mrs. Jack Todd's. Topic to be on "Legislation," taken by Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Todd in charge of social.

Don't forget the concert in the Hall, on February 12, sponsored by the W. I. Proceeds in aid of Russian Relief Fund. Any one unable to attend but feels that they would like to help in this worthy cause their donations will be received with thanks.

Our community was surprised and shocked to learn of Marvin Gayer's illness. He is in the Toronto General Hospital, a victim of appendicitis. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Symes of the 4th concession, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on Monday, Feb. 8, 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Symes have lived all their life in this community. They have two sons, Norton at home and John also living on the fourth. One daughter, Mrs. Adam Stewart, May, passed away four years ago at the early age of forty-three. Three grandsons, namely Kenneth David Stewart who has gone this week to be one of our Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserves and Master Earl and John Symes. The very best wishes of this community are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Symes. May they each be spared to enjoy many happy years. Owing to the terrible condition of the roads it was impossible for them to celebrate as they had intended.

The Goodwood Willing War Workers wish to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who have helped in any way to make this list possible including those in the areas outside of Goodwood. Also we extend thanks for all donations and willing helpers in all our undertakings. The following list of articles made during this year of 1942: 70 quilts, 15 cotton sheets, 13 blankets 15 pairs new pillow cases, 13, complete layettes of 46 pieces each, new clothing consisting of mens and boys pjamas and night shirts, womens and girls night gowns and pyjamas, girls new dresses, shirts, and sweaters, also boys' pants, blouses, sweaters socks and mitts, 65 articles altogether, also a quantity of used clothing. Knitting socks 292, sweaters 22, scarfs 31, gloves and mitts 13, helmets 3, other articles 5. The officers for 1943 are as follows:

Pres.—Mrs. Florence McDonald  
 Secretary—Mrs. Ruby Todd  
 Treasurer—Mrs. Isabella Stewart

**MARKHAM SETS STAGE TO ISSUE RATION BOOKS**

Markham Township will open six stations for handing out No. 2 Ration Books, and at a meeting this week the following places were named with the hours for issuing books set to suit the local situation.

Findlay Garage, Thornhill, Feb. 19 and 20, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Gormley Post Office, Feb. 20 and 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Victoria Square Community Hall, Feb. 23, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Buttonville School, Feb. 19 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Township Hall, Unionville, Feb. 19, 22, 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday the 20th from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Locust Hill United Church, Feb. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

In Markham village books will be issued on February 19, 20, 22 and 23, the same four dates that prevail in Stouffville.

**RAWLEIGH NOTICE**

I still have my Rawleigh Business and have a full line of products on hand at the same old price. They may be had at the house or by phoning 8004 for a mail order. Due to gasoline rationing we cannot travel the roads as formerly.

Ira D. Rusnell

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 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany.

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The bride given in marriage by her father wore turquoise blue dress and a corsage of orchids. Miss Ruth Glass attended the bride wearing a rose crepe dress and a corsage of white carnations. The groom was attended by Harry White, and the ushers were Arnold Phillips, brother of the bride and Douglas Brown, cousin of the bride.

After a reception, held at the home of the bride's parents, the happy couple left on a short honeymoon in the Laurentian Mountains.

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 Friday 7:00 p.m. — Children's Meeting.

**Church Hill**  
 Sunday, February 14th, 1943  
 2:00 p.m.—Bible School  
 3:00 p.m.—Divine Worship  
 A hearty welcome awaits you at these services.

**STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH**  
 Rev. Douglas G. Davis, Minister  
 Sunday, February 14th, 1943

11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
 12:15 p.m.—Sunday School  
 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship

This is C.G.I.T. week and next Sunday evening the C.G.I.T. will be our choir and the message will be especially to young people.

Wednesday 8 p.m.—Prayer Service at the church.  
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 Thursday—Choir Practice

**MENNONITE BRETHERN IN CHRIST CHURCH**  
 GORMLEY and BETHESDA  
 Rev. Ward M. Shantz, Pastor  
 Sunday, February 14th, 1943

**GORMLEY**  
 2:00 p.m.—Sunday School  
 3:00 p.m.—Worship  
 "A Church's Obligation"  
 7:30 p.m.—Young People's  
 Thursday, 7:45 p.m. — Prayer Meeting in the Church.  
 Saturday 2:30 p.m. — Junior Meeting.

**BETHESDA**  
 Sunday, February 14th, 1943  
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 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
 "It Could Happen Here"  
 Wednesday—Prayer Meeting  
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