

Local and Personal Happenings

SELECTIVE SERVICE



Charles E. Needham of Toronto is now associate director of National Selective Service at Ottawa. Mr. Needham is on loan to the government from the Canadian National Railways.

Some one tells us that it was the winter of 1918 when the snow was so deep, that we have never had anything to equal it until 1943. As 1918 saw the end of the first Great War, it is argued that 1943 will see the end of the present world conflict.

If there is any money in operating a tow truck the local garage-men would have big income taxes to meet. However, one of the biggest operators assures us that there is little profit in this angle of the garage business. Cost of labor, maintenance of truck and equipment and use of gasoline combine to build a big expense account.

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the farm home of Robert Lawrie, just west of Markham, on No. 7 highway on Monday evening. There was no one home at the time, but it is thought that possibly an overheated stove may have been the cause. The dwelling was a frame structure and has been occupied by the present owners for many years. A considerable amount of furniture was saved by neighbors who rushed to the scene.

The War Branch

We wish to thank the following for contributions received: Mrs. Kaiser, clothing; Mr. Hornsby, quilt top; Pr. Mitts, Dress, Aprons, and other articles; Mr. W. Reesor, fur lined coat; Mrs. Ross Harper, 2 overcoats, 2 suits of clothes, 2 shirt-waists, 1 quilt; Lemonville War Worker, 1 Cotton Quilt; Ladies of the church at Vivian, 2 large quilts; 9th Line, 1 large quilt; 1 small quilt, babies clothing and other clothing; Miss Tillie Stouffer, knitted 9 pairs of booties.

—M. Davey, Sec'y

E. A. Grubin, R.O., Optometrist, will be at his office in Stouffville on Monday, February 22nd.

Misses Ruth Reaman and Sheila Beresford of Richmond Hill were weekend visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Nolan.

Pte. George Morden is completing a two weeks furlough from his post with the R.C.A. at Petawawa Camp.

It is expected that 2,500 ration books will be issued at Stouffville. That calls for a staff of 15 or 20 women workers.

Port Elgin, a village the size of Stouffville, raised \$1,200 for Russian Relief. Well done you lake shore residents.

True to the record this winter last Sunday was another terribly cold day, with high winds. Old Man Winter seems to have it in for the church folk.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brillinger and daughter Claudia, of Toronto, were weekend visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brillinger and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Gayman.

Elizabeth Snively of Whitechurch Twp., one of Ontario's top women skiers, finished third in the Laurentian invitation ski meet a week ago. She was a member of the eastern Canada team last winter and belongs to Toronto Ski Club.

One week from Saturday will be the final date for purchase of your 1943 car license. There has been a tendency to hold back the purchase, on the part of many owners, fearful of gas restrictions. Now that this matter has been cleared up, it is hoped by Department officials that the final few days rush will not be so great.

Home for First Leave

Kenneth Anderson, son of Mrs. J. T. Anderson of Stouffville, who enlisted with the R.C.A.F. three weeks ago, was home on Sunday enjoying his first leave. Ken is now stationed at Galt where he is now training as a wireless operator. Before enlisting he was employed in Toronto, and earlier on had attended school in Stouffville.

Few Candidates for Government Sponsored Course

Messrs. Jack Davis and Bill Kellington found they formed fifty per cent of the class of a government sponsored chemistry course being offered in Toronto a week ago, and as a result the boys have already been placed in jobs. Only four turned up for the course, and the government had the choice of either sending the boys to a regular Technical School course or getting them jobs, which they did. Jack has been placed with the Consumers' Gas Co., while Bill is employed with a Steel firm.

Firemen Called to Tenth Street

The fire brigade made a run to the home of Mr. Jim Hill, Ajax employee, living in the Randall house on Tenth street north last Thursday morning. The pipes had caught on fire due to burning a soft type of coal. No water or chemical was used, but the firemen cleaned the pipes after the fire was suppressed, and left the home in safe condition again. The pipes had only been up a couple of months, but it was amazing the accumulation in that short a time. Damage was mostly due to smoke.

Headaches for Rural Mailmen

The rural mail must go through but at this season and in a winter like this, it's no easy task. Most rural couriers have jacked up their cars for the present, and have taken to the horse, but there are some roads that even the horse cannot travel. Then there is the problem which Deputy Reeve Evans of Whitechurch told us about. The mail route serving Wilcox Lake travels from Aurora serving mail boxes along Yonge street by automobile because the pavement is bear. Once he reaches Wilcox Lake district on the return journey along the 3rd concession line, the snow banks are as high as the telephone poles, and the road is most difficult even for a horse. Now, how can a mail man operate under these conditions where half the trip is over a road void of all snow and the remaining half over record drifts. Try and figure it out.

PERCY HAMM DEAD

For 23 years associated with the head office of the Bank of Commerce, Toronto, Percy Hamm, 41, of 288 Milverton Blvd., Toronto, died there last week following an illness of two years. Born in Markham Township, he joined the staff of the old Standard Bank as a boy and remained with the Canadian Bank of Commerce after the merger 26 years ago.

Mr. Hamm was a member of the United Church and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Rehder Hamm; two daughters, Dorothy and June, and a son, Paul, at home; a sister, Mrs. F. Whetter, and two brothers, Garfield and Lewis, both of Lemonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Nesbitt and children of Oshawa spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lageer and other relatives.

The town of Aurora found it necessary last week to engage a snow plow at \$3.50 per hour to clear the snow from the roads on all its side streets. The snow situation was unusual this year. Some rate-payers have urged that a similar job should be done in Stouffville, but the council here has never entertained the idea so far.

A cable received by friends in Stouffville from Ralph Stevens, formerly of Stouffville, and now with the R.A.F. discloses that he has been transferred to India where he will no doubt see action in the General Wave's recently opened Burma campaign. Ralph has travelled half way around the world since the days when he attended school here. His last known action station was in West Africa, where he was sent at the time of the British occupation of Madagascar Island.

At about the scheduled hour for the evening train to pull in here on Sunday night, everybody rushed from the waiting room as a roaring train came thundering along. Alas, it was only a snow plow, and the passengers with their friends to see them off, had to wait another hour before they got away. It was the coldest night in many years, and wonder was that any engine could hold steam at all with which to force itself along.

Congratulations for Old Timer

The Tribune joins with the many friends of Mr. Herb O'Brien formerly of this town, in greeting him on his 80th birthday. Herb is just now located at the home of his sister Mrs. A. J. Brace in Toronto. He is in very good health and was the object of a card shower by his old friends. Anyone ever identified with Stouffville must know of the O'Brien family who helped to build the place, and knowing the O'Brien's you haven't forgotten Herb.

Something Our Women Can Do

We have hundreds of women now on Active Service. One of their greatest needs to-day is for the toilet articles which have become to all women, not only a luxury but a needed comfort. These courageous women, including some of our own Canadians have undertaken to do practically a man's part in this war. Need Them and Like Them.

Would it not be a pleasure for the women to consider a shower of some of the following articles, that will not only give comfort but joy to those who receive them:

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A container will be found in F. Riches hardware where any of the articles can be left up to March 3rd. Sponsored by the Ladies of the Stouffville Red Cross

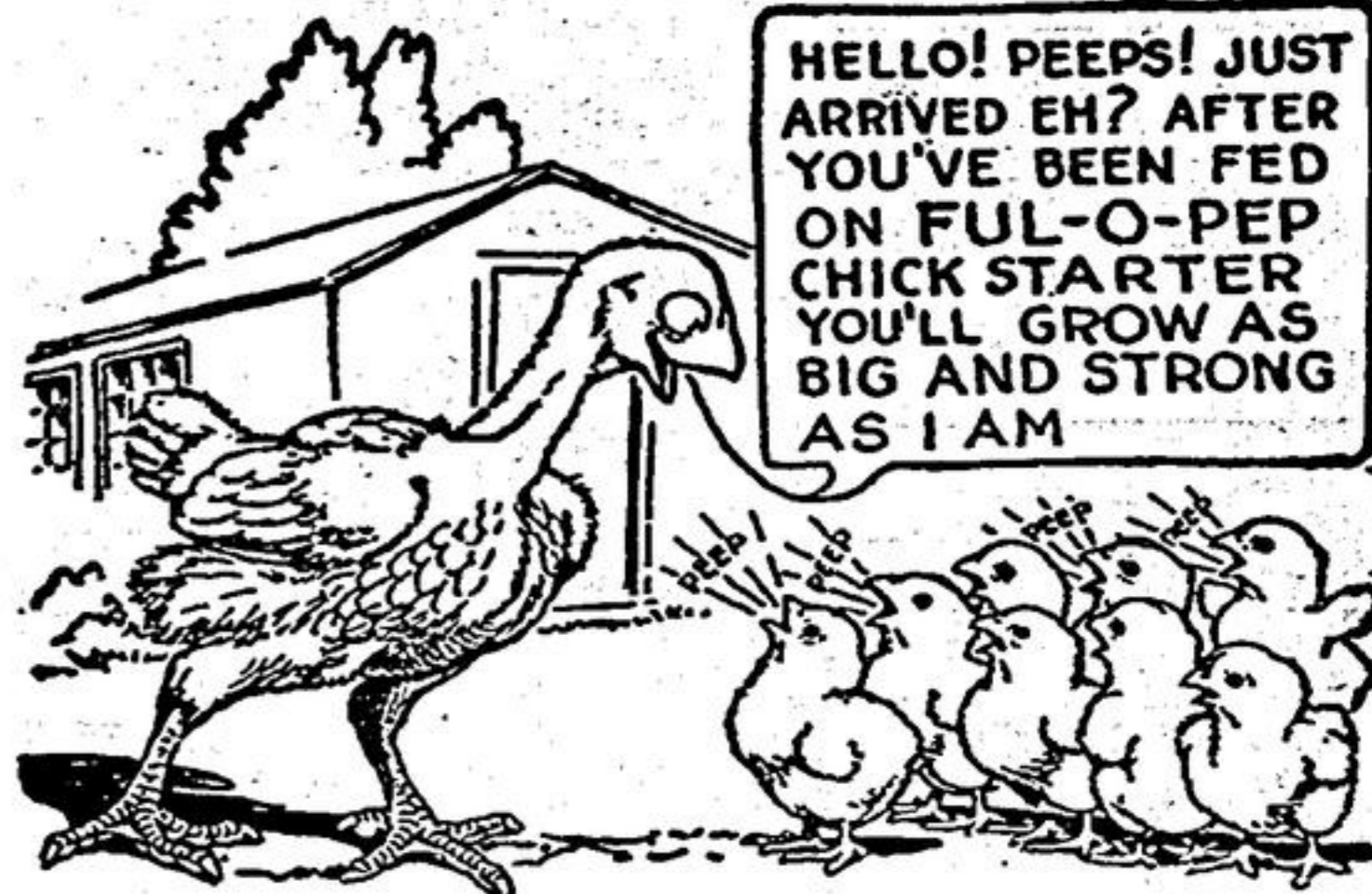
Cold Hampers Lions' Carnival

The Lions' Carnival postponed from last week was held Monday evening in the Stouffville arena. Extreme cold weather and heavy roads combined to cut the usual big attendance in about half, still this was expected. Monday afternoon it was decided to go ahead with the carnival rather than to make a second postponement. Considering the cold, the attendance was good, and the Lions here thank all the patrons. Prize winners in costume: Children, 1st, June and Doris Steckley; 2nd, Mary Castle, 3rd, Dorothy Wilson. Fancy, 1st, Phyllis Vanzant, 2nd Mrs. Charles Nolan. Comic, Norman Steckley and Bernard Fockler (horse and cutter) 2nd Mrs. G. Bailey. Three lucky draws on the sale of tickets resulted in winners being Miss Margaret Goodyer, Miss Elda Hutchinson and Miss Margaret Hosje.

WILMOT ASLING GONE WAS IN 83rd YEAR

Long time resident of the Stouffville district until he bought a residence in Markham village four years ago, Wilmot Asling died there on Wednesday last week in his 83rd year. The funeral on Saturday took place to Wick cemetery in Brock township, and being just off the Lindsay highway the last mile or two provided a hazardous motor trip.

A native of Reach township, the Asling family resided in the neighborhood of Epsom and Greenbank. Wilmot was thrice married. To his first marriage there survives one daughter Mrs. Fred O'Neill, mother of Mr. L. E. O'Neill of Stouffville, to his second marriage one daughter also survives, namely, Miss Cora Asling of Toronto. The late Mr. Asling is survived by his third wife, the former Lillie Steele of Stouffville. Mr. Asling farmed in the district of Stouffville for many years both at Gravel Hill and just west of town where Win. Timbers lives. He had a marvelous constitution and at 70 could do the work of a much younger man. His death was the culmination of a year's illness in bed.



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STIVER BROS.

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Started for Coast When Father's Death Occurred

Gnr. Harry Davis was aboard the train in Toronto bound for Nova Scotia last Saturday when a message from home here reached him apprising him of the death of his father Mr. John Davis who died Saturday morning.

Harry just had time to disembark and return to Stouffville, where his bereaved mother was overjoyed that he had been located before his long journey to the east coast.

Gnr. Davis appeared before the local Justice of the Peace who granted a two weeks extension to his leave. Where there is no commanding officer stationed, under such circumstances the authority rests with the local J. P. who may extend the leave four weeks. This is the first occasion on which the local J. P. has been called to determine any extension to a soldier in this war.

Weather of Other Lays

Last week Mr. A. D. Bruce gave us a record from his diary of Feb. 8, 1895, which indicated that it was eleven below zero all day long, with a hurricane wind and a fine snow falling. "I recall that it froze so hard the snow fairly stung your face, and was one of the worst days of his long experience. Again on January 31, 1908, Mr. Bruce's diary tells of a party of young people from Victoria Square sleighing to Stouffville to spring a surprise party on Mr. Thos. Klinek, a former resident of the Square not so very long removed from there at that time. A terrific storm came up, and the group had to stay all night. In fact they didn't get home for four days. Can any of the older Square folk remember that excursion?"

Send The Tribune to absent friends. It is just like a letter from home.

SIMIAN LOGIC

An old Malayan monkey Sat upon a limb, And contemplated bullets Speeding under him. He studied group behaviour— Twenty-thousand strong— Then said, "That fellow Darwin Must have figured wrong; It couldn't be our family— Man's descended from— An evolutionary ape Wouldn't act that dumb!" —Our Dumb Animals.

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Mrs. Jennings proudly goes to school!

MRS. JENNINGS had been just managing to keep her family going. But things were looking brighter at last. Now with the children able to help with the housework, she had applied for the post of school teacher . . . and had been accepted.

But that meant she needed suitable clothes and clothes cost money.

She took her problem to the manager of her bank. On the strength of her ability and character, he arranged a loan of \$80. And so it was that she was able to take the position and greet her first class proudly. She paid off the loan after six months at a cost in interest of only \$2.40.

This is a true story. Only the name has been altered. It is typical of hundreds of human dramas in which the bank manager has been privileged to play a helping role.

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