

RED CROSS GETS \$1000 FROM TEN CITIZENS

Ten Students Are Chosen to Receive Academic Awards

Commencement Program Delighted Large Audiences for Two Evenings

Forty-four students received graduation diplomas and intermediate certificates at the annual Commencement Exercises of the Stouffville Continuation School held in Ratcliff's Hall on Thursday and Friday evenings.

These students receiving Honour Graduation Diplomas were, Elaine Baker, Elizabeth Kellington, Kenneth Orr, Joyce Ball, Corrine King and Alice Tindall; Graduation Diplomas (4 years completed), Florence Brownsberger, Helen Campbell, Dean Fockler, Marion Hunt, Ken Klinck, Jean Miller, Gladstone Myland, Arnold Schell, Wilbur Smalley, Ken. Tranmer and Walter Winn; Intermediate Certificate (2 years completed), Blanche Bacon, Stanley Ball, Evelyn Beach, Celeste Bright, Hazel Brownsberger, David Clarke, Betty Davis, Bruce Forfar, Willa Forrester, Margaret Freil, Luella Harper, Benson Jones, Eldred King, Betty McEwen, June McLennan, Margaret Peterson, Marion Salmon, Alan Sanderson, Marie Scott, Harry Schell, Kenneth Schell, Stanley Schmidt, Harold Steckley, Eileen Switzer, Mable Tindall, Marion Weldon, Betty Williams.

President Kenneth Klinck of the Literary Society welcomed the capacity houses which greeted the school each evening and spoke briefly of the work of the year and of the staff. Miss Beth Kellington delivered the Valedictory address.

The high-class variety program delighted the big audiences, each chorus, dance, duet, quartette, skit and solo being given a fine round of applause. All music was conducted by Principal Murphy. As usual the physical stunts of the boys directed by P. T. Instructor Russel Barker, held a spotlight in the show.

The program was climaxed with the one-act comedy, "O Johnny". The characters for "Oh Johnny" were one of the best cast groups seen in this hall for some time, and considerable credit is due both to the students and to Miss Wilson their director, for the excellent performance. The cast included, Wilbur Smalley, Jean Miller, Arnold Schell, Helen Campbell, Paul Cummings, Dean Fockler and Florence Brownsberger.

Accompanists supporting the program were, Kathleen Green, Norma Stover, Audrey Jennings, Margaret Stover, Helen Campbell and Ted Williams.

Third Brother Loses Wife in Six Months

The death of Mrs. David Symes, well known resident of the 4th concession of Uxbridge Township last weekend, came like a tragedy to this family. It is the third brother in the Symes family to have lost his wife by death within six months.

Mrs. Symes had been quite well right up to Monday of the week she died when she suffered a stroke from which she did not recover. She passed away on Friday, Feb'y 26th in her 70th year. The funeral on Monday afternoon to Uxbridge cemetery was conducted by Rev. R. B. Warren of Uxbridge Free Methodist Church. Pall bearers were Messrs. Howard Forsyth, Albert Staley, H. Woodland, Reg. Walker, Roy Stewart, Findlay Thompson.

Mrs. Symes' maiden name was Annie Linton, being born in the township where she spent all her life. Besides her husband there survives two sons, Norton at home and Jack on the farm, 4th con. Mr. Tom Linton of Uxbridge is an only surviving brother.

Mrs. Symes' sudden death was a great shock to a wide circle of friends and great sympathy is felt for the family.

Up Comes First \$1000!

The \$3,700 objective for Stouffville and a section of Whitechurch Township in the big Red Cross drive got off to a grand start this week when ten citizens of the village pledged \$100 each to raise the first \$1,000. There are prospects for a few more hundred dollar donations, and many other citizens are believed to be ready to donate amounts of \$50.00 when the canvassers call on them this week or next. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and reach this

- seemingly high objective. Here are the first list of pledges made this week: Mrs. Jas. McCullough - \$100, E. A. Button - 100, Hugh Bannerman - 100, Jos. Borinsky - 100, Isaac Barkey - 100, J. H. Ratcliff - 100, Dr. H. B. Freil - 100, John W. Ratcliff - 100, F. L. Button, K.C. - 100, Bethesda & Stouffville Telephone Company - 100

REEVE RENNIE IMPROVING

Reeve James Rennie of Markham is reported as doing well since he was ordered to bed for a few weeks rest by his doctor. Councillor Albert Reesor called on the reeve Tuesday afternoon, and said after the visit that he was real pleased to note the improvement in the township's chief magistrate. This information will be cheerfully received by the ratepayers and other friends of Mr. Rennie.

Alarming Increase in Local Hospital Costs is Reported

Reeve A. E. Weldon told the members of the village council on Monday evening that with the single exception of Vaughan Township, the village of Stouffville received the biggest boost of any municipality in York County during 1942. Hospitalization is costing Stouffville for indigent patients more than the big townships on either side of us. In 1941 it cost Stouffville \$2,133, but in 1942 this jumped to \$3,039, an advance of over \$900. During the same year of 1942 nearly every municipality showed reduced hospital costs over the previous year. There was little comment made as the matter of hospitalization is largely beyond the control of council.

Hospitalization for the month of January this year jumped to \$139 while the whole Township of Markham on the other hand only had costs of \$39.

home-front contribution to our war effort. Other towns are successfully organizing these clinics. Let Stouffville put it over big.

Members of the Blood Donors' Clinic are: Dr. S. S. Ball, F. L. Button, K.C.; M. E. Watts.

Stouffville Blood Donor Clinic

On Behalf of the Stouffville Red Cross, Stouffville Lions, Club is Sponsoring a Blood Donors' Clinic.

This clinic will be for men and women. Any man or woman in reasonable health between the ages of 18 and 55 years may register for a donation.

Registration will be taken by any member of the Stouffville Lions Club or by members of the Blood Donors' Clinic.

This registration involves no obligation for further donations. It is entirely voluntary and does no harm to your health in any respect. Notices will be sent to all volunteers as to time and place at a later date.

This is a real service, a practical

Friends from U.S.A. Gather for Funeral of Mrs. Reesor

Mrs. Thomas Reesor died at her home lot 2, concession 5, Scarborough, (Cedar Grove,) early Wednesday morning, February 24, 1943. She was in her 73rd year.

Born in the township in the neighborhood where she spent all her life Mrs. Reesor's maiden name was Adeline Grove, daughter of the late Joseph and Diana Grove, and of that family she is survived by two brothers, David and Menno Grove of Mount Joy, while one brother Amos predeceased her several years.

Fifty-two years ago the then Adeline Grove united in marriage with Thos. Reesor, and the couple settled on the Reesor homestead where they spent over half a century together in happy wedlock. Mrs. Reesor was a member of the Mennonite church (old order). In which organization her bereaved husband has risen to great prominence and is regarded as one of the pillars of the church. She was a faithful attendant and worker in the Reesor church near their home and where her husband ministered so many years and still is serving.

Surviving this beloved mother besides the husband are three daughters, Esther Weber of Elmira, Ontario, Elizabeth Wideman of Monrovia, Ontario, Annie Baker of Maple, Ontario, and by one son Amos on the homestead. There are 13 grandchildren.

The funeral on Friday afternoon was attended by a very large concourse of neighbors and friends, so large indeed that the church could not contain them. They came from as far as Ohio and Pennsylvania. Divine service at the house was conducted by Bishop Abraham Smith, and at the graveside in the Reesor Cemetery by Bro. Fred Nighswander. The church service was conducted by Bishop Amsey Martin of Waterloo, Ontario, and Benj. Good from Orville, Ohio. The pall bearers were Messrs. Russell Grove, Louis Grove, Roy Grove, Lorne Grove, John Timbers and Orren Loveless.

Speakers and friends paid sincere tribute to the exemplary christian life of the departed.

Markham Juniors Eliminated From O.H.A. Play-Offs

Milton Takes Group Championship Outskating and Outchecking Markham Entry in Second and Final Game of Series—Szechertzel Stars

Milton Juniors emerged champions of their O.H.A. Junior 'B' group on Monday night when they defeated Markham 7-5 in the second game of their best of three series. Milton won the first game on their home ice 4-3.

There was little to choose between the teams in the first twenty minutes, Markham taking a one goal lead in the last minute of play on an effort by Demchuk. In the second period with the score 3-2 Milton put on the pressure and Markham faded before the speedy visitors and their great sharpshooter, Szechertzel. He was the outstanding marksman on the ice counting no less than six of his team's seven goals. Milton scored three goals in the mid session making the score 5-3.

In the last round, Milton added to their total after just 17 seconds of play to make it 6-3. Markham "wound up" repeatedly, but each time their play went wild at the defense and the visitors capitalized by a speedy return rush. Tempers flared high as the Green and White saw elimination drawing near, and referee Houston had his hands full quelling frequent brawls. Milton counted their final goal at the 16 minute mark, Chauvin beating Sellers completely on a knee-high shot from well out. From then out Milton were on the defensive, rushing only on the breakaways. Markham rooters took heart in the last minute of play when their favourites notched two quick ones from the sticks of Burns and Forgie, but the come-

Launch Drive Here for \$3700

The Canadian Red Cross launched a National Appeal for funds this week when the people of Canada were being asked to give \$10,000,000 to keep comforts and supplies, prisoner of war parcels, blood donor serum, medicines and equipment, all the vast commitments of the Red Cross "on the march."

The village of Stouffville and that part of Whitechurch from the east townline to the 5th and north to Ballantrae is asked to raise \$3,700, (it raised \$3,000 last year) while Markham village is asked for \$1,200, and all Markham township lying east of the 4th concession is expected to raise \$1,600. The remaining portion of Whitechurch township from the 5th concession to Yonge street is linked with a section of Markham and a slice of King township.

With the turn of world events, with famine and war devastation on the increase, comes a vast drain on Red Cross supplies in all its manifold departments. But the Divisions and Branches of Red Cross all across Canada have been on the job, working steadily, and with an enthusiasm that brooks no let up. A mammoth amount of work has been done. But the testing time lies ahead.

The Red Cross has sent Overseas 20,000,000 articles of supplies to Armed Forces and suffering civilians since the beginning of the war; 2,400 cases of hospital and relief goods have gone over for Allied Red Cross Societies and evacuee children; 300 ambulances and other motor vehicles, and over 2,000,000 food parcels for our men in enemy prison camps, and some of these are our own immediate kith and kin.

Over 1,000,000 pounds of Jam and honey have been provided for British children and through the cheerful service of hospital visitors in the Red Cross.

BAND BENEFIT

A combined band and choir concert will be held in the United Church on Tuesday, March 16th, proceeds for Stouffville Junior Band whose finances are in need of repair. The United Church Choir also under the leadership of Bandmaster Alex Ridley, will assist the band on the program which will also include some visiting talent. Tickets are now on sale. Fuller particulars next week. It behooves every citizen of Stouffville to do their share in keeping our Junior Band operating so don't miss this opportunity when you are asked to buy a ticket.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Stover announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Velma Irene, to Spr. John Spang, R.C.E., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Spang, Claremont. The wedding to take place in March.

Dr. Thomas Mitchell and Miss Belle Mitchell are expected home from their holiday in Florida next week some time.

ARRIVES IN ENGLAND



Gnr. Charles Davis, probably the youngest soldier to enlist from Stouffville, has arrived in England, according to a cable received here last Friday by his father Mr. Dawson Davis, Gnr. Davis is with a detachment of the Royal Artillery.

back was too little and too late. There were twelve penalties in the game, one a major for fighting during the second period. Owing to ear trouble, the game scheduled for 8.30 did not get underway until 10.25, and the big crowd which had assembled was considerably disgruntled at the O.H.A. failure to impose some penalty for the long delay.

Dropped to Earth Safely From Mile Above Ground



Sergt.-Pilot J. Clark

THIRD GENERATION SELLS STIVER HOMESTEAD

When Mr. Reuben L. Stiver stepped off his 50 acre farm at lot 12, con. 5, Markham, after signing the necessary papers giving ownership to one Percy Driesdale from Kingston Road district, he will end a long chain of continuous ownership of this property in the Stiver name. R. L. Stiver is the third generation to occupy the place, and he holds the crown deed, which was obtained by his grandfather back in 1802. Inability to carry on under the strenuous help problem compels Mr. Stiver to part with the fine property that has stood so long in the family name. He will hold a public auction sale which is announced in the sale register in this issue, and will locate at Unionville.

Arthur Yake, 87, is Laid to Rest

Familiar with Stouffville Long Before Railway Passed Through this District

Ill only a short time Arthur Yake of Stouffville died early on Sunday morning in Pickering Village where he had been spending the winter with his son William who is engaged there as a butcher. Arthur Yake was 87 years of age.

He first saw the light of day on the 7th of Pickering not far from Stouffville, his parents being farmers at that time. When he was yet very young they came to the east end of the Village. It was Mr. Yake's delight to recall 70 and 75 years ago when the east end was the hub of all Stouffville enterprise in the days before the railway. The main road from Uxbridge saw practically all traffic going direct down the 10th of Markham to Frenchman's Bay on Lake Ontario. Hundreds of teams hauled great huge logs from the bush lands in the north to the Bay for shipment to England. They were used in shipbuilding. Yake's hotel in the east end was a favorite resting place along the long journey for man and beast.

Arthur Yake as a middle aged man was employed on the G.T.R. railway as a section man, and spent 21 years in the service.

Although he was not a church goer, he had great respect for the spiritual life. He sold to the M.B.C. Church in Stouffville their first parsonage property, now the Taun home opposite the east end store. He was one of the \$100 contributors toward buying the property at that time. Mr. Yake was quite a Bible student, and made a practice of reading the scriptures from cover to cover as one would a story book. He accomplished this unusual feat at least four times. Mr. Yake was an enthusiastic fisherman and thoroughly enjoyed the rustic country outdoor life.

He married Betsy Lawr about 65 years ago, but she predeceased him in 1911. Surviving is one son William Yake, and one sister Mrs. Frank Cooper of Sunderland, also one brother Harmon Yake over 90 years old. Another son Freil Yake went to the Southern States and has never been heard of for twenty years, and is presumed to be dead.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon proceeded to Stouffville cemetery for interment where he was laid beside the remains of his departed wife. Rev. H. Shantz conducted the funeral service, the deceased being an adherent of the M.B.C. church.

R.C.A.F. Pilot has Miraculous Escape When Plane Rips Hole in Parachute.

Soaring a mile up in the air over farms around Gormley in the darkness of Friday night four airmen leaped out of their big bomber into space, and came safely to earth with only one of them receiving an injury. Pilot J. Clark from Malton airport was the last to leave the plane, and caught his foot in the machine which he put in a spiral dive (according to regulation) before abandoning ship. Luckily he got his foot out of the boot and floated to earth with a fractured leg. The plane had only gas enough for ten minutes when the airmen made the leap.

Lost near Gormley in a blinding snow storm Pilot Clark said, "I had been plotting my bomber on a long routine flight, when I encountered a blinding snowstorm on the way back to Malton, Clark related. "I was lost and the plane was very low in gasoline. I gave orders to my crew of three to abandon the ship at one-minute intervals."

"After the other boys left the ship through a window over the navigator's desk, I left the controls and was ready to make my first jump. I opened the window as the bomber started into a spiral dive. At this time I was about 4,000 feet up. I started to climb out the window and my foot caught. The slipstream was so heavy, I could not free myself, and I put my arms around my head for protection. I was hanging in mid-air and my body was being hurled against the fuselage with terrific force.

"I tried to get back in the plane but couldn't. I pulled the rip-cord and was yanked from the plane and I started down," said Clark.

"My chute fouled on the rudder and got a large rip in it, so I descended at quite a rapid rate. I kept my eyes on the lights of the bomber, which was going around in circles. I noticed with fright it was getting closer and closer to me. "I saw it go by and I heard the whistle of it right behind me. I closed my eyes. The plane missed me by less than 20 feet. Then it went into a long dive and I watched the lights go out. A very loud crash followed. My left foot was paining me all the way down, so I landed on my right foot and spilled the air from the chute.

"I had landed in a field near a fence. I couldn't stand up because of my left foot, so I started to crawl. In a little while I made out the shadow of a barn in the darkness. It was about 1.30 in the morning. As I got close to it a large dog began growling and barking at me. It was joined by another and I warded off the expected attack and crawled around to the other side of the barn near a house.

"I shouted for help, then threw a cake of ice at the farmhouse window. No one came to my help. There was an old scrap pile on the ground and I got a four-foot piece of exhaust-pipe and used this for a crutch.

"I walked around the field covered with snow. It was very cold. I took my two heavy socks and put them on my injured foot and used my one remaining boot to cover my good foot. After considerable time, I saw a light and hobbled to it. A couple answered the door and gave me first aid. This was the Wideman home.

Mrs. Wideman said that when she heard the glass smash she was sure it was a robber, and called Constable B. Gayman of Markham, who quickly reached the scene. Mrs. Wideman and her two sons, aged 12 and 18 were in the house alone. Mr. Wideman was in the city. When the constable arrived the pilot told him what had happened and he rounded up the other three airmen, locating them at the farm home of James Gibson. It was in Gibson's field that the plane came down just over the line fence from Wideman's.

The plane was a total wreck being strewn over several fields. It crashed a big elm in landing. Guards were sent from Malton being B. Ferron, N. R. Clark, J. C. Hersey and J. Patterson. They were cared for during their vigil of a day or two before the machine wreck was all removed at the Wideman home.

Pilot Clark said he must have been dazed when he broke the window and scarcely realized what he had done in his terrible plight. The other three in the crew besides Clark were George C. Gorman, Sergt. Marrow, and Sergt. Joseph Zakreski, all stationed at Malton.